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The love of the people for the Master on the Eighteenth was very evident as they brought their minds to a focus on this Day of days. It was evident also that His followers scattered throughout the land, who are truly en rapport with his work, were with us in thought. In this issue we are publishing excerpts from many letters received as a testimony of the above statement. We were delighted to have the following Koreshan visitors with us, and they considered it a pleasure and a privilege to be here: Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, and Mrs. McKay of Lakeland, Florida, with Miss Lydia Pierce and her sister, of Fort Myers. The two sisters had to return to Fort Myers, but they made it a point to be with us again at the evening Service, which was held at the Art Hall, the order of which was as follows:

- Music, By the Koreshan Unity Orchestra
- Invocation, Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend
- Song, Congregation
- Oration, From the Writings of Koresh
- Sister Berthaldine
- Vocal Solo, "We Await Thee Here,"
- Words by Alice Lowe
- Brother David Richards
- Oration, From the Writings of Koresh
- Sister Etta Silverfriend
- Music, By the Orchestra
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- Quartet, "The Lord is My Shepherd"
- Brothers
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After the Prayer, all are requested to read after the following response:

We implore Thee, Lord God Almighty, for Thy presence! Cleanse us for Thy habitation! Make us heirs to Thine inheritance, and joint heirs with the Immaculate, Thy Son, O God! This done, in Thee shall we rejoice forever. Amen!

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THE SOLAR FESTIVAL

THE ANNUAL SOLAR FESTIVAL in commemoration of our beloved KORESH was celebrated by the Unity on the Eighteenth of October. It marks the eighty-seventh milestone of the new era, and as time moves on we naturally wonder what great things will transpire during the ensuing year. We are anticipating great changes, because the writings of KORESH are replete with prophecies of things to come. While many of His prophecies have already been fulfilled, the greater things, however, are yet to occur; but here is where we have to possess our souls with patience as to the when and how, knowing that in due time CYRUS will perform all God's pleasure, as foretold of him in Isaiah 44: 28 and 45: 1. Many of the things to come have been portrayed in the book "The Great Red Dragon," and KORESH admonishes the reader to "look upon the production as if looking into the future, wherein will be fulfilled all that is written in the book."

The love of the people for the Master on the Eighteenth was very evident as they brought their minds to a focus on this Day of days. It was evident also that his followers scattered throughout the land, who are truly en rapport with his work, were with us in thought. In this issue we are publishing excerpts from many letters received as a testimony of the above statement. We were delighted to have the following Koreshan visitors with us, and they considered it a pleasure and a privilege to be here: Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, and Mrs. McKay of Lakeland, Florida, with Miss Lydia Pierce and her sister, of Fort Myers. The two sisters had to return to Fort Myers, but they made it a point to be with us again at the evening Service, which was held at the Art Hall, the order of which was as follows:

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- Invocation; Read by Brother Henry Silverfriend
- Song, Congregation
- Oration, From the Writings of Koresh
- Sister Berthaldine
- Vocal Solo, "We Await Thee Here,"
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- Brother David Richards
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- Quartet, "The Lord is My Shepherd"
- Brothers
- George Hunt, David Richards,
- Jesse Putnam, Charles Hunt

After the Prayer, all are requested to read aloud the following response:

We implore Thee, Lord God Almighty, for Thy presence! Cleanse us for Thy habitation! Make us heirs to Thine inheritance, and joint heirs with the Immaculate, Thy Son, O God! This done, in Thee shall we rejoice forever. Amen!

Anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"
Congregation

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Dr. and Mrs. William A. Guild, and Mrs. Gilbert, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Chicago, were guests of the Unity over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer of New York City visited Mr. Boomer's mother and sister, Mrs. B. S. Boomer and Miss Bertha, at their Mirasol home in Estero. They were accompanied by Miss Richardson, also of New York City. Mr. Boomer only stayed a few days, but the ladies remained a few weeks, and in the interim wrought such a transformation in River Bend, the property of Mrs. L. M. Boomer, as to make it one of the show places on our beautiful Estero River. An imposing dock with concrete posts and cement steps and walks leading from the dock to the front porch are great improvement. The main building was greatly improved and exquisitely furnished. Mrs. Boomer gave a house warming before her departure for New York, to the members of the Unity, and all were well pleased with the reception and the dainty refreshments served for the occasion.

Mrs. A. L. Camphausen and Miss Elin Lindberg, of the Estero Tea Garden, gave a delightful party in honor of Mrs. Boomer and Miss Richardson, at Mirasol, and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Fritz Ahrano and a friend from Tampa came to Estero to go hunting with Brother Charles Hunt, but the result of their trip was one wild turkey. With the advent of automobiles and good roads, wild life in Florida is rapidly diminishing and the thrill that was once enjoyed in hunting is no more to be had in this section of the state.

Sister Ella Graham, after a sojourn of several weeks with her folks in Miami, returned home accompanied by Alfred W. Graham and their son Lloyd.

We recently had for Sunday dinner guests from Tampa, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Ahrano, Mrs. McConnell, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfon Straub. Mrs. Ahrano and Mrs. McConnell are daughters of Brother William and Sister Abbie McCready.

Mr. Pease, state representative of the Fairbanks-Torse Company, spent several days at the Unity, overhauling the 80 h. p. engine at our electric light plant. This is the most thorough overhauling our engine has had since we installed it five years ago. In addition to the necessary repairs, two crank-shaft bearings had to be replaced, involving quite an additional expense.

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Mr. Erich S. Olson, of Asbury Park, N. J., arrived recently in Estero and may remain with us indefinitely. He spent some months at the Llano Colony in Louisiana, and believes in the principles of communistic life. He is a carpenter and his services are most acceptable at this time. We sincerely hope he will feel at home with us. He realizes that KORESH is the only hope of the world.

The Ringling menagerie at Sarasota, Florida, attracts thousands of people annually, and much of interest is to be seen there. Brothers Alfred Christensen and John Watson visited the show grounds recently, while Brothers Allen Andrews and Theodore Naeselius went on to Bradenton to see J. W. Barney, horticulturist and developer of choice mangoes and avocados.

This reminds us that delicious papayas are grown in our own gardens, being served almost daily at the Unity. A recent analysis of this wonderful fruit was instituted by Dr. Kellogg, of Battle Creek fame, and was found to contain important food properties. Green papayas cooked as a vegetable make a delicious dish, but the ripened fruit is the preferable way to serve it. It lends itself also to the making of delicious preserves and syrups. Edith Trebell makes a fine candy from this remarkable fruit.

Citrus trees in Florida at this season are laden with luscious grapefruit, oranges and tangerines, a most entrancing picture, especially to the myriad of tourists who come here to escape the rigors of the wintry blasts of the North. There is another side to the picture, however, that is anything but entrancing, and that is a demoralized fruit market; the grower cannot realize anything for his fruit, and sometimes he has to stand the total loss for shipments. Surely there is great need of a stabilizing hand to equitably adjust the affairs of the world. But as KORESH says, "A fiery baptism for the world must comprise the basis of reconstruction."

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MRS. PEARL COX and her sister, Mrs. Opal Hodge, arrived in Estero by automobile from Charleston, Illinois, and will remain as guests of the Unity during the winter. Both ladies are daughters of Brother John S. Sargent. They were accompanied by Mr. Bryan Lee, a grandson of Brother John, and little Ralph, Mr. Lee's son. The reunion was a very happy one to all concerned. After a few days' visit Mr. Lee and his son returned to Illinois.

Dr. and Mrs. William A. Guild, and Mrs. Gilbert, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Chicago, were guests of the Unity over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Boomer of New York City visited Mr. Boomer's mother and sister, Mrs. B. S. Boomer and Miss Bertha, at their Mirasol home in Estero. They were accompanied by Miss Richardson, also of New York City. Mr. Boomer only stayed a few days, but the ladies remained a few weeks, and in the interim wrought such a transformation in River Bend, the property of Mrs. L. M. Boomer, as to make it one of the show places on our beautiful Estero River. An imposing dock with concrete posts and cement steps and walks leading from the dock to the front porch are a great improvement. The main building was greatly improved and exquisitely furnished. Mrs. Boomer gave a house warming before her departure for New York, to the members of the Unity, and all were well pleased with the reception and the dainty refreshments served for the occasion.

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We recently had for Sunday dinner guests from Tampa, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Ahrano, Mrs. McConnell, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfon Straub. Mrs. Ahrano and Mrs. McConnell are daughters of Brother William and Sister Abbie McCready.

Mr. Pease, state representative of the Fairbanks-Morse Company, spent several days at the Unity, overhauling the 80 h. p. engine at our electric light plant. This is the most thorough overhauling our engine has had since we installed it five years ago. In addition to the necessary repairs, two crank-shaft bearings had to be replaced, involving quite an additional expense.

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The Ringling menagerie at Sarasota, Florida, attracts thousands of people annually, and much of interest is to be seen there. Brothers Alfred Christensen and John Watson visited the show grounds recently, while Brothers Allen Andrews and Theodore Naeselius went on to Bradenton to see J. W. Barney, horticulturist and developer of choice mangoes and avocados.

This reminds us that delicious papayas are grown in our own gardens, being served almost daily at the Unity. A recent analysis of this wonderful fruit was instituted by Dr. Kellogg, of Battle Creek fame, and was found to contain important food properties. Green papayas cooked as a vegetable make a delicious dish, but the ripened fruit is the preferable way to serve it. It lends itself also to the making of delicious preserves and syrups. Edith Trebell makes a fine candy from this remarkable fruit.

Citrus trees in Florida at this season are laden with luscious grapefruit, oranges and tangerines, a most entrancing picture, especially to the myriad of tourists who come here to escape the rigors of the wintry blasts of the North. There is another side to the picture, however, that is anything but entrancing, and that is a demoralized fruit market; the grower cannot realize anything for his fruit, and sometimes he has to stand the total loss for shipments. Surely there is great need of a stabilizing hand to equitably adjust the affairs of the world. But as KORESH says, "A fiery baptism for the world must comprise the basis of reconstruction."



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Boomer were guests at a luncheon given by Mrs. John Furen of Fort Myers, assisted by her charming daughter, Flora. The Furens are old acquaintances, having come to Estero in the early days of the Koreshan settlement. Miss Furen made a splendid showing in the recent primaries for nomination of representative to be elected to the Florida state legislature, being high "man" with the present incumbent, which necessitated a run-off in a special primary in which she lost by a small majority. According to Koreshan principles, this is woman's age; and it looks as though the women will have to get in and "clean up" politics, as the men have been at it a long, long time, and if the present muddle in government and politics at large is any foreshadowing of what the future holds in store for us, the women can't assert their rights to leadership a whit too soon!

Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano arrived Saturday, July 28, from Tampa to stay a week at the Unity. She returned home the following Saturday. The "latch string" is always out for our good friends and friendly former members, whom we are ever glad to welcome.

Saturday evening, July 28, the members attending the dining room for supper were agreeably surprised to find an ice cream treat in store for them. Enough cream to satisfy all (and that means considerable) was furnished by our generous hostess-for-the-occasion, Bertha M. Boomer, of Mirasol Grove. For want of a better name, the affair might well be termed an "airport party." It seems that negotiations have been under way for some time to establish an airport on some hundred acres of the Boomer property, on the north side of Estero River, and at the conclusion of negotiations a "celebration" was to be held. Owing to some hitch or other, however, the airport is still "up in the air." But we're one up on an ice cream treat, thanks to Bertha M. Boomer!

Sunday the 29th some relatives and friends arrived from Iowa to visit Brother John Grier. The party consisted of Mrs. Grover Grier, Miss Margaret Grier, Mrs. John Pearson, Doris, John and Ballard Pearson and Arthur Trimm.

August 2, our two young guests from Philadelphia, Rahnoel and Norman Bond, after a month's visit, which we trust was enjoyable to them, left for Miami, from which port they sailed for home on the

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Wednesday the 8th Sister Cora Stephens visited Miss Pierce of Fort Myers. The following day the two started on a motor trip that took them to Tampa, Lakeland and other places. Sister Cora returned to Estero the following Monday.

Mrs. Frank Lewis visited friends at the Unity on the ninth, returning to Everglades the next day.

Friday, August 10, Brother Franklin Jacke, who has had charge of the Unity store for many years, took one of his infrequent vacations and motored to Tampa with Leroy Lamoreaux of Estero Island. They returned the following day.

Sunday, August 12, Wade Stephens, with Raymond Trebell and two other young men, left on a motor tour of the West in Raymond's car. They planned to be gone a month and expected to travel some ten thousand miles. Their itinerary was to include Chicago, to see the Fair, some of the Western national parks, on to the Pacific Coast, then back by way of Texas and New Orleans. The trip should be educational as well as pleasurable.

Dr. John Seebold of LaBelle visited the Unity on Sunday the twelfth.

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Thanks to the forethought and enterprise of Brother Theodore Naeselius we have enjoyed delicious watermelons occasionally. And they're mighty welcome in this season of high mercury and oppressive humidity. Sorry to report, though, that the demand far exceeds the supply! We're not in the same case as the little darky in the story of the darky and the watermelons. A pickaninny died shortly after eating too heartily of the darkies' favorite "fruit," and it was reported that his demise resulted from eating too much watermelon. "No, sah," said one darky to another; "dat wasn't de trubble at all. Dey wasn't too much watahmilyun; dey jes' wasn't enuff boy!"

Brother Henry Silverfriend returned on July 26 from a visit to the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago. He reports having had a very fine time, and he passed some of this on to others by recounting to the membership assembled at mealtime his experiences at the Fair and the most interesting things he saw there. Brother Henry is an accomplished speaker, so his description of his visit was both vivid and entertaining.

On July 27 a party from Estero con-

Boomer were guests at a luncheon given by Mrs. John Furen of Fort Myers, assisted by her charming daughter, Flora. The Furens are old acquaintances, having come to Estero in the early days of the Koreshan settlement. Miss Furen made a splendid showing in the recent primaries for nomination of representative to be elected to the Florida state legislature, being high "man" with the present incumbent, which necessitated a run-off in a special primary in which she lost by a small majority. According to Koreshan principles, this is woman's age; and it looks as though the women will have to get in and "clean up" politics, as the men have been at it a long, long time, and if the present muddle in government and politics at large is any foreshadowing of what the future holds in store for us, the women can't assert their rights to leadership a whit too soon!

Mrs. Lovelle Ahrano arrived Saturday, July 28, from Tampa to stay a week at the Unity. She returned home the following Saturday. The "latch string" is always out for our good friends and friendly former members, whom we are ever glad to welcome.

Saturday evening, July 28, the members attending the dining room for supper were agreeably surprised to find an ice cream treat in store for them. Enough cream to satisfy all (and that means considerable) was furnished by our generous hostess-for-the-occasion, Bertha M. Boomer, of Mirasol Grove. For want of a better name, the affair might well be termed an "airport party." It seems that negotiations have been under way for some time to establish an airport on some hundred acres of the Boomer property, on the north side of Estero River, and at the conclusion of negotiations a "celebration" was to be held. Owing to some hitch or other, however, the airport is still "up in the air." But we're one up on an ice cream treat, thanks to Bertha M. Boomer!

Sunday the 29th some relatives and friends arrived from Iowa to visit Brother John Grier. The party consisted of Mrs. Grover Grier, Miss Margaret Grier, Mrs. John Pearson, Doris, John and Ballard Pearson and Arthur Trimm.

August 2, our two young guests from Philadelphia, Ruhnold and Norman Bond, after a month's visit, which we trust was enjoyable to them, left for Miami, from which port they sailed for home on the

the guests of Robert and Lloyd Graham. The party from the Unity returned Sunday accompanied by Sister Ella Graham, who had been visiting with her sons, Robert and Lloyd, in Miami for the past two months.

Brother Allen Andrews motored to Miami on the third, returning the following Monday with Peter Blem, who spent several weeks under the care of Dr. E. L. Rasmussen of Coral Gables. We are glad to state that Brother Peter seems much improved, and we hope that in a very short time he will be about with his old-time vigor, for Brother Peter is a valuable member.

Wednesday the 8th Sister Cora Stephens visited Miss Pierce of Fort Myers. The following day the two started on a motor trip that took them to Tampa, Lakeland and other places. Sister Cora returned to Estero the following Monday.

Mrs. Frank Lew's visited friends at the Unity on the ninth, returning to Everglades the next day.

Friday, August 10, Brother Franklin Jacke, who has had charge of the Unity store for many years, took one of his infrequent vacations and motored to Tampa with Leroy Lamoreaux of Estero Island. They returned the following day.

Sunday, August 12, Wade Stephens, with Raymond Trebell and two other young men, left on a motor tour of the West in Raymond's car. They planned to be gone a month and expected to travel some ten thousand miles. Their itinerary was to include Chicago, to see the Fair, some of the Western national parks, on to the Pacific Coast, then back by way of Texas and New Orleans. The trip should be educational as well as pleasurable.

Dr. John Seebold of LaBelle visited the Unity on Sunday the twelfth.

Tuesday, the 14th, a party composed of Sisters Tacy Weaver, Carrie Peterson and Alwina Lorweier and Brothers George Hunt, George Dore, Harry Irwin and Dale Peterson enjoyed a boat picnic down the river.

On August 20, our dairyman, Brother George Bielor, left for Arcadia, Florida. Brother Albert Jacobs will replace him in charge of the dairy.

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