

ADDENDA

We have so far been concerned with Stetson affairs to the close of the sessions of 1945-1946. For various reasons publication has been deferred. A brief summary of subsequent events may be fitting.

In the summer of 1947 President Allen's health, from his strenuous activities, had become so impaired that he decided to retire. Naturally this was a stunning shock to all friends of the University.

The successor elected was Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds, Stetson A. B., 1925; A. M., 1927; LL.B., 1928. He had been a member of the Stetson Board of Trustees since 1933, and had acted as Chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Committee on Administration of the Board. We have noted his distinguished career in Jacksonville as judge, attorney, and religious leader. His election as President of the University met with unanimous enthusiasm.

During the following year he divided his time between closing out his extensive law practice in Jacksonville and adjusting himself to the new position in DeLand. During this session Dean Garwood functioned as Acting President and Dr. Mc Eniry as Dean of the University. President Edmunds has moved to DeLand and is devoting himself entirely to his new position.

Stetson history for the last two years has been largely

affected by increase in the number of students, largely due to the return of many government assisted veterans. The catalog for 1946-1947 recorded a total enrollment of 2,158; 1339 men, 819 women. For the session of 1947-1948 the figures were: total 2752; 1839 men, 913 women. An interesting item is the great increase in the number of women as well as of men, the women alone having a total hardly equaled by the total enrollment of prosperous pre-war days.

Increased attendance presented many problems. The faculty had to be greatly enlarged; class rooms were crowded; living quarters were inadequate. The women occupied all the dormitories, Conrad Hall formerly for men as well as the recently quadrupled Stetson Hall. The only men living on the campus were in the fraternity buildings. Hundreds were lodged out at the former Navy Air Base, and other hundreds in rented rooms all over the city.

The School of Business had a major increase in attendance, the two post-war years reporting 583 and 706 respectively. Dr. Fisher, Director for many years retired and Professor Furlong took his place. Professor W. Y. Mickle, Director of the School from 1906-to 1926, returned to the Stetson faculty, and some fifteen others added to the Business School staff. The administration building of the Naval Base was moved in sections to our campus and placed just west of Science Hall. It has been so completely re-

conditioned without and within that it gives the School of Business a very attractive building with adequate well-equipped class rooms.

We have seen that the College of Law was suspended during the war, and elaborate plans made for its re-opening. For 1946-1947 an attendance of 83 was reported and for 1947-1948, 200. With Dean Haslup we find of the former members of the faculty Doctors Howes and Curtis. Our versatile Stetson alumnus Charles Tom Henderson, B. S. and LL. B., 1938, has, with some half dozen others, been added to the Law faculty.

Various improvements have recently been made on our campus. Elizabeth Hall, the Carnegie Library, and the various dormitory buildings have been thoroughly re-conditioned so that they give a restored and enhanced impression of beauty and charm. The new lighting system in the library deserves specific mention.

Just how attendance will be affected by decrease in the number of veterans it is difficult to foretell. Various adjustments will probably from time to time be necessary, but the declared ideal of the administration is quality rather than size. There is ample reason to believe that Stetson will continue to go forward.

The following 22 pages are based on a reprint of eight articles regarding the beginnings of DeLand, published in Fairport, N. Y. Two closely printed newspaper-sized pages were sent by Miss Helen DeLand. As they were fragile and patched, and so valuable to Miss DeLand I have promptly copied the essential parts and made notes and summaries of the rest. I have carefully copied everything bearing on the establishment of the Academy, including complete copy of Dr. Griffith's article on DeLand Academy

(The title of the sheet was)

DELAND, FLORIDA

Its History, Resources and Prospects, as Viewed by Northern Men

FAIRPORT, N. Y., NOVEMBER, 1884

A Glimpse of an Elysian Land
by Rev. David Moore
DeLand, Fla. April 14, 1883

Healthy Climate.

Fresh air, sunshine, breezes

Like no other climate

Exclusive pine ridge, soil sandy and no stagnant water.

"No moss on the trees" (Why the change?)

Malaria only along the rivers and marshy localities.

Less malaria on this ridge than in "portions of Westchester, N. Y., relief from "catarrh, aching, bronchitis and other kindred diseases" (personal experiences)-many examples.

Prophesys that Florida will become winter health resort instead of France or Italy, "will become one vast sanitorium."

Where and What DeLand Is

Middle portions of high plateau or undulating swell of land twenty miles long and five miles wide, thickly covered with yellow pine, and dotted with beautiful lakes"

Soil better than it looks.

Six years ago "only one house here--this and others a cabin in the wilderness."

Now a thriving town

Between 40 and 50 buildings, many of them large stores.

Description of Boulevard and young trees. Baptist church "tomorrow is the first anniversary of its dedication" Membership not large but "of excellent material"--good attendance.

individual houses along the boulevard.

"A more intelligent, interprising and every way excellent people you do not find anywhere in city or country. They appreciate schools and churches, are a Sabbath-keeping, church-going people, good kind neighbors, just such people as you wish to be among"

Various denominations.

"There are good public and select schools here now, and institutions of higher education will be planted here in the near future"

Florida's Main Business

Orange culture. Occupation of groves, Palatka and Indian Riv. RR. to pass through this place (?) Astonished at what had been done in 6 or even 3 years.

The wonderful work has been owing in no small degree to the enterprise and energy of H.A.DeLand, Esq., of Fairport, N.Y.,

(1st Article Fairport Reprint 1884.)
Rev. David M. Moore

after whom the town is named. In all his operations here he has pursued a truly liberal and enlightened policy. In no case has he gone to the last dollar he could get for property, but he has frequently bought land and turned it over to actual settlers at a small advance, sometimes at just what it cost him, thus enabling purchasers to do well for themselves, and at the same time to be a help to the place. He has been a wise counselor, a trusted Friend and willing helper of hundreds of people from all parts of

the country, and has ever shown a generous liberality toward every enterprise which tended to the material or spiritual prosperity of the community"

(Article published in the New York Examiner, and republished in Fairport, N. Y.)

(Second Article from the 1884 Fairport Reprint)

DeLand in its Material and Social Aspects

By Rev. J. H. Griffith, D. D.

(The South Jan. 30, 1884)

"The child is said to be the father of the man. This is as true of places as persons" i.e. character of DeLand is determined by its origin. Not a huge real estate speculation.

The pioneers desired to "found a town on 'Christian principles'" "To this as a germ and fountain head may be traced many of the special features of its material and social aspects."

"The Material Aspects"

Normal and Heathful Growth in Value--not inflated values.

"It bespeaks honesty and integrity for those who have lead in the building of the place."

Democratic

"Over 500 individuals own real estate in the town and its immediate vicinity"--from 32 states, 2 territories, England and the West Indies.

Largely permanent residence

Healthy Climate

"Its Social Aspects"

"Community of high average social culture." "Intelligence and refinement prevailed to a greater extent than is usual in new settlement. This is seen in every appearance of town"--broad regular laid out streets--"neatly painted dwellings, its yards decorated with shrubs and flowers, impress the visitor as he first beholds it."

--so the people--"cultured hospitality"

--cordial refinement." "The atmosphere of the community is as democratic socially as it is materially."

"Intellectually regarded, DeLand is not less marked. No sooner had its pioneers decided to found a town than they decided to build a school house and provide facilities for the education of the young. A commodious and well furnished school building was immediately erected through private contributions. The place has outgrown the capacity of this edifice and the present season a still larger building is to be erected and a graded school is to be organized." Children walked long distances to school.

"During the present year an Academy has been opened and a large commodious building will be ready for occupancy in the fall. The school has already over 40 pupils in attendance. DeLand will undoubtedly become an educational center, for the development of State will demand additional educational facilities. The mildness and healthfulness of its climate will attract many who do not wish to endure the severity and face the hazards of northern winters."

"This hasty imperfect glance at the social aspects of the claim would be glowingly defective if mention was not made of its religious element. The Church started side by side with the school and it may not inaptly be styled a place of churches."

--Nine different religious societies. 5 with houses of worship.

1st Baptist--\$4,000.00
Methodist Episcopal, a bldg.
Protestant Episcopal, a bldg.
Presbyterian, about to finish

The town will grow.

(3rd Article--Fairport Reprint on DeLand)

Florida as Sanitorium
by Rev. David Moore, D. D.
(Jan. 1884)

Advocates Florida as health resort for those suffering from "pulmonary and other diseases."

Incomparable climate.

Effect of peninsular position. Claim it is without sudden changes in temperature (?)

"Sunstrokes are almost unknown" Some disagreeable weather--cold waves in Dec. and Jan. from north." Those suffering from chronic catarrh and diseases of the respiratory organs generally are more signally benefited in the summer than in winter. Claims that for entire year, humidity in Fla. is less than in five of eight of the most noted health resorts in Europe.

Some malaria in swampy places in summer. All things

considered, I know of no portions of Florida more desirable as a place to live in than this great orange ridge in Volusia County, of which

DELAND

is the geographical and chief business center"

"over 20 miles long North and south by 6 or 7 wide.

DeLand being 5 miles South of the St. Johns and 25 miles West of the Atlantic"--Land, generally undulating--in some places rolling and even hilly--General beauty--

"A curious feature of the landscape is the frequent occurrence of deep funnel-shaped depressions, some only a few yards across, others containing an acre or more, and almost always perfectly dry"--

yellow pines

--Dotted with beautiful little clear water lakes

--no underbrush in the woods, only thick wiry grass--

"these pine forests present the appearance of vast parks"---

--"in adjacent lowlands are live oak, water oak, cypress, magnolia, baywood, palmetto and many other kinds of timber"

"Immense springs, impregnated more or less with sulphur, fed from no one knows where, burst up all over Fla.

Under name of Spring Garden, mentions what was evidently DeLeon Springs, also Blue Springs mentioned.

Water at depth of 20 ft. Filtered rainwater best.

Captain Strack, of this place is just now sinking an

artesian well in his fine groves from which he expects to obtain an abundant supply of excellent water for this part of the town."

Citrus fruit produced in great perfection.

Also some apples--figs, grapes, pomegranates, guavas, etc.

"Corn, cotton, and sugar cane are raised to a limited extent"--said not adapted to cereals nor "are vegetables raised with the same facility as in the North." "That this high pine region is exceptionally healthy goes without saying."

Trees here entirely free from moss. (Why not now so?) Details as to diseases relieved--"as to benefit of his wife's health. Experience of Mayor Owens' family. His lovely home."

These cases not exceptional. Ultimately thousands will come here for their health. DeLand growing "a Northern town in a Southern climate." In addition to climate which is well nigh perfection there are excellent schools" and thriving churches and an intelligent, kind-hearted, Christian people, the very cream of the communities from which they came. You are made to feel at home at once, and you find it a delightful place to live."

(DeLand, Florida, January, 1884)
"What Michigan Says to Virginia about Florida"
Rev. J. Ward Stone in Richmond Religion Herald.
(Novi, Mich. Jan. 2, 1884)

Writing from Michigan in stormy winter and recalling companionship with Dr. Dickinson (Editor) in Florida.

"By the way, that young city of DeLand is one of the wonders of Florida."

No railroads as yet.

"And yet it keeps pace with the boastful railroad towns of the eastern states"--

"and the city is thronged every winter, and this winter is overflowing."

It pays in health and wealth. "The fact is, our brother DeLand is an uncommon financier, and he makes it pay those who invest in his city."

"Investment rapidly growing this winter. Everything is planned with a cultured population in view."

---several churches, an academy, a high school building under way--hotel, two weekly papers etc. etc.--

"a young city with elements of substantial and continuous growth."

"I do not see how it can fail to keep its present position as an educational center in South Florida," and business centre. "Its climate is worth \$5.00 an acre."

(Fifth Article)

DeLand, Florida
By Rev. John Peddie, D. D.
(National Baptist, May 15, 1884)

"Florida is fast becoming a household word in all our Northern homes. So it may not be out of place to offer for your pages some impressions gathered from a recent visit to

that state."

Impartial as seeking neither wealth nor health.

"Perhaps there is no place in Florida whose name is as familiar to your many readers as that of

DELAND

There we made out longest stay and our observations were taken."

Quotes an experienced and unbiased man's judgment as to the leading promise of DeLand--for health and "wealth giving power". Elaborates healthfulness, orange growing. "we saw two that bore last year over 7000 (oranges) each.

A 5 acre grove bearing 1000 oranges per tree would pay 10% on an investment of over \$30,000, gardening.

DeLand six years ago had hardly six residents--now "a resident population of about 1200 within and close around its corporate limits."

Lands being bought up on every side. "Lovely houses are going up on its broad streets and avenues. It is full of business enterprise and its founder predicts that in ten years it will be a city of twelve or fifteen thousand inhabitants, the great business centre of the county, and the central market and meeting place of the thriving orange growing population in all the region round about."

Five houses of worship "A large public school will be built this summer. Mr. DeLand will also build an academy, which will be opened in the early autumn. It will afford,

by a staff of able teachers, an education to young men and women fully equal to that given by our best established institutes in our state. Mr. DeLand has noble and generous purposes of educational enterprise we cannot now unfold for the place that bears his honored name. Long ago he passed the point of making money for himself. Every dollar gained there by him will be devoted to the intellectual, moral, and spiritual well-being of the place. Men of large means and liberal hearts are becoming interested with him in the glorious work.

We found in DeLand as sweet Christian fellowship as we ever enjoyed. Heard as good preaching from the lips of Dr. Griffith as a man could wish to listen to, and as able temperance addresses from the Mayor of the city and other earnest workers in the cause as you could hear from any of our public platforms. There is only one saloon in the place and its days are numbered. If any of your readers think that I have painted DeLand with too glowing colors, let them go see and be convinced as I have been."

A NORTHERN CITY IN FLORIDA
(Religious Herald, Richmond)

"The St. Louis Illustrated Magazine opens its Dec. number with a descriptive account of the town of DeLand, giving pictures of some of its churches, hotels, and business houses. It tells of the wonderful growth of the town and claims for it the dignity of a city, and

that too with the improvements and conveniences usually found in a Northern city."

People of wealth and culture attracted by climate, churches, location, soil. Six or seven years since building of first house in dense forest.

Mr. DeLand coming and activities.

Came permanently about 3 years after first house.

"H. A. DeLand has made a thousand dollars for other people where he made a single one for himself.

Has called public attention to Florida, especially Volusia and surrounding counties."

"This writer has abundant proof that Mr. DeLand from the beginning of his Florida ventures was influenced by the most philanthropic motives--to add to his own personal wealth was secondary and an altogether subordinate motive with him. He had no sufficient incentive to endure all the sacrifices through which he has passed in performing this grand service for humanity except the desire to serve his day and generation."

--He does not propose to retire--

Hence he has recently established an institution of learning in DeLand and placed at the head of it Rev. J. H. Griffith, D. D., a popular and gifted Baptist minister."

Seeking to bring railroads.

"We began this article simply to write half a dozen lines in the St. Louis Magazine. That we have written more is due

to what we saw and heard during a very hasty visit to Florida last May."

Reading the Article recalled the pleasant experience in Florida.

(Seventh Article)

DeLand Academy

Rev. J. H. Griffith, D. D. Principal
(National Baptists, May 15, 1884)

"Having completed the first year's work in education with this school it will not be out of place to state a few facts that the year has brought to light. The attempt to found a school here of an academic grade was an experiment. Many questions vital to the success of such an institution were untried. No such school has been opened so far south. The problem has not been solved, but the solution has already proceeded far enough to insure ultimate success. The number of pupils has far exceeded our expectations. During the year there have been 56 different pupils in attendance. Some of these have gone only part of a term. Others an entire term, and still others have attended the entire year.

The healthfulness of the students has been remarkable. Of the entire number, but one, to my knowledge, was compelled to leave on account of sickness. When it is remembered that many of these pupils had been in delicate health in the North, this fact is the more remarkable. The most

robust scholars were those of DeLand and immediate vicinity. This is sufficient proof of the healthfulness of the place. It has also been proven to be a location to mental application. So much had been said and accepted respecting the enervating influence of Southern climate that I felt it might be needful to expect less progress in study than in the North. I am fully convinced the very opposite is the case. A pupil can do more work here in the same time than in the North. The pure air, the bright summer sky, the mild even temperature and the absence of much that diverts the students' attention in other places all combine to render this a favorable situation for intellectual application.

While the academic year here is several weeks shorter than in many Northern institutions, students will have no difficulty in doing the same amount of work.

So much for the past. A word as to the future.

The next year will open about the middle of October next, when we expect to have a new and commodious building ready for occupancy. Mr. DeLand under whose auspices the school has been opened, proposed at an early date to have the institution incorporated, and a Board of Trustees chosen, to whose fostering care the school will be committed. It is to be a public institution for the benefit of the public devoted to the interests of the great cause of Christian education. It is not how, nor is it designed to be, a money-making enterprise. The income the past year above

expenses would not have supported one person. If our citizens and those interested in the welfare of our community, give to it the support and sympathy which such an institution must have, DeLand will become a great educational center for this state, and a place for hundreds of young men and women will come to escape the rigor of Northern winters."

DeLand, Florida, May 26, 1884
(Entire Article copied by W. S. G.)
EIGHTH ARTICLE

(Fairport Report on DeLand, 1884)

"Extract from a letter from B. H. Wright of DeLand, Florida to the Yates County Chronicle, Penn Yan, New York, Sept. 3, 1884."

Claims the summer here more aggressive than in the North

View from top of hotel,--orange groves

Now we have a railroad which may be extended eastward to Lake Helen--New Smyrna.

Development of Lake Helen on the lake. Store, Harlan House in course of erection. Wealthy and cultured people coming here, and establishing homes. Mr. DeLand has offered to give \$400 toward a school building to cost not more than \$1,000.00.

The fact that other places near-by which were started before DeLand, are now far behind us in size, wealth, and numbers, shows that Northern people are not willing to go where such privileges are wanting. Recognizing this Mr. DeLand has undertaken the building of an academy at DeLand costing upwards \$6,000.00 and the institution will be

furnished with the best of teachers, J. H. Griffith, D. D., being at the head. There the youth may be prepared for the activities of life or for any college in the land. The School will open Oct. 6, 1884."

Concluding that.

"Not one of our family has been sick this summer, and we have taken not a cent's worth of medicine of any kind. Lands of all kinds are rapidly advancing in value and improvements of the staunchest character are going out, on every hand. These things call for much capital and much money could be loaned here at from 10-15 per cent on as good security as could be desired. The borrower can well afford this as the annual advance in value is several times the interest. On my next (letter) I will describe my orange grove and discuss the profitableness of the business of raising oranges in response to numerous inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

Berlin H. Wright

DeLand, Florida, August 11, 1884"