

# Inventor of Ice Making Device Honored

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (U.P.)—Recognition is forthcoming for Florida's Dr. John Gorrie, nearly 100 years after he invented the first machine for making ice.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Laura Buxton Hobbes, English teacher at a junior high school in Jacksonville, Dr. Gorrie's life story will be taught in public schools.

Mrs. Hobbes has been notified that her article on "John Gorrie; an Unsung Benefactor" will be included in the next revision of "Literature and Life," textbook for ninth grade students.

In treating yellow fever victims, Dr. Gorrie found that sleeping in cool rooms gave them

relief. He hung a block of ice beneath a vent in a hospital ward and thus devised the first-known air conditioning system.

In those days ice was brought in by schooner and costs from 50 cents to \$1 a pound.

**Discovery Accidental**

Improving on the apparatus, the doctor installed a pump to force air into the room. A nurse forgot to turn off the pump one night and moisture on pipes, into which air had been drawn by the cooling system, froze because of increased atmospheric pressure.

Seeing what had happened, Dr. Gorrie perfected a machine that would make ice and patented it in 1851.

Dr. Gorrie was unable to get funds to finance his invention before his death in 1855. In about 20 years, however, mechanical refrigeration was a reality, for the doctor had left behind the basic process that provides comfort for millions of people throughout the world today.

Mrs. Hobbes has been fighting for the recognition of Dr. Gorrie for 10 years. Finding nothing about the inventor in the Encyclopedia Britannica, she wrote the publishers, but they didn't seem interested.

**Legislature Acts**

She got endorsements of Dr. Gorrie from state officials and the Florida congressional delegation, but that didn't influence the Britannica people. In 1941, she finally prepared a resolution which passed the Florida legislature, calling on the encyclopedia to include Gorrie's biography. That did the trick.

The English teacher is working on another honor for the discoverer of the ice-making process. She thinks he is entitled to a place in New York University's Hall of Fame and is circulating petitions endorsing such a move.

Florida paid homage to Dr. Gorrie in 1914 when the state placed his statue in the Capitol in Washington. The school where Mrs. Hobbes teaches was named for the benefactor 25 years ago.

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A monument to Dr. Gorrie is located at Apalachicola, Fla., where he invented the ice machine, practiced medicine and was mayor of the town for a while.

**Alvo**  
Berdina Rueter

The Alvo Ladies Aid met on Tuesday, June 1, at the home of Mrs. Clarence Bucknell of Elmwood.

Marilyn Kellogg underwent an appendicitis operation Friday at the St. Elizabeth hospital. Marilyn returned home from the hospital May 31.

Berdina Rueter visited at the Harold Kellogg home last week.

Alvo won an 8-0 victory over Union, Sunday May 29, in a baseball game played at Alvo.

The Alvo baseball team was defeated by Springfield in a Memorial Day baseball game, May 30, by a score of 17-1.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sundling and boys, of California, returned home recently. They had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Sundling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rueter. Also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rueter are their daughters, Mrs. Leona Peacock and Mrs. Lola Anderson and Diane, all of California, and Mrs. Marie Warnecke and Lynette of Texas.

Miss Betty Bridges, of Lincoln, is visiting at the Fred McNeese home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellogg and family of Ashland, visited at the Frank Eckery home Friday evening.

Mrs. Elmer Rosenow, postmistress at the Alvo Post Office, is now on vacation. Mrs. Marion Kellogg, assistant postmistress, is filling in for Mrs. Rosenow.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Miller, and Bernice Rueter attended the C.C.C.F.A. meeting, at Mynard, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rueter and Joy Ann, of Lincoln, and Mrs. Fred Rueter, Berdina, and Jeanette visited Mrs. Albert Kiser, of Wabash, Monday afternoon.

Jeanette Rueter is visiting at the Willard Rueter home in Lincoln, for a few days.

Les Doran left May 25 for Kansas, where his folks live. Les had been staying with Melvin Doran's in order to finish his schooling at Eagle.

The Alvo "free" shows are scheduled to start Saturday evening, June 4.

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# Elmwood

MRS. GRACE PLYBON, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fleischman of Tekamah visited relatives over the week-end and on Decoration Day they were with the many who attended the Kunz dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogt.

Rev. J. A. Adams has a beautiful flower garden on his lots in west Elmwood and also has a variety of fruits and berries, all of which he keeps tended in the best way.

John McKay spent Decoration Day in Weeping Water, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hollenbeck heard the program there in the afternoon, and went from there to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts for a visit.

On May 23, at the Tekamah Baptist church, Miss Doris Curtis became the bride of Donald Fleischman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fleischman. Relatives from here in attendance were Minnie, Ralph, and Ervin Kunz, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fleischman, Fred Fleischman, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bornemeier, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bornemeier, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleishman, and from Weeping Water Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Knotts, and from Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fleishman.

The couple visited here on their honeymoon, and will make their home at Craig, Nebraska.

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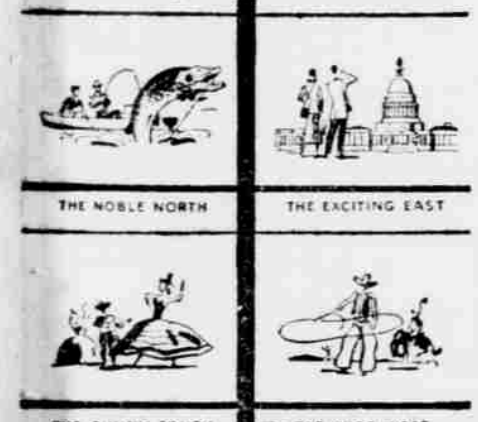
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