



## LOCAL REGISTER NOMINATION CITY OF VENICE

1. a. Date of Filing: August 5, 2020

b. Nomination Number: 20-01  
(provided by staff)

Date of Listing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(provided by staff)

c. Proposed Resource Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. a Resource Address:

613 W. Venice Avenue

Subdivision: Gulf View Block: 19 Lot: 18, 19 & W 1/2 20

Legal Description or Location of Resource:

613 VENICE AVE LOT 19 & W 1/2 OF LOT 20, BLK 19, GULF VIEW SEC OF VENICE

Resource to be nominated (house, house & detached garage, site, object, etc.)

House

b. Owner(s) name, address, and telephone number:

Mack Curtis and Tommy Lynne Whittaker

613 W. Venice Avenue

Venice, FL 34285

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature of owner)

(signature of owner)

c. Applicant's name, address and telephone number, if different than owner:

Harry Klinkhamer

Venice Museum, 351 Nassau Street South

Venice, FL 34285

phone: 941-486-2490

(signature of applicant)

Relationship to owner: Friend

### 3. Nomination criteria

- a. To qualify as a **structure or building**, the resource must possess an integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship or association, and must meet at least one of the following criteria:

☒ Association with the cultural, social, political, economic, scientific, religious, or architectural history of the community, state or nation.

☒ Associated with the lives of persons significant in past history

Show the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, style, method of construction, or work of a master; possess high artistic value; represent a distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

☐ Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places.

- b. To qualify as a **site**, the resource must meet one of the following criteria:

Have been the location of a significant event or activity (battle field, etc)

Have yielded or be likely to yield significant historic information.

Have yielded or be likely to yield significant prehistoric information.

- c. To qualify as an **object**, the resource must meet one of the following criteria:

☐ Associated with the cultural, social, political, economic, scientific, religious, or architectural history of the community.

☐ Represent the work of a master

☐ Possess high artistic value

☐ Represent technology, craftsmanship, materials or design that may not be feasible to reproduce today.

### 4. Supporting documentation

Attach as many pages as necessary to discuss significant aspects of the criteria selected in item 3. The information presented should make a convincing argument for listing the resource on the local register. To obtain supporting information begin the paperwork provided by the bank, mortgage company, title company and previous owner from the most recent sale of the resource. Researching the chain of title through county transfer documents can provide a list of previous owners. If available, blueprints can provide information about the architect and building. The City's Manager of Historical Resources can provide additional research sources. Identify major sources and references on a separate sheet of paper.

If structure is individually listed on National Register, copy of nomination form substitutes for above requirements

## 5. Historical and Architectural Information

This information is important to qualify a structure under item 3.a(3), as representing characteristics of a particular architectural style or period.

Architect (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Builder (if known): O.P. Ward, Tampa

Construction date: 1926 Restoration date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Modification date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If altered, briefly describe the type and degree of major alterations (new doors, modern windows, aluminum siding, etc.) Please be as specific and objective as possible.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Move date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original location: X \_\_\_\_\_

Original use: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Current use: Home \_\_\_\_\_

(residential, office, commercial/retail, industrial, vacant, etc.)

Overall style of the structure: Mediterranean Revival \_\_\_\_\_

(bungalow, craftsman, colonial, Mediterranean Revival, Spanish, etc.)

Overall plan of the structure: U-Shape \_\_\_\_\_

(shape, number of stories, shotgun, split level, setting, etc.)

Construction: Structural system: Hollow tile \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior fabric: Stucco, textured \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation (type and material) : Continuous, hollow tile \_\_\_\_\_

Roof (type and surfacing): Gable, Pentile \_\_\_\_\_

Window type(s): Casement, 3 light, wood \_\_\_\_\_

(double or single hung, casement, awning, jalousie, fixed, etc.)

Other features (porches, chimneys, etc.): Chimney on east end; 3-bay arcade and open porch.

Other information (special materials, ornamentation, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Condition: X **very good**....no deterioration; well maintained  
good.....minor deterioration; attractive, desirable, and usable.  
fair.....marked deterioration; renovation/repair required.  
poor.....unsound; unfit for use in any practical sense.

## 6. Submittal Requirements

- a. Return the completed form to the City's Manager of Historical Resources.
- b. With the form include a set of at least 6 images outside of the resource and any interior or exterior detail shots that demonstrate significance of the resource.
- c. Submit any line drawings, floor plans or blueprints of the resource that are available. (These will be returned.)
- f. If structure is individually listed in the National Register, a copy of nomination form substitutes for requirements b. through e.

## 7. Nomination process

The Historic Preservation Board meets on the third Friday of each month. The nomination form, images and other information must be submitted at least one month prior to a regular meeting. This allows staff time to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information and place the nomination on the Board agenda for official acceptance.

If accepted, the Board shall write an *initial* determination of suitability for listing on the local register and schedule a public hearing within 90 days. After the public hearing, if the Board makes a *final* determination of suitability for listing, it will recommend that City Council adopt an ordinance placing the resource on the local register. The resource will be officially listed on the local register after passage of the ordinance on second reading.

Once listed on the local register, the resource is eligible for any incentives or financial assistance adopted by the City Council. Currently, owners of structures listed on the local register are exempt from fees required for building or development review permits. The resource is also required to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following actions:

- a. Materially altering the exterior appearance of a building, structure or object listed on the local register.
- b. Erecting an addition to an existing building, structure or object, or modifying a site listed on the local register.
- c. Demolishing a building, structure or object listed on the local register.
- d. Relocating a building, structure or object listed on the local register



## **INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR LOCALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE CITY OF VENICE**

Structures listed on the local register shall be:

1. Entitled to modified enforcement of the building code as provided by Chapter 1, Section 101.6 of the Standard Building Code.
2. Entitled to modified enforcement of the flood zone regulations pursuant to terms of that Ordinance.
3. Designated as conforming for zoning considerations under Section 20-5.4 of the Venice Zoning Code meaning that limitations imposed by that section shall not apply.
4. Given special consideration for home occupations and other special exceptions by the Planning Commission upon application.

Fee Waivers:

Owners of structures listed on the local register shall be exempt from fees normally required for building or development review permits.

#### **4. Supporting Documentation for 613 W. Venice Ave.**

During the Florida Land Boom of the 1920s, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) developed the City of Venice as a resort community and investment for their members. After acquiring the land from Dr. Fred Albee, the BLE hired John Nolen to design their new community. They then created the Venice Company that worked to sell the city and sell lots.

Builders and developers from other areas purchased lots on speculation and built homes to sell for profit. One of those builders was Oren P. Ward out of Tampa, Florida. According to the November 21, 1926 *Sarasota Herald*, Ward purchased several lots on West Venice Avenue to build nine residences, including 613 W. Venice Ave.

The home is constructed from hollow tile and textured stucco in the Mediterranean Revival style. The windows are tall and narrow with 2 over 3 and 2 over 4 lites. This was one of the styles required of Nolen and reviewed and approved by the architectural firm of Walker & Gillete. Typical of the high-end homes of this nature and style, it includes a loggia and multiple interior courtyards. The interior has tile flooring and decorative metal for gates and bannisters. And each room included call buttons for servants. There are 6 bedrooms and 3.5 baths, with the overall home encompassing over 5,000 square feet.

Ward completed the home before the land bust and Great Depression, but it did not sell until 1934. Fitzhugh Haensel of New York was the first owner of the property. He bought the home as a winter residence for him and his wife Florence. Haensel started out as a singer, but found success as a booking agent. He would go on to become vice president of Columbia Concerts, Incorporated and president of Community Concerts Corporation. These companies brought live concerts to communities throughout the country, engaging over 1.5 million people in live entertainment. Today it is the Columbia Artists Management Corporation

Even though it was a winter residence, Haensel kept a staff of four employed year-round there. He lived there until his passing in 1944. Florence was an active socialite in the community including in the Red Cross, Venice Yacht Club, and Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club. She would continue to winter in the home until she passed away in 1966. The house was sold three years later. Since that time, the home has passed through only a handful of other owners. The integrity of the exterior is still very much intact.

**FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE  
Site Inventory Form**

Site No. 8S0591

Site Name \_\_\_\_\_ Survey Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Site 613 W. Venice Avenue, Venice  
Instruction for locating \_\_\_\_\_

Location GULF VIEW 19 18,19 & W 1/2 Lot 20  
Subdivision Block No. Lot No.

County - Sarasota  
District name, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of Site: Name Mr. & Mrs. Jack Severson  
Address: 613 W. Venice Avenue  
Venice, Florida 33595  
Type of Ownership Private Recording Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder: Name & Title Gladys Cook, Phil Werndli, Florida Preservation Serv.  
Address: P.O. Box 13892  
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Condition of Site:	Integrity of Site:	Original Use <u>Residence</u>
Check one	Check one or more	Present Use <u>Residence</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	Dates _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	Cultural/Phase <u>American</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Use	Period <u>20th Century</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Restored/Date _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved/Date _____	

NR Classification Category Building Date listed on NR \_\_\_\_\_

**Threats to Site:**

Check One or More	
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Fill
<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Dredge
<input type="checkbox"/> Borrowing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other [See Remarks Below]	

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Community Planning

**Significance:**

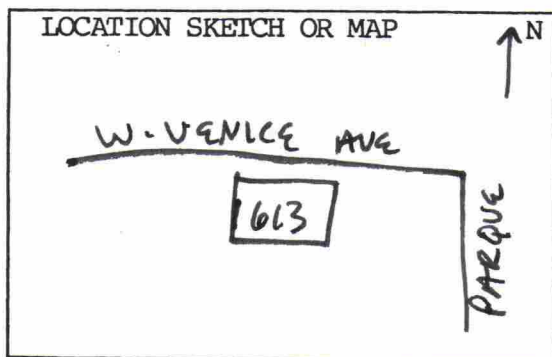
This house is one of the three major structures built along W. Venice Avenue by J. Nat Harrison. They were the most elaborate Mediterranean Revival homes built in Venice. They depart from the more compact and simple design of the typical homes in the town. They make extensive use of large floor plans and decorative elements. These homes were first used by Union leaders as their residences when visiting the complex.

**SEE SITE FILE STAFF FOR  
ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR MAP(S)**

Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder Harrison, J. Nat, Virginia  
 Style and/or Period Mediterranean Revival  
 Plan Type U-shape  
 Exterior Fabric(s) Stucco, textured  
 Structural System(s) Hollow tile  
 Porches N/3 bay arcade # E/open porch  
 Orientation North  
 Foundation Continuous, hollow tile  
 Roof Type Gable  
 Secondary Roof Structures(s) Gable # shed on porch #hip  
 Roof Surfacing Pentile  
 Window Type Casement, 3 light, wood  
 Ornament Exterior \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chimney Hollow tile; stucco  
 Chimney Location E; end, exterior, laterel slope  
 No. of Chimneys 1 No. of Stories 2  
 No. of Dormers 0 Outbuildings 0  
 Surroundings Urban; residential  
 Map Reference (incl. scale & date) USGS 1:24,000 1973

Latitude and Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property) \_\_\_\_\_



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39S	18E	12

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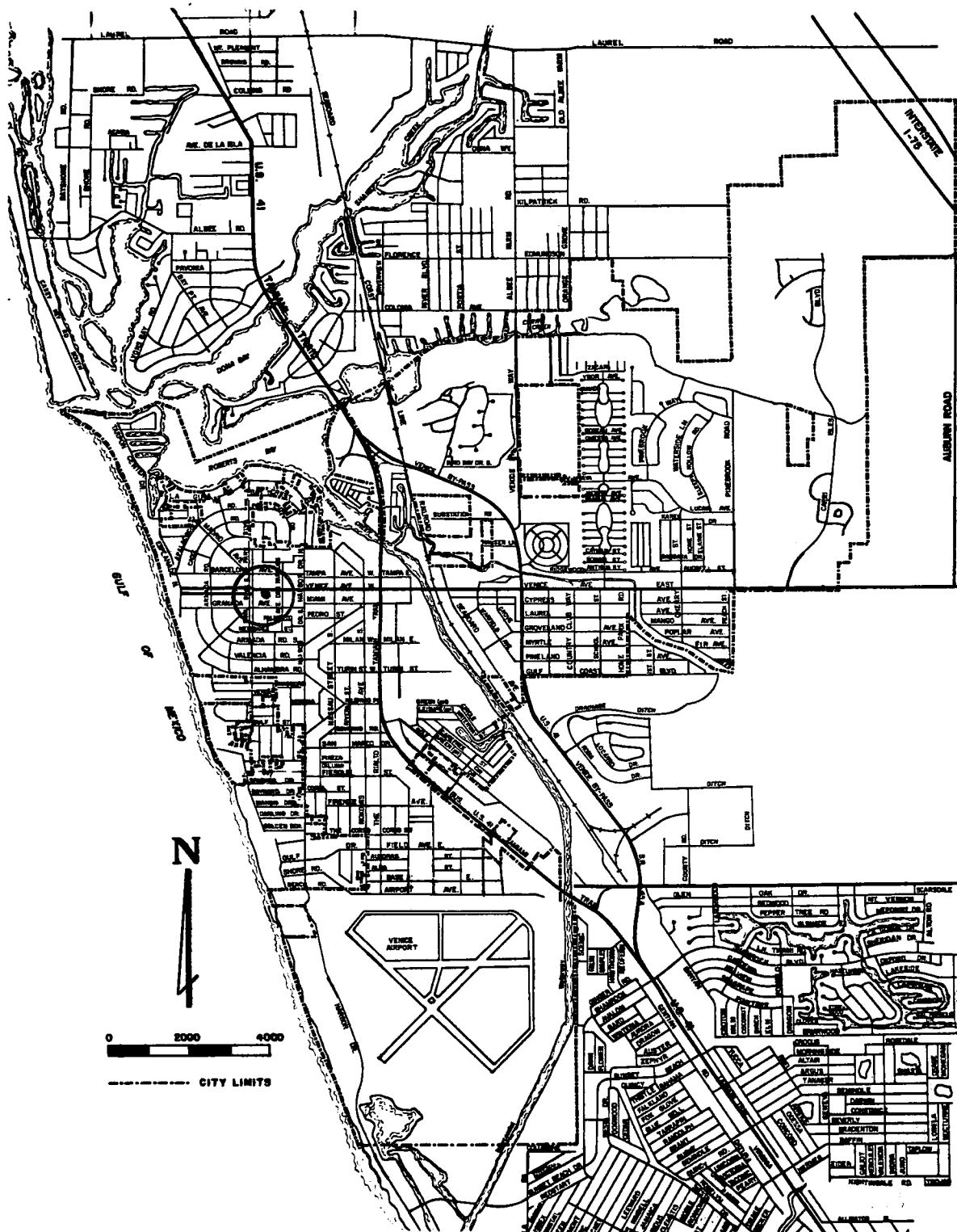
Zone E

Photographic Records Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please attach Photographic Print

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
SECTION





613 West Venice Avenue

and will embrace a number active and distinctive features. Following the completion of the regular club house the first building will be converted into a dining and caddy house.

The edifice which will be started today and will be built by the A. Fuller company follows the most approved Italian architectural motif and opens on an arched patio from each of the two women's locker rooms. The building will be covered by a prepared mosquito net in order to guarantee comfort to the occupants of the rooms without rendering them pervious to a warm supply of light at all times during the day. The men's locker room will contain 175 lockers while there is space for approximately 100 in the women's apartment. Electric baths and all other appurtenances are included in the furnishings. Rooms are

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## Increases Holdings and Plans Extensive Building

M. G. Worell, well known Tampa and Venice builder has recently increased his holdings in Venice to the extent of 12 apartment sites on which he plans to erect immediately two 24-family and three eight family apartments.

Since his first purchase was made in Venice last July, Mr. Worell has started the construction of eight apartments in the Gulf View section, all of which are now nearing completion. According to Mr. Worell, his apartments are in great demand here and enough applications are already at hand to fill them as soon as they are ready for occupancy.

Tampa has benefitted by Mr. Worell's building activities in Venice as most of his building ma-

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teries standing in Venice. July and August ushered in a bumper crop of contractors who despite the class restrictions on all buildings going up in Venice swelled the permit list to over 40. Figures released yesterday from the office of the city engineer show that 118 building permits have been let and that by December 1st 89 building structures will be completed and in operation.

Three magnificent hotels which represent a cash investment not including the cost of the land, of \$1,800,000 will be in operation in December, the largest of which, the Hotel Venice threw open its doors last July and was used as headquarters for the recent Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' convention held in this city.

Of the buildings which are projected here immediately are included a theatre structure, the first unit of which is to cost \$175,000 and 15 high class apartments and residences.

## TAMPA BUILDER TO ERECT NINE HOMES ON VENICE AVENUE

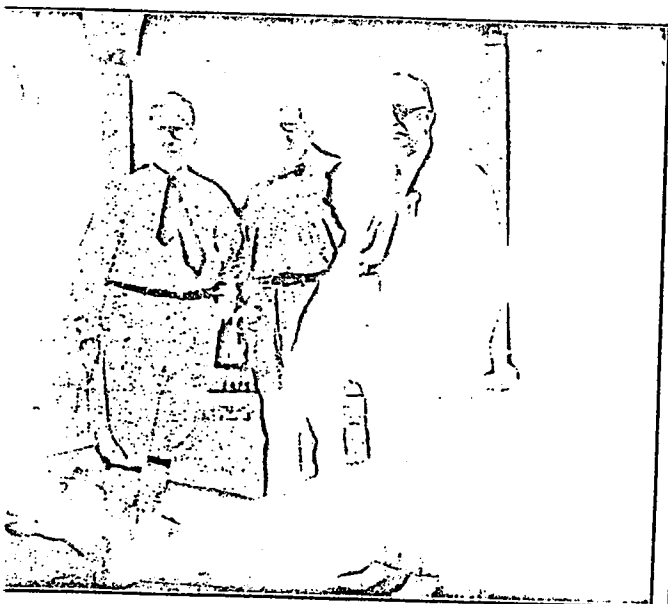
One of the largest transactions in Venice property since the new city was started ten months ago, was closed this week when Oren P. Ward of Tampa purchased lots on Venice Avenue for a consideration of \$137,000, upon which he will build nine high class residences costing from \$20,000 to \$40,000 each. Negotiations were initiated by "Andy" Anderson of the Tampa office of the Venice Company.

Mr. Ward is one of the best known builders in Tampa, and his homes will be a decided asset in their beautiful settings along Venice Avenue, already acclaimed as one of the most beautiful streets in Florida. The lots will be divided so as to give each residence a frontage of approximately 180 feet, and they will be suitably enhanced by artistic plantings, winding drives and all the accoutrements that go to make up homes of richness and beauty.

When all of these homes are completed, Mr. Ward's investment will represent a total of close to half a million dollars, easily one of the largest individual transactions yet recorded in the new wonder city.

## an's Paradise

### The Venice Smile



A. Dann of St. Petersburg, president of the Florida Board of Commerce (center) with W. B. Prenter and George in his recent visit to Venice. "You can't help but keep Venice," President Dann stated.

Nov. 19, 1926  
The Venice News



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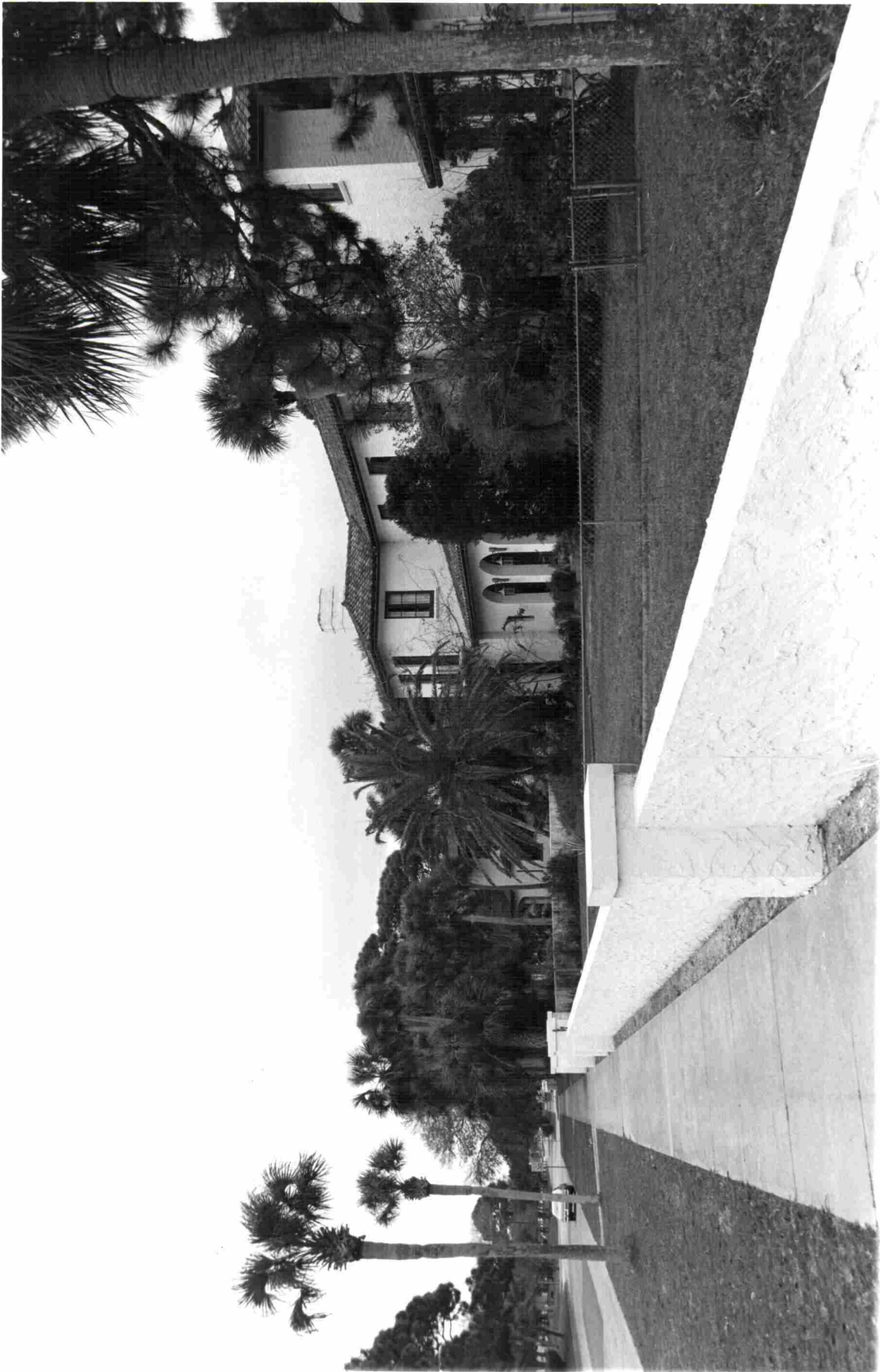




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1. Group of Residences
2. W. Venice Avenue  
(City of Venice, Sarasota County, FL)
3. John McCarthy, County Historian
4. March, 1984
5. Sarasota County Historical Archives
6. North View



1. Residence
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6. North Elevation

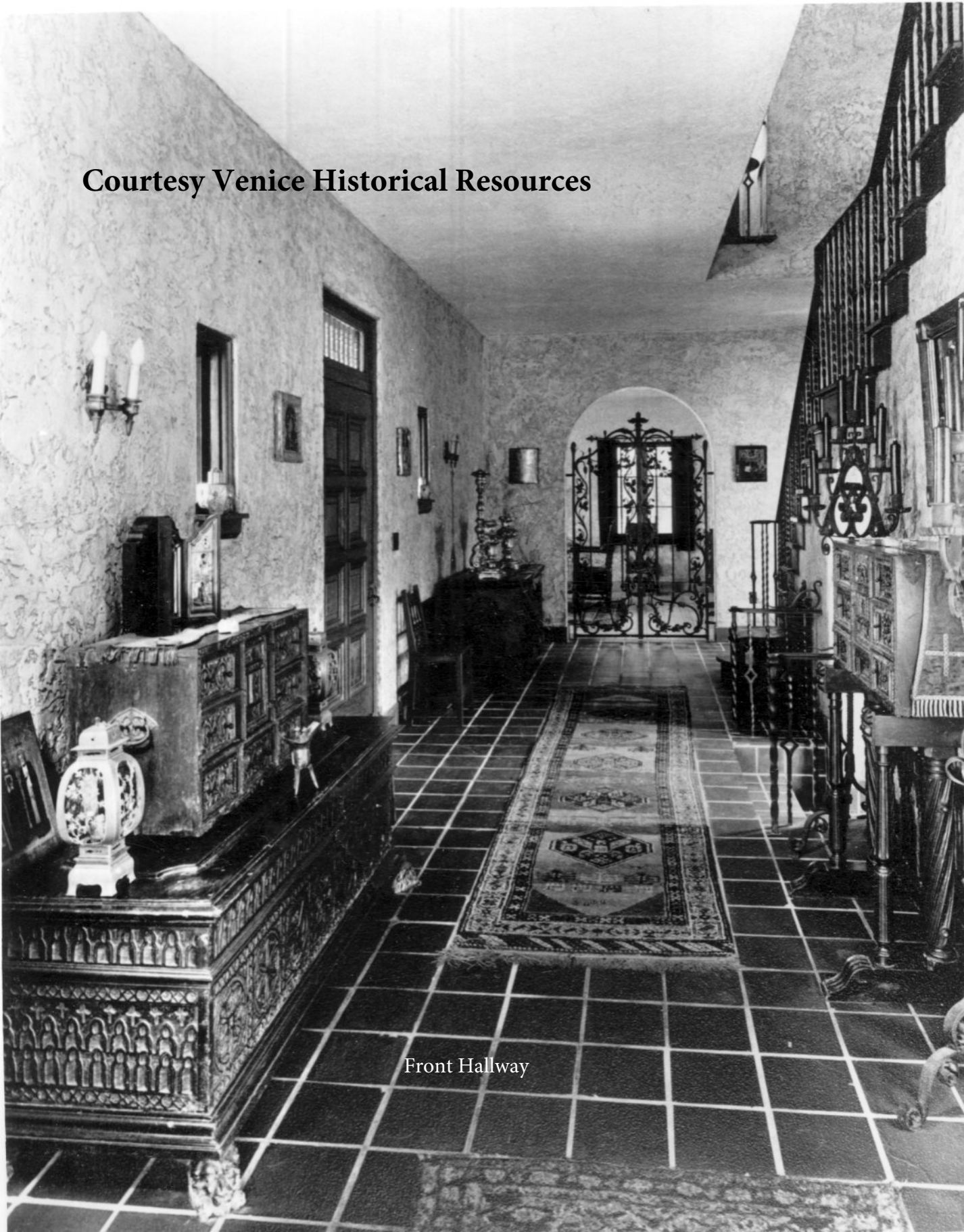


Courtesy Venice Historical Resources

Dining Room and Front Hall



Courtesy Venice Historical Resources



Front Hallway

1933



**Courtesy Venice Historical Resources**



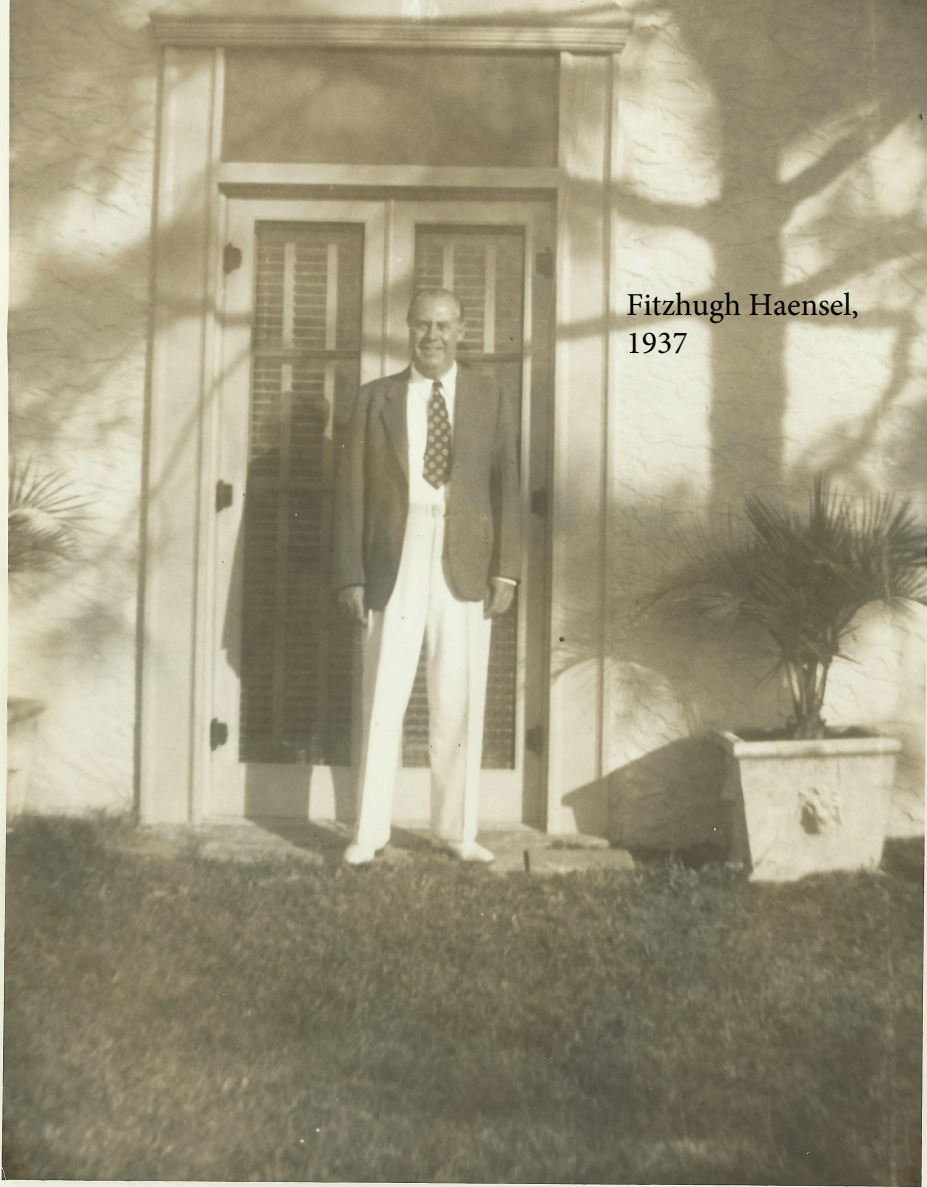
# Courtesy Venice Historical Resources



W. H. HARRIS  
1910

# Courtesy Venice Historical Resources

Fitzhugh Haensel,  
1937

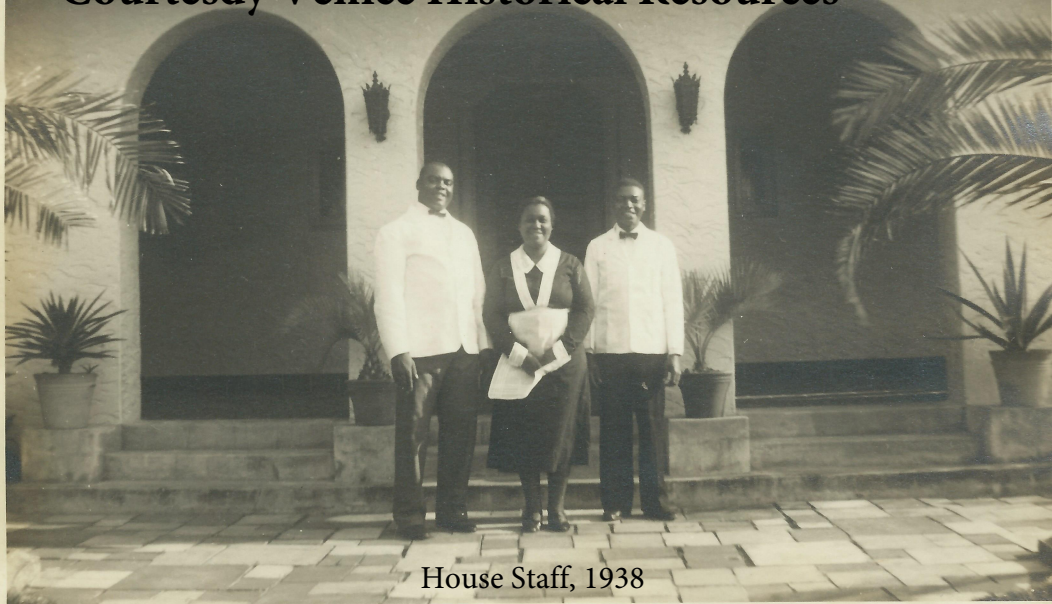


# Courtesy Venice Historical Resources



Florence Haensel,  
1937

# Courtesy Venice Historical Resources



House Staff, 1938



# "PROSPERITY DINNER" AT TERRACE DEC. 14

## W. D. Manley Is Sentenced To Long Term In Prison

### FORMER HEAD OF BANKS IS FOUND GUILTY

Motion for New Trial Filed  
and Bond of \$25,000  
Is Furnished

### FACES OTHER CHARGES

State's Auditors Testified to  
Many Fraudulent Trans-  
actions in Bankers Trust

ATLANTA, Nov. 20.—(AP)—W. D. Manley, former president of the Bankers Trust company of Atlanta, was found guilty of fraudulent insolvency in connection with the closing of the Farmers and Traders Bank of Atlanta by a Fulton superior court jury today and was sentenced to from nine to ten years imprisonment. The sentence was pronounced by Judge G. H. Howard upon the jury's recommendation.

Defense counsel filed a motion for a new trial and arguments on the motion were set for January 8. Bond of \$25,000 was furnished. Manley previously had been adjudged sane by a jury and an appeal was taken from that verdict.

The Bankers Trust company closed July 12 and within a few days 83 correspondent banks in Florida and Georgia, of which the Farmers and Traders bank was the largest, closed. A number of these banks, however, since have been re-organized and re-opened.

Manley is under 18 other indictments in connection with the closing of the banks, but Solicitor General John A. Boykin has not decided when these will be tried.

When Manley was called to trial on the Farmers and Traders bank indictment two weeks ago defense counsel attacked the validity of the indictment on the grounds that charges containing therein were vague and that it was drawn under a law which it was contended was unconstitutional. The defense demurred was overruled and then a special plea of insanity was entered for Manley. A jury after hear-

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### 9 BODIES ARE RECOVERED IN TANKER WRECK

Death Toll of Explosion At  
Baltimore Is Believed  
More Than Score

BALTIMORE, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The death toll of the explosion which wrecked the Norwegian tanker Mantilla in dry dock at Sparrows Point, remained in doubt tonight, more than twenty four hours after the disaster.

A fragment of a ninth body today was placed with the eight already recovered in two morques at Sparrows Point, Irna Brazon, a seaman of the Mantilla's crew, died of injuries at University Hospital and workmen expressed belief that a fellow worker, known to them only as "Charley," had been blown to bits.

Investigators said men still said to be missing might never be found and that one or two of the recovered bodies probably could not be identified individually.

The identified tonight were Christian Anderson, 19 year old deck boy of the Mantilla; Aainr Yackopoon, seaman of the Mantilla; Carl Gustav, Brugnan and Richard Elmel Pederson, employees of a ship cleaning company.

Six men still were unaccounted for if the dock workers' story of the fate of the unidentified "Charley" was correct. At least five of them, it was indicated were members of the Mantilla's crew. Capt. Nils Danielson of the Mantilla declined to divulge the names that a check of his roster had shown unaccounted for.

An investigator has been sent to Baltimore from the Norwegian legation in Washington and the United States steamboat inspection service also started an investigation.

## \$137,000 SALE IS MADE IN VENICE

### CARNIVAL IS PLANNED BY YACHT CLUB

Speed Boat Contests Will  
Feature the Mid-Winter  
Yacht Club Program

An extensive racing program for Sarasota has been outlined by members of the Sarasota Yacht club, who met in special session at the Whitfield Estates, last night. The chief event on the program will be a three days carnival which will be staged in February, officials of the club stated.

A series of races starting November 12, will feature the winter racing season here. The first contest will be for the coveted Club cup. A special Christmas race will be held with the Binz cup as a prize for the winner. The Whitfield Estates cup is the prize offered for the winner of the January contest. Races will be run later in the season with the Venice Yacht club if such matches can be arranged, club officials stated.

Speed boat races also will be held and other novelty contests have been planned by the club.

Officers of the Yacht club who will be in active charge of the contests follow: J. C. Senter, commodore; Stanley Longmire, vice-commodore; G. H. Bihz, rear commodore; M. C. M. Prew, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Joe Halton, fleet surgeon, and Arthur Cundy, fleet chaplain.

Directors of the organization are: G. A. Freeman, J. M. Beasley, W. H. Moore, Hal Morrison, F. Binz, Jr., and R. S. Marvin. Standing committees follow: Executive committee—Commodore J. C. Senter, chairman; F. Binz, Jr., Stanley Longmire, G. A. Freeman and R. S. Marvin.

House committee—G. A. Freeman, chairman, J. M. Beasley and Hal Morrison.

Regatta committee: G. A. Freeman, chairman, Taylor Hawthorne, Dr. W. H. Moore and Sydney Breeze.

Admissions committee: G. H. (Continued on Page Two)

### Britain Enters New Agreement With Dominion

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The British Empire today entered a new epoch, with the Mother Country and the Dominions of officially recognized as autonomous units, equal in status with King George's world wide realm.

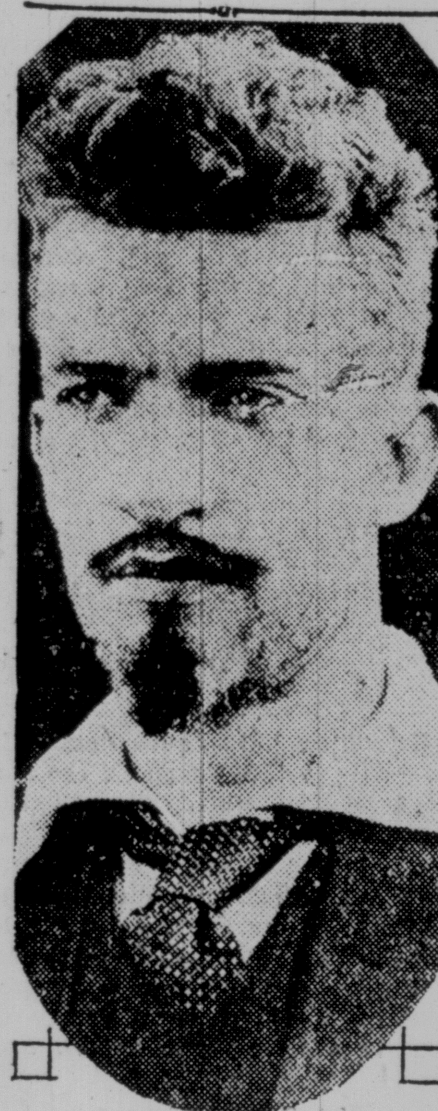
Like the States of the United States, no member of the British commonwealth of nations is subordinate to any other. England and London remain the center of the Empire by tradition, sentiment and common allegiance to the crown, but each self-governing member of the Empire is master of its own destiny.

## Mexican Newspapers Ridicule Attitude Of United States

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The principal Mexico City newspapers devote long editorials, barbed with satire and ridicule, in condemnation of the attitude of the United States in the Nicaraguan affair. Both El Universal and Excelsior in their editorials refer frequently to what they term Washington's "dollar diplomacy," and "American imperialism" in Latin America.

The fundamental argument of each editorial is "the inconsistency of the United States in objecting to Mexico's imaginary intercourse with Nicaraguan affairs when the

### Strange Folk



Dr. William H. McGovern, as he returned from Amazon wilds, South America, where he saw primitive races playing with gold and diamonds without realization of their value.

### FRAUD CLAIMS MADE IN HOME OF SEN. REED

Corruption in Missouri Is  
Charged and Will Be  
Placed Before Senate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Charges of fraud and corruption in the recent general elections in Jackson county, Missouri, the home of Senator James A. Reed, Democrat, will be placed before the Senate campaign fund investigating committee when its members arrive in the capitol for the short session of congress.

Senator Reed is chairman of the investigating committee, which recently inquired into senatorial campaigns in various states. H. R. Walmesley, of Kansas City, former Republican member of the Missouri legislature, presented the charges in a letter received today by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska. Senator Norris, who is not a member of the committee, transmitted the letter to Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, the ranking committee member now in the capitol, "for whatever action the committee may deem proper."

Senator McNary said the letter would be presented to the committee after Senator Reed returns from Kansas City.

"Common gossip," the letter said (Continued on Page Two)

### MILLIONAIRE IS DEFENDANT IN ALIMONY CASE

Former Sarasota Woman  
Brings Suit Against Piano  
Manufacturer

Advice received here yesterday from Asheville, N. C. brought to light a strange case of erratic fancies indulged in by a prominent millionaire. According to reports Alason L. Reed, millionaire piano manufacturer of Chicago, is the defendant in a suit brought against him by his bride of two months, the former Mrs. Flora L. Smith of Sarasota.

Mrs. Reed, seeks \$250 a month alimony without divorce discharges say. The principal charge brought against the millionaire state that he was in the habit of sleeping in the cellar of his palatial mansion in Kenilworth. In filing suit through her attorneys,

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### ALIBI GIVEN INTRODUCTION IN HALL CASE

Fishermen Claim Defendants  
Were Surf Casting on  
Night of Slaying

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Henry Stevens and his fellow fishermen from Lavalette today told the jury trying the Hall-Mills case that the defendant was surf casting on the beach at Lavalette the night Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills was slain with his brother in law, the Rev. Edw. W. Hall. Henry Stevens is on trial with his sister, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, and brother, Willie Stevens, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mills. For three hours the defendant witness told his story, calmly and carefully. He declared that he never had heard of the slain woman before her death, knew nothing of any affairs between her and his brother in law and had not fired a pistol in 25 years, although he is an expert with a shotgun.

Beside Stevens came his neighbors. Mayor Enoch T. Vancamp, of Lavalette, was supporting the Stevens alibi when court recessed over the week-end. During the afternoon three other men who were fishing on the beach the night of the double slaying told of Stevens' presence there. One, William H. Egar, said that he left Stevens in his home as late as 10:20 o'clock the night of the killing. Late in the crowded court day Justice Charles W. Parker ordered the audience from the room and suspended proceedings until the spectators could be shoved out by the court crier, John Bunn. The dismissal of the crowd followed the loudest of several ripples of suppressed laughter which had punctuated the testimony.

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### "Cure-alls" Are Given Blow by Federal Court

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The government won its first victory in its nationwide campaign against patent medicine firms when a federal court jury here today found Harold Meeton Stuntz founder of the Melton Laboratories, Inc., guilty of using the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of patent "cure-alls."

Four other members of the Stuntz family also on trial, were acquitted.

The penalty attached calls for \$1,000 fine or five years imprisonment on each count. Harold Meeton Stuntz was convicted on five counts. He was released on the original bond to appear for sentence Nov. 29.

### "Prosperity"



Hazen J. Titus, manager of the Hotel Sarasota Terrace, who announces today the giving of a "Prosperity Dinner" on December 14, to celebrate the growth and the prosperity of the Sarasota Bay region.

### TEN PULLMANS WILL FURNISH LOCAL SERVICE

A. C. L. Announces New  
Schedule of Trains Com-  
ing to City

Additional Pullman trains to take care of the increasing number of winter visitors who are daily coming to southern Florida have been pressed into service by various railways throughout the country. It was announced last night by J. C. Hughey, district passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway company.

Ten Pullman trains will be operated to and from Sarasota during the winter months, he stated. Effective today a through Pullman train from Chicago over the Atlantic Coast Line will be in use. Other trains which will begin operation today will be the Dixie Flyer, a crack through train modernized with maid and valet service and hot and cold baths. The Dixie Express carrying Pullmans and day coaches will be in operation over the famous Dixie Line through Georgia and Tennessee. The train will pass over the scenic route so familiar to southern tourists.

The Floridian tourists train of the Illinois Central will operate on a shorter schedule than in former years. The Royal Palm, an all-Pullman, with the Dixie Limited,

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### MEDICINAL WHISKY CORPORATION TO BE SUGGESTED FOR U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Immediate creation of a private corporation to manufacture medicinal whiskey and to take over all existing supplies of this liquor will be asked of Congress by Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement.

He said today it was imperative that the corporation immediately set about distilling of whiskey lest the present supply of about 15,000,000 gallons be exhausted at the end of five years which time he estimated will be necessary for the new stock to age.

### OREN P. WARD OF TAMPA TO BUILD 9 HOMES

Each to Cost \$20,000 to  
\$40,000; Deal One of  
Largest in Months

Announcement was made yesterday of one of the largest real estate transactions that has taken place in this vicinity in some time, when a deal was closed whereby Oren P. Ward, of Tampa, purchased lots in Venice to the amount of \$137,000.

Mr. Ward will erect nine residences on these lots, costing from \$20,000 to \$40,000 each and construction of these residences is to begin at once. The buyer is one of the best known builders in Tampa and his homes will be a decided asset in their beautiful settings along Venice avenue, already acclaimed one of the most beautiful streets in Florida.

The lots will be divided to give each residence a frontage of approximately 150 feet and each will be suitably enhanced with artistic plantings, winding drives and all the accessories that go to make up homes of richness and beauty.

The sale was negotiated by "Andy" Anderson of the Tampa offices and is a noteworthy one as indicating the revival of real estate activity in this section of Florida. The transaction is one of the largest that has been made since the city of Venice was actually begun 10 months ago.

When the residences are completed Mr. Ward's investments in Venice and surrounding territory will amount to more than half a million dollars.

### Herman Dann And Peter O. Knight Coming

Herman Dann and Peter O. Knight have accepted the invitation of the local Chamber of Commerce to be present at the next monthly meeting of the chamber here, which will be held on November 30, instead of December 1, in order not to conflict with the meeting of the state chamber of commerce convention in Miami on that date. The local meeting will be dedicated to the state chamber, and by bringing the main speakers of the Miami meeting to Sarasota a week in advance of that meet, Sarasota's will have an opportunity to get the "low down" on the state situation, and an outline of the proposed proceedings, in advance of the rest of the state. Both of these men will give a complete analysis of the state and will bring a message of great value to residents of this city.

The meeting will be held at the Mira Auditorium, in order to accommodate all who wish to attend, and there should be a large turnout to hear Peter O. Knight, known as "Chief of Florida Boosters," and Herman Dann, president of the state Chamber of Commerce.

### Recreation Heads Would Make State Real Playground

Plans for making Florida the "playground of the nation" were completed yesterday at conferences of recreation directors of the state held in Orlando and Tampa, the latter group representing the cities of Southwest Florida. D. B. Wright, superintendent of recreation in Sarasota, attended this meeting and took a prominent part in the discussions there.

P. V. Caban, of St. Petersburg, has been elected president of the state association, with W. J. Sanford, of Jacksonville, vice president; and Philip Leboutillier of Daytona Beach, as secretary and treasurer. Daytona Beach has

## Hazen J. Titus Is Author Of Unique Idea For Sarasota

"Prosperity and Good Fellowship" to Be Theme of Gigantic Entertainment Planned for Hotel Sarasota Terrace in Which Business, Professional and Civic Leaders Will Participate to Celebrate City's Growth and Stability

Sarasota's Prosperity will be celebrated Tuesday, December 14 with a most unique and original dinner, dance and entertainment at the Sarasota Terrace Hotel. The event is to be of more than city wide importance for it will broadcast to the world at large the optimism and prosperity prevalent in the Sarasota Bay region and will herald to all the pleasing news that Sarasotans are cognizant of the blessings which are theirs and that they appreciate them to the utmost.

The idea for the "Prosperity and Good Fellowship Dinner" was conceived in the always fertile mind of Hazen J. Titus, manager of the Hotel Sarasota Terrace. No sooner conceived than brought forth as a full fledged and mature development. The purpose is to bring together business, professional men, civic leaders, men and women who believe in Sarasota and to bond them together in a firmer, stronger fellowship and faith.

Nothing like this affair has ever before been attempted on the west coast of Florida. The event will gain national importance from the message that is to be carried forth of the prosperity of this entire region and of the confidence indicated in the future of Florida and in particular of the Sarasota Bay region. Reservations are already being made for the big affair at which more than 300 guests can be accommodated at dinner. Yesterday, immediately upon announcement by Manager Titus of his plans more than 75 reservations were spoken for by leading business men of the city. It is suggested that all re-

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### PRINCE CAROL PREPARED TO RESUME TITLE

Indicates Willingness to  
Again Become Crown  
Prince of Rumania

PARIS, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Mr. Carol Caraiman, retired bourgeois of Neuilly, fashionable Paris suburb, is prepared to resume the title Prince Carol of Hohenzollern and the pre-rogatives and duties of crown prince of Rumania—provided popular sentiment demands it.

Under no consideration, however, would he be willing to disturb the peace of his native land and risk civil war in order to regain his right of succession to the throne. He is reported as saying on several occasions when advised to return to Rumania: "I cherish my country more than the throne." Deposed by legislative act last January, after his departure from Rumania in company with Mme. Magda Lupescu, titan-haired daughter of a Jewish merchant of Jassy. Carol is keeping the closest contact with the dynasty as well as other phases of the situation.

Rumanian circles in Paris express the opinion that while King Ferdinand's physical condition is not all that might be desired, the sovereign is in no immediate danger of death.

Carol is most popular in army circles and his presence on the Rumanian frontier would be certain to protect a crisis in the international affairs of the country. He is aware of this, and so keeps aloof from all intrigues. The demand for his return must be unequivocal and absolute before he heeds it.

He is unconcerned over the suit brought against him by his former morganatic wife Lembrino, who

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### BATHING SUIT BRINGS STORM AT CONVENTION

Appearance of Photograph  
in Newspaper Causes Row  
at U. D. C. Meeting

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 20.—(AP)—(AP)—Appearance of a photograph in a newspaper here showing a U. D. C. delegate in bathing suit attire, precipitated a storm at the thirty-third annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy today and action to make disciplining of members possible.

Mrs. Samuel Burleigh Milton of Washington, D. C., was pictured in the newspaper in a bathing suit, surrounded by numerous loving cups and wearing medals which she had won in life saving work.

Brought before the convention early in today's session, the matter was characterized by speakers as "scandalous" and "disgraceful." When an investigation revealed there was no provision in the organization by-laws for disciplining members for "undignified conduct" immediate action was taken to insert one.

Despite the furor over the picture incident, the convention delegates found time for one of the outstanding social events of the convention a reception for them by Gov. and Mrs. Harry F. Bird. The delegates also attended a reception at the Confederate museum, tendered by the Confederate memorial literary society.

Between debates over the "picture scandal," Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the former president, was a visitor at the convention today. Chancing to be in the city on a visit, she was presented shortly after the convention had authorized the completion of the Woodrow Wilson scholarship.

With tears in her eyes, Mrs. Wilson thanked the daughters for this honor to her late husband and said she knew that "no where would Mr. Wilson prefer the memorial more than in the University of Virginia." Mrs. Wilson remained in the convention room only a few minutes.

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## FITZHUGH HAENSEL, CONCERT MANAGER

Leading Figure in the Music  
World Dies at 65—Had Been  
Critic for Newspapers

Fitzhugh W. Haensel, former vice president of Columbia Concerts, Inc., and former president of Community Concerts Corporation, died Wednesday night at the Hotel Salisbury, 123 West Fifty-seventh Street. His age was 65.

Mr. Haensel was born in Richmond, Va., the son of Guy Henry Haensel and the former Marian Dielman. He studied at City College here from 1894 to 1898, and later took special courses at Columbia. He started his career in newspaper work in this city, specializing in musical reviews and criticism.

In 1905 he founded the firm of Haensel & Jones, concert managers, together with W. Spencer Jones. Mr. Haensel was its president and general manager until 1930, when the business was merged with seven other concert management groups to form Columbia Concerts.

As an officer of this group he was a leading figure in the development of Community Concerts, helping to create a great new audience for music by organizing non-profit concert series in places which previously had had no concert courses.

Through his efforts the organization grew until Community Concerts had an annual audience of 1,500,000 persons and was giving 1,300 concerts a year.

During the first World War Mr. Haensel, a member of the Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard, was commissioned as an officer in the Corps of Interpreters, and served with the AEF.

Among the artists Mr. Haensel managed were Richard Crooks, tenor; Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Isadora Duncan, Maggie Teyte, Leopold Godowsky, Paul Althouse and others. He introduced Sarge Prunkoff, Russian composer-pianist, to this country and managed Gulomar Novae, Brazilian pianist, for many years.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Florence Owen Haensel, whom he married in 1905.

## MRS. GEROME LEONE

Owner of a Theatrical District  
Restaurant Here Since 1906

## DAVE H. MORRIS, 72, LAWYER, DIPLOMAT

Ambassador to Belgium 1933-  
1937 Dies—Sportsman, Musi-  
cian, Friend of Roosevelt

Dave Hennen Morris, Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg from 1933 to 1937, and one of President Roosevelt's old-time friends, died yesterday in his home at 19 East Seventieth Street, after a long illness. He was 72 years old on April 24.

Mr. Morris was a brilliant lawyer, a homeopathic physician for a brief spell as a youth, an accomplished violinist, a yachtsman, a tennis player, and for many years was prominent as co-owner of a racing stable. In addition he was on the directorate of several business corporations and a leader in educational organizations.

Mr. Morris was born in New Orleans, the son of John A. Morris, member of a Westchester County (N. Y.) family dating from the Revolutionary days, and Cora Hennen Morris. He received his early education in France and Germany and passed his entrance examinations for Harvard in 1890, but did not study there until two years later.

In the interval he became a special student at the New York Homeopathic Medical College and surgical assistant at Helmholtz House. He was graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1896. He also was graduated from New York Law School in 1901 and received a master's degree in constitutional law from Columbia University in 1909.

### Had Racing Stable

Although he devoted most of his time to the practice of law until President Roosevelt nominated him for the post of Ambassador to Belgium in May, 1933, he found time, among other things, to breed and race many horses with his brother, Alfred Hennen Morris. Their horses won several leading stakes.

He won immediate favor in Belgium when, upon his arrival, it was noted that he carried a violin case. One of the leading papers of Brussels remarked: "We like diplomats who are artists, for we feel that artists will understand us better and act accordingly."

After resigning his post as Ambassador, Mr. Morris continued his interest in Belgian affairs and at his death was a director of the Belgium-American Educational



DAVE HENNER MORRIS  
The New York Times Studio, 1941

## FREDERICK THWAITS, FORMER HOOVER AIDE

Served With Relief Groups in  
Belgium and Italy

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

MILWAUKEE, May 4—Frederick C. Thwaits, attorney, who was Herbert Hoover's representative on the United States Food Control Board in Italy in the first World War period, died today in his home at the age of 72.

Mr. Thwaits was born here, attended the University of Wisconsin and was graduated from Harvard University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Law degrees, the latter in 1896. He was admitted to the bar and began practice here the same year.

He served as a regent of the University of Wisconsin from 1908 to 1911. He was appointed a member of the commission for the Relief of Belgium in July, 1916, and the next year was sent to Italy. In December, 1917, he was an American Red Cross official in Italy, serving until February, 1919, when he became representative of the American Relief Administration and Red Cross Commissioner for Bosnia and Herzegovina, serving until October. For his work abroad he received decorations from Italy and Belgium.

Upon his return to Milwaukee and his law practice, he became active in civic organizations and welfare circles. He was a member