

# LEE FIGHTERS ARE TO MEET IN JUNE

### Thinning Gray Ranks To Gather at First "Rebel" Capital

By GUY HAMILTON (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
ATLANTA, Ga., May 22. (U.P.)—Veterans of the Confederate army, all of them nearing the end of life, are looking forward with the same old eagerness this year to joining comrades at their annual southern reunion. They have planned for the same trip, faithfully, every year since the custom was begun in the nineties, and all of them plan to attend the gathering until the time comes to join their fellow soldiers who are dead.

The trip across the southern states will be hard on the 2,500 veterans who will assemble in Montgomery, Ala., on June 3 of this year. But many of the old soldiers have said, "We would rather die at a reunion than anywhere else in the world." Frequently they get their wish.

### COLORFUL CHIEFS GONE

There are no more of the colorful leaders of the Confederacy at the gatherings, and at the annual muster not a general answers the roll call. There are a few colonels, a few majors and captains. The rest are men who joined the gray ranks as boys during the last days of the Civil war. Men older at the time have already passed away, for the war was fought two-thirds of a century ago.

The reunion this year will be in the old capital of the Confederacy where Jefferson Davis and a cabinet of southern leaders sat and directed the Confederate armies' final existence. The men who fought from 1861 to 1865 for secession from the Union will visit the historic old capital where the Confederate congress held its deliberations. They will see the old home which served as the White House of the southern nation.

### TO HOLD BALL

Quarters for them will be provided in Sidney Lanier high school, where the desks of students will be supplanted by rows of army cots. Last year the old men slept under canvas, in army fashion, on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico at Biloxi.

As usual the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Ladies' Memorial association, and other patriotic organizations will join in caring for the old soldiers, helping them have a good time. Government military units will take part in the celebration, and even the United States army military band will be present to play for soldiers who once fought against the army of the United States.

There will be addresses and business sessions in the mornings and afternoons, as usual. In the evenings the veterans will hold a ball, the Sons of Veterans another, and an organization will join in merri-ment. Musicians will play the old tunes to which the men marched off behind Lee in 1861. "The Bonnie Blue Flag" will be heard again. So will "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and "Dixie," the martial tune which has really acquired a spiritual value in the south. At those balls old legs which once tramped in the columns of Jackson, and straddled Stewart's speedy cavalry horses will swing blithely again to old-time jigs.

Although state organizations had held previous reunions, the first southern gathering to be held by the United Confederate Veterans occurred in the early nineties. As many as twelve or fifteen thousand of the "boys in gray," together with the most beautiful belles of Dixie used to attend. Now the ranks are thinning more and more rapidly. Veterans of the Civil war who join say in the celebration of one year are more than likely to have heard taps before another is over.

Governor B. M. Miller will welcome them to Montgomery this year. There has been talk of doing away with reunions now because of the increasing feebleness of the soldiers. But the soldiers themselves want to keep on going. They will as long as they can.

### DEVELOPS NEW RACKET

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 22. (U.P.)—A new racket developed here after county authorities warned business men that operators of slot machines paying coins would be prosecuted. Two men followed the announcement by posing as officers. They collected the machines, removed the coins and then disappeared.

### TO SINK DEEP GOLD SHAFT

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., May 22. (U.P.)—A shaft will be sunk to a 500-foot level in the Rio claims in the Ten Mile district, according to a report. A G. Frazier of Berkeley, the new owner of the mines, believes that gold formations may be found at that depth. Geologists concur with this belief.

# TAME THUNDERCLOUD IN BACK YARD IS STUDIED AS KEY TO LIGHTNING LOSSES

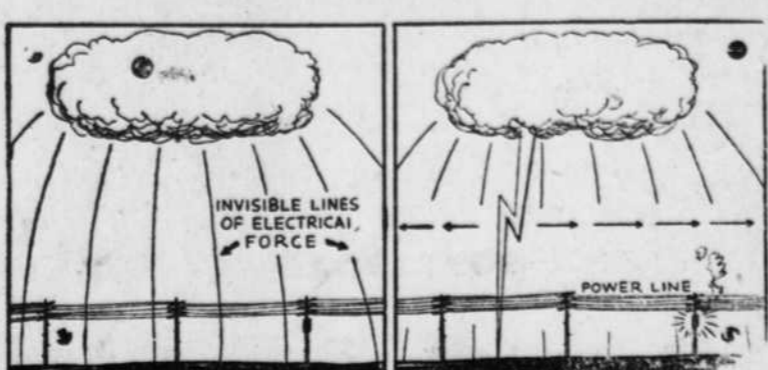
By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE (Associated Press Science Editor)  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 21. (U.P.)—Purdue university has an artificial electric "cloud" hanging eaves-high outside the rear wall of its electrical engineering building.

Inside this wall in a laboratory is caged, a million-volt stroke of lightning, so tamed that it bangs away at the "cloud" by the hair, with no more fuss than a bright spark and a small fire-cracker snap.

Between the cloud and the ground pass the wires of an ordinary power line, the kind which is strung outside every home using electricity. By storming away at this power line Purdue is endeavoring to discover ways to minimize the winking out of lights during thunder storms.

The lightning study is made for the Utilities Research commission by C. S. Sprague of Purdue under direction of Prof. C. F. Harding, head of the school of electrical engineering.

The "cloud" is a group of parallel electrified wires, which produce no moisture, but radiate to the earth the same electrical forces which interchange the air during a thunderstorm. Hanging twelve inches below this "cloud," the electric light wires are in precisely the same kind of electrical field that would surround them coming from a real thundercloud several thousand feet distant, carrying a 100,000,000-volt stroke of



Invisible lines of electrical force between thunderclouds and the earth, as shown at left, are broken when lightning strikes nearby. It is the breaking of these lines which damages power lines. Purdue engineers are seeking a way to prevent this damage.

lightning does not touch the power line. The harm comes from sudden cutting of the invisible lines of force sent out sends a smashing, induced surge of electricity over the light wires.

The Purdue men have determined the extent of this unexpected strain, which sometimes burns out the transformers fixed on street corner poles. Life size transformers in the Purdue laboratory are subjected to these shocks, and the experiments determine how much additional insulation will prevent damage and save the lights.

Ninety-nine out of one hundred times when damage is done the natural lightning does not touch the power line. The harm comes from sudden cutting of the invisible lines of force sent out sends a smashing, induced surge of electricity over the light wires.

# SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY  
HOLLYWOOD, May 21.—The seaside colony called Malibu, 30 miles away, is an attractive place to live for many stars and directors and it is the only private and secluded beach within reasonable driving distance of Hollywood.

The colony was founded several years ago. Nearly all other beach property within an hour's drive is state or city-owned and hence open to the public. Malibu residents, numbering less than 300, are the only ones who use the beach in front of their homes.

For this and other privileges they pay what seems like a fancy price: \$1 per month per front foot. Most lots are 30 feet wide, although some are 45 and 60 feet. The property is only leased; it cannot be purchased. The present 10-year leases, which expire in 1936, will be renewed for five years, but the price increases to \$2.50 per month.

Homes that cost as little as \$7,500 to mansions worth \$50,000 and more are built on rented ground.



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**QUIET SPOT TO REST**  
Anna Q. Nilson looking for a quiet spot to rest, was the first to build at Malibu. She told her friends of its advantages and Marie Prevost, George O'Brien, John Gilbert, Corinne Griffith and Ronald Colman, among the players, took her advice and built summer places.

Now there are 116 homes, most of them housing motion picture celebrities. At first, gas and kerosene were used for lighting and cooking and the absence of telephones made Malibu seem even further from Hollywood.

Now, however, there is every convenience.

### FILADELPHIA ARCHEOLOGIST SAILS

PHILADELPHIA, May 22. (U.P.)—Dr. Cyrus H. Gordon, 22 year old instructor of Semitic languages, the University of Pennsylvania's youngest archeologist, is about to leave for Bagdad, having just been appointed a fellow in the American School of Oriental Research of that city.

A household page says that there are two ways of making rhubarb sauce. If the second way is like the first, never mind—Minneapolis Journal.

**BURRS KILL COSTLY SOWS**  
BRADY, Neb., May 22. (U.P.)—Ten valuable sows died after eating sprouted cockle burrs in the legs of Charles V. Hanson, farmer, living near here. Last year's burrs, falling on the ground, had sprouted and taken root. The hogs ate the young burrs and the plant.

### NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 22

(U.P.)—A successful operation for removal of a shoetree from the stomach of a five-months old English bulldog was performed here recently. An X-ray showed the location of the shoetree, and an incision in "Sir Puss" stomach made its removal possible.

# AIR FORCE OF 125 "FLYING LEATHERNECKS" HELPS MARINES KEEP "SITUATION IN HAND"

By OSCAR LEIDING (Associated Press Aviation Editor)  
WASHINGTON, May 21. (U.P.)—"Flying Leathernecks," to David S. Ingalls, assistant secretary of navy for aeronautics, are the nation's modern minute men.

The battles of the aviation section of the marine corps—whether against the malaria-carrying mosquito or the bandit warring in the bush—are his pride.

"First to fight, they are also first in time of emergency," he says.

A small organization, roughly 125 pilots and 85 planes, the aviation section of the marine corps stands ready to leave upon 24 hours' notice on any mission.

"Marine aviation," Secretary Ingalls says, "means this to the nation today: A flying force ever ready to fight; vast savings in number of ground troops needed

beyond the confines of the continent; but mainly an army with actual war experience that is literally accomplishing wonders in keeping our naval aviation up to date.

"In these times of peace we are apt to forget that we have pilots who go out each day and return, often enough, with bullet holes drilled in their planes.

"Through Nicaraguan operations alone the marine aviation corps has been in 115 aerial contacts with groups of bandits ranging in number from five to 200.

"During the engagements, more than 650 bombs were dropped, and nearly a quarter-million pounds of ammunition fired from the aerial machine guns.

"This was accomplished at a cost of but one wounded aviator. However, the planes were struck many times by enemy bullets, a total of 139 hits being recorded.

"Intensive mosquito dusting during the rainy seasons was of such effect that hospital admissions for malaria were dropped in three months from 150 to 3 per month."

The marine aviation unit is nearing its twentieth birthday, for the first "Leatherneck" to be assigned to flying was Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, who was ordered May 21, 1912, to join four navy pilots, the whole aviation force. Its present head is Col. T. C. Turner, a naval aviator and holder of the distinguished flying cross.

Besides the aviation force supporting ground troops in Nicaragua, the marines have one observation squadron in Haiti engaged in routine training and carrying of mail, military passengers and supplies.

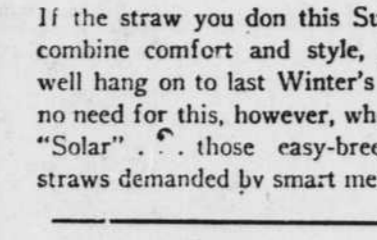


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# JOBLESS AIDED BY KIN IN JAPAN

By MILES W. VAUGHN (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
TOKYO, May 22. (U.P.)—Japan's unemployment situation is virtually stationary and while there is no indication of an early improvement there equally is no indication the jobless will increase during the summer, a government spokesman told the United Press.

It should be remembered, the spokesman said, that the problem of unemployment manifests itself in Japan in a way entirely different from that of the United States and Europe. Japan's social structure, built on the family system, keeps the number of entirely unemployed at a comparatively low group and does much to prevent suffering. Families in this country are large and in nearly every group at least some members have jobs. These support their brothers or cousins who are out of work or divide their tasks with them.

### HOME INDUSTRIES

In addition Japan has a great number of home industries and these provide a least partial employment for persons who may have lost the work they had in factories during the period of prosperity. The home industries cover a great range of activity and while workers may not be well paid they at least are able to make some sort of a living.

The Japanese always have been adept at finding work for all members of the family and even when regularly employed many workers have had side jobs in addition. Thus a factory worker often tills a small farm during his spare hours. If the factory closes and he loses his job he merely devotes all his time to farming instead of merely a part. Or he may aid his wife, who likely has had some independent occupation of her own, such as running a small shop or doing piecework in one of the hundreds of home industries.

### ADAPTABILITY SHOWN

Scores of cases of the adaptability of the Japanese in earning his family while his wife can as well. Poultry and eggs bring Oklahoma a yearly income of nearly \$32,000, or one-fourth the income from all livestock.

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