

TRAILS and HATS

By G. R. A.

Some More "Southward Ho" New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21 (at midnight)—Less than one week ago the French began a Canal Street can of living human sardines, estimated at more than a half million participants in New Orleans' annual Mardi Gras festival, and now I sit down to draw in word pictures, as best I can, my impressions of this greatest of all North American colorful carnivals; for more than a hundred years New Orleans, originally settled by the French, has been holding its Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, the day preceding the Lenten season. On this day of the pre-Lenten season, the old French custom among Catholics is to "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow is the beginning of prayer and fasting for 40 days."

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT OFFERS SERMON THEME

As Sunday marked the opening of the Lenten season, Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, based his sermon for that day on Christian Lent. This is the first Sunday of the period. For the title of his sermon, Mr. Harris chose, "Lenten Observance." His message follows in part:

There is a growing tendency among Protestant churches to observe more seriously the holy days. Many of these days refer to events in the ministry of our Lord. This is the first Sunday of Lent, and it seems most appropriate that we turn our attention to certain events in the life of our Lord that marked the closing days of his ministry. As we read the account of Christ's ministry during the last few months of his earthly life we are deeply impressed with the colossal ignorance of his disciples. Or shall we say, instead of ignorance, that which is worse, misunderstanding. For instance, observe these words, which were spoken probably within a week of the triumph:

A Very Gay City

We arrived in New Orleans Sunday afternoon, and the Canal Street is New Orleans' main thoroughfare, 120 feet wide, extremely well lighted by the city, including special colored light globes, further supplemented with what must have been hundreds of thousands of white and red or light-bulb on street fronts, with some of them arranged in intricate patterns. It is a very beautiful city. A warm New Orleans—warm in weather and warm in human hospitality and friendliness—greeted me with a willingness to wager that, if you will inspect the books of the Universal Society of Fun and Laughter, you will find that the largest total of every hearty laughter is recorded opposite the name of New Orleans. Honestly, there was a city-wide spontaneity of joy about the city.

"So Many Goals" . . .

While Mardi Gras really means Fat Tuesday, the day that ends the climax of six days of gaiety, some of the preceding days have become of some national fame. Every day brings its parade, with its days as many as 58 wonderful floats; each day's floats are built around some mystical theme, a "god" presiding over it. The "big god" is Rex, who rules over the parade in the name of the king of the gods. I sat within a hundred feet of the parade procession Tuesday noon when, over a national radio network, Rex addressed a few appropriate words to the nation; perhaps you heard him speak. He had stopped at the reviewing stand where, Robert S. Maestri, New Orleans Mayor, and his family were lined up in front of the City Hall. From his "throne," high upon a grandly created float, Rex led the parade of floats.

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'Dunka' Chorus To Sing At Cranbrook

The Ukrainian "Dunka" Chorus, in full native costume, will appear at the Cranbrook auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Saturday night, March 4, as an event in the Cranbrook lecture series. The program will be arranged in full program of Ergasterion, Cranbrook dramatic group, which will present its version of "Forty Years on the River."

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ACCIDENTS CAUSE OF TWO DEATHS IN '38

Chief's Report Shows Total Of 231 Traffic Mishaps During Year

A total of 231 motor vehicle accidents in Birmingham during 1938, which resulted in only two fatalities and injury to 58 persons, is reported by Chief of Police John P. Hackett in the annual resume of police activities submitted to City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

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BUILDING REPORT SHOWS FAIR AVERAGE

Although the middle of winter is not usually a period of much construction, building permits were issued for the month of February, according to the report issued by James B. Baynes' office. Five hundred thirty, eleven permits, involving a total of \$51,475, were issued by Mr. Baynes' office.

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NEW UNIFORMS ASSURE FOR BALDWIN BAND

Fund Exceeds Quota Set By Committee, Concert Audience Told

Baldwin High School band is preparing to start its staff in the height of fashion this spring to demonstrate to the world at large just exactly what the well dressed band is wearing on parade in 1939. New uniforms for the entire personnel were assured, with the announcement Wednesday evening, by Rose Lee. However, in the special committee, that the sum of \$1852 had been received in local contributions (the amount set as a quota by the committee, Mr. Mack announced, was \$1250).

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Aged Couple Passes 57th Milestone Together To Find Journey's End For One

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S. E. GAWNE SEEK PLACE ON COMMISSION

Petition For Local Attorney In Circulation, Makes Contest Probable

The annual city election April 3, which will be held on a Tuesday appearing to be a routine matter, assumed new interest with the circulation of a petition for Samuel E. Gawne as a candidate for the City Commission. Mr. Gawne, who is an attorney, resides at 717 Glenhurst drive. He has made Birmingham his home for the past three years.

Until the petition was taken out, the office of the City Clerk was held by Mr. Gawne, only incumbents whose terms expire, had signified their intention of becoming candidates for re-election. They are Wilmer E. Moody, Luther Heacock, and Ray A. Palmer. With Mr. Gawne as a candidate, there will be a contest for at least one post.

Mr. Gawne was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1928 and received a M.A. degree from the same University in 1931. He also served as an instructor in the Law College last year. He was born in Lorain O. in 1906.

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CIVIL SERVICE RALLY TO SUPPORT MERIT SYSTEM

A "Civil Service rally," sponsored by the Birmingham League of Women Voters and the Oakland County Citizens League will be held in the auditorium of the Baldwin Public Library here Friday evening, March 10, at 8 o'clock. Local people who are interested in strengthening the Merit System Law in Michigan to the end that the "spoils system" may be removed from State government, are requested to attend this public meeting.

Duffs Injured In Automobile Mishap

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Duff, of 1624 East Maple avenue, were involved in an automobile accident Tuesday night, when a result of the icy condition of the streets. An oil truck, driven by Charles Springs, of 1445 Bird street, skidded into their car on East Maple near Columbia. The driver had applied his brakes to avoid hitting a taxicab backing out of Columbia and driven by Harry Royt holds.

Home In Barcelona Is Destination Of Recent Guests Of Birmingham Family

Barcelona, Spain—just a word in the headlines to Birmingham. "After all, Barcelona is our home. We are anxious to get back to see if our house is still standing, although that is extremely uncertain, since we were at the time of our last visit, and sister, Mrs. and Mrs. Henry M. Foley of 888 Madison avenue, New York City, are on the coast to New Orleans, Galveston and Houston, and eventually to Europe, where they will stop in the Hague and Paris. But every city is one step nearer to Barcelona than home and the life which has been theirs for nearly 10 years.

Mr. O'Neill is assistant general manager of the Lykes & Brothers Steamship Company of New Orleans, and will take up his business where he left off, when Barcelona, because of his American citizenship, was forced to wait. He eventually followed his wife, who was a native of New York, to the United States battleship, Maine.

Mr. O'Neill expressed her whole-hearted approbation over the recognition of France's government by Great Britain and France.

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