

Thriving Brazilian Town Stands As Monument To Ex-Southerners

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Sao Paulo, Brazil — (U.P.) — A thriving town of 20,000 stands today as a monument to a group of Southerners who left Alabama and Georgia after the fall of the Confederacy in 1865 and started a new life in Brazil.

The town is Americana, some 90 miles from Sao Paulo.

A few descendants of the founders still live there but in recent years, most moved away. Some become professional and businessmen in the larger cities of Brazil and others returned to the United States. A number intermarried with Brazilians.

Vivid Memories

But a lady with vivid memories of the "Dixie" colony is Mrs. Julia Morris Jones, a sprightly 76, whose father and grandfather were the original co-found-

County Files Motion In Suit for Damages

A motion to strike was filed yesterday by the county concerning parts of a civil damage suit filed recently against Jackson county by Richard Charles Lehnher, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Lehnher had asked the court for \$3,265 in damages from the county based on a log truck accident at a bridge over Wagner creek on Sept. 15, 1934. He alleged that the defendant was negligent while repairing a bridge over the creek, causing his log truck to hit the bridge and go into a ditch.

Co-Plaintiff in the case with Lehnher is the Inland Empire Insurance association. Stanley Jones Jr. is representing the plaintiffs.

ers of Americana. She was born there in 1878.

I talked with her at her Sao Paulo home. Visiting her at the time was her sister, Mrs. Kenzie DaGuerre Morris Bletz, also born at the colony. She now lives in Washington, D.C.

This is the story they tell:

When Lee surrendered at Appomattox, their grandfather, Col. William Hutchinson Morris of Alabama, and her father Dr. Robert Morris, left the Confederacy to find new homes for a group who no longer wanted to live in a Yankee-dominated South.

Emperor Interested

They arrived in Rio de Janeiro late in 1865 and their project caught the interest of Dom Pedro II, Emperor of Brazil. He suggested the Santa Barbara region in the state of Sao Paulo, pointing out its climate would approximate that of Alabama.

Colonel and Dr. Morris arrived in Santa Barbara the day after Christmas, 1865. They bought land and some slaves (slavery was the custom in Brazil, too, then), built homes and began farming. They wrote back for others to join them.

"John Cole from Georgia was the only one to bring a slave with him from the United States," Mrs. Bletz recalled. "Aunt Slivy."

They began to organize schools, a meeting house, sewing circles, community fetes, picnics, musicals.

Brought Watermelon Seeds

"One of the men, John Elias Whittaker, from Marietta, Ga., brought along a handful of watermelon seeds from the United States," Mrs. Bletz said. "We had watermelons for our picnics. They were the first watermelons

in Brazil. Today you can buy them all over Brazil."

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"But the first real teacher came from Canton, O., a Yankee," Mrs. Jones said. "His name was Mr. Mark Marion King. He was one of the sweetest men you've ever met."

The settlers were well established in 1888 when the Brazilian government abolished slavery. The Americans this time freed their slaves without argument.

"Very few of the descendants live in Brazil today," Mrs. Jones said. "At Vila Americana there are only two or three families."

Patterson Notes End Of Forest Fire Season

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson yesterday proclaimed the end of the forest fire season in Oregon and set aside burning restriction until next April 1.

The proclamation removes the need for burning permits and suspends other seasonal fire prevention regulations.

Gov. Patterson said forest fire losses in Oregon this year were the second lowest since fire records have been tabulated. He praised Oregon citizens, the efficiency of forestry organizations and loggers, along with favorable weather, for making the successful season. The governor also cited the work of the Keep Oregon Green association.

Americans between 30 and 40 are the heaviest coffee drinkers.

As We Live

NEWCOMER TO FAMILY MUST SHOW CAUTION

Mixing in family affairs, when one is a newcomer in the family, can lead to trouble. That is why I am advising one young woman to don kid gloves in handling her problem. She writes:

(Q) "About two years ago, my sister-in-law had a nervous breakdown. The doctor told her she should have no more children. Since the breakdown she has never been mentally well. Now she is to have another baby. Her husband pays hardly any attention to her. All he is interested in are his hobbies. He has not had her treated for this mental condition."

"The family talks about it, but no one steps in to do anything. I sincerely believe she should have mental treatment. I have been married only a year and hate to interfere, as I am the newest member of the family. She has her parents and, since her husband has done nothing for her, I think they should step in and get the care she needs. I am asking your advice on the matter."

(A) My advice is to be very careful what you say or do in this matter. You could stir up a lot of trouble and bitter resentment in the family that might prove to be a real handicap to a happy marriage for you.

The very fact that the other members of the family do nothing — even though they are obviously concerned about the matter, just as you are — would indicate that they feel they can make no headway with

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the husband, or even with the young woman's parents.

The one thing you could do, without stirring up trouble, would be offering to go with your sister-in-law when she has her next check-up by her doctor. Make a point of meeting him when you are in his office. Then, after you return home and when your sister-in-law is not within earshot, telephone the doctor. Tell him about your sister-in-law's mental condition. If he is the doctor who took care of her when she had her breakdown, he knows her case history. If not, he can get the records from the doctor who treated her before and will know how to handle her case.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

DAV Plans Increase In Service Work By Member Groups

An increase in service work by member chapters of the Disabled American Veterans was planned during a session Sunday, at Grants Pass, attended by VFW department members from Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Oakland and Coquille.

An endorsement also was made for the Jackson County salvage rehabilitation VFW project for the assistance to nonresident indigent veterans.

Full and unqualified endorsement of whatever action is taken by the Jackson County Veterans Allied council on the matter of congressional action for installation of surgical and medical facilities at the VA domicil-

iary center at Camp White, was another of the decisions made by the group.

The host chapter served a

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 15 will meet Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Presbyterian church.

The theme for this month is "Adventures in History" and skits will be presented by several Dens—All Cubs and their parents are urged to attend.

Pack Secretary

U.S. Fishing industry use more than 6,000,000 tons of ice annually.

turkey dinner in the VFW hall and auxiliary members also met during the day.

Attending from Medford were Lester L. Moser, VFW commander of Jackson county, Pat Graham, adjutant, Lester Mathes, an executive committeeman, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Lillie, and Mrs. Bertha Neff, VAVS representatives, and Mr. and Mrs. Linn Elliott. Elliott was officer of the day and adjutant; and Mrs. Elliott is a member of the auxiliary.

Baden Robinson, Grants Pass, department commander and other department officers took part in the meeting.

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