

**Boyle's Column**

**Florida Southern College  
Most Unusual In America**

By HAL BOYLE  
LAKELAND, Fla., April 1 (AP)—A 60-year-old college president who never saw the inside of a schoolroom of any kind until he was 18 is building here the most unusual campus in America.

The Florida Southern college which Dr. Ludd M. Spivey has directed since 1925 already was noteworthy because it had the only citrus grove campus and imported Hindu temple in the country.

Under construction now is a 19-building development designed by the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, in an ultra-modernistic style peculiar to Wright himself. Typical examples: A chapel without crosses or lights, a semi-circular library that has an inside garden, skylights and can double as an auditorium or music room.

**Student Labor**  
The buildings are of yellow-colored concrete, coquina shell blocks—made by student labor—glass bricks and steel. They will be linked by a mile-and-a-half esplanade or covered sidewalk of unique design. No feature of the architecture resembles the traditional Gothic or sandstone and red brick horrors beloved on many campuses.

Some students and visitors are crazy over the buildings. More conservative ones just say, "the buildings are crazy."

Dr. Spivey enjoys the controversy, is content with the knowledge his Methodist college will bear the distinction of having the largest group of Wright-designed structures extant.

"They illustrate Mr. Wright's belief that buildings should harmonize with their surroundings, should seem to flow out of their surroundings," he said. And even in their present incomplete stage there is a distinct feeling of Florida's sand and mellow sunlight about them.

As unusual as the buildings is Dr. Spivey himself, a farmboy-preacher-educator who never attended school of any kind until he was 18 and received his college degree at 34.

Twenty-two years ago he came here to head a small debt-ridden college of 129 students and at the end of its present two-year construction program will own 45 buildings.

**Champ Fund Raiser**  
A fund-raiser able to talk bequests out of a stone Indian, Dr. Spivey has obtained financial support from all classes. One of the college's chief benefactors is Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, a former student.

Dr. Spivey wants to keep his college reasonably small—no more than 2500 students—be-

cause he thinks small colleges have an advantage over universities of huge enrollment.

"They produce more leaders because each student has more chance to share and take an active part in the group social life," he said. "Fifty years ago small colleges had 75 per cent of the enrollment and produced 75 per cent of the country's leaders. Now they only have about 25 per cent of the enrollment—the larger universities get most—but they still produce 65 to 75 per cent of the leaders."

Dr. Spivey, a disciple of John Dewey, is strongly social minded.

**Human College**  
"I believe in a human college not in an ivory tower," he said. "A college where science provides the tools and where education and religion point the way."

A feature of the campus is its

"garden of meditation" containing a ten-ton Hindu temple brought 15,000 miles from Benares by Dr. Frederick B. Fisher, a former missionary bishop in India. Noteworthy also are the hundreds of orange and grapefruit trees scattered throughout the 80-acre campus. Last year they produced 5000 boxes.

"No, the students didn't pick them—they ate them," said Dr. Spivey.

A friend summed up the white-haired educator's remarkable career:

"He's been shaking the bushes all these years, and now his work is bearing fruit."

**Peavy Named Chest President**

SALEM, April 1 (AP)—Dr. George W. Peavy, Corvallis, former president of Oregon State college, was reelected president of the Oregon Community Chest at the fourth annual meeting here yesterday.

Elected executive committee members included A. L. Schroeder, Baker.

**Motorists Warned To Keep Off Lake 'O Woods Road**

A warning to motorists to keep off the Lake o' the Woods road beyond Rocky Point until further notice, was issued today by Wally Hector, county engineer.

Hector made the trip over the road Saturday with great difficulty to check on the progress of the clearing operation. He reported about six inches of packed ice below the surface of the snow. The ice is bumpy and uneven, he said, conducive to bad skids with unexpected spots of thawing where a car could easily bog down.

Work has been started with a bulldozer from Rocky Point junction and will continue on through Lake o' the Woods on Dead Indian road to the Jackson county line.

Saturday noon Harold Bortin, cat operator, had reached the summit beyond Lake o' the Woods, where he encountered about a four-foot depth of heavy snow.

When the entire road has been cleared of ice and snow, use of the blade will be the next operation.

Thawing ice and frost in the ground makes for bad travel conditions, Hector pointed out, and travel on the road at the present time may not only be hazardous to motorists, but filling in "sitzmarks" caused by bogged vehicles will delay completion of the road work.

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bureau federation a delegate warned today as the organization opened a three-day conference.

George H. Wilson of Clarkburg, Calif., federation executive board member, referred to the grazing land proposals with the remark:

"The federation must proceed with caution for in some states the government owns approximately 75 per cent of the land—creating a situation that calls for more study before policies are crystallized."

Also under discussion by the delegates from 11 western states was irrigation and farming methods and rural auto and insurance rates.

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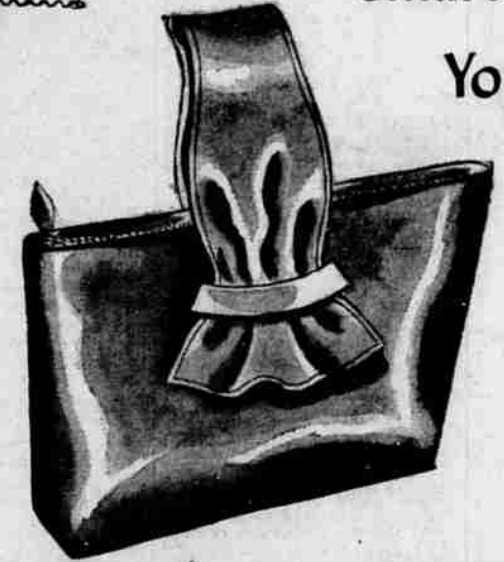
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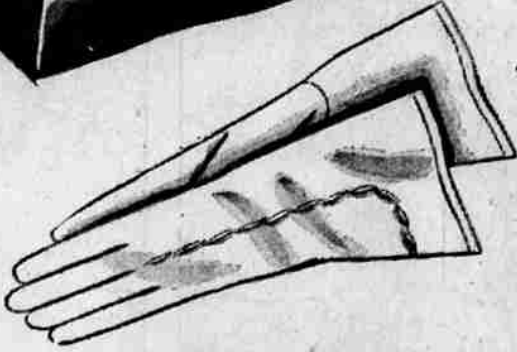


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