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EXTRA!**SYRIA AND LEBANON
TO BE FREE FROM
FRENCH MANDATE**

Dispatches from reliable sources to-day, September 9th, direct from Paris, disclose that the French government is ready to terminate its mandate over Syria and Lebanon.

Negotiations which have been pending for over a month between leading Syrian diplomats and emissaries of France have finally come to a successful conclusion in favor of Syrian freedom.

The Syrian delegation was headed by Hashim Bey Al-Attassi, and the treaty will become effective immediately upon ratification by the Syrian Parliament and the French House of Deputies after which the Syrian Republic under its own government and without any European influence will be eligible to membership in the League of Nations.

France however, according to the terms of the treaty, will not relinquish her hold upon Syria until such time when Syria can organize her own military defenses after which Syria will be bound by alliance in any event of war.

At last Syria is on the road to independence and self government. Free from any oppression. Its freedom is to be credited to those patriotic leaders whose devotion to the motherland shall be an everlasting tribute and honor in the history of our own FREE SYRIA.

**MID WEST FEDERATION OF SYRIAN
AMERICAN CLUBS
NOW A REALITY**

**Dr. WAHEEB S. ZARICK, First President.
Other Officers Unanimously Elected**

Indianapolis, Ind., August 3, 1936.—The Third Federation of Syrian American Clubs to be organized in the United States was officially accomplished in this city at an elaborate convention.

Long a need in the mid-western States and following the paths of the Southern and Eastern Federations the mid-west conclave was successfully inaugurated.

Early Saturday, August 1st, caravans of Syrians began to flock into the spacious hall of the convention headquarters. Delegates from the eleven states comprising the Mid-West Federation saw in this first convention what seemed a solid front and complete unity among the mid-west Syrians.

The states represented at the convention are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The convention was sponsored by the Syrian American Brotherhood of Indianapolis of which the newly elected Federation president was an active member of the pre-convention committee.

The first day was taken up mostly with the registration of clubs and their delegates and guests. Visitors came from California and Florida and a good-will ambassador from the Eastern Federation. Immediately after the registration, the early arrivals were taken on a sight-seeing tour of Indianapolis. The Civil War Monument, the World War Memorial, Veterans of Foreign Wars Headquarters, The James Whitcomb Riley Home and the famous Scottish Rite Cathedral were among the distinguished places visited.

The first evening was occupied mostly with "get-acquainted gatherings" with groups here and there stampeding in dabke style and echoing the plaintive strains of "attaba" to the tunes of native instruments.

Sunday noon started the real business of the Federation. At 1:30 a photographer was on hand ready for a group picture of the assembly. Two o'clock saw the serious meeting of the Federation well under way. Louis Haboush, president of the host club, delivered in Arabic the speech of welcome. The

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convention was then officially called to order by Atty. A. F. Zainey, of Indianapolis, chairman of the convention committee. Mr. Zainey, who was a candidate for the Federation presidency, withdrew his name from the race and in his talk to the assembly stressed the importance of harmony and unity and outlined the structure and purposes of the Federation.

Miss Lavonne Maloof, of Indianapolis, was selected by Mr. Zainey to act as secretary of the convention. The meeting was then turned over to Dr. W. S. Zarick, the second active candidate for president, who acted as chairman of the convention.

The gathering reached its highest peak when nominations for the presidency were announced. The following were each nominated for president:

George H. Risk, of Indianapolis.

Nimr Haddad, of Chicago.

Atty. A. A. Haddad, of Toledo.

Dr. W. S. Zarick, of Indianapolis.

Mr. Risk withdrew before the nominations were closed and soon after the votes were started, the two Haddads withdrew in favor of Dr. Zarick, who was thereupon elected unanimously.

The offices of the eleven vice-presidents and the treasurer were elected without opposition.

Joseph Trad, Secretary of the Indianapolis Syrian American Brotherhood, was then nominated for the Federation Secretary, as was Atty. Zainey of Indianapolis. As the votes came in the majority were for Mr. Zainey, Mr. Trad withdrew and Atty. Zainey was declared unanimously elected. Miss Lavonne Maloof was then selected by the Secretary as his assistant.

The complete official family of the Federation for the first year is as follows:

President—Waheeb S. Zarick, M. D., Indianapolis.

Treasurer—William Asfoor, Chicago, Ill.

Executive Secretary—Atty. A. F. Zainey, Indianapolis.

Vice-President for Illinois—Michael Borane, of Joliet.

Vice-President for Indiana—Atty. George Nasser, of Terre Haute.

Vice-President for Iowa—M. J. Yanney, of Sioux City.

Vice-President for Kansas—E. G. Stevens, of Wichita.

Vice-President for Kentucky—Atty. Fred J. Karam, of Louisville.

Vice-President for Michigan—Dr. A. S. Tesseine, of Grand Rapids.

Vice-President for Minnesota—Slayman Abdo, of Mankato.

Vice-President for Missouri—Phillip Hamra, of Caruthersville.

Vice-President for Nebraska—Atty. Simon A. Simon, of Omaha.

Vice-President for Ohio—Atty. A. A. Haddad, of Toledo.

Vice-President for Wisconsin—Nicholas Numair, of Milwaukee.

The officers having been elected and the directors chosen only after due consideration as to their integrity and leadership and with the Federation business terminated, telegrams of congratulations from all parts of the United States were read

to the assembly. Among the messages were felicitations from the Southern and Eastern Federations and "The Syrian Voice", the National Monthly which has heretofore published the entire pre-convention news of the Federation. The assembly then disbanded to the banquet room where short talks were delivered by prominent Syrian guests. Among the speakers were: The Rt. Rev. Michael Abraham, Michigan City, Ind.; George Coury, Chicago, Ill.; Lahood Karam, Louisville, Ky.; Louis Ammar, Cambridge, Ohio; Robert I. Azar, Akron, Ohio; and Kalil Farah, Terre Haute, Ind.

At the entertainment which was rendered during the intervening speeches was of the genuine oriental quality. Indianapolis' own Syrian string orchestra rendered the various Arabian numbers and was composed of the following members of the Fistekji family (natives of Aleppo), namely:

John Fistekji, zither.

Francis Fistekji, kamanja.

Joseph Fistekji, darbaki.



DR. WAHEEB S. ZARICK, Native of Tripoli
President Mid-West of Federation Syrian American Clubs

Katherine Fistekji, soloist.

Prominent in the entertainment features was the well known Syrian soprano, Mrs. James Ahee, of Detroit, Michigan, who rendered the latest modern Arabian songs.

A specialty oriental dance was rendered by Helen Haboush and tap dances by Margaret Freije, both of Indianapolis.

During one of the entertainment intermissions the following prizes were awarded:

First prize, \$15, to the delegation coming to the convention from the farthest distance. Winner, The Syrian American Club of Omaha, Nebraska, a delegation of five members having traveled over six hundred miles to attend the convention. Second prize, \$10, awarded to the club having the largest number of delegates at the convention. This prize was given in duplicate, each of the winning clubs having the same number of delegates, twenty-two each, \$10 to the Syrian American Society of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the same amount to the Syrian Young Men's Christian Association of Michigan City, Indiana. The third prize of \$5 is held in abeyance at the Federation treasury to be given to the city club sponsoring the 1937 convention. So far Michigan City, Indiana, is the only city sending in to the Secretary its bid for next year's conclave.

In an editorial published by Michael V. Thoma, in the Syrian Voice, July, 1936, issue, the able editor prophesied the FAITH the Mid-Western Syrians held towards one and the other. This FAITH was evidenced by the gathering of over seven hundred delegates at the first convention:

"FAITH underlies and precedes all accomplishments."

With this spirit the Mid-West Syrians assembled at the convention to realize the successful accomplishment of a United Federation. The delegates have chosen wisely in their selection of capable officers who shall guide the destiny of the Federation during the crucial period of the first year. Much work and deep thought, coupled with



Syrian American Brotherhood Hall, Indianapolis, where the first annual convention of the Mid West Federation was held.

diplomacy and efficiency, is expected from the first year officers in laying the foundation for the continued success of the Federation. The interests of all Mid-Western Syrians is manifested and consideration is especially vouches for those Syrians who showed faith in the Federation, but who, by force of circumstances were unable to attend the convention. The results of the first year's administration of its faithful officers shall be proven by the attendance at the forthcoming and future conventions.

The officers of the newly formed Federation are sincerely indebted to all the delegates and guests who attended the recent convention at Indianapolis, mindful of the fact that those in attendance came from far distances, devoted much of their time and spared no little expense to make the Federation the success it enjoys today. They came with FAITH in their hearts and that unselfish FAITH resulted in a complete victory to the loyal Syrian Americans of the Mid-West.

The Mid-West Federation is also indebted to Mr. Michael V. Thoma, Editor of the Syrian Voice, who gratuitously gave his unlimited aid by publicizing the pre-convention events in the pages of his much circularized paper.

Also to the Southern and Eastern Federations who so generously donated the embodiments of their respective constitutions and by-laws from

which the Constitution of the Mid-West Federation was moulded. With the faithful spirit of unity shown by these pioneer Federations towards their Mid-Western brothers the ultimate formation of a National Union of Fellow Syrians is near at hand.

And we can not forget to emphasize our grateful appreciation to the Indianapolis Syrian American Brotherhood for their unselfish generosity in donating to the Federation the gracious use of their wonderful convention hall. This hall, is a pride and a credit to the entire Syrian element or the country. The Indianapolis Brotherhood of Syrians are to be envied in their possession of such a convention hall and the Eastern and Southern Federations, together with the proposed Western, North-western and South-western Federations, shall eventually join hands with the Mid-Western group in making the Indianapolis Hall the mecca and general headquarters of the future National Association of Syrian American Clubs. Each individual member of the Indianapolis Syrian American Fraternity is to be commended for the untiring efforts in formulating the Federation to a final realization. They possessed FAITH in themselves. They showed this same FAITH to their fellowmen, the Syrian Americans of the Mid-West. "The sum of all is FAITH—Yes! My doubt is great, But my FAITH is still greater".

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MESSAGE FROM THE
EDITOR

Following the precedent of the Southern and Eastern Federations of Syrian American Clubs, the Mid West Federation is now in the light to represent the entire Syrian population of the Mid-Western States. It is estimated that within the eleven states comprising the Mid-West, there are about 75,000 Syrians. One-third of this amount being in the City of Detroit alone, one-third in the entire State of Ohio and the remaining third scattered over the other ten states.

Of course the Mid-West Federation, in its early stages, cannot of itself represent all the Syrians of the United States who number in excess of 250,000 individuals, much as it would like to, yet, it is safe to say that the sooner a National Federation is organized, and not

until then, will the Syrians of this great country have the proper foundations to sincerely accomplish the wants and needs of the Syrian race. The Jews, the Greeks and other races, not mentioning the Federations of trades and labor, have their own national organizations, and their help and advice is sought whenever a question of national importance or civic issue is being adventured. The Mid West Federation through its faithful officers will see to it that the interests of its member clubs will be protected in the affairs of state and municipalities. Above all, with the united efforts of the three already organized Federations, the racial prejudice which has heretofore been evident, is now a matter of obliteration.

During the recent convention of the Mid West Federation on August 1st and 2nd at Indianapolis, Indiana, a constitution was adopted based on the fundamentals of the Southern and Eastern charters. A particular clause in the Mid West's Declaration is to have an organ to speak for the Federation and to transmit the ideas and free speech of the various individuals belonging to the different member clubs. Hence the inauguration of this paper "THE SYRIAN ARK". This humble monthly from now on shall be the official mouthpiece of the Federation until such time as and when the Federation shall have sufficient funds in its treasury with which and out of which to publish and broadcast what is expected of it and transmit the same gratis to its members. "THE SYRIAN ARK" will in no way violate or infringe upon the courtesies of other Syrian-English publications, but will be glad to be classed as "Syrian Friend". In the meantime it is incumbent upon the editor of this paper to charge a subscription rate of one dollar per year for "THE SYRIAN ARK".

This first issue of the "ARK" is being distributed with the hope that its reading material and news of current events will meet the approval of all to whom the paper is sent. The reaction of all readers to be proven by the prompt payment of the dol-

lar subscription will decide the future policy and enthusiasm of the paper.

Herewith is a subscription blank. Use it and remit the dollar. Make it your own paper and tell your friends about it. Let it be an every day discussion in your groups. Send in your comments and criticisms. A free for all "Bravos and Bullets" column will be appreciated. Syrian clubs and individual news will be much in demand. No little item will be overlooked and manuscripts will be safely guarded. Help make this "big little" paper as good as you would want it to be. Prove it by sending in your subscriptions. One dollar a year is the equivalent to the price of but one cigar a month. Look for the next issue which will set out in detail the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of a prominent Syrian in northern Indiana. At the same time do not omit but continue with the oriental serial taken from the original "Arabian Nights". Editor.

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"Watch Us Grow"*

From a delegate to the Mid West Federation Convention

Aug. 8th, 1936.

A. Frederick Zainey,
Attorney at Law,
Indianapolis, Ind.
Dear Fred:

I make haste to congratulate you on the wonderful outcome of the recent Federation's convention. It was a great success and a pleasure for my sister and brother as well as myself to be with you. You certainly used diplomacy in your message to the conventioners. Every one was satisfied and you made a host of friends. You proved to all assembled that you are a real man and a true Syrian in every sense of the word. Do not fail to make my home your headquarters whenever you are in Akron, and with kind regards, I am sincerely,

Your friend,
Robert I. Azar,
Attorney at Law,
Akron, Ohio.

MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

To all Clubs and their Delegates attending the Federation Convention:

My whole-hearted thanks for your cooperation in the Federation convention. As president of the Mid-West Federation I pray that I may merit your confidence and further support. The success of the Federation will depend upon the efforts of every individual member. Together we can attain our goal by doing our utmost toward the accomplishment of the purposes of the Federation. This is a great cause, and I am proud in having a hand in the building of an organization which will unite our people, make them conscious of their past greatness and give them the impetus toward future greatness.

The convention was a thrilling experience for many of the young Syrians and the meeting with new personalities was an inspiration to all of us. There is always benefit in the exchange of ideas, and I ask every member of the Federation to send me any suggestions which might help our cause, and make us a healthy and strong organization. To that end I pledge myself, and with your help the Federation will go forward.

We were glad to have you here and I hope that you also feel that your coming was not in vain, and that the birth of the Mid-West Federation of Syrian American Clubs was a success. Soon the secretary will send you a copy of the constitution and from time to time a report of our work. Awaiting to hear from you, I am

Fraternally yours,
Mid-West Federation of
Syrian American Clubs,
W. S. Zarick, M.D., Pres.

Pennicitis

Ibn Khayat, a clothier and tailor in one of our midwestern states, delivered a new suit to a customer and was paid in pennies—2,600 of the coppers. By the time he reached home he was exhausted.

The Humorous Side

Captain: "Not a man in this company will be given liberty this week end."

Voice from the ranks: "Give me liberty or give me death."

"Who said that," the captain shouted.

And the same voice from the rear ranks piped back: "Patrick Henry."

Bad Investment

Mefoofsky was induced to buy a horse. He discovered that the initial investment wasn't the worst of it. The horse's appetite was terrific. Mefoofsky complained to a friend. "And wot's de mater vit diss huss?" "He itts apples, like dey grow hom trees!"—N. Y. Mirror.

Common Sense vs. Religion

St. Peter: "Can you give any reason why you should enter here?"

Applicant: "Well, I owned an automobile for twenty years, and never tried to knock a locomotive off the track."

St. Peter: "Enter, brother. Common sense is a heavenly virtue."

College Stuff

Professor: "Why don't you answer me?"

Student: "Well you can't expect me to hear it rattle 'way up here!"

New Signature

A negro scrub woman came into the lawyer's office to collect her regularly monthly wages. As she could not write, she always made her mark on the receipt book—the customary "X". On this occasion she made a circle instead.

"Why don't you make the cross, as usual?" asked the lawyer.

"Well," Linda explained earnestly, "I'se done got married yesterday, an' changed mah name."

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A SHORT STORY

There was an old monk at a monastery. This monastery was built over the bones of what he called a saint, and people came there and were cured of many diseases. This monk had an assistant. After the assistant grew up and got quite to understand his business, the old monk gave him a little donkey, and told him that henceforth he was to take care of himself. The young monk started out with his donkey, and asked alms of those he met. Few gave to him. Finally he got very poor. He could not raise money enough to feed the donkey. Finally the donkey died; he was about to bury it when a thought occurred to him. He buried the donkey and sat down on the grave, and to the next stranger that passed he said: "Will you give a little money to erect a shrine over the bones of a sinless one?" Thereupon a man gave some money. Others followed his example, a shrine was raised, and in a little while a monastery was built over the bones of the sinless one. Down in the grave the young monk made an orifice, so that persons afflicted with any disease could reach down and touch the bones of the sinless one. Hundreds were thus cured, and persons left their crutches as testimonials to the miraculous power of the bones of the sinless one. Finally the young monk became so rich that he thought he would visit his old master. He went to the old monastery with a fine retinue. His old master asked him how he became so rich and prosperous. He replied: "Old age is stupid, but youth has thought." Later on he explained to the old monk how the donkey had died and how he had raised a monastery over the bones of the sinless one; and again reminded him that old age is stupid, but youth has thought. The old monk exclaimed: "Not quite so fast, young man; not quite so fast. Don't imagine you worked out anything new. This shrine of mine is built over the bones of the mother of your little donkey."

MA'ARUF THE COBBLER AND HIS WIFE FATIMAH
 A SERIAL STORY Taken from the original Arabian Nights

Part 1

There dwelt once upon a time in the God-guarded city of Cairo a cobbler who lived by patching old shoes. His name was Ma'aruf and he had a wife called Fatimah, whom the folk had nicknamed "The Dung"; for that she was a whorish, worthless wretch, scanty of shame and mickle of mischief. She ruled her spouse and used to abuse him and curse him a thousand times a day; and he feared her malice and dreaded her misdoings; for that he was a sensible man and careful of his repute, but poor-conditioned. When he earned much, he spent it on her, and when he gained little, she revenged herself on his body at night, leaving him no peace and making his night black as her book; for she was even as of one like her saith the poet:—

How manifold nights have I
 passed with my wife
 In the saddest plight with
 all misery rife;
 Would Heaven when first I
 went in to her
 With a cup of cold poison
 I'd ta'en her life.

Amongst other afflictions which befel him from her one day she said to him, "Oh Ma'aruf, I wish thee to bring me this night a vermicelli-cake dressed with bees' honey." He replied, "So Allah Almighty aid me to its price, I will bring it thee. By Allah, I have no dirhams today but our Lord will make things easy." She rejoined, "I wot naught of these words; whether He aid thee or aid thee not, look thou come not to me save with the vermicelli and bee's honey; and if thou come without it I will make thy night black as they fortune whenas thou marriedst me and fellest into my hand." Quote he, "Allah is bountiful!" and going out with grief scattered itself from his body, prayed the dawn-prayer and opened his shop, saying, "I beseech thee, Oh Lord, to vouchsafe me the price of the Kunafah and ward off from me the mischief of yonder wicked woman this night!" After which he sat in the shop till noon, but

no work came to him and his fear of his wife redoubled. Then he arose and locked his shop, went out perplexed as to how he should do in the matter of the vermicelli-cake, seeing he had not even the wherewithal to buy bread. Presently he came up to the shop of the Kunafah seller and stood before it distraught, whilst his eyes brimmed with tears. The pastry-cook glanced at him and said, "Oh Master Ma'aruf, why dost thou weep? Tell me what hath befallen thee." So he acquainted him with his case, saying, "My wife is a shrew, a virago who would have me bring her a Kunafah; but I have sat in my shop till past mid-day and have not gained even the price of bread; wherefore I am in fear of her." The cook laughed and said, "No harm shall come to thee. How many pounds wilt thou have?" "Five pounds," answered Ma'aruf. So the man weighed him out five pounds of vermicelli-cake and said to him, "I have clarified butter, but no bees' honey. Here is drip-honey, however, which is better than bees' honey; and what harm will there be, if it be with drip-honey?" Ma'aruf was ashamed to object, because the pastry-cook was to have patience with him for the price, and said, "Give it me with drip-honey." So he fried a vermicelli-cake for him with butter and drenched with drip-honey, till it was fit to present to Kings. Then he asked him, "Dost thou want bread and cheese?", and Ma'aruf answered, "Yes." So he gave him four half dirhams worth of bread and one of cheese, and the vermicelli was ten nusfs. Then said he, "Know, O Ma'aruf, that thou owest me fifteen nusfs; so go to thy wife and make merry and take this nusf for the Hammam; and thou shalt have credit for a day or two or three till Allah provide thee with thy daily bread. And straiten not thy wife, for I will have patience with thee till such time as thou shalt have dirhams to spare." So Ma'aruf took the vermicelli-cake and bread and cheese and went away, with a heart at ease,

blessing the pastry-cook and saying, "Extolled be Thy perfection, O Lord! How bountiful art Thou!" When he came home, his wife enquired of him, "Hast thou brought the vermicelli-cake?"; and, replying "Yes", he set it before her. She looked at it and seeing it was dressed with cane-honey, said to him, "Did I not bid thee bring it with bees' honey? Wilt thou contrary my wish and have it dressed with cane-honey?" He excused himself to her, saying, "I bought it not save on credit"; but said she "This talk is idle; I will not eat Kunafah save with bees' honey." And she was wroth with it and threw it in his face saying, "Be gone, thou pimp, and bring me other than this!" Then she dealt him a buffet on the cheek and knocked out one of his teeth. The blood run down upon his breast and for stress of anger he smote her on the head a single blow and a slight; whereupon she clutched his beard and fell to shouting out and saying, "Help, Oh Moslems!" So the neighbours came in and freed his beard from her grip; then they reproved and reproached her, saying, "We are all content to eat Kunafah with cane-honey. Why then, wilt thou oppress this poor man thus? Verily this is disgraceful in thee!" And they went on to soothe her till they made peace between her and him. But, when the folk were gone, she sware and she would not eat of the vermicelli, and Ma'aruf, burning with hunger, said in himself, "She sweareth that she will not eat; so I will e'en eat." Then he ate, and when she saw him eating, she said, "Inshallah, may the eating of it be poison to destroy the far one's body." Quote he, "It shall not be at thy bidding," and went on eating and laughing and saying, "Thou swarest that thou wouldst not eat of this; but Allah is bountiful, and tomorrow night, on the Lord decree, I will bring thee Kunafah dressed with bees' honey, and thou shalt eat it alone."

(To be continued)

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SOUTHERN
FEDERATION

Houston, Texas,
July 27th, 1936.

Mr. A. F. Zainey,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
Dear Mr. Zainey:

I am both happy and grateful to acknowledge the receipt of your very welcome letter of the 25th. The Syrian American Club of Clarksdale, Miss., just completed the construction of their new home, and they are dedicating it on the 2nd of August. They are honoring me in giving a banquet on the same evening. Gov. White of Miss. will also be one of the speakers on this occasion. This I am sure constitutes a very good reason why I cannot be with you to attend your first convention of the Mid West Federation. I would have attended your celebration and helped my bit toward the goal you are striving for. I have propagated the idea that we must come together in the end by completing and launching a National Federation which will unite us and thus become a factor in the activities of this Great Republic both to our own good, as well as the benefit of the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Command me whenever I can be of any assistance, and be assured of my everlasting gratitude and sincerest appreciation.

Very fraternally yours,

H. A. Elkourie,
President Southern Federation,
Syrian Club.

FROM THE EDITOR OF THE SYRIAN VOICE

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 8th, 1936.

Dr. W. S. Zarick,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Dr. Zarick:

I wish to congratulate you. The delegates have chosen wisely. It is my sincere wish that the coming year be filled with joy for you, rich with service for others and happy comradeship together. Anything I can do to help make the Federation's first year a great success, I wish that you write me.

Cordially,
M. V. Thoma,

LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE EASTERN
FEDERATION

Boston, Mass.,
Aug. 14th, 1936.

Syrian American Federation
of the Mid-Western States,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
Attention A. F. Zainey, Esquire.
Dear Mr. Zainey:

I have just returned from my vacation and your kind invitation of July 25, 1936 to attend your convention has been called to my attention by my secretary.

It is only with the sincerest feeling of regret that I missed this opportunity to meet you and the officers of your Federation on this great occasion.

However, I was pleased to learn that your affair was a tremendous success and I extend to you and your Federation the right hand of friendship with the realization that within the near future we may join hands in a national organization of Syrian brotherhood. All eyes are focused upon your new organization, and I feel certain that with your capable leadership it will weather the storm and become firmly rooted in this Eastern civilization.

Again, in behalf of myself and the officers of the Federation, we wish to thank you for your invitation.

Cordially yours,
Walter J. Moossa,
President Syrian and
Lebanese Federation
of the Eastern States.

SYRIAN AND LEBANESE
FEDERATION OF THE
EASTERN STATES

Boston, Mass.,
Aug. 24, 1936.

Dr. Waheeb S. Zarick,
c/o Atty. A. F. Zainey,
Fidelity Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Zarick:

In behalf of myself, the officers and members of the Syrian and Lebanese Federation of the Eastern States, kindly accept our sincere well wishes and felicitations upon attaining the high office of President of the Mid-Western Federation of Syrian-American clubs.

We hope that your administration will not only be a success, but will also be a credit to the Syrian speaking people in the United States. The great work of Attorney Zainey, yourself and a few others, who organized the Mid-Western Federation, is certainly commendable and praiseworthy.

I hope that some day these regional Federations will merge into a National organization of Syrian clubs. This National organization will be a splendid tribute and a living memorial to those sturdy pioneers who came to this country many years ago to fuse into this Eastern civilization culture, traditions and characteristics of a glorious and ancient race.

I shall be very much interested in hearing from you regarding your progress and your success; and from half way across the continent, the Syrians of the East say to the Syrians of the West, "God-speed and good luck!"

Sincerely yours,
Walter J. Moossa,
President.

Marrying Mayor

The mayor of Ogden, Utah, offers to find a mate for any unmarried person. Not only that — he promises to marry them free and to grant a recommendation for a free building permit.

THE SYRIANS OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA
 ARE PROUD OF
 THE MID WEST FEDERATION OF
 SYRIAN AMERICAN CLUBS

The following four leading Syrian Societies, representing over five hundred members earnestly bid for the 1937 Convention. The Michigan City Syrians are 100% pledged to all that the Mid West Federation stands for.

UNITY - CONFIDENCE - FAITH

**YOUNG MEN'S SYRIAN
 CHRISTIAN SOCIETY**

901 West Seventh Street

Alf. Shikany
 Secretary

Pete Sawaya
 President

St. George Orthodox Society
 1108 Holiday Street
 Nassif Faroh, President

St. George Ladies Aid Society
 Mrs. Bessie Faroh
 Regent

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 SOCIETY**

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President

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Hassein Ayad
 Secretary

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Syrian Priest Is Honored By Church Dignitaries and Other Distinguished Guests

Hundreds Pay Homage To Monsignor Michael Abraham, Pastor Sacred Heart Church, Michigan City, Ind.

FAMED TENOR SINGS AT MASS

Sunday, August 29th was "Syria's Day" at Michigan City, Indiana, for on that bright Sunday, honors galore were showered and bestowed on our distinguished Fellow-Syrian, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Abraham, maronite priest of the Sacred Heart Church, when he observed the silver anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Church dignitaries and distinguished guests from many parts of the country were present as an expression of their high regard for the jubilarian priest. The French and Argentine consuls of Chicago, the royal Italian consul of Indianapolis, a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre who came all the way from the State of Oklahoma, the mayor of Michigan City, a vice-president of the Southern Federation and the president and secretary of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs and many other prominent people from all over the United States, and parts of Canada, were also among the



RT. REV. MICHAEL ABRAHAM.
guests.

The tribute which was paid Monsignor Abraham was in recognition of his faithful services among the Syrian people in far and scattered regions of the country and for the efforts and

sacrifices he has made in building one of the outstanding Syrian parishes in this northern Indiana city. In this work, his reputation is more than nationwide.

The ceremonies of the day were elaborate and impressive. In the morning, to a crowded congregation, there was a solemn high mass of thanksgiving with Monsignor Abraham as celebrant and three priests from Notre Dame University as sub-deacons. The sermon was preached by Rev. Michael Pathé of Oklahoma who has been a close friend of Father Abraham for the past seventeen years.

The high mass was sung in its entirety by John Pane-Gasser, solo tenor of the Chicago and Metropolitan Opera Companies and a close friend of the reverend jubilant, using during the offertory Bizet's "Agne Dei" and Gounod's "Ave Dame."

The noon jubilee banquet was served to 200 guests in the elaborate ballroom of the Spaulding Hotel. With the Rev. Pathé as the witty, brilliant toast-master,

Many Honors Bestowed on Sacred Heart Pastor in Jubilee

the proceedings at the dinner were a beautiful tribute to Father Abraham.

Decorations of cerise and silver, with magnificent roses and other flowers decked the ballroom. A string orchestra played an entrance march as distinguished clergy and guests filed to the speakers' table. At this there were seated the reverend jubilant Monsignor Michael Abraham outstanding in his ecclesiastical robes of cardinal red; to his right the honorable consul of France, Monsieur Rene Weiller, with Madame Weiller and Dr. Vincent LaPenta, royal consular regent of Italy from Indianapolis. At the left of the jubilant priest was the toast-master Father Pathe, mayor and Mrs. Fedder of Michigan City and Abraham Dahrooge, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, Vice-President of the Southern Federation of Syrian American Clubs, and the Argentine consul, Hon. Edwardo Rosas.

During the program a noted feature was the advent of two police officers carrying between them a huge chest filled with silver coins which was presented to Monsignor Abraham from his admirers and parishioners. Dr. William Scholl, the famous national foot specialist was instigator of this gift in recognition of the monsignor's unfailing service to the Syrian-American people.

The Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs was well represented at the ceremonies, delegations having come from Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Joliet and Indianapolis. Dr. W. S. Zarick, President, addressed the gathering at the noon banquet while the Secretary, A. F. Zainey and George Corey of Chicago delivered their talks at the evening banquet which was held at the Saint Anthony's Maronite Hall.

Breaking into the succession noon banquet, the opera singer, John Pane-Gasser sang two groups of numbers, including "La Donna a Mobile" from *Rigoletto*; "Bless this House" dedicated to the reverend jubilant,

and later "MaCushla," dedicated to the toast-master, followed by "I Love Life" magnificently sung. The accompanist was Camille Iarussi of Chicago.

Among the many telegrams read at the banquet was one from Vatican City, signed by Cardinal Pacelli and sent to the Rt. Rev. John Francis Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Father Abraham's immediate superior. The Vatican's telegram read as follows:

"The Holy Father felicitates Msgr. Abraham on the occasion of the silver jubilee of his ordination. He sends from his heart the paternal apostolic benediction."

In addition to the reading of the cable from Vatican City, Rome, there were also read cables, telegrams and letters of congratulations from His Eminence Louis, patriarch of Jerusalem; Rt. Rev. Bishop Noll, Fort Wayne; His Grace Paul Auad, Maronite archbishop, Mount Lebanon; Rev. Msgr. Joseph Hayeck, vicar-general of the archbishop of Cyprus; Luigi Criscuolo, grand secretary of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; His Grace Paul Maouchi, archbishop of Tyre, Syria and many more.

St. Anthony's Society of Michigan City honored Monsignor Abraham at the evening banquet with a dinner served to a guest list of more than three hundred Syrians. Toast-master was Aziz S. Araj, professor of philosophy at DePaul University, Chicago, who introduced the following speakers: Joe Borane, president of St. Anthony's Society; John Shadrawy of the Massachusetts State Insurance Department and representing the Eastern Federation of Syrian American Clubs; Neffew Sam, president of Aser el Jadded society; Nassif Farroh, president St. George Orthodox Society; George Corey of Chicago; Abraham Dahrooge, vice-president Southern Federation of Syrian American Clubs for the State of Oklahoma; Dr. Arthur J. Tesseine, Grand Rapids; Alexander Mundalek,

Uniontown, Pa., and A. F. Zainey, Secretary Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs, of Indianapolis.

The life of Monsignor Michael Abraham reads like a page from the Arabian Nights. He was born in Hassroun, Syria in the northern part of Mount Lebanon. When a child his parents brought him to Quebec, Canada.

At twelve years of age he went to Jerusalem, where he studied in the Latin Seminary. In 1911 he was ordained. His first mass was celebrated on Mount Calvary, and on the same day, for it was Christmas, his second mass was offered up at the Grotto of Bethlehem.

After ordination Father Abraham worked for three years among the Arabs and Sheikhs of Transjordania. He cherishes a close friendly relation with Emir Abdallah of Amman. Later he was sent on a special mission back to Canada.

In 1915 he came to Michigan City, where he became the pastor of the now flourishing Sacred Heart Church.

Father Abraham has been honored on numerous occasions. He is a member of the Imperial and Royal Geographic Society of Persia. He wears the High Decoration of the Merit of Lebanon, conferred upon him by the government of Mount Lebanon, Syria; commander of the Knights of the Military Order of the Holy Sepulchre and Officier d'Academie Francaise.

There is one title, however, which Monsignor Abraham greatly cherishes. It is his title of Missionary to the Syrians in America.

In the midst of his many duties he has found time to preach the gospel to the widely scattered Syrian colonies of the United States.

The well wishes of all his admirers is the hope that those present at Michigan City, Indiana, August 31, 1936 will attend again along with an additional generation of whole hearted Syrians to celebrate the golden jubilee of Father Abraham's ordination in 1961.

THIS MONTH'S SHORT STORY

THE UNJUST SENTENCE
(A translation).

Kawaja Ali was a native of Haifia, and, as a young man, was much given to playing tricks and talking in a loose kind of way. Having lost his wife, he went off to ask a certain old woman to arrange another match for him; and on the way he chanced to fall in with a neighbor's wife who took his fancy very much, so he said in joke to the old woman, "Get me that stylish-looking, handsome lady, and I shall be quite satisfied."

"I'll see what I can do," replied the old woman, also joking, "if you will manage to kill her present husband"; upon which Eli laughed and said he certainly would do so. Now about a month afterwards, the said husband was actually killed in a lonely spot; and the Cadi of the district immediately called the neighbors and held the usual inquest, but was unable to find any clue to the murderer. However, the old woman told the story of her conversation with Ali, and suspicion at once fell upon him. The constable came and arrested him, but he stoutly denied the charge; and the Cadi now began to suspect the wife of the murdered man. Accordingly, she was severely beaten and tortured in several ways until her strength failed her, and she falsely acknowledged her guilt. Ali was then examined and he said, "This delicate woman could not bear the agony of your tortures; what she has stated is untrue; and, even should her wrong escape the notice of the Gods, for her to die in this way, a stain upon her name is more than I can endure. I will tell the whole truth. I killed the husband that I might secure the wife: she knew nothing at all about it." And when the Cadi asked for some proof Ali said his bloody clothes would be evidence enough; but when they sent to search his house, no bloody clothes were forthcoming. He was then beaten until he fainted; yet when he came round he still stuck to what he said. "It is my mother," cried he, "who

will not sign the death-warrant of her son. Let me go myself, I will get the clothes." So he was escorted by a squad to his home, and there he explained to his mother that whether she gave up or withheld the clothes it was all the same; that in either case he would have to die, and it was better to die early than late. Thereupon his mother wept bitterly, and going into the bedroom, brought out, after a short delay, the requested clothes, which were taken at once to the Cadi. There was no doubt as to the truth of Ali's story; and as nothing occurred to change the Cadi's opinion, Ali was thrown into prison to await the day of his execution. Meanwhile, as the Cadi was one day inspecting his jail, suddenly a man appeared in the hall, who glared at him fiercely and roared out, "Dull-headed fool! Unfit to be the guardian of the people's interests!" Whereupon the crowd of servants standing round rushed forward to seize him, but with one swoop of his arms he laid them all flat on the ground. The Cadi was frightened out of his wits, and tried to escape, but the man cried out to him, "I am one of Mohamed's lieutenants. If you move an inch you are lost." So the Cadi stood there, shaking from head to foot with fear, while his visitor continued, "The murderer is Hassan; Ali had nothing to do with it."

The lieutenant then fell to the ground, and to all appearances lifeless; however, after a while he recovered, his face having quite changed, and when they asked him his name, lo! it was Hassan. Under the application of the whips he confessed his guilt. Always an unprincipled man, he had heard that the murdered man was going out to collect some money, and thinking he would be sure to bring it back with him, he had killed him, but had found nothing. Then when he learned that Ali had acknowledged the crime as his own doing, he had rejoiced in secret at such a stroke of luck. How he had got into the

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COMING ACTIVITIES

Indianapolis, Ind. The Syrian American Brotherhood Hall, where the first annual convention of the Mid West Federation was held last August, will officially hold its Dedication Ceremonies on October 28th.

Chicago, Ill. The Syrian Progressive League of this city will hold its nineteenth annual Cabaret Party and Dance on Saturday evening, October 31st (Hallowe'en Night) at the Grand Ballroom, Steuben Club, Randolph and Wells Sts. This promises to be an outstanding event of the Syrian community of Chicago, and a large attendance from the Mid West Federation field is anticipated.

Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. W. S. Zarick, President of the Mid West Federation is calling a special meeting of all the Vice-Presidents of the Federation to meet in Chicago following the Cabaret Party of Chicago's Syrian Progressive League. Among the discussions will be the future policy of the ARK and the holding of the 1937 convention.

The Young Syrians of Indianapolis are organizing two new clubs under the sponsorship of Dr. Zarick. The first will be called the "SYRIAN CRES-CENT" and the second the "SYRIAN Deamatic Club". Further announcements of the activities, purposes and personnel of each club will be submitted later.

Shreveport, La.—The Syr-Ame-G Sorority of this city is anticipating an elaborate dinner Sunday evening October 11th for its members and guests. The affair promises to be the premiere event of the social season.

Since its organization last January, the Syr-Ame-G Sorority has enjoyed many accomplishments. Its members are numbered among the leading socialites of Shreveport.

The officers of the Syr-Ame-G Sorority are: President, Louise Yazbec; Vice-President, Isabel Haddad; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Helen Lorice Eltife; Corresponding Secretary, Mary George; Publicity Chairman, Viola Nichols. Other officers of the various social activities are

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Mandate Or Not, Palestine Must Remain Under British Control, Is Belief of Syrian Educator

By Prof. John J. Haramy.

The near East, seat of once mighty empires, dormant now for many centuries, is once more awakening. Revivals, social and economic in general, and political in particular, may be seen on every hand. Egypt's struggle for complete independence from British control and dominion; Syria's recent successful bid for nationhood; Turkey's demands at the Montreux conference for the right to remilitarize the straits; Palestine's present Arab revolt, Mesopotamia's treaties of commerce and friendship with her neighboring Moslem states; the four-power pact of mutual assistance entered into between Turkey, Iran, Irak and Afghanistan; the growing disorders in Tunis, Morocco and Algiers, all these are unmistakable evidences of the dawn of a new day along the eastern and western shores of the Mediterranean.

Kamz Pacha, one of the leading Egyptian liberals, expressed well the spirit of the new day when he said: "We have long been made the political football of the great European powers. By force our lands have been invaded, partitioned and traded and by force our rights have been disregarded and our interests ignored. In the past we suffered helplessly, yet patiently; today, devoted to a sublime national ideal, we rise again to reassert our rights and revive our past glories."

Current Arab Revolt.

In this article, it is not the purpose to deal with the whole near East problem, but only with one phase of it, that related to the current Arab revolt in Palestine. The writer's visit to that country this summer convinces him that very little, if any, is known on this side of the Atlantic as to what is going on, today, in the land revered by Christian, Jew as well as Moslem.

The Patria, one of the Messageries Maritime boats carrying our party to Haifa, Palestine's only navigable port, was still far at sea when we were greeted with the roar of airplanes overhead. These planes, we learnt later, were a part of the British air squadron stationed in the land. As our boat steamed closer to shore, we saw, much to our surprise, lying at anchor a number of British destroyers, cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines with decks clear and ready for action. As though to complete a picture, which was very much a reminder of war times, the entrance to the harbor, too narrow under ordinary conditions, was yet made more so by floating mines, lined on each side and held together by a chain.

(Prof. Haramy, head of the department of Political Science of Indiana Central College, visited Palestine recently and has written the following article, describing present conditions in that country, for "The Syrian Ark." Prof. Haramy, who spent the summer at the Academy of International Law at The Hague, tells of the continued disturbances in Palestine.—Editor's note.)

Aware All Is Not Well.

From the moment we set foot in Haifa, we became consciously aware that all was not well in the city. The din and confusion one is accustomed to hear and see at oriental seaports were strangely absent. The native porters were not there to greet us with their jabber and the loquacious peddlers were not there, either, to entice us with their ware. Instead, an ominous calm seemed to prevail everywhere. Questioning of one of the guards as to the reason for this strange phenomena brought the reply that the Arabs had proclaimed a general strike. But as we had already become accustomed to general strikes in Europe, we accepted the explanation in good faith and felt greatly reassured.

After the usual inspection of baggage at the custom house, we were conducted to the railway station, there to continue on our road to Jerusalem. It was then, however, that we began to sense that more than a strike was in progress. Much to our physical inconvenience, we found, that despite the oppressive heat of the afternoon, the windows and shutters of the coaches were kept tightly shut. What was more, we were warned to keep them so. In the aisles, British Tommies with helmets on their heads and rifles on their shoulders paraded to and fro.

Anticipate Great Disaster.

The passengers, most of whom seemed to be Jews, just huddled in their seats as though in anticipation of some great pending disaster. When we inquired as to the meaning of it all, we were informed that the entire Arab population in the country was on a general strike; that the strike, already in effect for sixty-one days and which was a protest against the Balfour declaration, had taken on the aspect of revolt and guerilla warfare; that daily, railway bridges were being blown, fruit trees uprooted, cars and busses fired upon and policemen and soldiers attacked. In brief, we were told that conditions were very, very bad with neither life nor property safe.

That the precautionary measures taken on the train were indeed necessary, we learned only too soon. About ten miles from our destination, our train started to slow down and then came to a complete stop. Hardly was this done, when a volley of fire showered upon us from every side. The Tommies serving as our escort immediately went into action. A regular battle was fought for about half an hour. When calm finally returned, the train proceeded to Jerusalem, arriving there one hour late, spotted with bullet holes.

Jewish Colonies Attacked.

Early the next day we picked up the Palestine Post, a Jerusalem daily published in the English language, and read the events of the preceding twenty-four hours. In addition to the attack on our train, it related the incident of a road patrol running into an ambush, of a seven-hour battle waged near Tulkarem, where infantry planes, tanks and armored cars were in action, and of a bold attack on Mount Ebal. Further, it told of some heavy firing directed at some twenty Jewish colonies, of the uprooting of about three thousand young trees (making, in all, 300,000 so destroyed since the troubles began) and of bombs exploding everywhere. The toll for the day was listed as two British officers and ten Arabs dead.

Such a tragic record left no doubt in our minds that Palestine was in the throes of a revolution. A more positive proof of this fact was provided to us later in the day when, deciding on a walk in the downtown area, we found most of the streets patrolled by Tommies, some on foot, but many more in armored cars, with machine guns mounted, ready for action. Arab shops without a single exception were closed, with many bearing the sign "For Rent—Apply to the High Commissioner." Many of the Jewish stores were also closed, some, no doubt, from fear of attack and others because of lack of business due to Arab boycott. Officials and civilians, alike, agreed that similar conditions prevailed all over the country.

Learns Real Reasons.

As travel outside of Jerusalem without military escort was unwise, we occupied what time we had to learning the real reasons for such unholy things taking place in the Holy Land. As would be expected, we turned first for information to the Arabs who comprise the majority of the population and who without question were responsible for bringing about such a state of affairs. We met a Moslem Arab, a graduate of the University of Beyrouth, an American institution, and to him we

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addressed the question of why his race was so emmuttered against the Jews. Readily, he told us that the Arabs were dissatisfied with the Balfour declaration, which aims at the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine, because the full realization of such a home could mean only one thing, namely, the eventual disestablishment of the indigent population.

What was more, he declared, the Balfour declaration, issued in 1917, was a clear violation of a pledge made two years before, by the British government to the Arabs, whereby Palestine would be included in a purely Arab state, free and independent. He insisted that Jewish immigration into the country was proceeding at such a high rate as to be politically and economically dangerous, politically so because the Jews were then within reach of becoming the majority group in the land with all that implied in control and dominion, and economically more so, because Zionist agencies, provided with ample funds from abroad, were paying uneconomic prices for the land of the native peasant and that the time will not be far distant, under such a condition, before the Arab peasantry degenerated to the status of serfdom.

The English government, he condemned, first, because the policy it pursued in Palestine seemed to favor too much the Jews at Arab expense, and, second, because, despite the Covenant of the League of Nations which placed Palestine in Category A mandates, its people, unlike their brethren in neighboring states, were still denied the right of self-government through an elective legislative council, and instead were placed politically, on the same level with the people of Somaliland and Saint Helena.

Having stated, what he considered to be Arab grievances, we asked him then to tell us what the Arabs hoped to accomplish from the present revolt. He listed Arab aims as: (1) Immediate cessation of Jewish immigration into the country. (2) Enactment of a law that will forbid further sale of Arab lands to the Jews. (3) Establishment of local self-government through an elective legislative council. (4) Reorganization of Palestine citizenship law so as to extend the period required for Palestine citizenship from three to seven years. He insisted that Arabs were not opposed to Jews as such but only to the creation of a political Jewish state, that they were not anti-Semitic but only anti-Zionist.

Views Given by Jews

Turning now to Jewish sources for reasons for the revolt, we found entirely different views held. For instance one ardent Zionist, whom we interviewed, felt that the whole affair was brought about by a few disgruntled effendis (office holders during the Turkish regime) who having lost their former positions and

their former fat incomes derived through graft and corruption were stirring up the fellahs (peasants) for purely selfish purposes. They want to get rid of the Jews and the English so as to regain their autocratic control. He maintained that Arab peasants far from suffering have actually benefited greatly from Jewish immigration, both in terms of an increased income as well as a higher standard of living. He pointed with great pride to the fact that in the short space of fifteen years Jewish genius had succeeded in transforming a poor and a backward country into one of the most prosperous and progressive in the world. As to the existing conditions, he blamed not a little to laxity on the part of British officials during the early stages of the strike. He was sure that quick repressive measures coupled with imprisonment of a few of the leaders would easily have avoided the present excesses.

When asked as to the ultimate Jewish aims in Palestine, he replied without hesitation: "Palestine is ours by right and we purpose, eventually to establish here a purely Jewish state just as Jewish as Arabia is Arabian."

He recognized the difficulty and also the fact that a very long time will be needed to accomplish that fact as 900,000 Arabs either will have to be driven out of the country or completely subjected. But one fate or the other, he considered inevitable.

Full Equality for Both

Other Jews, however, with whom we talked were not so uncompromising. Many were convinced that Palestine must ever remain a home for Arabs and Jews, alike, with full equality for both. They saw no good reason why co-operation should not prevail between the two races, with so many things in common. They believed, somehow, that out of the present difficulties will emerge better understandings and a more lasting peace.

There remained, now, only to hear the views of the English, the trustees of the Palestine mandate, who in 1917, were received by the populace with open arms and great acclaim, but who today stand intensely hated and passionately denounced by the Arabs. Accordingly, we approached an Englishman who held no official position in the government, a man, who, having lived in the country for many years, was sure to be free of much of the prejudice officials were inclined to hold.

"The Arab-Judo conflict is well nigh hopeless," he began. "It is one of those tragedies of the world which elicit great sympathy but which cannot be helped."

This pessimism he attributed to the fact that the whole problem was not so much political and economic as it was psychological, and that this psychological aspect was too

much the result of religious, racial, linguistic and cultural differences between the two races. These differences, he felt, required a change in human nature more than mere adjustments, a thing that was not likely to happen in the present generation.

Average Earnings \$500

On his part, he sympathized greatly with the Jewish National Home idea, but was of the opinion that its realization was being pushed too rapidly. He was afraid that the British officials were allowing too many Jewish immigrants to enter the country in any one year, the number being 65,000, during 1935. He felt that such a number was far beyond the economic capacity of the land to absorb them, as evidenced by official statistics which showed that the average annual earnings of the peasant had dwindled to \$500, a sum far below the requirement for a living wage.

As a way out of the present dilemma, he suggested the desirability of the suspension for one year of all Jewish immigration. This to be followed by sending to the country, immediately, the British Royal Commission the British government has already promised to send. Members of the commission should be given a free hand to conduct a full and thorough investigation with a view of finding and then recommending a solution that will safeguard the rights and interests of Arabs as well as Jews. Such a solution, then, should be carried out at all costs, once and forever.

We wanted to know if Great Britain, failing to satisfy the two races, might decide to wash her hands of and surrender the mandate. He did not think there was the least chance for that to happen. He was quite sure that the British colonial office had not dispatched to Palestine fifteen battalions of troops, three squadrons of the air force, detachments of the royal engineers as well as several warships just for nothing. He admitted that the British went there, originally, to protect the main artery of communication with the East and that they are still there, mainly, for the same purpose. In fact, the presence of the British in the country today he believed to be of greater significance and importance because of the new menace created by the Italian conquest of Ethiopia.

In the face of such conflicting views and opinions, aims and purposes, the reader is apt to wonder if peace is ever possible in the land of the Prince of Peace. Let it be said that the outlook, though dark, is not as hopeless as the picture portrayed in this article would show. Great Britain already has lost much prestige in the near East because of the part she played in the Italo-Ethiopian fiasco. In order to regain some of that prestige, she will, no doubt, resort to more effective means to sup-

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Constitution and By-Laws

THE MID-WEST FEDERATION
OF SYRIAN AMERICAN CLUBS

PREAMBLE

We, American Citizens of Syrian birth and extraction, and members of our several organizations in the States of ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, OHIO and WISCONSIN, with a deep desire to establish close relations and form a union among our Syrian people; to cultivate good fellowship; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to establish solidarity in the enactment of ideas and principles that are of common good to our people; and for the purposes hereafter set out, do hereby form the MID WEST FEDERATION of SYRIAN AMERICAN CLUBS, and ordain and establish this as our CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE ONE

Name

This Federation shall be known by the name of MID WEST FEDERATION of SYRIAN AMERICAN CLUBS.

ARTICLE TWO

Purposes

Section 1. To support the Constitution of the United States and strengthen our allegiance to its government in times of peace and war.

Section 2. To exclude from our community life all manner of prejudices and petty jealousies, so that our progress toward leadership shall be unobstructed.

Section 3. To inspire and train our worthy young men and women for leadership.

Section 4. To secure for our Syrian Americans, full participation in the civic, educational and social interests of their respective communities.

Section 5. To encourage the fundamental principles of the Arabic tongue to our younger generations.

Section 6. To maintain employment bureaus for the benefit of the unemployed and provide professional services to the needy and distressed, and to secure by lease, contract, purchase or construct a home for aged Syrians.

Section 7. To strive for the ultimate goal of one POWERFUL NATIONAL Federation of Syrian American Clubs with power to inaugurate a national periodical covering the doings of the entire field of the United States, including a series of "Arabic-self-taught" lessons and lectures on Ancient Syrian History and Culture.

Section 8. To encourage and assist financially or otherwise the erection and construction of halls and gymnasiums for the individual member clubs in their respective communities.

Section 9. To establish a monthly periodical to be edited and sent gratis to every member of the Federation; the expense thereof to be defrayed by the Federation. The aim being to have a common voice with one another in the expression of the ideas and opinions of all members.

Our Constitution

Following the footsteps of our sister Federations of the East and South, the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs, like the colonists of 160 years ago, in delegate convention assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 1st and 2nd, 1936 and adopted its Constitution.

THE SYRIAN ARK submits the following authentic copy of the official Constitution of the MID WEST FEDERATION of SYRIAN CLUBS. The officers of the Federation are pledged to the individual member clubs, and in the interest of all Syrian Americans to promote sincerity and good fellowship, and to extend moral support and a helping hand when and wherever necessary so that our youth shall reach the goal of leadership and respect. We invite the affiliation and co-operation of the Syrian Americans within the eleven States set out in the preamble of this Constitution to support the principles therein declared:

Editor

"Let us then stand by the Constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be truth engraven on our hearts, let it be borne on the flag under which we rally, in every exigency, that we have ONE COUNTRY, ONE CONSTITUTION, ONE DESTINY."— DANIEL WEBSTER, March 15, 1837.

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ARTICLE THREE

Composition and Dues

Section 1. Any Syrian Club or Society, consisting of five or more members in any of the States named in the preamble hereof, shall be eligible to membership in this Federation.

Section 2. After this Federation is organized by Charter Membership, any other organization may become a member of the Federation when favorable action is taken by a committee on admissions upon written application for membership presented by such club or society accompanied with an initiation fee of five dollars. In the event such application for membership is rejected, the fee shall be returned to the applicant club without comment. The annual dues after admission of any club or society into the Federation shall be fifty cents per year for each individual member of such admitted club. Said dues to be collected by the officers of each individual club or society and remitted to the Federation Treasurer within ninety days from January 1st and July 1st of each year.

Section 3. This Federation shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian.

ARTICLE FOUR

Government

Section 1. The power and authority of the Federation to enact and pass resolutions; decide questions of policy; define the activities of the Federation; remove any one or more of its officers for good cause shown and prescribe the procedure applicable thereto, shall be vested in the officers and newly elected delegates or the alternate delegates. Said delegates shall be elected by their respective societies for the term of one year. Each group or society shall have one delegate for every ten paid-up members and fractions thereof. Each accredited delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The President of each club shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. The officers of the Federation shall be a President; a Vice-President from each State represented in the Federation; a Treasurer; a Secretary and Sergeant-at-arms. There shall be a First Vice-President and a Second Vice-President who shall be elected from and by the elected Vice-Presidents at each annual convention.

Section 3. The officers of the Federation shall be elected for the term of one year, by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. Electing officers shall be the next to the last item of business at the annual session of the convention, and the installation of the newly elected officers shall take place as the last item of business of the annual session of the convention. Any member in good standing of any affiliated society shall be eligible to hold office in the Federation. The election of officers shall be by secret ballots. Any person elected to an office in the Federation shall upon installation, become a delegate at large in the convention. Delegates at large shall have all the rights of the regularly designated delegates of member societies and may cast individual votes at all meetings of the convention.

Section 4. A quorum for the purpose of transacting any business of the convention shall consist of not less than ten delegates, exclusive of delegates at large. Decisions of the Convention shall be made by a majority vote of the delegates and officers present.

Section 5. The permanent home offices of the Federation shall be located in the city of Indianapolis, State of Indiana.

Section 6. The Federation shall hold its annual convention at such date that the city holding the convention shall designate.

Section 7. The proceedings of all the meetings of the conventions shall be governed by "Roberts' Rules of Order." (Rev'd. ed.)

ARTICLE FIVE

Duties

Section 1. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the convention and shall supervise all the affairs and activities of the Federation; appoint all committees which may be created by the convention; make temporary appointments to fill vacancies which may have occurred, but such temporary appointments shall be for the unexpired terms only. In the absence of the President, the First Vice-President automatically becomes the President and the Second Vice-President becomes the First Vice-President. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President by reason of death,

removal, or resignation the Vice-Presidents shall elect from among themselves a new President for the unexpired term.

Section 2. The permanent residence of the Secretary shall be in the City of Indianapolis, State of Indiana. He shall keep true and complete minutes of all meetings of the delegates and committees, and shall have the care and custody of all books, papers and correspondence pertaining to his office and the seal of the Federation. He shall perform all the duties incidental to his office and such other duties as are delegated to him by the convention.

Sec. 3. The books of the Federation shall be subject to inspection by any member in good standing of any affiliated society at any reasonable time. Upon request of any affiliated club or society for any special copy of reports or resolutions, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish and comply with the request upon payment of such demanding society the actual cost of transcribing and certifying to the item requested.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and keep records of all the money of the Federation and give receipts for the same, and with the President sign all checks. He shall report all money received and expended by him as Treasurer, and give bond. He shall use no funds of the Federation except in the administration of the Federation's business and then only with the consent and approval of the President. He shall give a detailed account of the treasury at every convention and at other times when requested by the President.

Section 5. The delegates to the convention shall attend all its sessions and no alternate delegate shall be accepted without written credentials certified by the President and Secretary of the member organization which issued them.

Section 6. The Convention shall accept the delegates of each member organization upon the presentation of written credentials certified by the President and Secretary of such an organization.

ARTICLE SIX

Finances

Section 1. All questions of finances in connection with the Federation are to be decided by the officers of the Federation.

Section 2. The officers of the Federation shall hold their offices without remuneration and they are to hold their respective offices without expectation of any remuneration, except as set out in Section 5 of Article SIX.

Section 3. The Federation shall not be responsible for the expenses of the delegates in respect to their attendance at the conventions of the Federation.

Section 4. There shall be no salaries to any member or officer of the Federation other than the Secretary.

Section 5. The Secretary shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars per year plus specific expenses not to exceed ten dollars a month for services in his respective secretarial duties.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Emblem and Seal

Section 1. Emblem. (The emblem of the Federation to be used on all stationery and official papers of the Federation, is deferred subject to the decision of a committee to be appointed by the President, and to be submitted by the appointed committee for adoption at the 1937 convention.)

Section 2. Seal. The seal of the Federation shall be a circular disc so mounted together as to impress upon paper in raised characters with the word "MID WEST FEDERATION OF SYRIAN AMERICAN CLUBS" in circular form, and the word "SEAL" in the center.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Amendments

The Constitution or any section thereof may be amended by two-thirds vote of the delegates and officers present and voting at any annual sessions of the convention, provided two-thirds of the member societies or clubs are represented at such sessions.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above to be a true copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs as adopted and approved by the Constitution Committee at the First Annual Convention of the Federation held at Indianapolis, Ind., August 1st and 2nd, 1936.

A. F. ZAINEY,
Secretary.

MESSAGE FROM
THE EDITOR

The results of the first edition of THE SYRIAN ARK were very successful and gratifying. We therefore show our gratitude by our efforts in submitting this second edition in a larger form. Sincere appreciation is extended to all those good hearted Syrians and others who have responded so cheerfully in sending in their early subscriptions.

Frankly, while we cannot be too elated with the good results as has already been manifested, we must have more subscribers to carry on the good work. A larger response is now anticipated after the receipt of this issue into the homes of the readers. We will make every sincere effort not to disappoint the fine array of paid subscribers by curtailing

To those who would like to continue receiving the ARK, but who, for some reason or other, cannot pay the subscription rate at this time, their names will be kept on our list, providing the enclosed "SUBSCRIBER'S SPECIAL CARD" is signed and dropped in the mail. This card requires no stamp and will be evidence of good faith on the part of the subscriber. The ARK will gladly pay the return postage. Likewise, the enclosed self addressed envelope is submitted for the benefit of those who care to remit their subscription at this time.

It was gratifying to read the many letters received from the readers of the ARK. Many were praiseworthy, and those messages from the high officers of the three already organized Federations deserve praises and thanks. They fill the editor's heart with "precious wine in an old bottle." Some of the letters received were "piercing bullets," but appreciated just the same. Criticisms are very much acknowledged and the ARK is grateful to learn the likes and dis-likes of its readers. It is no dishonor for any one to profit from any unintentional error.

A reader sends in a dollar wrapped in plain paper, without any writing whatever and no return address on the envelope. The post mark on the enclosure is stamped "Havre, Mont.," and the handwriting appears to be that of a woman. Be that as it is, if the

reader will furnish us with the name and correct address, due credit will be given for the dollar subscription.

Another reader from Cincinnati writes that "the facimile of the SYRIAN ARK on the front cover appears too religious—Syrian-American, or Arabian Unity would be more appropriate." Answering this gentleman, we cannot use the words "Syrian American," as they would conflict with an already existing profitable Syrian-English paper. The name "Arabian Unity" sounds pretty, yet in the opinion of the editor, it gives the impression more or less, of a fabulous "Thousand and One Night" story.

We would like to hear from other readers and obtain additional views on other names for a magazine of the quality of the ARK. The present title "THE SYRIAN ARK" was offered by Dr. W. S. Zarick, president of the Mid West Federation of Syrian Clubs and adopted by the editor. The word SYRIAN must be in the name. In a future edition there will be announced a contest for a name and a cash prize offered for the name selected. Watch for the announcement. In the meantime THE SYRIAN ARK will continue its unquestionable policy of good faith.

The ARK is fortunate in obtaining the services of a few well qualified reporters and representatives in the Mid West. These reporters will, from time to time, send in the sport, social and economic news of the Syrian Activities. A "Who's Who" column and a Sports and Social column start with this issue. Later on a complete list of all reporters and representatives will be printed for the benefit of ARK readers.

In this issue the ARK is pleased to publish a copy of the Mid West Federation's Constitution. With the broadcasting of this Constitution throughout the mid-western states there remains no reason whatever why all the clubs within the jurisdiction of the Federation should not send in their dues at this time. All Syrian clubs desiring to join the Federation should send in to the Secretary, in care of the ARK, for a membership application. With this application will be mailed a separate copy of the Constitution printed on special

paper and suitable for framing.

Clubs are joining rapidly and the Federation is functioning successfully. To the Syrian American Brotherhood of Indianapolis, goes the credit for being the first club to pay its initiation fee to the Federation Treasury. To the Syrian American Progressive League of Chicago, goes the credit for being the first club to pay its initiation fee and first year's membership dues in full. The Chicago League certainly has thirty-three live wire members. Their example of rushing the yearly dues into the Federation Treasury is symbolic of enthusiasm and faith in the future destiny of the Federation. To Michigan City, Ind., goes the honor of being the first city in which more than one club paid the fees and become full-pledged members.

The Secretaries of all affiliated clubs throughout the Mid West are respectfully requested to make all remittances direct to The Federation's Treasurer, Mr. William Asfoor, 1365 So. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill. All other correspondence can be sent either to the president, Dr. W. S. Zarick, or to the secretary, A. F. Zainey, in care of the SYRIAN ARK, Indianapolis.

PARDON!

Due to lack of space the serial of "Ma'aruf and Fatima" is omitted in this issue. Look for it in the November Thanksgiving edition.

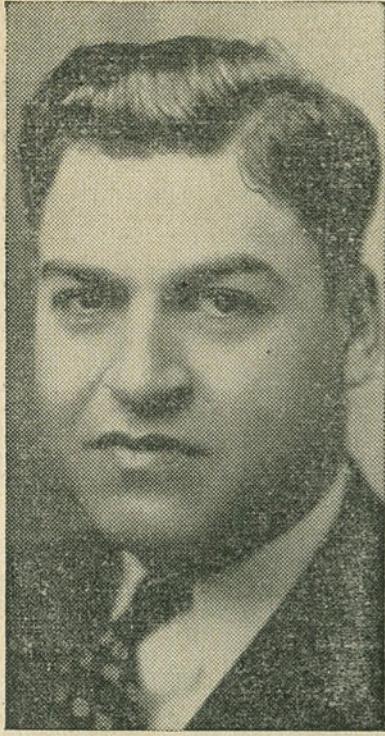
Editor

THE UNJUST SENTENCE

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Cadi's hall he was quite unable to relate. The Cadi now called for some explanation of Ali's bloody clothes, which Ali himself was unable to give; but his mother, who was at once sent for, stated that she had cut her own arm to stain them, and when they examined her they found on her left arm the scar of a recent wound. The Cadi was lost in amazement at all this; unfortunately for him the reversal of his sentence cost him his appointment, and he died in poverty, unable to find his way home. As for Ali, the widow of the murdered man married him in the following year, out of gratitude for his noble behavior.

"WHO'S WHO" IN
THE MID WEST
Folks! Meet The Gentleman
From Kewanee, Illinois,



Mr. Sam Saad

Those who attended the Mid West Federation's Assembly on August 2nd last, recall one of the announcements made at the opening session of the Convention. "That with the birth of the Federation for the Mid Western States, there was also born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Saad, of Kewanee, Ill., a bouncing boy, a future president of the Mid West Federation." Word has just come to the attention of the ARK offices that Master Roger Louis Saad is the image of his charming mother and a "chip off the old block."

Take a look folks, at the picture above. What a heart breaker Roger Louis will be in his progress to manhood as he follows the footsteps of his daddy. The infant's grand-dad down in Kansas was reached campaigning for Governor Landon and he reports that Roger called him over long-distance inquiring about the Federation and invited all Mid West Syrians to meet him face to face under the giant "Peter-Paul Bread Tree" which adorns the lawn of his birthplace. Some boy this little son of Sam or "Samson" if you please.

In presenting this picture to its readers, the ARK is proud to introduce one of its first subscribers and a whole hearted supporter of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs. Mr. Saad's parents are natives of Rashaya, Syria. He has spent the major portion of his existence in Kewanee, Ill., and his son Roger Louis is his first born. By occupation, Sam enjoys the lucrative position of Regional Manager of the Maytag Washer Machine Corporation and travels extensively throughout the Mid West.

Our Federation looks forward with pride through the next twenty-one years of successful growth when it will have as its president, one who will be just as good looking, if not better, than his dad, our own Master Roger Louis Saad.

HIT AND MISS

"Keep your head cold—Your feet warm and you'll make the best doctor poor."—Boerhaave.

There were many cases of love at first sight when the Syrian youngsters gathered at the recent Mid West Federation convention.

Princess Juliana of Holland is to marry Barnhaard Leopold Frederick Eberhard Jules Curt Charles Godfreu Peter, but she may compromise by calling him "Pete".

The Egyptian Government will soon operate gold mines on the Red Sea Coast.

Iraq, which began to export oil late in 1934, shipped out 143,400,000 gallons in the last year.

FROM THE SYRIAN VOICE

Mid West Federation of Syrian Clubs, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The eyes of all Syrians throughout the nation are turned toward Indianapolis today. Hopeful eyes that look to the future when Syrians all over the country will be united in one great cause to perpetuate the culture and traditions of Syria as it should be done. Let's carry through the year the desire to have our actions be remembered in the history of this Federation. Your action has dis- two wounded as result of bomb faith for the united of our people. Good luck and God speed on your new undertaking.

The Syrian Voice.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Among the Syrians.

(Written Specially for the ARK)

University of Detroit's football team, with its several Syrian leaders will make considerable headway this college season.

George Rashid, a sophomore in the Arts Department, is considered a good "end" and is the University team's heaviest player.

John Snada, of Grand Rapids, a junior, has already proven his worth from last year and will be an outstanding figure this season.

Detroit has a Basket-ball League which has progressed considerably since its inception several years ago. Teams belonging to the League are sponsored by the following clubs: Detroit Eots, St. Maron Society, Mt. Lebanon Club, Syriaids, and Weinman Settlement.

Among the leaders of these teams are E. M. Gannam and Norman Dwaihy. The games are held in the gymnasium of the University of Detroit and are usually attended by crowds of three and four hundred.

Joseph Rashid, a junior in the Law Department is the outstanding debator and orator of the University of Detroit, having won the Skinner Medal, the highest award in oratory.

Joseph Adamy, of Detroit, has been appointed Athletic Director of St. Ambrose High School, Grosse Pointe, an exclusive suburb of Detroit.

Elias Shaheen, of Niles, Ohio, is very active in the students activities Council at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. He is also financial secretary and a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus of Niles, Ohio.

Joseph Sker is also a past Grand Knight of the Warren, Ohio Council; likewise Joseph Lahood of Brideport, O. & Richard Rossi of Fostoria, Ohio.

Habeeb I. Katibah, former editor of the SYRIAN World is visiting at Spring Valley, Ill. the guest of Rev. Seraphim Nassar. Mr. Katibah will return to New York about Oct. 10 where he will meet his mother upon her arrival from Syria.

**HEAD OF SYRIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF AMERICA PAYS
1st VISIT TO IND. SYRIANS**

Archbishop Anthony Bashir, Head of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America, arrived in Indianapolis on Saturday, September 27th, for his first pastoral visit to Syrian colonies of Indiana.

The distinguished clergyman was met at the Union Station by the Honorable John W. Kern, mayor of Indianapolis; Dr. Ernest M. Evans, Secretary of the Church Federation of Indianapolis; Clarence I. Wheatley, County Commissioner, and Rev. Nasseeb R. Wehby, pastor of the Saint George Syrian Orthodox Church, and other leading Syrians.

Following a dinner in the home of Anice G. Corey, the archbishop appeared at an informal reception in the Knights of St. George Hall, where he was introduced to members of the St. George congregation.

Thereafter the archbishop conducted evening prayer services at the Church and presided at a high mass the following Sunday with the Revs. Wehby and John Khoury of Akron, Ohio as celebrants. Following the mass a formal banquet in the adjoining hall was given in honor of the archbishop. Dr. Evans, Rev. Wehby; Rev. Khoury, and Moses Mabtouk, president of Knights of St. George, gave inspiring talks on the achievements of the famous visitor. Anice G. Corey was toastmaster. Following the banquet a program of oriental music was rendered by the Festikji family.

Archbishop Bashir was ordained last April at Brooklyn, New York by a special emissary of the Patriarch of Antioch, head of the Syrian Orthodox Church and stationed at Damascus, Syria. He will pay a personal visit to the more than seventy Syrian families of Indianapolis before proceeding to other Syrian colonies in Fort Wayne and Terre Haute, Indiana. Sister Mariana Sabbagh of St. Mart's convent in Saidnayah, Syria is also visiting the Indianapolis pastorate.

Born in Syria, Archbishop Bashir was educated in Bellmoud Seminary and at the American University of Beyrouth, and also in the law school of Baabda, Sy-

**NEWS REVIEW OF
THE NEAR EAST**

Sept. 9. Three British officers and one Arab detective killed in Jerusalem.

Sept. 10. One British officer, two Jews and five Arabs killed near Acre.

Sept. 11. France decides on freedom for Syria.

Sept. 12. Two Jewish workers shot near Rohoboth. Bringing total number of Jews killed to date as result of Arab strike to 83.

Sept. 13. Three thousand British troops under General J. G. Dill, arrive at Haifa, Palestine.

Sept. 19. Eight year old Jewish boy killed and his 70 year old grandfather wounded by Arab snipers.

Sept. 22. Two Arabs killed and played to the world our undying explosion in Jerusalem Central Prison.

Sept. 23. Syrian Nationalist Leader encourages Syrian youth of Damascus to take up arms against Britain in defense of the Arabs of Palestine.

Sept. 24. Forty-four Arabs killed in skirmish with British troops. General Dill notifies Arab leaders that martial law will be declared over Palestine if the strike is not ended by the 27th.

Sept. 25. Two more British battalions land at Haifa.

Sept. 26. King Edward of England refuses to discuss terms of peace with Palestine unless order is restored and Arabs cease in their strike.

Sept. 29. England clamps down martial law over Palestine.

Sept. 30. In the face of offending over one hundred million Moslems within her empire, England chooses to stand by her promise to give the Jews a homeland in Palestine.

ria. He came to the United States in 1922 as special representative of the Patriarch of Antioch. After his ordination last April he was automatically made spiritual head of the more than 200,000 Syrians of the orthodox faith in the United States.

The Archbishop is hopeful that a union of all orthodox churches in the United States could be accomplished.

**Telegrams to the
Federation**

**FROM THE SECRETARIES OF
THE EASTERN FEDERATION**

Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs: Indianapolis, Ind.,

Our hearts and minds are stirred with joy and confidence. Feeling that the dream of our fathers nears its realization. One united people in America to preserve our heritage and contribute to the advancement of our adopted country. Success to your Federation from your sister of the Eastern States.

Simon E. Rihbany,
Samuel Attaya,
Secretaries.

**FROM A DES MOINES, IOWA
ARDENT SUPPORTER**

Mid West Federation of Syrian Clubs, Indianapolis, Ind.

Heartiest greetings and congratulations on this great occasion. Sorry unable to attend to help carry on our great cause. Yet in spirit and heart am with you. May you reach undaunted success in your efforts and have happy, joyful gathering. Push comrades. Reach unlimited goals and carry your successful banners.

Fraternally,
Elias Mamo

**FROM THE
SOUTHERN FEDERATION**

Midwestern Syrian American Federation, Indianapolis, Ind.

We congratulate you upon your momentous movement and in the spirit of Syrian hospitality we welcome you into the family of Federations.

Southern Federation of Syrian Clubs.

**FROM A CLEVELAND,
OHIO BOOSTER**

Mid West Federation of Syrian Clubs, Indianapolis, Ind.

Unforeseen developments prevented attendance. Will give whole hearted support to Federation. Best wishes for success of Convention.

Michael S. Caraboolad, president Syrian Cultural Garden Association.

LETTERS OF OPINION

From the President and Secretary of the Eastern Federation

Boston, Mass.,
July 31st, 1936.

A. Frederick Zainey, Esquire,
Chairman Convention Committee.
Dear Mr. Zainey:

On this, your first annual convention, please accept the heartiest greetings of your sister organization, the Syrian and Lebanese American Federation of the Eastern States. At this convention you will no doubt organize your federation upon the rock of faith in your people and in yourselves. We are not unmindful of the difficulties and sacrifices which your several organizations will need to exert in order to bring about a healthy and strong Federation, but these difficulties, rightly analyzed and viewed, will serve to strengthen your determination to go forward. They will make stronger your conviction as to how much we need to organize our efforts not only sectionally, but nationally.

Your sister Federations, both in the East and in the South, are looking forward to finding in your success the most encouraging evidence, that our people are experiencing the greatest awakening in the history of their immigration, and that this awakening should not be allowed to pass on without bringing forth a national Federation that will take in every Syrian community and local organization in all of the forty-eight states. We are confident that your deliberations in your own convention will not be in vain but will serve as a call to every Syrian organization in the Mid-Western States to come forward and join hands with you.

In this spirit we extend to all the officers, delegates and representatives at the convention our whole utmost co-operation, and we assure you that the officers and affiliated member clubs of the Eastern Federation will gladly place their services at your disposal whenever you wish to call upon us.

Fraternally Yours,
Syrian and Lebanese American Federation of the Eastern States.

Walter J. Moossa, President.
Simon E. Rihbany, Sec'y Gen.

From the President of the Southern Federation.

Birmingham, Ala.,
Sept. 26, 1936.

Dr. W. S. Zarick, President
Mr. A. F. Zainey, Secretary,
Syrian American Federation of
the Mid-Western States.

Dear Friends:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 21st inst., and from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for your expressions of congratulations and good wishes.

I hope to see the day when all the elements among our people who are honestly and earnestly working for the unity that we are so badly in need of, are combined into one national organization. After that is accomplished, I think I can lay my head on the eternal pillow and say with complacence and satisfaction: "Lord, take me; I am ready."

I am almost sure I am going to attend your next Convention. I deem it an honor to be included as an honorary member on your list of subscribers to the Syrian Ark.

Let me hear from you as often as you will, and remember me always as your faithful friend,

Dr. Heikel A. Elkourie,
President Southern Federation
of Syrian Clubs.

From One Who Appreciates the Syrian Spirit

Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 26th, 1936.
Editor Syrian Ark,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I have had the pleasure of reading your first issue of the Syrian Ark, and was very pleased, to say the least, to learn that the Syrians of the Middle West have finally organized into one group.

The leaders of this movement are to be highly commended upon their success in this altruistic undertaking. May I offer them my sincerest congratulations.

Hoping that I may serve, in any possible way, to further the interests of the worthy Federation, I am,

Respectfully,
John Paul Sheya.

Mail your Subscription Now!

From One of the First Supporters of the Federation

Kewanee, Ill.,
September 21st, 1936.

A. F. Zainey, Lawyer,
Fidelity Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Fred:

Congratulations on the first issue of the SYRIAN ARK. You are worthy of a great deal of praise for your tireless efforts and I am sure that it has required much constructive thinking on your part. I have enjoyed reading every page. Under your guidance and leadership, I know that it will grow to be even more interesting with every succeeding issue.

Mrs. Saad joins me in wishing the Mid-West Federation, its officers and the Syrian Ark, a very bright and successful future and with kind personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,
S. J. Saad.

From the Federations Treasurer.

Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 18, 1936.

Dear Mr. Zainey:

Received the first edition of your paper THE SYRIAN ARK. The paper is very interesting and concise and am sure it will go over in a big way with the proper effort behind it.

Yours,
William Asfoor.

From Chicago's Progressive Secretary

Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 24th, 1936.

Dear Mr. Zainey:

Best wishes for the Federation and "THE ARK". You will hear from me again.

Sincerely Yours,
Ameen Bonahoom, Secretary
Syrian Progressive League.

ADVERTISE in

THE SYRIAN ARK

"Watch Us Grow"

Palestine Situation

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press the revolt. Having attained her goal, she will, then, turn around and make several concessions to the Arabs, such as the reduction in the number of Jewish immigrants entering the country in any one year, and the establishment of an elective legislative council. Such concessions will be accepted by the Arab leaders as vindication of their cause. The strike will be called off and peace return. But as to how long peace under such conditions will last, only time alone will determine.

English There to Stay

That Great Britain, today, is in Palestine to stay, goes without saying. The Italian conquest of Ethiopia has introduced a new factor with regards to British power in the Mediterranean. Already the British admiralty, recognizing the danger, has undertaken the task of establishing naval bases along a new route to India through the Cape Colony. But this, however, does not mean the complete abandonment of the old route. It simply means that Great Britain appreciated the need of strengthening her old defenses and, also, adding new ones.

Gibraltar, impregnable against naval attack, is being made impregnable against aerial attack, also. The islands of Malta and Cyprus, heretofore great naval bases, have already lost their strategic importance because of their close proximity to Italy. They must therefore be replaced by new bases. Alexandria in Egypt and Haifa in Palestine offer the only possibilities. The former would be the natural choice were it not that its geographic situation renders it vulnerable to attack. Thus, Haifa remains for consideration. And judged by the important works now going on in that city, there is every reason to believe that already she has received the call as the future haven of the British fleet in the Mediterranean in times of war. That being true, mandate or no mandate Palestine must remain under British control. And the land which served as the battlefield of ancient empires seems destined to repeat her role in the inevitable struggle of modern empires.

Shreveport, La. from page 3

the Misses Josephine Eltife, Ann George, Nora Badran, Rose Bacella and Mrs. Marie Haddad.

This progressive sorority was well represented at the Convention of the Southern Federation of Syrian Clubs. A majority of its members attended as delegates and the Sorority is proud to be affiliated with the Federation.

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A liberal cash commission will be paid to subscription representatives. Syrian Clubs, Associations Societies and Sororities which are not already represented are requested to appoint a representative who will send in the NEWS and take subscriptions for The Syrian Ark. Every Club and Society should have a Press Representative to send in their EVENTS and Activities. Here is the opportunity to appoint an active Club worker to handle the NEWS and SUBSCRIPTION on a very liberal commission basis.

Address communications:

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION NEWS

LET US RAISE A STANDARD TO WHICH THE WISE AND THE HONEST MAY REPAIR"—WASHINGTON



ZAHLEH: "Bride of Lebanon"

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Syrian Detective Sergeant Killed

Special to the ARK by AGNES MARD

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 7—Detective Sergeant James B. Mobarak, a well known Syrian of this city was shot to death by one of two burglars he and a fellow police officers had arrested.

The killer used an automatic pistol which, concealed in his shoe, had been overlooked by Mobarak when he searched the burglar a few minutes before.

Details of Shooting

The St. Louis police department was deluged with reports that a number of burglaries were being committed in the vicinity of the shooting. Sergeant Mobarak and his squad of fellow officers were assigned to the district and while looking for suspicious characters saw two youths on the porch of a house whose occupants were either away or had retired.

The youths were placed under arrest and a quick search by Sergeant Mobarak yielded several burglary tools in the pockets of the killer. The detective however, overlooked a pistol concealed in the shoe of one of the prisoners.

The police officers had returned to the house to determine whether the doors and windows had been forced, leaving Mobarak alone with the prisoners in the car.

Seeing his opportunity, one of the prisoners reached down as if to tie his shoe lace, came up with the pistol and fired six times point blank at Mobarak.

Upon hearing the rapid shots, the officers came running from the house and when hearing the cry of their leader, "Help, Charlie, they're killing me", fired at the prisoners, killing one of them instantly, the other died the following day.

Sergeant Mobarak was dead before arrival at Saint Anthony's Hospital, to which he was rushed.

The funeral services for the deceased Syrian detective were held at St. John the Baptist



James B. Mobarak With St. Louis Police Since 1924.

Church with full police honors.

The police quartet sang at the church. When the casket was placed at the grave in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, a squad from the Sixth Infantry, Jefferson Barracks fired a salute and a bugler sounded taps.

Pallbearers were fellow police officers and the services were in charge of the Saint Louis Chief of Police.

Sergeant Mobarak was 42 years old at the time of his death. He joined the St. Louis police force in 1924 and received rapid promotion to sergeant detective.

Saddened by the death of the Syrian detective whose thirteen years of exemplary service included solutions of a number of crimes.

Detective Mobarak was born at Mazaratt, Mount Lebanon, Syria. Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter and two sons, Anita, 17 years old, James 13 and Ralph 7.

The widow will receive \$3000

lump payment from the St. Louis Police Relief Association and a pension of \$108 a month, half the pay of a detective sergeant. In addition for each minor child she will receive \$10 a month.

RADIO NEWS

At 6:45 Wednesday evening, February 10th, Lowell Thomas, the famous announcer, introduced to the listeners of the air President Walter L. Wright, Jr., of Istanbul American College.

In the few moments allotted to President Wright, the achievements of graduates of the Near East American Colleges were brought to light. It was interesting to hear of Kemal Pasha's adopted daughter and children of other Turkish diplomats being taught by American educators.

"Among the graduates of the American College at Istanbul," announced Mr. Wright, "are the leaders in the movement of World Peace. The college has done as fine an educational job as any place in the world, and at the present time. "President Wright continued, "Sixteen million dollars is being spent in the erection of a steel mill on the Turkish shores of the Black Sea, engineered by Turkish graduates of the Istanbul American College.

HELEN SHADID

Elsewhere in the United States, the ARK discovers another Syrian Radio Artist in the person of Miss Helen Shadid, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Shadid of Elk City, Oklahoma. Miss Shadid is an accomplished musician and her listeners have classed her as "The songbird of Radio Station KASA. Miss Shadid is a contestant in the ARK'S popularity contest and her picture appears in the contest page of this issue.

LOUISE YAZBECK

In the ARK'S January edition Miss Louise Yazbeck of Shreveport, La., was hailed as the "Syrian Radio Star from the South." Miss Yazbeck is chairman of the Radio committee of the Southern Federation of Syrian Clubs which is sponsoring a Syrian program at 3:15 Sunday afternoon, February 21st. See the announcement in the "Here and There" section in this issue.



ATTY. A. A. HADDAD

Highlights in the Life of Mr. A. A. Haddad

Mr. A. A. Haddad, young Syrian attorney in Toledo, and vice-president of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs, is running for city Council in Toledo in the coming election.

Mr. Haddad was born March 9, 1908 in Charleston, West Virginia, the son of Abdo and Dulie Haddad. He attended the elementary schools in Charleston and Charleston High School. While in Charleston High, he won scholastic and athletic honors. Upon graduation, he went to West Virginia University where he was president of the Junior class and vice-president of the Senior class. At the University he formed and became the first president of the Square Deal Club, which is still in existence. At Law School he won further honors and was elected president of the Junior class of that school.

He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1932 and passed the West Virginia Bar examination in September, 1932. Then he practiced law a year in Charleston, where he organized the Knights of St. George and became the first president of that fraternity.

In May, 1933, he married Miss Jenna Farris, a popular member of the young Syrian set of Toledo Ohio. After a successful year of practice in Charleston, the young attorney and his wife made their

residence in Toledo.

In 1935 he passed the Ohio Bar examination and became associated with the law office of Mr. Louis Eppstein, well-known Toledo attorney. Always interested in promoting the welfare of the Syrians, and believing that a union of two talented Syrians would do most to bring this about he joined Mr. Charles Hider, another prominent Syrian attorney to form the law firm of Hider and Haddad.

In 1936 he attended the first annual convention of the Midwest Federation of Syrian American Clubs, as delegate for the Victor Club of Toledo, and was nominated for president of the Federation, but withdrew in favor of the present incumbent. He was elected first Vice-President of the Federation.

In January, 1937, he became the head of the Victor Club, influential fraternity in Toledo. Through his efforts and his indefatigable energy the Syrian Inter-Fratal Basketball League of Toledo was formed, of which organization he became president. An all-star team formed of members of this League played in Indianapolis team and won.

The Victor Club delegation are sponsoring Mr. Haddad for president of the Federation at its forthcoming convention.



MICHAEL BORANE



LaVONNE MALOOF

Miss LaVonne Maloof, daughter of Abraham and Edna Maloof, one of the socialites of the young Syrian set of Indianapolis, has entered Indiana University at Bloomington, Ind., to complete her college education. Miss Maloof is well known throughout the Mid West and has many admirers in Joliet and Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., and Michigan City, Ind. Before entering college LaVonne was an active supporter and contributor to the Syrian ARK. Before graduating from the Saint Agnes Academy Miss Maloof was editor in chief of the "Senior Class Weekly". LaVonne is only twenty years old, a charter member of Benat-el-Yome and at present is assistant secretary of the Mid West Federation of Syrian-American Clubs.

MICHAEL BORANE

The political situation in Joliet, Illinois, is in full sway, and Mr. Borane is the Republican candidate for Assistant Supervisor. Well known and active in American Legion circles it is expected that Mr. Borane will win in the April election. The candidate managed the campaign of Congressman Chauncy Reed when the latter first sought the honor in his Joliet district. Mr. Borane is also a candidate for President of the Mid West Federation of Syrian Clubs which will hold its 1937 convention next August.

POET'S CORNERS

POETRY

By Lucille Risk

Spring is in the air and 'tis said "In the Springtime a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love".

LOVE

Love is the first bud in the Spring;
The sweetest song the larks can sing;
Lasting as the rivers flow;
Sturdy as the great oaks grow;
Burning as the tropic sun;
Inspiration to great deeds done;
Mighty as vast ships that sail,
Weathering storms and seldom fail.

AN INVOCATION

O help me Lord, to be always kind,
Pure, loyal, and sincere;
Slander and gossip to leave behind,
Spreading only good will and cheer.
Bar me from all dissolution,
That I may never misunderstand;
Of wicked thoughts be no intrusion,
Let noble thoughts and deeds command.

SYRIAN HERITAGE

By KATHERINE SALEM

Conceived in the dawn of the East,
Shaped master of earth and of the
beast,

A nomad of Syrian home—
Transplanted; no longer I roam.

The essence of heritage lures,
The blood in my veins ever spurs,
I seethe with illusive caprice,
I'm yearning for joy and felice.
Embryonic factors we are,
Potential both here and afar,
Of home and my birth I make boast,
New Homeland! to you I give toast.

NICHOLAS T. HABIB

Many letters have come to the ARK offices requesting to know why the popularity contest is confined to girls. Our answer is that most of the Ark's many reporters scattered over the United States, are Syrian young ladies, with the exception of four, namely: the ARK'S anonymous correspondent of Detroit; John Paul Sheya of Chicago; Jos Seigh of Joliet, Ill., and Nicholas T. Habib of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Nick, whose picture appears above is the ARK'S modern "Sheik of Araby" and his monthly "Literary Gems" are eagerly sought by the ARK readers



NICHOLAS T. HABIB

Born in Ain-Arab, Syria, April 26th, 1908, he learned the rudiments of the Arabic language while yet a child. In the summer of 1921 he came to the United States going direct to Charleston, West Virginia, where he mastered the English. After graduating from high school, he attended Ohio State University at Columbus, preparatory to taking a special course in Dentistry.

However, upon the death of his parents, and while yet a young man, he was compelled to leave college and moved to Cedar Rapids to be among relatives of his home town, and where he is now engaged in the general insurance business.

His knowledge of the Arabic language keeps him in full trim in the Syrian affairs of Cedar Rapids.

He was a charter member of "The Phoenicians," acting as its secretary since its organization.

"The Phoenicians" says Nick "are proud to be identified with the Syrian ARK and further to be a member in good standing of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs."

Nick promises to lead a large caravan of Phoenicians to the conclave of the Federation next August.

THMEN BA-NET HOLD SEMI-ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

By Rose Yanney

Sioux City, Iowa—The Thmen Ba-net Syrian Sorority Girls club held their semi-annual formal dinner dance banquet the 11th of February at the Canton Tea Gardens. The formal affair which is always a highlight on Sioux City's social calendar, was attended by eighteen couples who contributed to the gaiety and beautiful adornment of the social affair. The tables of the banquet premises were adorned with the respective colors of the sorority and served as an added feature to provide the beautiful background. Music was furnished by a well known local band.

The Thmen Ba-Net Girls Sorority was organized five years ago this February in the year of 1932. The sorority has a restriction to only nine members, notwithstanding the fact that many of the girls expressing their desires of joining. However, inasmuch as this sorority has achieved a high reputable standing among the social activities of the city, it has united the long cherished social affiliation with other sororities represented in the city. The sorority meets once every two weeks, each time alternating at the homes of different members. The name of the Sorority was derived from the fact that eight members to whom the name implies first constituted the club, now that the club has nine, the hostess is left free to entertain the eight chartered members. The sorority now consists of the following girls: Mesdames Richard E. Yanney, Frederick Alberts, Micky Tierno, the Misses Amelia Melham, Julia Ferris, Ollie David, Mabel Joseph, Rose Yanney and Mary Bashra. Mrs. Richard Yanney is the president for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Fred Alberts is the secretary and treasurer.

The Sorority wishes to express its appreciation to the editor of the ARK and also to other sororities who have shown and allocated enough interest to organize for the benefit of the Syrians and to the best interests of city and states residing therein. The Sorority would enjoy hearing from other sororities.

MID-WEST FEDERATION CONCLAVE SET FOR AUGUST 7-8

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**Michigan City, Ind., Will Be Host
To Greatest Conclave
Ever Held**

**More Than Two Thousand Young
Men and Women Planning
To Attend**

On Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8, the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs will meet at Michigan City, Indiana, for the second annual conclave.

Judging from the numerous letters received by the Secretary through the Syrian ARK offices, more than two thousand young men and women are expected to attend one of the largest Syrian conventions ever held in the country.

The two day program will include prominent Syrian speakers, a symposium, crowning of the most popular Syrian girl as "Queen of the Mid-West", various discussions, business sessions, election and installation of new officers, dances on Saturday and Sunday nights, trip on Lake Michigan and a banquet Sunday evening.

The conclave will be sponsored by all the Syrian clubs of Michigan City under the auspices of the Young Syrian Men's Christian Association.

Registration headquarters will be at the Spaulding Hotel and at the Young Syrian Men's Hall on West 7th St.

The executive committee of the Federation will meet with the Syrian leaders of Michigan City to form various committees to carry out the details and programs of the convention.

The May edition of the ARK will carry the results of this meeting and set out the personnel of each committee. In the meantime it will be well noted the officers of the Federation have earnestly endeavored to provide ample time for the creation and strengthening of new friendships as well as for constructive discussions and plans for the coming year.

The mayor of Michigan City with the cooperation of the Cham-

ber of Commerce will give the conventioneers the freedom of the city. Washington Park with its numerous places of amusements and zoological gardens along the shores of the big lake will be thrown open to the Federation.

Although Syrians from everywhere are privileged to attend the convention, delegates accredited from member clubs only shall take part in the deliberations of the Federation's prudential affairs.

There is ample time for all non-member clubs to join in order to be heard in the committee rooms. Every Syrian club in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin should belong to the Federation and send delegates to the conclave.

Applications for membership can be had by writing to the Federation's Secretary, in care of the Syrian ARK.

OUR MIDWEST FEDERATION A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The end of the first year of the Mid West Federation of Syrian-American Clubs is at hand. We are now making plans for the convention to be held in Michigan City, Indiana. August 7 and 8. It is hoped that the clubs in the Mid West, who have not already joined will send in their applications so that they may be entitled to send delegates to the convention.

The Mid West Federation is not quite a year old. It has survived many hardships during this first year and it will require the clinic and counsel of the delegates at the next convention to elevate it into a sturdy and healthy Federation, capable of representing the clubs of the Mid West and able to work for their best interests.

The delegates at the next convention will have many important matters to decide. Any mistake we have made will have to

be remedied. It is going to be a job that will test the skill of the delegates. And it is going to be a job that will bring everlasting benefit to our people.

Aside from the noble purposes of the Federation, the convention would succeed if it would only bring together the Syrians of the Mid West.

The meeting with new personalities, the interchange of ideas and the consciousness of the power of Syrian men and women will be our inspiration to everyone attending the convention.

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HERE AND THERE

STREATOR, ILLINOIS

By Adele Ashamy

Death takes prominent Syrian woman. Mrs. Bessie Mushro passed away suddenly at her home on Palm Sunday.

Born in Saghbine, Syria, fifty-seven years ago and at the age of 17 was married to Mike Mushro. The deceased is survived by six children.

Mrs. Mushro was a devout member of St. Casimer's Catholic Church and an active member of the Ladies* Altar Society. She was also a member of the Syrian American Sisterhood of Joliet, Ill.

The Syrians of Streator and surrounding towns mourn the loss of a beautiful character. Her personality and sincerity in work and friendship made her an object of love and respect.

Funeral services were conducted from the home and St. Casimer's Church. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Roger Ashamy of Coal City, student at the University of Illinois has pledged Beta Alpha Psi, national professional honorary accounting fraternity.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

By Alice Freije

Mrs. Hinde Joseph, age 49 years, died at the St. Vincent's Hospital on April 1st.

Funeral services were held at the St. Phillip Neri Church. Interment was at St. Joseph cemetery.

Mrs. Joseph was a native of Mualakat-Zahleh and came to Indianapolis in 1902. She was the widow of Abalan M. Joseph who died in 1934. She was a member of the Good Will Society, an auxiliary of the Syrian American Brotherhood.

Surviving are four daughters, the Misses Louise, Emeline, Marie, and Rita Joseph; three brothers, George, Salim K. and Herbert Freije and a brother-in-law, Joseph M. Joseph, all of Indianapolis, and her parents and a sister who live in Syria.

Emeline Joseph is the Indianapolis representative of the Syrian Voice, of Albany, N. Y.



ALICE FREIJE

Miss Freije, one of the young Syrian socialites, was born and reared in Indianapolis where she now resides with her parents, Joseph and Taj Freije, who came to the United States over 25 years ago.

Alice is an instructor of beauty culture in the Royal Beauty Academy and is quite active in her art. Cute and diminutive, she is always on hand in the Syrian activities of Indianapolis.

She is a member of Bannat el-Yome, St. George's Girls Club and a Greek letter sorority.

Miss Freije is also publicity reporter of her Syrian club for the ARK.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

By Helen Maloley

Mr. and Mrs. Esper Maloley of Harbor Springs, Michigan, stopped in town for a few days. They were returning home after a visit in Fort Wayne with Mr. Saleem Maloley and family.

On Easter Sunday, little Richard Laham Gantos was baptised in St. Nicholas Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gantos. Mr. S. Abraham and Mrs. C. K. Maloley were god-father and god-mother.

A newcomer to this city who is being made welcome by all is Miss Margaret Khouri of Dallas, Texas. Miss Khouri is making her home with her uncle, Mr. Elias Khouri. We like her southern drawl, too.

The ladies' society, Zahrat El Adab, gave a Syrian dinner in the Moose Temple for the benefit of St. Nicholas Church. Members of the St. Nicholas Parish Society and Sien Aleph Sien assisted in arrangements. About 400 people were served during the course of the evening.

GRAND RAPIDS

By Jeanette Balish
CHURCH NEWS

The Most Rev. Antony Bashir, archbishop of the Syrian Orthodox Diocese of North America, officiated at high mass in St. Nicholas Church on Sunday, Apr. 4th, and was the guest of Rev. Abraham Zaine during his visit in Grand Rapids. On the archbishop's arrival from Fort Wayne on Saturday evening, he was met by a committee of churchmen and city officials and he was guest of honor at a luncheon given by Rt. Rev. J. N. McCormick, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese.

Rev. Michael Neckett of St. George's Orthodox Church in Detroit was celebrant at several masses in St. George's Church of this city and was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Hoodhood during his stays here.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

St. Ephraim's Society entertained with a "get together" in St. Andrew's gymnasium on Sunday, April 4th, for members and their families. The affair was held in appreciation of a prosperous year and talks were given by Dr. Arthur Tasseine, Rajee Tobia of Lansing, Dr. T. David of Sacramento, Calif., George Jabour of Lansing, and Elias Khouri. George Skar acted as toastmaster.

The Syrian Ladies Golden Links Society of St. George Church sponsored a potluck supper in the church hall on Tuesday, April 6th, for members and their friends.

The Dahrat-el-Adab club of St. Nicholas Church gave an Oriental dinner in the Moose Temple on Thursday, April 8th. These dinners, sponsored at short intervals by the various Syrian groups

THE SYRIAN ARK

AMEEN RIHANI ON LECTURE TOUR IN INTEREST OF ARAB UNITY

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The shifting policies of the Near East is being interpreted by Ameen Rihani at the principal colleges of the Mid West in the interest of the Pan Arab movement.

On Sunday, April 25th, Mr. Rihani was the chief speaker at the International House of Chicago University.

The following week the distinguished Syrian was the guest speaker of the Foreign Affairs Council at Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

On May 14th, Mr. Rihani spoke in the Goddard Auditorium, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., where his subject was "The Arab Kings", and on May 19th he was the speaker before the students and faculty of the Indiana State Teachers' College at Terre Haute, Ind. His topic was "The Future of the Near East".

Mr. Rihani is a native of Freike, Mount Lebanon, Syria, and he occupies a unique position as an interpreter of the Near East to America. He came to America when a boy and became an American citizen. While attending the New York University Law School, he was forced to return to his native land on account of his health.

In 1922 Mr. Rihani set out upon a trip through the countries of the Near East, not as an observer merely, but with the hope of bringing about an understanding between the rival Arab kings to result in the cessation of conflicts among them and the building up of a united Arab Empire.

In his travels through Arabia he has had the opportunity of intimate personal contact with the rulers of the various Arab nations and he speaks of the problems of the Near East with authority and understanding. It was his dream to bring about a united Arab empire, autonomous and united in opposition to all Occidental encroachment.

Mr. Rihani recently returned to the United States from a visit to Palestine in order to make a series of lectures under the aus-

oles of the Arabian-Jewish controversy. Our party included other well-educated and posted Americans. We felt that Mr. Rihani was not given sufficient time for a subject of such vast importance.

It seems to me that those who were in charge did not fully realize the rank of Mr. Rihani, who is acclaimed to be the outstanding authority on the problems of the Near East.

The Arabs, Syrians, Egyptians, British, French and others regard Mr. Rihani not only as an authority on the subject, but a gentleman endowed with the spirit of justice and fairness. His statements are based upon established facts, the accuracy of which can be verified.

We wanted Mr. Rihani to speak at least thirty minutes more.

As you may recall, during the question period, a young, aggressive, uniformed and rather crude fellow arose and made an antagonistic statement, instead of merely asking a question. If he is a Jew, he should be informed that Mr. Rihani is a friend of his race.

We resented his unwarranted manner and were surprised he was not called to a point of order by the presiding chairman, instead of being permitted to ramble on, when he really had no right to do so.

Mr. Rihani is too big a man to need my or anyone else's defense, but I, as a true American, who have travelled and studied a great deal, know that Mr. Rihani is a fine scholar and thoroughly knows his subject.

The International House should be proud of an opportunity to have as a speaker and entertain such a distinguished gentleman as Ameen Rihani.

Respectfully,
(Captain) George Kirby.

SALOM RIZK SPEAKS BEFORE KANSAS LEGISLATURE

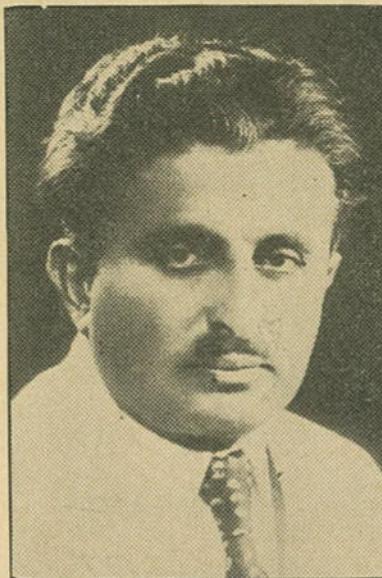
By Elizabeth Swyden

Salom Rizk, noted young Syrian lecturer of Chicago, gave a lecture at the University of Kansas recently and then was invited to speak before a special joint meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate, which was called for the purpose of hearing him.

Mr. Rizk spoke on "Democratic Statesmanship" and sounded a plea to American lawmakers to set an example to the rulers of the world in establishing permanent peace.

It Pays to Advertise in THE SYRIAN ARK

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AMEEN RIHANI

pices of the Institute of International Education.

The advanced notice of Mr. Rihani's scheduled speech at the Chicago University drew a large gathering of American students of the Near East, and as the subject of Mr. Rihani's discussion bordered on the Palestinian situation, a number of Jewish adherents were in attendance.

Below, the Ark is privileged to print a letter written by an American gentleman, the Hon. Captain George Kirby, to Dr. E. B. Price, presiding officer at Mr. Rihani's meeting in the Chicago University International House. Captain Kirby is a subscriber to the Ark and an ardent student of the Near East.

May 2nd, 1937.

Dr. E. B. Price,
Director of Int'l. House,
Chicago University.

Dear Dr. Price:

It was our pleasure and privilege to hear Mr. Ameen Rihani at the International House of Chicago University on Sunday evening, April 25th, when you had the honor to introduce him.

As a student of the Near East, I sat next to a noted lecturer, who also has been an investigator of the prob-

WIT AND WISDOM

By SUMAYEH ATTIEYEH

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SUMAYEH ATTIEYEH

With enthusiasm the editor is proud to have among its regular contributors Miss Sumayah Attiyeh of Chicago, who, after numerous approaches, has generously consented to write her "WIT and WISDOM" sayings for the ARK:

Among the several Syrian-English publications of the United States, "WIT and WISDOM" will appear exclusively in the ARK, and because of the seven letters appearing in the first and last names of the author, both the WIT and the WISDOM will always be found in page seven.

Miss Attiyeh has watched the growth of the ARK since its inception nine months ago. From a small vessel of eight pages to a large two-color steamer of twenty-four pages carrying its cargo of monthly treasures. She has witnessed the ARK'S sincerity of purpose and the safe delivery of its useful shipments to the homes of the Syrians.

Her WIT and WISDOM sayings are frequently heard by millions of radio fans over the air and the press of America eagerly seek her articles and pay dearly for them. Yet Miss Attiyeh from her hearty generosity and with the paramount welfare of the Syrian before her, graciously selects the ARK as the medium to carry her messages to the scattered Syrians of the country.

Sumayah Attiyeh, young and beautiful, is a remarkable public speaker and an attractive lecturer. Her audiences are spellbound when she reaches the pinnacle of her wisdom. Her lectures are fascinating and her wit is applaudable.

Miss Attiyeh's ancestors were among the medieval rulers of Arabia. Her father was a statesman of Syria and a diplomat under the regime of Sultan Abdul Hamid.

It really is a relish to have Sumayah Attiyeh on the editorial staff of the ARK'S select.

One look at an idiot is more convincing than the orations of the learned.



MISS SUMAYEH ATTIEYEH

The reason the Arabian Coffee is the finest with a dinner, or after a meal, is because it has three elements which make it the ideal drink anywhere and at any time:

It is as black as jet, as hot as hell, and as sweet as love.

What can I think of your virtue O onion, since every bite make eyes shed tears.

I especially like the Americans because they have the spirit of youth and are not grown up yet.

They still believe in Santa Claus.

They risk their lives to save one minute.

They make many foolish laws and fail to enforce half of them.

They wear belts instead of suspenders, sleep with their windows open, give you free matches and all kinds of samples.

They always have plenty of paper bags and eat their soup without making a hallaboo noise.

MOTHER LOVE

by Sumayah Attiyeh

One day God called to Himself His messenger Angel Gabriel and said to him: "Gabriel the world has progressed in art, education, science and in everything else, so I want you to go down to the Planet Earth and investigate all things in the human kingdom, the animal kingdom, and the plant life, and after studying

every phase of the Earth, bring back to Me up here the three most worthy things that are fit to enter Heaven."

So Gabriel came to our World and crossed the oceans and the seas on the finest yachts. He visited the palaces of the rich and the huts of the poor. He shopped in the leading department stores. He attended the royal opera houses and went to the most elegant theatres.

He studied and talked with the loveliest women, and associated with the most brilliant men.

He walked through the most famous gardens and visited the forests and the fields of the Earth. He listened to the lark at dawn and gazed at the most beautiful sunsets.

And finally, after he travelled East and West, and investigated the World at large, he selected these three things that in his judgment were the best of all, to take back with him to Paradise.

Therefore he chose a beautiful, dainty, fragrant white Flower, the smile of an innocent little baby, and Mother Love.

But the dainty, sweet, lovely flower wilted and died on the way, and the smile of the pure small baby faded and evaporated in the fresh air and the sunshine, but the only lasting and worthy thing that was fit to enter Heaven and be presented to God Almighty was—MOTHER LOVE

CHICAGO NEWS

By John Paul Sheya

Miss Sumayah Attiyeh and Mr. Salom Rizk, prominent Syrian-American lecturers, were entertained at a dinner given in their honor at the home of Mrs. Edna Sheya, mother of the Ark's Chicago reporter.

The Syrianettes, girls' club, gave their annual dance recently at the Majestic Hotel Ballroom. A number of Chicago's younger set attended and enjoyed the thrilling times of Carmen Hadad's orchestra.

A social party was held Sunday; May 16, at the Douglas Park Auditorium, sponsored by the Syrian Progressive League and the Syrian Women's Club, and was given for the benefit of the New Hospital to be erected in Zahleh, Syria.



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION NEWS
LET US RAISE A STANDARD TO WHICH THE WISE AND THE HONEST MAY REPAIR.



Hania! Sahtein!

THERE are drinking fountains and glasses in Syria, of course, but having them all, who would take a picture of a man drinking out of a glass?

This picture is more inviting to the camera and more "lizzy", delicious to the drinker.

Did you ever try to quench your thirst this way? Many of the old folks have, and like it.

Try it sometime. Aim well.

Look at the picture again. It is natural for water to flow downward. The drinker is relishing the sparkling waters of perpetual snow-capped Mount Sunneen yonder in the distant hills of his beloved Lebanon.

Take a long comprehending look at the city of Beirut which is framed in the huge arch. Beyond it stand the mighty mountains of Lebanon, replete with exquisite scenery and splendor, sights of many historical and biblical fame. Many of our great Syrians in America spent their childhood days in the many small but colorful and active villages nestling in those sloping hills.

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WEST VIRGINIA SYRIAN DISTRIBUTES WEALTH IN NATIVE-LEBANON

NATHAN HADDAD RETURNS WITH 73 YEAR OLD MOTHER

Nathan Haddad, owner of Haddad's Department Store and leading merchant of Madison, West Virginia, arrived at his home exactly three months after he left for a visit to his native land of Syria. He was accompanied on his return trip by his mother, Mrs. Mary Haddad, who is seventy-three years of age. Mrs. Haddad is a widow and is now realizing the long anxiety of being with her boys in her declining years. She is in excellent health and already in love with her new country.

Nathan overflows with enthusiasm about his trip, particularly so because his mother is with him. He feels that the old country is a great place to visit and the United States of America a great place to live and prosper.

There is a lot of red tape attached to going from one country to another. That red tape is mustered by the passport which must carry the individual's picture, a very accurate personal description, his signature and visible identifications.

The ship he travelled on was the Conte de Savoy, an Italian vessel which raised the American flag while passing through Gibraltar from the Atlantic ocean into the blue waters of the Mediterranean. The steamer Conte de Savoy is one of the fleets of the Italian line represented by the Syrian steamship agency of Hitti & Company of New York which caters exclusively to the Syrian tourist and traveller.

While passing through the Straits of Gibraltar there was an atmosphere and tenseness of war throughout Europe which is noticeable to the tourist. Everywhere, however, as Nathan observed, the American flag is respected more, if anything, than any other.

The steamer stopped at Naples, Italy, its home port. Although Mr. Haddad did not get to see Mussolini, he did get to see the next biggest thing in Italy south of the Alps. Mount Vesu-



NATHAN HADDAD

vius, just back of Pompeii, which, like Il Duce, is continually belching smoke.

Next stop was Alexandria, Egypt with its narrow streets and ancient buildings. Overnight, and his boat had reached Haifa, the port of Palestine, and four hours more, Beirut, the port of Syria. From Beirut, Nathan journeyed inland fifty miles to Jibbaynne, the place of his birth and the place where his mother awaited him.

After relishing with the memories of his boyhood, Mr. Haddad set out to see the country going to Baalbeck, Homs, Aleppo and Damascus. While in the latter city, Nathan accumulated a large variety of wares and merchandise and gifts made by the Damascene craftsmanship. From Syria, Nathan journeyed by auto over the newly paved concrete road from Haifa to Jerusalem.

Briefly, Mr. Haddad visited many of the holy places in Palestine, including the traditional spot where Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, the Garden of Gethsemane, the church where it is claimed he was whipped and crowned with thorns, the site of crucifixion and the church of the Holy Sepulchre. He visited places sacred to Jews, Mohamed-

ans and Gentiles and the Mosque of Omar on the site of King Solomon's temple into which the infidel Christian goes with his shoes removed.

The Mohamadans have built a Mosque over the tombs of Abraham and his wife Sarah. Nearby is the Oak of Abraham, under which that ancient father of the Jewish faith is said to have rested, and close by the tombs of Isaac and Jacob, all of which Mr. Haddad visited.

He sailed and fished in the Sea of Galilee and swam in the Dead Sea, so laden with salt that he could not sink.

He saw Bethlehem and the stable and manger in a grotto underground where Christ was born; and the site of Jericho, a city ruined by the Israelites in the days of Joshua.

Returning from the Holy Land to his home town in Syria Mr. Haddad made it a purpose to see that the village of Jibaynne where his mother lived, was benefitted from the resources of his business in West Virginia. He contracted for the building of a school to house over fifty pupils with two all-time teachers. A fund in trust was laid aside by Mr. Haddad for the payment of salaries to the two teachers for a period of five years.

"If but two or three students really make good from that number," says Mr. Haddad, "I would feel amply repaid and in knowing that my investment was a wise one."

In Madison, West Virginia, where Mr. Haddad conducts his department store, he is looked upon as a leading citizen and an active contributor to the civic and social life of the community. His home is the pivot spot for all Syrians of Madison and nearby cities of West Virginia.

In the three months' absence from Madison, Mr. Haddad travelled over fifteen thousand miles. He says it was a joy to get back. Being a merchant, he observed the business ways of the countries through which he travelled. Nowhere is there anything to compare with the business ways and customs of America.

The return trip was made on the steamer "Rex", the third largest boat on the ocean.

THE MID WEST FEDERATION OF SYRIAN-AMERICAN CLUBS

Message from the President

WITHIN a month the second annual convention of the Mid West Federation of Syrian Clubs will take place in Michigan City, Indiana.

We are proud to state that up to this time twenty clubs have joined the Federation and it is anticipated that a dozen or more will join before the convention August 7-8.

Any Syrian Club is entitled to join, and those who desire to become affiliated with the convention should write in at once to the Secretary's office, in care of the ARK publication, for application blanks and any information desired.

Every Syrian, whether belonging to the Federation or not, may attend the convention activities, but the business sessions which are to be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons, August 7 and 8 are limited only to the duly accredited delegates chosen by clubs belonging to the Federation. Each such club is entitled to one delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof. The president of each club is also a delegate. If a club consists of thirty members, such club is allowed three delegates for the members, and the president which make four. But if the club consists of thirty-one to thirty-nine members then they are allowed four delegates and the president which makes five delegates altogether.

Each club member must choose the delegates, and an alternate for each delegate as soon as possible. The list of delegates chosen signed by the president and secretary of each club must be sent to the president or secretary of the Federation by July 15th, as committees will have to be appointed before the convention date so that they may work on Federation matters and have their reports ready at the opening of the business session.

New clubs may send in for applications and list of delegates by August 1st so the names of the new affiliates may be read at the convention.

A program of the convention activities will be sent to all affiliated clubs about July 15.

The Young Men's Syrian Christian Society of Michigan City, Ind., is sponsoring the convention and each individual member is working strenuously to make it a success. I am sure it will be a success and every one attending will have a profitable, and joyous time.

Be sure to attend. You will not regret it.

LIST OF FEDERATION OFFICERS

President, W. S. Zarick, M. D., Indianapolis, Ind.; treasurer, William Asfoor, Chicago, Ill.; Michael Borane, Joliet, vice-president for Illinois; E. J. Stephan, Wichita, vice-president for Kansas; J. Fred Karam, Louisville, vice-president for Kentucky; Dr. A. J. Tessine, Grand Rapids, vice-president for Michigan; Slayman Abdo, Mankato, vice-president for Minnesota; Phillip Hamrah, Caruthersville, vice-president for Missouri; Simon A. Simon, Omaha, vice-president for Nebraska; A. A. Hadad, Toledo, vice-president for Ohio; Nicholas Numair, Milwaukee, vice-president for Wisconsin and Murrish J. Yanne, Des Moines, vice-president for Iowa.

The editor of the Ark is the Federation's Executive Secretary.

The following, all of Michigan City, Indiana, are members of the Convention Committee: Fred Bonahoom, chairman; Geo. Balady, Richard Hathoot, Pete Sawaya, Edward Sawaya, Albert Atar, Tony Kalil, Alfred Shikany and George Farho.

In closing, I wish to urge every Syrian who desires a strong union of the Syrian people to join and attend the convention at Michigan City, Indiana, Aug. 7-8.

W. S. ZARICK, M. D.
President

June 5

New York City—Arrived in this city from Honduras, Central America, Bader Moses Deeb on his way to Syria.

June 7

Washington, D. C.—Rev. Benjamin Hafiz, pastor of the local Orthodox Parish, is visiting in New York City.

June 3

Roanoke, Va. — Mrs. Marie Farha Maloof of New York is visiting friends in this city.

New York City—Born to Easa and Marie Sarji, a boy, the first.

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KATHERINE FEISTEKJI TERMED "SWEETHEART OF SYRIA"

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MISS JULIA TAAWEEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

NEVER before were the Syrians of Indianapolis so wonderfully entertained than on the occasion of Julia Taaweel's rendition of her original oriental dances on June 13th.

At the invitation of the Ark, Miss Taaweel came from Chicago and delighted the Syrians and others with her artistic movements and originality of costumes.

Her dance "The Syrian Hero" was widely applauded. Dressed as she was like a Phoenician soldier, Miss Taaweel exhibited her acrobatic talent and played the part of the hero returning from a victorious battle, and repeating the tale of his glory to his admiring sweetheart.

The reaction of the "Raks Balady" seemed to have driven delight into the hearts of the audience as Miss Taaweel danced the Syrian Folk Steps much to the admiration of the elders.

Miss Taaweel was accompanied by the well known "oudist" Louis Shishem of Detroit, who

played several encores by special request.

On the stage with Miss Taaweel and Mr. Shishem was the well known Feistekji Ensemble, composed of Hanna Feistekji with the zither; Francis Feistekji, violinist; Joseph Feistekji with the durbekki and Katherine Feistekji with the "oud" and vocal soloist.

At special intervals Katherine delighted the audience with her marvelous voice and beautiful solos. Her song "Ya Wardat el-Hub" (Oh Rose, Emblem of Love) sung with emotion and feeling of "plaintive adoration" soon won for her the title "Sweetheart of Syria".

The Herro Trio, Adele, Lester and Hazel of Watertown, Wisconsin, also won applause for the rendition of modern Syrian music for the younger generation. Adele at the piano, Lester with his clarinet and Hazel as violin soloist.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA By Julia Abdouch.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bashara announce the engagement of their daughter Selma to Ferris Corey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Corey.

The Saint Thomas Crusaders gave a puppet show May 10 at the Church Hall. Two plays, Hansel and Gretel and Punch and Judy were presented. Tom Skaff, secretary of the Crusaders, was in charge of the program.

Commencement exercises were held June 3rd at Central High School with six Syrian youths graduating: George Abdouch, Lester Bashara, Minnie Joseph, Lillian Rameden, Josephine Rehan and Mary Stephens. Lester Bashara directed a chorus of twenty graduates in two musical selections.

A dance was held by the Crusaders on June 10 for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of Saint Thomas Orthodox Church. Music was furnished by Joe Risk and the committee consisted of George Stevens, chairman, Katherine Butross and Josephine Yanney.



MISS KATHERINE FEISTEKJI
"Sweetheart of Syria"

BIDS WELCOME TO ALL SYRIANS

The Honorable Mayor's Personal Invitation To All Syrian-Americans Of The Middle West

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HON. R. C. FEDDER, MAYOR, MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

I TAKE this opportunity by personal invitation through the pages of THE SYRIAN ARK to invite all Syrian-Americans of the Mid Western States to spend Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8, in Michigan City, Indiana, to help celebrate during the Convention of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs.

We are spending thousands of dollars to make this two day celebration another outstanding achievement for Michigan City's success.

You will enjoy your visit in our beautiful and healthful city and you'll find good wholesome food and excellent hotels, all at reasonable prices.

Like no other city in the entire middle west, Michigan City offers the genuine hospitality and activity compatible with the delight and enthusiasm of the Syrian-American.

Thousands upon thousands of visitors who have come to Michigan City during the past few years

have returned to their homes in almost all of the 48 states with glowing stories of grand entertainment, joyous activities and fine comradeship found in the Syrian-American population of Michigan City.

A fine spirit of civic pride among the city's Syrian residents has done much to further that feeling among the visitors.

During the Convention days Michigan City will reach a peak in entertainment. Countless activities are already being planned. Yacht races will fill the harbor with slim, rakish ships and the city with happy-go-lucky sailors. The coronation of the "Syrian Queen of the Mid-West" which will be officiated by Father Michael Abraham, and the water carnival will bring the younger Syrian generation in contact with the elders.

At the same time, Michigan City's permanent attractions—Washington Park and zoo, amusements in the park, the public

beach with its warm, "singing" sands, theatres, lake front activities and countless minor entertainments — maintain a high speed pace during the entire summer season.

When we say, "Come to Michigan City. You'll enjoy yourself," we mean it. We truly believe anyone can enjoy himself in Michigan City.

On behalf of the city, I wish to extend a welcome to all Syrian-Americans to attend the Second Annual Convention of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs on August 7-8.

"Visit Michigan City. We know you'll enjoy it."

R. C. Fedder,
Mayor of Michigan City.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

By Yvonne Gazel.

A miscellaneous shower was held by Miss Mary Samreny for Anne Shilato, who was married June 20th. A large crowd attended and many beautiful gifts received.

Mrs. Z. E. Hallow has returned home after an extended visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. D. J. Mittacos of Canton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Albert have the sympathy of their many friends for the loss of their only son, William Albert, age twenty-two, who died on May 29th after an illness of a few days.

Funeral Services were held at St. Anne's Syrian Church on June 2nd for the late Mrs. Marion Mossalem the mother of Rasheed Mossalam, Pittsburgh merchant.

NOW FOR A LITTLE OF "JIBING" . . .

Imagine the embarrassment of a respectable Syrian woman who could not produce her marriage certificate as per request of officials when applying for her naturalization papers, as the certificate was destroyed by fire . . . Would advise that Sue Abraham, Secretary of the Syramer Club, "steer clear" from the path of an enraged couple who upon her suggestion entered the "Boots and Saddle Bar" at the Webster Hall, on the eve of the Syramer's Dance, and ordered a double-header of "Saddle Cocktail" . . . were very insulted when informed that there was no such drink . . . what fun.

MONSIGNOR MICHAEL ABRAHAM RETURNS FROM WORLD TOUR

Visited with Royalty, Pope, Mussolini and Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm

Monsignor Michael Abraham, chaplain of the Mid West Federation of Syrian American Clubs and pastor of the Sacred Heart Church of Michigan City, Indiana, returned to his parish after a five months' tour around the world during which he personally met and visited with Emir Abdallah, King of Transjordan, Benito Mussolini and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, Pope Pius XI in the Vatican City Palace and the former Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany at Doorn, Holland.

Father Abraham had a private audience with the Pope, and the pontiff, when informed of the priest's work among the Syrians of the United States, complimented him highly.

Father Abraham obtained these astounding interviews with some of the world's greatest men, partly because he accompanied the Maronite Patriarch Arida from Lebanon to Rome and because he was personally and intimately acquainted with the King-Emir Abdallah and with Arthur Frederick Hohenzollern, son of the Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany.

"Now in exile, the old Kaiser impressed me more than anyone else," said Father Abraham, "he was so gentle. When I met him in his beautiful rose garden, he received me very cordially. Although he is 79 years old and his beard is white, he carries his age well. He was wearing a straw hat and a grey suit. He was very democratic and made me feel right at home after he had greeted me."

Invited to visit some Hollanders who lived but 20 miles from Doorn, Father Abraham was taken to see the castle. He engaged one of the guards in conversation and when he spoke of his acquaintance with the ex-Kaiser's son, was given a card which admitted him to the closely guarded rose garden.

When Father Abraham left his parish five months ago he went first to Honolulu from San Francisco, then to Japan where



RT. REV. MICHAEL ABRAHAM

he toured the islands from one end to the other, visiting all the principal cities. From there he went to China.

"Japan is becoming Westernized very fast," he said. "Travel there is cheap while it is most expensive in the Dutch East Indies. In China things are very backward."

In the Phillipine Islands he attended, with 200 priests from the United States, the Eucharistic Congress. Father Abraham, who is an orator by right, spoke at a public meeting there on the Oriental Rites of the Church.

The Dutch East Indies and the strange and mysterious islands of Bali and Java were his next ports. In Bali he had the distinct honor of dedicating the first Catholic church ever built on the islands. And in all of these out-of-the-way places he studied the religious, social and economic life of the peoples.

Singapore, Rangoon and Penang, which he described as most beautiful, were stop overs on his way to Calcutta and the Holy City of Benares. On the banks of the Ganges River he witnessed cremations, saw the Indians bathe, drink and bury their dead in the waters of the holy river.

At Agra, he saw the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world.

"You never grow tired looking at the beautiful Taj Mahal," said Father Abraham. "It speaks to you. I saw it at sunset and took pictures of it."

At Bombay, he saw the Parsees who destroy their dead by allowing the vultures to devour the bodies. He came in contact with members of the cult of insect adorers.

On his way from Egypt across the Mediterranean he met two Mahrajahs who were on their way to witness the coronation of King George at London.

In Jerusalem he assisted the Latin Patriarch on Easter Sunday at the Pontifical Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Emir Abdallah, King of Transjordan, who entertained Father Abraham in his palace at Amman is a direct descendant of Mohammed.

"King Abdallah is very interested in the United States and we talked over many things. I met his entire cabinet," remarked the priest.

Accompanying the Patriarch Arida of Antioch to Rome, the party was received in Italy's capitol by the Royal Band and by Count Ciano, son-in-law of Il-Duce. The dictator himself, he met with only five other men. While this meeting was short, Father Abraham had a fine opportunity later to observe and study Mussolini when he reviewed troops on the Empire anniversary celebration. At that time Father Abraham stood with Patriarch Arida, Mussolini, King Victor Emmanuel, Prince Umberto and members of the council, in the reviewing stand.

"Mussolini hypnotizes you," Father Abraham said. "You are spellbound in his presence. Yet he is very kind. But he is most stern when reviewing his troops. How the people cheered him. It was wonderful to experience."

Pope Pius was very feeble when Father Abraham saw him. He talks with great emotion. When the Patriarch told him my family name, Assemani, and something of my work, he said "Bravo, Bravo. I am delighted. The name of Assemani means much, the family has done so



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MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT Visits Mr. and Mrs. George Haddad of Shreveport, La.

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A. F. ZAINETY, EDITOR, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, U. S. A.

Listen . . .

Fellow Syrians

THE SYRIAN ARK Monthly Magazine is a genuine means of communication from friend to friend everywhere.

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We hope you will value The ARK as a SERVICE, a guide, and a means for the mental food on which you must rely for sound thinking and the conduct of your Syrian life and affairs.

A. F. ZAINY, Editor.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The picture shows the wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, when she visited Mr. and Mrs. George Haddad of Shreveport, La.

The occasion was to extend the gratitude of the President by Mrs. Roosevelt in person to Mr. Haddad, for the latter's achievement in acquainting the Syrians of the South with the President's economical program.

Mrs. Roosevelt is shown in the center of the picture surrounded by her aides and Shreveport city officials. Mr. and Mrs. Haddad are shown at the extreme left with their son, George, Jr., holding a book, a gift from Mrs. Roosevelt.

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ZAHLEH

Pride of Lebanon

It was just a year ago when the ARK published for the first time its front cover picture of medieval ZAHLEH and its accompanying editorial entitled "Boyhood Memories." The ARK was then in its infancy, barely six months old, yet the demand for that particular edition far exceeded the supply. Requests for the re-purchase of copies of that issue (February 1937) failed to satisfy at least, a substantial number of the prospective subscribers, thereby reluctantly disappointing many. On several occasions during the past year the editor was approached to reproduce another picture of "The Bride of Lebanon" and in order to appease the pleasant desire to the many Zahlites in New York, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland, El Paso and Los Angeles, the editor respectfully submits this front page modern reproduction of ZAHLEH.

Modern it is from all appearances because it is the most recent picture taken of the beautiful city. Its possession by the ARK was made possible by the serene generosity of Mr. Abraham Boutross of New York who, but recently, received it from Mr. Mike Mobarak with the post mark direct from ZAHLEH itself.

All cities in Mount Lebanon have their sentimental throbs in the hearts of their natives, and the ARK, maintaining its strict policy of impartiality will, from time to time, present pictures of other towns and villages of Syria with due courtesy and credit.

Where are the scenes of yesterday.
Where are the friends we knew
Where are the playmates we used to have
And sweethearts fond and true
I wander back to childhood days
Though years have past away
For no one can tell what the morrow brings
Until it is yesterday.

These lines sentimental as they are, bring memories of the homeland to all native Syrians and Lebanonians sojourning in countries away from the "Land of Milk and Honey."

If someone were to ask any Syrian to which place on the face of the globe he wished mostly to return, naturally the strong attachment to the native city would be most appealing. So it is with the editor.

ZAHLEH

The mere mention of the name is thrilling to the heart. The city, so proud and mellow which never fails to captivate whoever visits it, has not entirely escaped the invasion of the West. While the original city itself, wrapped in dreamy summers and romance of earlier days and with its narrow melodious by-ways, the modernity of western arrogance has gained much of its appearance.

The fascination of ZAHLEH is the same as in every town and hamlet in Lebanon. Beautiful in landscape and more or less touched with romantic association of present and by-gone days. To the westerner, a visit to Lebanon with its many resorts of relaxation, conceives all the elements of soul nourishment, and the departure from this "Land of Milk and Honey," its scenes are drowned in dreams and memories.

The mere glance at the front page view of ZAHLEH is

picturesque in itself. The corner stone, so to speak, in the far distance is none other than Mount Sunneen, with its everlasting garment of snow holding in its bosom the sacred fountain where the river Bardoni is supplied with its sparkling waters. And again in the not far distance is Mount Hermon whose melting snows form the enchanted oasis of the oldest recorded historical city in the world, "Damascus." And still, the "Great Sheik" whose white head shows grandly from the plains of the Baka'a and the Jebel Druse in the anti-Lebanon.

Nestled in a valley at the foot of huge hills, ZAHLEH is well protected from extreme heat and droughts, and because of the hewn background a complete panorama of the city is difficult to secure. The picture reproduced herein was taken from the place of the "Sareiya" or municipal building and much of the city with its spacious "biadir" is left behind the cameraman. In the foreground however is a complete view of the Melchite Cathedral and adjacent monastery of "Deir el-Moutran." And in the left background is the College Oriental (Arabic-French). In the far center can be seen the "Lunkandat es-Suhha" hewn in the limestone at the guage leading to the little "Wadi" beyond.

The imaginations of the Zahlite are enriched not only by the inheritance of ancestral heroes and Phoenician gallantry, but by the gifts derived from ancient Arabian renaissance and despite the lack of worldly goods they are in the most tranquil and untroubled and gifted with untarnished hearts. Like most Lebanonians, their demeanor and enjoyment delves with the singing mood and repetitious love songs in a general matter of fact expression. Of the attabi and bagdadi chanters there are many and of young crooners not the least. While the former chant deeds of heroism and bravados, the latter croon away their love songs in dual ecstasy and incorrigible romantic nature, responsive as the strings of the "oud" to any touch of sentiment.

"Al-houb fi kalbi amanah, ya Fadwa
Malakti kalbi fi howaki."

is the favorite pleading of the Syrian swain to his sweetheart in substance translated into English as follows:

"Love in my heart is to be trusted, Oh Fadwa
I can be trusted with your affection.
Each string of my heart is yours, Fadwa,
My destiny is your protection."

No treasure upon earth, and no thought of the morrow is so enchanting and dear to the youth of Lebanon and Syria than the season of courting. The happiness of the home and family ties are the every day blessings and encouragement of the elders to the young swains.

So again to the delight of the many Zahlites, the editor repeats the "Boyhood Memories of Zahleh" modified from the February 1937 ARK.

"How dear to my heart Are the scenes of my childhood,
When fond recollections Present them to view."

How wonderful it is to gaze at the front page picture and recall to memory the old homestead in the "harat" Numair and Sircany on the side of the western hill adjacent to

"Beit Youseff Hashim" and Grandma "Fareeda Deeb;" and the walks "we" used to take "Fadwa and "I," up the mountain lane to the vineyard and gather figs and grapes before the sun would chase the dew.

And the school days in "Deir el-Moutran" and in the "College Oriental" under the Superiorship of Rev. Boulos Kafouri, now deceased and the Profec-tureship of Rev. Bernardus Ghosn now of New York. And a few of the old school mates, Wadih Cor'han, Chikri Baccash, Kalil Ferris Rahy and Ragi Rahy, Youseff Brady, Aziz George, Mitchell Maloof, Al Nahal, Khalil Shikany and Youseff Numair.

Scattered are these old school mates in all parts of the world and engaged in divergent vocations. And coincident it is that two of those mentioned are editors of Arabic weeklies, one a town Mayor and several prominent merchant princes of New York and Rio de Janeiro.

"Oh, the old swimming hole, in the happy days of yore,
When I used to lean above it on the old sycamore,
But those days are past and gone, and old Time took his toll
From the old man come back to the old swimming hole."

But the yearning memories are those of the "old swimming hole" up yonder in the "Wadi." How we used to stroll bare foot through the narrow gauge below "Loukandat es-Suhha." Up the "Wadi" to the mouth of the Bardoni, where the icy waters of the snow capped Mount Sunneen descends to the pool below before singing its way to the Boulevards of ZAHLEH. Again to return from the "swimming hole" and partake of the "maza and yansoun spirits" in the open cafes along the banks of Bardoni.

And yet as a pleasant reminder of the days gone by, what a tender feeling of joy glorifies the spirit, when in a distant land, you meet a "pal" from the "old home town." Over in Peoria, Illinois, the spirit of ZAHLEH prevails. There in a secluded area five miles from the city, is a replica of the "Wadi and its Springs of Bardoni." Its shaddy sycamores beckon the Zahlites to join the "Festivities of Bardoni" and the Arak for which ZAHLEH is famous, flows from the bounty of old man Nimer Maloof and Charlie Raya.

WORLD'S OLDEST PULPIT

The Church of St. Sophia at Thessalonika claims to have the pulpit from which Saint Paul preached in the first century.

She Missed The Wedding



CAIRO, February 3.—King Farouk, youthful ruler of Egypt, is shown with his bride, beautiful seventeen-year-old Farida Zulficar. Adhering to Moslem tradition, the queen did not attend her own wedding, but she broke precedent by posing for the photograph after the wedding.

\$67,000 Found On Body Of Dead Syrian Priest

When the body of the late Rev. Athanasius Ghulam, who died recently at Boston, Mass., was taken to the undertakers, a sack containing \$67,000 in paper currency was hidden in his clothes.

Search in the deceased priest's home discovered further valuables to the extent of \$40,000.

Rev. Ghulam was pastor of the Catholic Syrian Church of St. Bashara in Boston for ten years. He was 65 years old at the time of his death.

The wealth attained by the cleric was accumulated after he became 55 years of age.

RUGS AND REBELS

(Concluded from page 9)

Mansur Bey Abdul Khalik agrees entirely with the remarks I quoted from Ameen Rihani in the columns of this magazine a few months ago. The proposed partition of the Holy Land is absurd, impossible, and fraught with disaster. But Mansur Bey-George Haig goes even further than the Syrian. He says that Rihani's idea for a round table conference between moderate Jewish and Arab leaders is now impossible. Feelings are too acute, animosities too unquenchable. What is more, says Haig, the British are now making the Palestine question a national Arab issue rather than a local affair.

The Lily of the Desert

OR

The Adventures of Soussana

An Oriental Novel (Copyrighted 1938)

BY MICHEL D. KADRI

CHAPTER VIII THE REFORMATORY

(Continued from July ARK)

"Great Allah!" shouted Hassen. "Who brought this paper here? How could I have missed noticing this girl? Look!" said Hassan to Farhoud, "is it the truth? Maybe I'm dreaming."

Farhoud, reading the note said, "Good Lord. That's Leylah's writing."

"Would you know this girl if you saw her, Farhoud?"

"I think it would be very hard to recognize her, Hassan, as I only saw her back, besides it is not wise to try to catch her. It is better to follow the instructions of Leylah in the letter. See what she says: 'Brother: Sousana is confined in some reformatory at Beirut. Try to save her at once. She is in danger. For me, I am well and in safe hands. Do not worry about me, but do what I am telling you to do. First, do not try to find me, because if you do, you will put my life in danger and Sousana's life too. Do not let anyone know about this note . . . not even father. Work in secret. Beware of letting anyone know that you are going to Beirut, as we are watched by many spies and our enemies are numerous. They are watching you, and every move you make.'"

"Well," said Farhoud, "you see Leylah's instructions. Praise be Allah! Both girls are alive. That is the most important. Now we shall have to work especially fast since every movement that we make is observed."

The prince, for the first time in his life, felt his eyes bathed with tears. His heart was dancing with joy to know that Sousanna and Leylah were alive.

"I have," he said, "to see Massoud at once and break the good news to him. That will encourage him to take food. Then I will leave for Beirut at once. Farhoud, promise me to look after Massoud while I am away."

Farhoud promised and then he added, "Hassan, you are young, I am older than you and I have had more experience. You must act with precaution and secrecy. Would you promise to follow my advice?"

"Surely!" said Hassan "I have confidence in you. That is why I trusted you."

"Well," said Farhoud, "let's go to see Massoud first. We shall break the news to him that you are going to Aleppo instead of Beirut. Do not mention the note to him. We shall tell him that we have some clues that the two girls may be found there, and that you are going there to trace the truth about this clue. In case you succeed, you will send for him at once. At the same time, I will go myself to see the Emir, your father, and tell him that you left for Aleppo on urgent business, and that you will be back at the latest, in a day or two. Another thing, it will be wiser for you to take one of our woman detectives with you."

Hassan, realizing the wisdom of Farhoud, promised to follow his instructions to the letter. One hour later, one could perceive the two cavaliers going northeast of Damascus, in haste and at full speed. They had two of the fastest Arabian horses, who as they say in the Orient, could race with death.

Farhoud did not lose any time. He went to see Massoud at once and gently told him the good news. He persuaded him that he must eat and rebuild, as Prince Hassen might need him very soon. Massoud, believing in the honesty of

Farhoud, agreed to take food and try to get well for Leylah's sake.

Five hours later, a man and woman were at police headquarters at Beirut, asking for information. The chief of police at first ignored what they were saying. After Prince Hassan revealed his identity to him, everything was different. At once two policemen, were assigned him as escorts, to collect all information needed. And one hour later, two strangers, accompanied by the chief of police, appeared at the reformatory. Admitted to the parlor, the matron came at once to see the chief of police, thinking it was another case of new girls for admittance to the reformatory. Her surprise was great when she heard the chief of police asking about a girl named Sousana.

"We never had a girl by that name in the reformatory." The chief of police was surprised. After the information he had received, he was sure that a girl about sixteen years old was sent there three weeks ago.

"Three weeks ago?" asked the matron. "Let me see. Yes, we had a girl about that age who was brought here by a man and woman. They said that they caught her in a disorderly place and she was sentenced by the judge to serve here until the age of twenty-one. In my belief this girl is innocent and must be a victim of some plot. Her name was not given to us as Sousana. She came under the name of Farha."

Hassan who had not said a word then asked the chief of police if he would allow him to ask the matron a few questions about this girl.

"You said," inquired Hassan, "the girl you received three weeks ago is innocent. The girl we are looking for, is the most innocent girl in the world. Her real name is the 'Lily of the Desert.' She is tall, slim, a perfect figure, long curly hair, black eyes, and her complexion is olive."

The matron hearing this description shouted loudly: "But sire, that's the same girl we have here, and all of the prisoners call her 'Pale Flower.'"

"May we see her?" asked Hassan. "She may be the girl we are looking for."

"It will be very difficult to let you see her now, sir, as Pale Flower is dangerously ill and it would be unwise to let her get up from bed now."

Hassan looked at the chief of police and asked him what to do. He told the chief it was very urgent that he see the girl because the life of his father and the girl's brother depended upon finding Sousana.

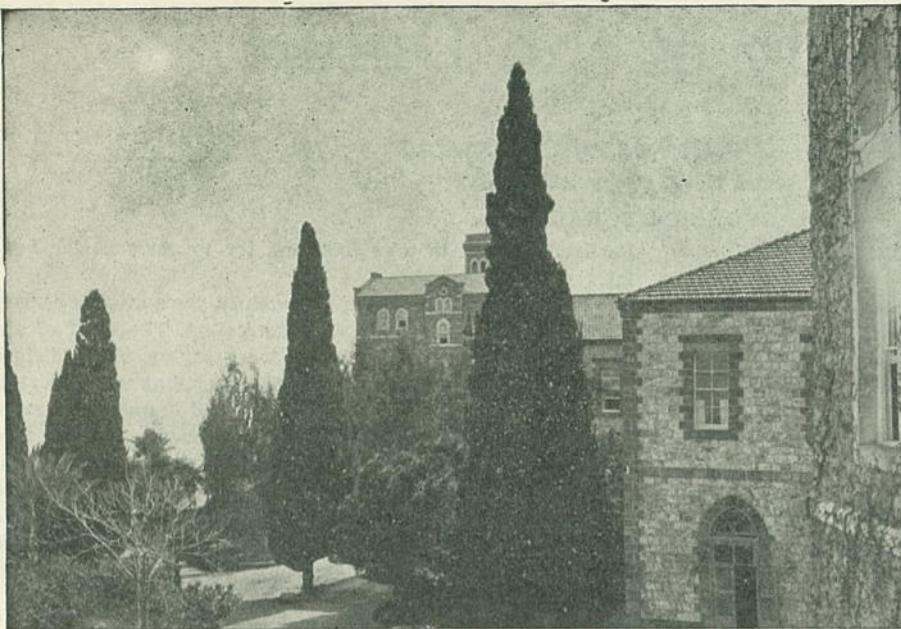
The matron suggested then that the woman who was with Prince Hassan could go up to the dormitory with her and see if she recognized her.

"It won't do," said Hassan, "my lady friend here is a detective and she never saw the girl before. But I have a scheme. You go up and ask this girl if she knows these names: 'Hassan, Leylah, or Massoud.' If she says yes, then she is the girl we are looking for."

The matron agreed with Hassan and left for the dormitory. Hassan said to the police, "I feel in my heart that she is the same girl that we are looking for, but I would like to know who the couple is, who brought her here. I will turn them out to every dog in the city, as their prey." The

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On the campus overlooking St. George Bay, A. U. B. Stands majestically

SONS OF LEBANON, SYRIA, PALESTINE, IRAQ, AND ALL CREEDS, FRIENDS

By ELIAS M. BARKET
ARK Foreign News Editor

Evidence that Western education is becoming more popular in the Near East is seen in the fact that the American University of Beirut has 18 per cent more students enrolled this year than last, the ARK has learned exclusively from Beirut.

Moreover, the decoration of Dr. Bayard Dodge, president of the University and formerly of New York, with the Lebanon Order of Merit gives tangible recognition of this fact.

There were 1,395 students in all departments in 1936-37, while there were 1,643 enrolled for the 1937-38 semesters. Most of these come from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and other Near East countries, but altogether there are 46 nationalities represented.

Among its students have been sons of Arab princes and nomadic sheiks, sons of foreign ministers and other important officials in Arab countries. Today there are the two princes of Bahrain whose father came personally last year to inspect the facilities of the University before entrusting his sons to its care, Emir Abdul, young son of sheik of Attiyeh tribe, one of the strong nomadic groups in Iraq, the sons of the Iraqi and Syrian ministers and many others whose names have been prominent in the sharply drawn political conflicts in the Near Orient.

On Friendly Terms

That life goes serenely on within University walls regardless of political flare-ups, and that the sons of the opposing factions remain on friendly terms, speaks well for the quality of training offered under the American standard. Only fairly recently did the Arab-Jew controversy in Palestine have any repercussions at "A. U. B.," as the institution is familiarly known, and these were unimportant.

Indeed, opposing political convictions are not the only source of possible trouble, for there are no less than twenty different religions represented, from the gamut of Oriental religions to the various forms of Protestant Christianity intro-

duced by British, French and American missionaries.

When Daniel Bliss, the founder, opened the University in 1866, he made it clear to the many hostile religious factions that religious differences in Syria and Lebanon would not be tolerated in any way.

Today it is evident that the faculty has stuck to its non-sectarian guns when a young Moslem student entering his third year answered the usual questions of the registrar as to what was his religion, "Why, the religion of the A. U. B."

General expansion in secondary education throughout the Near East is considered an important factor in the decided increase felt this year in registration, for people are becoming more school-conscious and the campaigns being waged against illiteracy by various groups are beginning to have tangible results. Other factors are the disturbed conditions

of Palestine and Europe. Parents are getting their sons out of Palestine and into the quiet atmosphere of Beirut and hesitate to send them to Europe while war clouds are hovering

Of the greatest importance, perhaps, is the fact that there is always a demand for A. U. B. graduates; indeed, there is no unemployed graduate known of by the Alumni Office, who wants a job; in fact, there are more jobs awaiting than there

Frequently, the A. U. B. experience has simply been the spur which led to advanced degrees in American and European colleges, and there is a long list of A. U. B. graduates who have attended the many western universities, for post graduate degrees.

The American University of Beirut has made itself felt wherever one turns in the Near East. The graduates love it, for they recognize the depth of vision which prompted Daniel Bliss and his missionary colleagues to undertake the tremendous task of organizing and developing an American college in a country which had been hostile to the spread of Christian education for 1,300 years.

When Dr. Bliss founded the institution under its original name—Syrian Protestant College—he said that "it should become in time equal to the better American colleges, and so far as possible, the college should be indigenous, identified with the country—that pupils should be educated with reference to the business which they might propose to follow," in order to make them leaders.

Accordingly today there are six divisions of schools of college grade and three of secondary grade. In the first group are the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing and Music; in the second, comprising the International College, are the elementary school leading to the French baccalaureate in which all teaching is conducted in French, thus permitting students to prepare for later contacts in Lebanon and Syria, where the French mandate makes for a strong French influence.

To house all has meant consistent enlargements of grounds and buildings during the 72 years of the institution's life. Starting in a rented house with 16 students, there is now a spread of 75 acres of beautiful campus on a commanding bluff overlooking St. George's Bay and the foot of the Lebanon mountains, where 31 substantial buildings house all the activities.

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The Duty Of American Youth To Palestine

By ANWAR MAHADDEEN

Today the Arabs, particularly those of them who inhabit Syria and Palestine, are facing perhaps the most crucial situation in their long history. Long a race distinguished for an empire of many glories and invaluable achievements, for impetuous courage, brilliant leadership, and indomitable will, the Arabs, now victims of rank injustice and foul treachery, are confronted with a future that forbodes the stifling of their noble spirit and even the annihilation of their very existence.

Before we became unfortunately entangled in the net of Europe's secret diplomacy and political subterfuge, our people in Syria and Palestine, although under the domination of the decaying Turkish Empire, enjoyed a comparatively peaceful and unmolested existence. There the centuries had rooted the Arabs in a holy earth, among the aged cedars and beautiful olive trees. There our people drank deeply the sweet waters of streams and fountains and breathed into their hearts the glory of the sunrise and the splendor of the sunset, and in the evening, after their toilings were ended, the cool breeze and a shepherd's flute carassed them, while their souls beat to the mysterious, intangible rhythm of the desert beyond.

Yet today, while we Arabs in America enjoy the light of peace and freedom, our brethren in Palestine are engaged in a bitter struggle against invasion and the most unbearable oppression. A horde of wily, sympathy-seeking invaders, the Zionists, have come, not as a proud, mighty army marching toward combat and conquest, but ignominiously in the protecting shadow of mighty European power, armed not with the sword, but with gold and cunning and their long-practiced art of unscrupulous propaganda and wailing. With guile and wretched gold they have procured large tracts of Palestine's richest soil and are rapidly gaining control of the country's commerce. These Jews do not come to Palestine in order to live once more in the religious cradle of their faith; they come with but one purpose; to exploit, to the fullest extent the country's natural resources, and, instead of sharing the benefits of such exploitation with the Arabs, as they deceitfully promise them, they seek to enslave them in their fields and factories and to create out of Palestine a Jewish state.

And so today, because of this, Arab blood lies spilt upon a hollowed earth, and a stricken Palestine, swarmed with vicious parasites, cries out for help. As one of Arab extraction, yet born and bred in the United States, I cannot help but feel the responsibility I owe to the valiant men fighting to deliver the land of our heritage from evil. Young and old are dying in combat, and widows and orphans face the storms of the future with neither sustenance nor shelter. Those who have fallen have not done so for themselves alone, but for the entire Arab race and we must realize this if we have any sense of honor and patriotism. It is our duty to contribute to the helpless ones that the dead have left behind. It is for us, the able, to give power to a worthy cause, for until we are one and strong in a common purpose, no leader will be so foolhardy as to declare himself. It is for us, the Arabs, to maintain, for the sake of our future generations, the strength of the bonds that tie us to one of the most magnificent of heritages. Without that heritage, without that glory, we become nought but an insignificant part of the human race, deserving neither honor nor respect; for those that fail the land that nurtured them are traitors; they certainly are not to be depended upon nor trusted by the land of their adoption. We

must realize, too, that we cannot live forever upon a record of past achievements; for time destroys all, even history. Through the strength of unity and the sharing of responsibility we must carry on where our forefathers left.

Shall we in whom the torch of faith still burns without flickering, we, who honor and respect what is sacred and holy permit infidel Zionists, whose God is the god of commerce and whose faith is the devilish glitter of gold, to defile that holy earth?

Shall we Arabs, to whom for ages have been attributed the qualities of nobility, pride, honor, courage and will, allow the future of our youth to be jeopardized by discrimination and unemployment? Shall we allow them to become the slaves of the conceited invaders?

Shall we yield that soil which is our only means of sustenance, suffer the ground wherein lie in sleep the prophets of old and where trod the Christ, to be desecrated? Shall we betray the noble men who fought and died for our cause?

Shall we, behind whom lie a heritage magnificent and a glory eternal, we, whose light of knowledge dissolved the darkness that hovered over a decaying Europe, lapse into lethargy and become a defeated, forgotten race?

No! Our unity must stand. We will not rest till our troubled earth finds peace and the light of a new freedom.

ARK SCORES ONCE AGAIN

Once again the Syrian ARK has scored, which proves conclusively that it is the most widely circulated and read Syrian-Lebanon publication in the country.

Some six months ago, a plea was inserted in the "Port of Missing Persons" department of this magazine concerning the whereabouts of a young Syrian man, after the missing person's mother made a dramatic plea to the ARK to assist the family in locating him.

Then one day early in July the mother received a communication from an ARK reader informing her that her son, whom she had not heard from for the past fifteen years, was safe and sound and working in the mid-west, giving her the son's address at the same time.

The bewildered but happy mother wrote her son. He immediately answered and now there is great rejoicing in that Syrian family. The son will see his mother late in September when he will take a leave of absence from his present position to go home.

"I can't thank you and the splendidly published ARK enough for the instrumental parts you and the magazine have played in locating my lost son. I'll always think of you for what you have done for me," wrote the mother to the ARK. "I'm the happiest mother in the world."

Just as every line of news is scanned from cover to cover, so are the advertisements. There is no better medium than the Syrian ARK to bring your message to the appreciative readers. IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE ARK.

PIONEER SYRIAN INFULENCE

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V. Cheer to Syrian and Lebanon Youth.

I write deliberately that Syrian Lebanon youth may realize their lordly heritages. Our youth should know that they are scions of a great people. In the blood of the present day generations of Syrian youth flows the spirit of conquerors and the carriers of civilization to humanity.

Napoleon said to his soldiers as they were drawn up before the Mamelukes of Egypt while under the shadows of the Pyramids, "Remember, that from yonder heights forty centuries look down on you." Let it be said, too, to the Syrian and Lebanon youth, "Remember, we look forward to forty centuries!" We stretch our hands toward future centuries to mold future generations. We look forward to form the destiny of our race.

I cheer you Syrian and Lebanon youth. I challenge you. I call you to build for the ages! You stand at the threshold of a new era in mankind. You hold the banner of Syrian life. You carry the dreams of our Syrian brain, brawn, and breed—superior breed among the races. You are the spearhead of our race progress. You shall make up in quality what we lack in mere numbers. Remember the Syrian race pioneers left you a great example, for they climbed the heights to a superior place among the established peoples of the west; and in America.

It can truly be said that the Syrian pioneers in America and in the New World were makers of progress. They led no armies which devastated other lands. They did not enrich themselves and their posterity at the expense of other races or of other nations. They did not drink the oil from the lamps of progress and leave civilization to shudder in darkness and revenge. Again the Syrian and Lebanon people have built an empire on progress, progress which is built on mutual welfare among the nations. The Syrian pioneers made great history, they built for the ages to come. Their world race and world trade empire covers the earth as the waves cover the seas. The sun never sets on the world Syrian-Lebanon race, and the glory of God shines brightly on the Syrian-Lebanon world trade empire.

This then is the sum total of the influence of the Syrian and Lebanon pioneers in America and the New World. They founded a world race. They built a world trade empire. They created a better highway for world civilization, the way of mutual welfare among men.

O Syrian and Lebanon people of my day, I cheer you, as you carry the flag of our name, our heritages, and our benevolence to the nations of mankind.

THE LILY OF THE DESERT

(Continued from page four)

Hassan became pensive for awhile. Then he asked his nurse for paper and pen. He said to her, "Will you write a little note for me?"

"I am at your service, Yah Sede."

Hassan dictated a few lines to her, after he had obtained her promise to keep the contents a secret. Then he asked the doctor to send him a detective whom he could trust. The doctor promised. Two hours later, a well-built young man was galloping toward the city of Damascus, as fast as he could go.

The couple, who had brought Soussana to the reformatory didn't return, but one of them used to come every day at different times and watch the door, to see if anyone discovered Soussana and tried to liberate her from the prison. When the chief of police, with Hassan and the woman, came to the reformatory, the kidnaper happened to be watching. He

came to the reformatory and watched from the window of the parlor. He thought that he recognized Hassan. When Hassan gave his order to the matron to get Soussana ready to be transferred to the hospital, the abductor, hearing the order of the prince, was sure that as soon as Soussana would see the prince, she would tell him the name of her captors. The only thing for him to do, was to get rid of the Emir's son and disappear at once. Not fearing the consequence, he shot the Emir's son and tried to hide himself among a crowd of people, who were shopping at the great market of Beirut. This was not very far from the reformatory. When the chief of police came out of the door to see who fired the shot, he did not notice anyone around and he could not blame any of the shoppers, because a great multitude frequented the market daily and especially at that time of afternoon.

Chapter Nine continued in October Ark

NO SYRIANS IN THIS ZAHLE

There is a small burg named "Zahle" in the United States, but there is not one Syrian residing in it. This Zahle is in the State of North Dakota, situated in Williams County, in the extreme northwestern part of the State.

"No Syrian resides in Zahle," Postmistress Mrs. E. C. Smith wrote to the Syrian ARK, in response to an inquiry to ascertain the Syrian population there.

In 1929, the ARK's editor travelled especially to Zahle, North Dakota, to ascertain the originality of the township name. Situated in a treeless region of barren prairies, it is about ten miles south of the Prince Albert Canadian border and thirty miles from the nearest railroad station at Williston, the county seat, where a number of Zahleites now reside.

The biographical information adduced at the time of the editor's visit disclosed that back in the 1880's, Mr. Abraham Yousef Layoun, a lad of fifteen tender years, was peddling rosaries, scapuliers, laces and odd notions from an oil-cloth covered hand basket in the lumber camps of northern Minnesota. His curly hair, Arabian eyes, continuous smile and muscular height won him many friends among the Swedish lumber-jacks of northern Minnesota. Hearing of the homestead rights in northwest Dakota being delved out to industrious workers, young Abe, who could neither read nor write, with the aid of his Swedish interpreters, secured a patent on nine sections or about 3470 acres of raw land. He built a hut beside a small stream and called the place "Zahle," after his native Zahleh of Mount Lebanon.

While there are no Syrians now in this North Dakota Zahle, the country-side around it is strewn with wheat ranches owned and occupied by original Zahleites. Bone Trail, the closest village to Zahle, N. D., was the homeplace of Mr. Layoun and where his widow, Mrs. Labeebe Saikly Layoun and family of ten or more huskies now manage the large ranches.

Editor, Syrian Ark:

Words cannot express the feeling I had on receiving the June issue of the ARK. It is the best copy of news "about our people in America ever written by anyone." The compilation and interesting articles, are proving your journalistic worth and I am sure that everyone is praising you highly for this achievement. I know, because even in Vicksburg, which might act as a pulse I was greeted with many compliments which makes your representative very proud, as we are proving that we deserve their confidence.

GEORGE G. ABRAHAM,
Vicksburg, Miss.

In Memoriam

Gibran Khalil Gibran

BY ELIAS M. BARKET

Time marches on!

Seven years ago this month Gibran Khalil Gibran, a great and noble Syrian soul, a philosopher, a thinker and an author—one whose life and deeds should ever be a source of inspiration and encouragement to our people—was called to the Great Beyond.

It is entirely fitting at this time to pause in reverent thought of this great leader and to contemplate his rich legacy to his people and the world.

Shortly before he died in 1931, Gibran wrote:

"If I should die tonight remember that one of the dearest dreams of my heart is this dream—that sometime, somewhere a body of work, perhaps fifty or seventy-five of the paintings shall be hung together in a gallery in a large city, where people may see them, and perhaps love them."

And, today seven years later, the fondest dream of the prophet has been realized. A permanent exhibit of the pencil and wash drawings by Gibran was formally opened in March, 1935, in the Gibran gallery in the Grand Hotel, 31st and Broadway, New York City, by Barbara Young poet and Gibran's literary executrix.

Mr. Gibran, as all great philosophers and thinkers, saw death as only a change from one great experience to another. His thoughts upon the eternal riddle are well expressed in the verse taken from "The Prophet," probably the best known of his works.

"Then Almitra spoke, saying, we would ask now of death.

And he said:

You would know the secret of death.

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?

The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day, cannot unveil the mystery of light.

If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life.

For the life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond.

And like seeds, dreaming beneath the snow of your heart dreams of spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.

Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd when he stands before the king whose hand is to be laid upon him in honor.

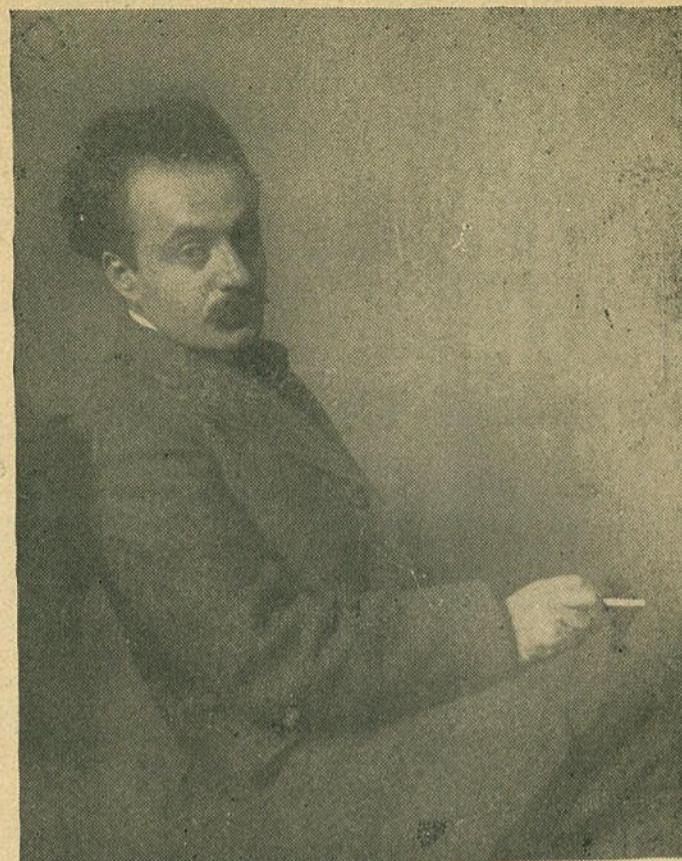
Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling, that he shall wear the mark of the king?

Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from the restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.



GIBRAN KHALIL GIBRAN (1883-1931) IN PENSIVE POSE

—Photo, courtesy, "Al-Hoda," Arabic Daily, N. Y.

And when you have reached the mountain top, then shall you begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

Yes, time marches on and on!

Something To Think About

BY MRS. LESTER ELEAS

Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friends to one; enemy to none.

Tomorrow you have no business with. You steal if you touch tomorrow; it is God's. Every day has in it enough to keep a man occupied without concerning himself with the things beyond.

In the end, it is not the road we travel, but the goal we reach, that counts.

Never trust a woman whom you think knows you don't like her.

Happiness is in the taste and not the amount. You get more joy out of one peach, if you like peaches than a whole basket of pineapples, if you hate pineapples.

You don't get everything you want in this world any more than you want everything you get.

Each of us might, if we tried hard, find in everyone of our friends, or in people we only meet and part with, something to praise instead of criticise. Instead of so much praising of ourselves, let us look sharper to find in others something to praise. Self-praise is "no good." It is a counterfeit coin, not fit to pass on.

Happiness depends more upon the internal frame of a person's mind than on the externals in the world.

TAHA-HUSAYN

By Dr. George I. Kheirallah

(Third in a series of "Wards of the Near East")

The best modern interpreter of Abul-Ala is Dr. Taha Husayn, a blind savant of our day. Taha Husayn, an Egyptian Arab, was born in 1889 and lost his sight when he was two years old. Born of very poor parents, he availed himself of the malktab, the village primary school, where he memorized the Koran. As to his struggle in coming to Cairo to avail himself of the advantages of the University of Al-Azhar, the writer has translated from the Arabic and here appends a brief sketch from the writings of Dr. Taha Husayn, which should give a true and sympathetic picture of his circumstances and character, proving again, like in the case of Abul-Ala, as well as in that of our esteemed contemporary, Helen Keller, that in spite of all handicaps, the blind can yet attain the highest mental heights.

Taha Husayn, while attached to Al-Azhar, was engaged in working for his degree at the Egyptian University. In 1914 he went to France where he studied French, Greek and Latin, then he entered the Sorbonne, studied philosophy and ancient history and received his Doctorate. In 1919 he returned to Egypt and was appointed professor of Ancient history in the old Egyptian University and afterwards he was appointed professor of Arabic literature at the State University, where he is one of the most popular and beloved professors.

He is considered as the foremost philosopher in the modern revival of Arabian thought. Thus the greatest philosopher and litterateur of the zenith of Arab civilization of a thousand years ago was a man who lost his sight at the age of four; and the foremost thinker of the Arab world in the present renaissance in another man who lost his sight at the age of two, both poor in worldly goods, but who will continue as in the past to greatly enrich and enlighten by their torch whole generations of human souls with perfect eyesight.

BY TAHA HUSAYN

My daughter, I am aware that you, a child of nine, are simple in nature, clean of soul and good of heart, and yet you have the thoughtlessness of the young and the inclination to fun-making and laughter, with a touch of the cruelty of children. I am afraid, O daughter to relate to you the story of

your father's life, during his youth, lest you thoughtlessly laugh at it, for I do not like to see a child laugh at its parent, make fun of him, or be severe with him. I have known your father during a certain period of his life which I cannot relate to you without grieving you or without causing you to deride and laugh at him. I knew him in his thirteenth year when he was sent to Cairo to accomplish his studies at Al-Azhar, for he was then a serious and industrious boy. He was a pale, slender youth of neglected attire, much nearer in appearance to poverty than to riches. A glance then would have discovered his dirty overgarment and white cap, which long since had become a smudgy grey, an undergarment which had acquired various colors from food stains, and a pair of worn out slippers. All this was apparent to the onlooker, yet it only elicited a sympathetic smile, for in spite of this ragged appearance and in spite of the sightless eyes, he was ambling along with his leader to Al-Ahzar with never a moment's hesitation nor a change of gait, and never a suggestion of uncertainty clouding his countenance. Again the onlooker smiled with a touch of tenderness when he saw him in the study circle, devotedly attentive to the sheik (teacher), consuming his words with an avid smile, never weary nor indifferent, paying no heed to the loitering youth around him nor joining in their games.

I knew him, O daughter, at that time, and how I wish that you had known him as I did, for only then could you have known the difference between your childhood and his. Yet it is well that at your age of nine you should know of life but beauty and happiness. I have known him to remain daily, weekly, monthly and thru' the year, living solely on the bread given out at Al-Ahzar. O! Pity the students of Al-Ahzar on account of the bread of Al-Ahzar and its poverty.

Weeks, months at a time, the bread was never dipped excepting in black molasses, and you, my daughter, have no idea what black molasses is like, and it is far better that you should never know.

Such was your father's life, full of endeavor, smiling to life and study. Cut off, yet hardly feeling his loneliness until the year passed and he returned to his solicitous parents who eagerly

inquired how he fared as to food and clothing. Of course, as has become his habit of late, to compose stories for your delectation, he then composed lies to his parents and informed them of a life replete with luxury and happiness. He was never given to lie for the love of lying, but out of compassion for the old folks he dreaded to tell them of his true privation. Such was your father's life in the thirteenth year of his age.

Now, should you ask me how he arrived at the present stage where his appearance is acceptable and where the onlooker is not startled thereby. How he was able to provide for you and your brother a comfortable living. How he has been able to arouse the antagonism of some people and the friendship and encouragement of others. Should you ask how he passed from that condition to this, I cannot answer you. But my child, there is another person who knows and would tell you, should you ask. Do you know who it is?

It is the angel who bends over you at eventide that you may spend the night in peaceful and delightful slumber, and bends again over you at morn, that you may welcome the day in joy and happiness. Do you not feel now that you are indebted to this angel, my daughter, who bent over your father, changing his despair to hope, his misery to happiness, his poverty to riches and his troubles to calm contentment? Your father's debt, my daughter, to this angel is no less than yours, so together, my child, let us endeavor to repay a portion of what we would love to repay.

Traveling In The Syrian Desert

(Concluded from preceding page)
phone posts are good guides but the desert along the side of them is not always practicable. Traveling in the desert is very thrilling and at times monotonous.

CLUB ELECTIONS

LEBANON CLUB

(Formerly "The Syrianettes")

Shreveport, La.

President, Annie Neshum; vice-president; Katherine Barre, secretary; Louise Ferris; treasurer, Amelia Ferris; publicity manager, Catherine Abood; Sergeant-at-arms, Matilda Faour.

ROSE OF SYRIA SOCIETY

Newark, N. J.

President, Tom Khalifeh; vice-president, Hassibe Mettrey; secretary, Beshara Haney; treasurer, Yanney George; guards Peter Dow and Jos. Mahfouz.

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• SHORTS

By Elias M. Barket

A PARADE OF NEW FACES

ARTHUR ELLIS, staff photographer of The Washington Post for six years, who is an ace cameraman in photoing sporting and news events is a Syrian. Note: I never knew that MR. ELLIS was one of "us" until I dropped him a line lauding his splendid Sunday column, "Camera Angles," which is written in an intelligent and fascinating style. And I was never so surprised in all my life when he replied informing me he was a Syrian. Yes, we sure did meet accidentally. You'll hear more concerning him from time to time. . . .

While on the subject of metropolitan newspaper cameramen, did you know that JIMMY JAMAIL, the inquiring photographer who conducts a daily column in the New York News, the tabloid picture paper, is a Syran? MR. JAMAIL gets into the sporting field very often when he gives his readers the pro and con of those he interviews relative to outcome of championship boxing tiffs, world series base ball games, collegiate and professional foot ball battles, six-day bicycle races, etc. He speaks on the radio, too.

Remember when ELIAS HOWAT was Akron, O., Times-Press photogapher. He snapped many sporting events for his sheet out in the Buckeye state. MR. HOWAT has a keen interest in the projection of motion pictures . . .

WILLIAM "BILL" SODD, a member of the Wilkes-Barre Barons, took command of the home run leadership in the Eastern League on July 25 by boosting his total to 15. Up to this time he was at bat 271 times, scored 46 runs, made 74 hits and batted in 50 runs for a .273 percentage . . .

Although I had exepcted to see RAY MAHANNAH, Syrian athlete at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, winner of the Junior outdoor national A. A. U. 1500-meter title in the record time of 3:57.8, participate in the track and field meet of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Randall's Island, New York, July 15 and 16, the Syrian lad was not listed in the program, probably because of his inability to come East at the time. He has run the mile in 4:13. . . .

Department of Inter-Collegiate Sports of Massachusetts State College, Amherst, informs me that MITCHELL F.

NEJAME, who was selected "man of the year" at this institution, has received the coveted varsity letter thrice for his outstanding ability in cross-country track. He was captain of the track team in the fall of '37, was awarded the Conspicuous Service Trophy, the Managers' Prize of \$50, and a gold medal with a diamond clip, for efficient service in academic activities. He resides at North Adams, Mass. (Personal note: How-ya doin' "E"?)

Pete Sarron being pushed nearer championship bout with Freddie Miller, featherweight title holder.

September, 1936: Sarron's popularity flourishes as "king of the feathers."

September, 1937: Pete Sarron whips Freddie Miller in return bout at South Africa, and sails for America to defend his featherweight title against Henry Armstrong at Madison Square Garden, New York.

That cute up-my-way Syrian gal is in love. Her Syrian boy-friend wants to be a dentist and is serving his time at a filling station. She tells me that when he makes enough money he is getting her a Century plant. And she thinks that a Century plant cost 100 bucks. I only wish you readers could meet her.

THE QUESTION BOX

Q. 1. Are there any Syrian aviators well known?—ARK reader.

A. 1. Yes, there is Joseph H. Musleh, Syrian aviator whose home I believe is in Jacksonville, Fla. At one time he was considered the aviation ace of the South. Late in 1934 he won several trophies and a cash prize of \$350 at the All-American Air Races in Miami. He had a flying circus composed of a half dozen pilots and a number of planes and were well known for their daring feats in the air.

Q. 2. Who is the Syrian bridge expert you mentioned some months back in your column and how did he finish in the New York bridge tourney several years ago—Southern ARK reader.

A. 2. Louis Haddad, 38, is the Syrian exponent of bridge and is rated among the first ten ranking players of the country. With 36 select bridge masters participating, Haddad finished fourth

Q. 3. Is it true that Johnny Baida, U. C. L. A., (Los Angeles, Calif.) grid star is playing parts in Warner Bros. pictures, and what do you know about him as an athlete?—Indiana Syrian Mermaid.

A. 3. I have read in the Syrian American News, that Johnny Baida is playing various parts for Warner Bros. Here is what I know about him: As a football player in Los Angeles high school, he was chosen All-City half-back during the 1933 season. After graduation John-

ny entered Black Foxe Military Institute. His playing and keen judgment in foot ball earned for him a berth on the military school's team as a star half-back. He is not only an outstanding athlete but he ranks high in his studies as well. Then he entered U. C. L. A., where he was considered to be the best blocker on the foot ball team, playing quarterback position for the Bruins.

ALEX ATTY, of West Virginia University, has written me that his foot ball team will be a "cracker-jack" this year. He's all set to go in his last campaign for his Alma Mater.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

JOHNNY GILBERT'S brother-in-law is Don Meade, one of the most outstanding riders in the history of American turfdom, until he was suspended a little more than year ago.

PETEY SARRON is the proud possessor of a gold diamond belt presented to him by a newspaper in South Africa when he was on a boxing tour of that continent early last year. So well liked is the Syrian in South Africa that the broadcasting stations there always arranged for a short wave broadcast of his major fights in America.

JOHNNY GILBERT has informed me the pure Arab horse has only 23 vertebrae in his backbone, while non-Arabian or mixed breeds invariably have 24. The Arab thus is "short-coupled." In engineering terms he has a shorter bridge span between piers and should carry greater weight with a given amount of strain, the Syrian jockey further claims.

SYRIAN SPORT MIRROR

Sept. 1934: Asucar, with Johnny Gilbert, the famous Syrian rider in the saddle, was eked out by Salair Stud's Faireno by a nose in a nerve-tingling and blood-curdling finish in the 21st running of the \$10,000 Havre de Grace (Md.) Handicap, feature of the final racing program.

• More than 33,000 fans saw Arty Sykes, Syrian heavyweight, lose a ten round decision bout to King Levinsky at Wrigley Field, Chicago.

September, 1935: Abe Kashey, Syrian wrestler, whipped twice by Gino Garaldi. Abe then pins John Swenski at New York, and beats Ed. Meske, Ohio State champion, in the Syrian's initial debut at Philadelphia.

National Boxing Association ratings for the first half of 1938 find GENTLEMAN PETER JOSEPH SARRON, the fighting little Syrian, in ninth position in the lightweight division. It will be recalled that the former featherweight king outgrew the lighter class because he no longer could make the weight, and was converted to a 130-pounder earlier this year.

club had the whole-hearted support and co-operation of each and every officer and member.

But let us not be confused by the relating of these events that the four years of the "Cedars of Lebanon's" life were devoted merely to the founding of the club, the purchase of the grounds, and the construction of the clubhouse. Though important, they were but the results of the prominent part played by the "Cedars of Lebanon" in the every day life of its members and the people of Jackson. It has been the consistent aim and intentions of this organization to devote its efforts towards programs that would be beneficial to its people, making of them finer and better American citizens, encouraging and sponsoring social gatherings, banquets, picnics and dances as well as helping our less fortunate brethren where ever and when ever charity was needed, regardless of nationality or creed.

Here on our fourth birthday we are proud of many things, Proud of our members who made this clubhouse possible; proud of our clubhouse which was constructed at a cost of \$18,500.00; but more proud are we to have a club that has one of the largest memberships in the "Southern Federation of Syrian and Lebanon Clubs" devoted to a life of action and betterment.

**FT. WAYNE SYRIANS HELP FORM
ORGANIZATION IN BRYAN, OHIO**

(Reprint from Ft. Wayne, Ind. Sentinel, August 18)

Four members of the Caravan Club of Fort Wayne went to Bryan, O., to assist with the organization of a Syrian Club in Williams county. They were Albert Litfiy, who acted as temporary chairman, and Sam Masloub, Mose Bedree and Louis Shaheen.

The following officers were elected: Mose Isaacs, president; Nick Frenn, vice president; John Etoll, secretary, and Salameh Faroh, treasurer. Mr. Litfiy, district representative of The Syrian Ark, national publication, appointed Mr. Etoll as reporter for Williams county.

Syria produces more pistachio nuts than any other country in the world.

Postage stamps of the Republic of Mt. Lebanon are the most picturesque in the world.

The Republic of Mt. Lebanon, where Christians are in majority, is in area the size of the State of Michigan.

**THE TELL-CHIHA
HOSPITAL FUND**

Madam Chafica Bonahoom, Fort Wayne, Indiana, contributes \$1000 for the cause of humanity, in memory of her husband, the late Abdo Naoum Bonahoom.

Other contributions secured through the courtesy of Mrs. Bonahoom from her townfolk in Fort Wayne, Ind., are as follow:

Cusma David	\$5
Farris Zaitoon	5
Mrs. Nassif Maloley and children	5
Khalil Shaheen	5
Mary Maloley	5
George Maloley	3
Senior Skory	2
Nazha Bashara	2
Mrs. Nassif Nedraf	1
George Lutfy	1
George Eid	1
Najeeb Azar	1
Saleem Azar	1
Ghatah Ghatah	1
Mike Stephan	1

Contributions from Dubois, Pa.

George Bojalad and family	\$5
Joseph G. Maloof	4
Assad Mattar and family	4
Mary A. Damus and children	4
Saleem Khalil Thomey	3
Farris B. Kassouf	3
Abraham G. Lian	3
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dahrooge	2
Mr. and Mrs. F. Joseph Kassouf	2
Rose J. Kassouf	2
Eugenie K. Thomey	2
Jos. G. Lian	2
Mike M. Bojalad	2
Rosa G. Habeeb	2
George E. Ferhan	2
Mary K. Bojalad	2
Hanaina K. Thomey	2
Chafica K. Dahrooge	2

Contributions from Miscellaneous Sources

Rasheed Haboush, New York City....	\$500
Saleem Bab, Milwaukee, Wis.....	100
Menna Macksoud, New York City....	15
(in memory of the late Abraham J. Macksoud)	
Deeb Jabaly, Daytona, Florida.....	10
(in memory of the late Assad Harris, Kansas City, Mo.)	
Albert Farha, by Tofic Harris, Kansas City, Mo.	3
Nicholas Shaheen Kassouf, New Rochelle, N. Y.	5
Peter M. Boutress and family, New York City	4
Madam John Matouk, New York....	1
Mr. and Mrs. Ayoub Haboush, New York City	2
Mr. and Mrs. Abdallah Kadri, New York City	4

Madam Paul Gorra, New York..... 1

Mr. and Mrs. Deeb P. Gorra, New York City

2

Aziz Gorra and family, New York.... 4

Anonymous by courtesy Mrs. Chafica Bonahoom, Ft. Wayne, Ind.... 5

Madam Soleyman Mahrouf, El Paso, Texas

2

Mennie Harris, Kansas City, Mo.... 50

(in memory of late husband, Assad Harris)

Abraham J. David, Atlantic City, New Jersey

10

(in memory of the late Nicola Abdallah)

The following are contributions to the Tell Chiha Hospital Fund, generously offered in memory of the late Julia David, who was accidentally killed in New York City, August 3 (See obituary page 29.)

From New York City

Ameen and George Bardwell..... \$25

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Boutross..... 15

George Boutross and family

20

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boutross

10

Affifa G. Farris and family

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Lian Brothers

10

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Elias George Sirgany

10

Borab and Brothers

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Hamia and Kadri

10

Elia and Basil J. Couri

20

From Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham J. David..... 25

Mr. and Mrs. George J. David

25

From Atlantic City, N. J.

Nowar Aziz Tonous, Lawrence Mass.

10

Collections for the Benefit of the Convent and Seminary at Sadanaya, Syria,

to Bishop Antonius Bashear of New York:

Total from last report published in

July ARK

\$15,940

Syrians of Akron, Ohio

84

Syrians of Indianapolis, Ind.

125

Syrians of Spring Valley, Ill.

50

Syrians of Kansas City, Mo.....

160

Syrians of Oklahoma City, Okla.

208

(More to be published in October ARK)

Always Kin

For being a Syrian I am glad
'Coz a finer heritage can't be had
When I travel far from home
Mid strangers, though I be alone,
If I then just meet another
Syrian, he treats me as a brother.
I am then his honored guest.
We dine and drink his very best
Wine. This is Syrian hospitality.
Our family tree we trace,
As we chat, almost invariably
Revealing kinship in every case.

—By Lucille Risk

The Lily of the Desert

OR

The Adventures of Soussana

An Oriental Novel (Copyrighted 1938)

BY MICHEL D. KADRI

(Continued from the October Ark.)

That same day, while Hassan and Sousana were enjoying their meeting, we find a couple at the door of the house in the little village where Leylah is captive. They came to ask Leylah her decision in regard to Ahmad. At sight of them, Leylah followed the instructions she had received from the widow and greeted them calmly with a little smile.

"Well," said the young lady, "Have you decided to marry Prince Ahmad?"

"Yes, I think that is the only decision I can make. As long as Ahmad asked for my hand, I am willing to offer it to him anytime he wishes."

At this answer, the young woman looked at her companion with an air of triumph and said: "Didn't I tell you that the princess would change her mind?"

Then addressing Leylah, "Listen here, young lady, in a few minutes Ahmad and Shams will be here. They promised your father that they would save you from the hands of your captors. It is only a scheme to keep his word to your father. As soon as they come in, my brother and I will try to hold you and to stop Ahmad from saving you from our hands. Do not try to make any move or to say any word about this trick later on because you know what will happen to Sousana and Nejma."

Leylah did not show any surprise as she knew in advance about the plan of Ahmad. She did not answer but she smiled and looked toward the door which at that moment was broken open. Instead of Ahmad and Shams, a young woman with two husky men stepped into the room, daggers in hand.

"We are sorry, my friends," said the young woman, "to spoil your plan, but now you are both under arrest until the Emir decides your fate."

As soon as those words were uttered, the two men took hold of the crooks, hand-cuffed them, and the young woman opened a floor trap (which had been especially prepared for this occasion) and dropped them down to the room below. The two men with their chief, went down after the crooks telling Leylah to close the trap at once and cover it with the mat. Two minutes later, Leylah heard a loud noise outside, and someone shouted: "Where are those crooks?"

She knew at once from whence the noise came. She sat down, opened a magazine, and started to read calmly as if nothing happened. In the door-way, Prince Ahmad stood with his dagger, brandishing it with terror.

"I got you now, you coward," behind him was the governess Shams who also had a dagger in her hand.

Leylah responded with a big laugh without moving from her seat. "Who are those crooks, Prince Ahmad," said she with malice.

"What, you are alone? I was sure your captors were here. And where is the lady who is taking care of you? She does not seem to be around this place."

"I did not see anyone of my abductors," and looking at Shams, "Oh, how do you do, governess?" said she. "How did you know I was here? I am glad you came after me, as my captors will be here sometime this evening. You were certainly shrewd, Prince Ahmad to have found out where my captors took me. I hope you will find out where those savages took my friend Sousana."

Her only answer, was from Shams: "You see my dear Leylah, ever since Prince Ahmad learned of your disappearance, he was beside himself and he swore to the Emir that he would not sleep until he could find you and bring you back home. The poor prince spent a big fortune working day and night until he knew where your captors kept you. He called for me today and here we are to take you back to the Emir."

"I do not know how to repay you, Prince Ahmad, for your heroism and your bravery. I am glad to let you know that I have decided to accept you as my future husband."

The governess Shams, hearing that, danced with joy, ran to Leylah, took her in her arms, and pressed her against her heart.

"Leylah, dear, how we have missed you! How we cried day and night! I hope that those crooks did not make you suffer. Come let's get out of here, before those heartless ones come back."

A few minutes later, Prince Ahmad, Shams, and Leylah were driving toward the Emir's palace. As soon as the Prince left this house, the two men who were watching over the crooks with the lady, took the kidnapers into custody, to wait for their sentence.

It is not necessary to go back into detail about the joy and happiness that Leylah caused in the Palace by her return. Naturally, Prince Ahmad was the hero of the day, and Leylah owed her life, her liberty, and her reputation, to him. The Emir turned to Leylah: "Well my daughter, now it is time for you to consent to have Prince Ahmad as your future husband, after what he has done for you."

"How could I refuse him now, father? You are the master and what you say is my law. Now I promise to offer my hand to the Prince as soon as my brother Hassan will come back from Alepo. It would hurt him if I were married while he was away."

"You are right, my daughter. Hassan is the only son I have and he should be present at his sister's wedding. What do you say Prince Ahmad?"

Ahmad, fearing some trouble might come by the delay, but dared not contradict the Emir and his daughter, so he said: "What you decide, your excellency, we accept gladly. That will give the princess time to get ready and to have her trousseau in order." He bowed and kissed her hand.

The governess Shams was excited with joy but deeply angered at having the wedding postponed. She convinced the Emir, to send at once for Prince Hassan, to come home for the wedding, and return to his affairs later. While they were talking, a messenger arrived with a telegram from Hassan saying, "Will be home in two days. Do not worry."

The Emir turned toward Prince Ahmad and Leylah, gave them the good news and ordered them to have everything ready for the wedding in three days. The Prince Ahmad could not conceal his joy, and thanked Providence for his good luck.

What made Prince Hassan hurry home? We remember that Prince Hassan after his operation, sent a message by a special detective to his friend Farhoud, owner of the Cafe Sultan Ahmad. In this, he told him about his misfortune and

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which was destroyed by the Deluge, but was afterward rebuilt by Abraham and Ishmael. The Kaaba occupies a place in the sacred area of the mosque, which is surrounded by a wall and colonades. The Black Stone is at the southeast corner of the Kaaba, where it is held by masonry, and toward it every pious Moslem directs his face when praying. To kiss the Kaaba is the supreme object of every pilgrim.

The tenets of Mohammedanism embrace many that are allied to the Christian faith. They include the belief that there is but one God; that He is the perfect in knowledge, power, glory and wisdom; that He is the Creator and Lord of the universe, and that He exists eternally without beginning or end.

It is held essential among Mohammedans to believe in the prophets and the apostles of God, the most noted being Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed. Those embracing Mohammedanism are required to observe five duties: have faith that Mohammed is the prophet of the only existing God; prayer, fasting, alms giving, and a pilgrimage to Mecca. Prayer is required at four definite periods each day, and consists of certain adoration and thanksgiving ordained by God and His Prophet. At least one pilgrimage to the Holy City of Mecca is a religious duty. All forms of intoxicating liquors are forbidden as well as gambling, sensual enjoyments and images. On the other hand, veracity, modesty and piety are commended as virtues. Idol worship is prohibited. Moslems are forbidden to eat the meat of swine or of animals that die of a disease.

Fasting during the period of Ramadan occurs in a particular form from daybreak until sundown. The obligation of fasting is an absolute abstinence from all forms of drinking and eating as well as sensual indulgences.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. NEW CLUB ORGANIZED

At a meeting in the home of Miss Adele Shaheen, a new Syrian society was chartered Dec. 1. From among the twenty young Syrians present, Peter Zachary, Jr. was selected temporary president, pending the formal elections of officers and Miss Adele Shaheen, the ARK's Rochester reporter, was designated secretary.

Charles George, New York City, spoke on unity.



A Hoosier Syrian Beauty...

A Terre Haute (Ind.) beauty is Miss Virginia Shahady, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shahady.

Miss Shahady was born and raised in Terre Haute and is now attending high school where she is a senior, graduating this coming June. She will enroll in Indiana State Teachers College.

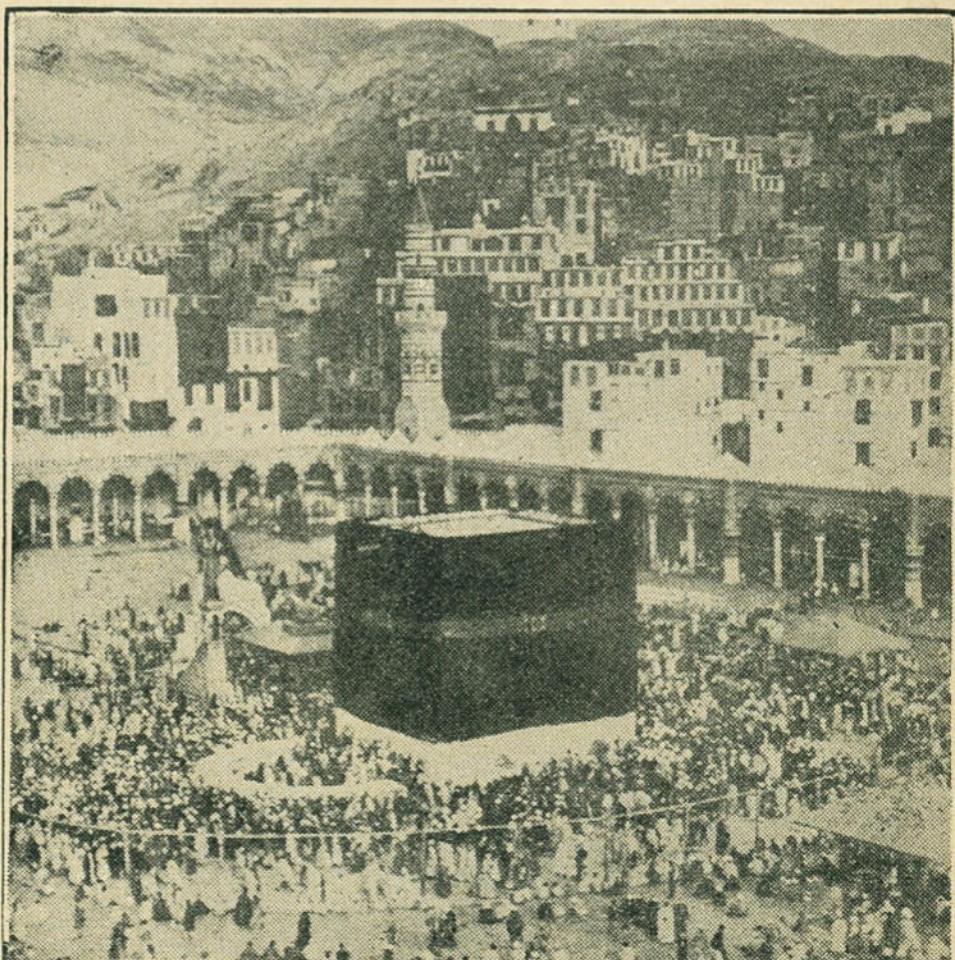
Miss Shahady is a favorite in the social whirl of Terre Haute's Syrian community. She is 17 years old and majors in dancing, skating and basketball. She is on the Wiley High school basketball team, competing with other teams in southwestern Indiana.

Miss Shahady is pictured at the left.

HANGS HIS LAW SHINGLE

Tofic Massad Georges, of Canton, O., a recent graduate of Harvard University has passed the Ohio State Bar Examina-

tions and will engage in the practice of law in Cleveland, Ohio, with offices in the Terminal Tower building. He is 27 years old and unmarried.



Pilgrimages to the Holy City of Mecca before the Kaaba within the walls of El-Haram. The Holy Black Stone is within the Kaaba.

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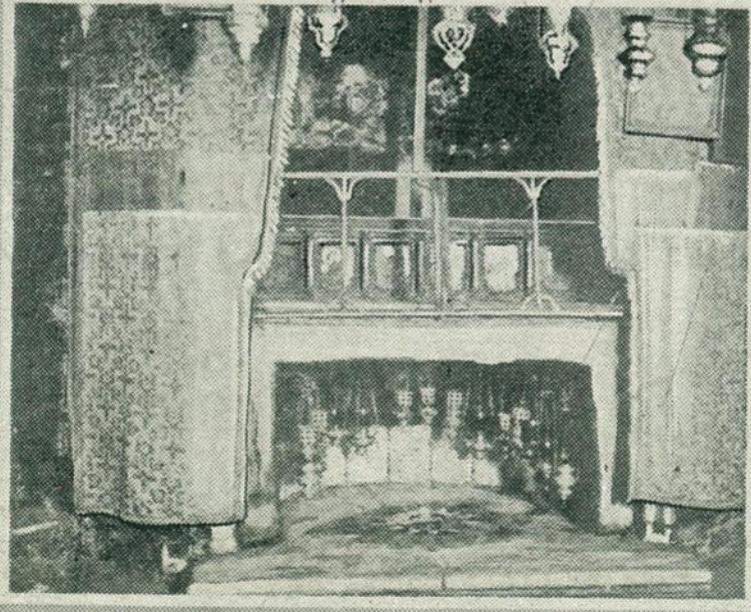
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THE BIRTH OF CHRISTIANITY,
ROCK HEWN STABLE - THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

OUR ADVERTISERS

The ARK, although in its third year of existence has overcome all obstacles in its path and moved forward to a bright and prosperous future. When first conceived it was welcomed into the homes of thousands of readers as a mere luxury, but as it sailed both the calm and stormy seas, and anchored itself in the hearts of its readers, it has increased in value and looked to by Syrians and Lebanonites as a monthly necessity.

Its popularity all over the country, has already reached the attention of the National Advertiser and now with the approach of a new era, the ARK will be the medium of introducing the products of the merchants and manufacturers to the consumer.

Baklawa And Other Delights

Elsewhere in this December ARK is a reproduction of an article taken from the Family Circle Magazine depicting the art of making Baklawa, Knafeh and other Near Eastern delicacies by the Nicholas E. Abaid family in New York.

This pioneer Santa Claus or "Nick" as he is called, came to America from Damascus in 1891 and brought with him the tradition of his families ancestors, the Art of making dainty pastries and sweets from the land of romantic dreams in the period of the "Caliph of Bagdad" so vividly described in the "Arabian Nights" classics.

There is something about the "Abaid Delicacies" that give them the craving appeal for more and more. One can picture of the beautiful princess bride of the Caliph, daintily eating a slice of "Baklawa" in her colorful boudoir or "Ali-Baba" stocking up at a market-place bazaar with a lasting supply of "Kall wa-Ishkur Rubbak," after looting the treasure cave of the forty thieves.

With the Abaid slogan "Quality above Everything," an order for oriental sweets at this particular time of Christmas and New Year's festivities, the consumer in reminded of the philosophic reality—"Pleasant thoughts and delectable things to eat make a happy combination."

The products of Nicholas E. Abaid & Sons are appropriate for all occasions, feasts, weddings, births, baptisms, parties, socials, picnics and reunions. See the Abaid announcement in ad section of this ARK.

Abdelnour's Windshield Defroster

A modern and useful auto accessory has been patented by a well-known New York Syrian, Mr. Dimitri Abdelnour. His product, known in the market as "Sleetex Twins" is now universally sold in all leading filling stations and Auto Supply Stores.

"Sleetex Twins" are dual windshield defroster blades which take the place of rain wipers. They are automatic and need no installation. At the first sign of a storm, all to be done is to slip off the rain wiper blades and replace with "Sleetex Twins." They fit all cars.

The back of the chemical blocks are treated by a patented insulation process to keep them rigidly in place until entirely dissolved. By instantly providing clean arcs of vision over full length of the blades. Sleetex Twins save wear and tear on driver's nerves and help to prevent winter accidents.

Every auto driver will want at least one set for safety and convenience. They are exceptionally economical—Special to ARK readers—2 complete blades and two extra refills all for 50c.

OX'O GAS COMPOUND

A product which is already famous in the states of New York and New Jersey, is a compound known as "Ox'o Gas created by Mr. Eli Eghan, Syrian industrial engineer, of New York.

Mr. Eghan, a former inspector and teacher at the Ford Motor Company, is a graduate of the American University of Beirut and Union College. After serving in the U. S. Navy during the world war, he conceived the idea of producing a compound to eliminate carbon and knocks from motors, besides adding substantial mileage and power increase to all standard gasolines.

The ARK can best recommend Ox'o by reproducing here an article which appeared in the Hudson Dispatch, Aug. 9.

"In connection with inquiries received in regard to chemical reaction of Ox'o Gas since it has become available from the pumps of Ox'o service stations, and its use by motorists, fleet operators, oil concerns and municipalities for savings and efficiency realized. Company officials state that Ox'o solution, an auxiliary adjunct gasoline fuel (one gallon blends 400 gallons of ANY gasoline) which when blended in any gasoline, compressed and ignited by any internal combustion engine, liberates free oxygen and oxidizes the carbon into carbon dioxide gas, that gradually disappears with the exhaust of the motor, thus increasing the combustion efficiency of any motor to its maximum performance. This oxidation also eliminates knocks and substantially reduces noxious gases, fumes and carbonmonoxide due to decarbonization and more complete combustion. Ox'o solution is effective in all gasolines—premium, regular trade-mark or unbranded gasolines since none of them is carbon preventive.

Officials of Hudson county and New York City with their engineers' tests proved these facts and the savings realized to the taxpayers of over a million dollars annually besides making their streets safer and happier to the public by reducing noxious gases and fumes from over 10,000 municipally operated motor vehicles.

It has been proved to all scientists, automotive engineers and motorists contacted, the benefits of Ox'o Gas to motordom and its blessings to mankind and it is hoped that the public will avail themselves of its savings and efficiency continuously."

An attractive proposition is offered to agents and distributors everywhere. See advertisement of Ox'o Gas in the ARK's ad section.

A SURPRISE TO "ARK" READERS—"THE GAD-FLY"

Commencing with the January New Year's Edition, the ARK will print a monthly column by the "Gad-Fly," an unidentified roaming reporter who will contribute trite articles of Syrians and Lebanon communities wherever he may be.

Readers of the ARK will be on the alert for the "Gad-Fly" and the first three subscribers who guess correctly the identity of the "Gad-Fly" will receive a prize to be announced with the first article submitted by the roaming vagabond.

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« المجد لله في العالى وعلى الارض اسلام وفي الناس امسرة »

YULETIDE GREETINGS

ابراهيم فرج زيني

Let Us Rejoice Humbly

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet,
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

—Longfellow

عيد مبارك على الجميع

The Christmas Spirit

Like a dazzling comet that visits the earth briefly and then dashes away into space, the spirit of Christmas mellows all hearts and momentarily attunes them with the heavenly choir, chanting that exultant anthem. "UNTO US A CHILD WAS BORN, UNTO US A CHILD IS GIVEN, and HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL."



Our Christmas thoughts are fittingly expressed by the old familiar verse by Longfellow, reproduced above. Christmas Day is a season of rejoicing everywhere. Hearts are happy and faces are radiant as friend greets friend and kinfolk from near and far gather round one of the family firesides.

Cheerful smiles are reflected by the twinkling lights that gleam from among the branches of the Christmas trees. Many of them, no doubt being lit "the night before Christmas," especially where small children will rule the day.

The Heart of a Child

As nearly as we can, we all become like children at Christmas. We emulate the best qualities of children, their merriment, their affection and their generosity. At Christmas time we try to follow the Golden Rule, hoping it will let the children lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven. We retreat from the world of reality into that ideal world in which the child lives.

Aside from the actual significance of Christmas, we have built up a vast Yuletide mythology, all for the benefit of our children. Santa Claus, of course, is like our own "Guddees Nicola," if he had not existed it would have been necessary to invent him. But nimbleness in chimneys, his well-known weakness at the sight of empty stockings, his good-humored willingness to read and note every letter of his vast mail from innocent children everywhere are all accommodated to the trusting heart of a child. This trust has been so honored by Santa Claus, who manages to outlive all of us and our doubts, that it is a rare youngster who rejects him. The Christmas tree, too, is hung to please the child, whether of 3 or 30 or 50.

To the child, Christmas means presents. He gets what he wants, with little thought of giving, though there is a hasty prayer to Santa not to forget the rest of the family. When the realization dawns upon him that Christmas is an opportunity to make others happy by giving them a token of his love, he wants to give rather than get. He wants to be a Santa Claus himself. He doesn't entirely lose the thrill of opening his own gifts, but he has the added thrill of giving.

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

The light of Bethlehem's star will fade, yet that passing glow has revealed the hope which persists in human breasts of the ultimate attainment of peace on earth, good-will to men. Progress may seem discouragingly slow and yet the rounds of festal observances are moving steadily higher on that vast chart of time.

So it is that Christendom unites in adoration, even as did the shepherds on that distant night when the Star of Bethlehem illuminated the hillsides of Galilee. A happy world brings its gifts of friendship. It keeps alive those lovely legends of the day, glorified in the sparkling eyes of children who are blessed with the wonderful myth of Santa Claus. The evergreen trees glittering with tinsel and lights, the holly and the mistletoe, hanging the stockings and all the other traditional rites of the occasion declare the universal human consciousness that peace on earth comes only from good-will to men.

And, so on this occasion of Yuletide Greetings, a toast to all of you—may your Christmas day be a happy one, full of joy and friendship, and the ARK extends to its friends and readers and subscribers, a sincere wish for greater happiness and prosperity and religious faith.

It repeats the ever-cheering message—

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

EDITOR.

CHRISTMAS

The Universal Holiday

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." . . .

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas received its name from "Christ-Mass" the Mass celebrated in honor of the Nativity. There was a common belief that Christ's birth took place on the 25th of the month; but which month is quite uncertain and there was scarcely a month in the year to which some guesser did not assign it. About 336 A. D. the Church at Rome definitely fixed on the 25th of December as the Birthday of the Lord. Ever since that time Christmas of all faiths have celebrated this blessed event. There is not a country in the world where Christmas is not celebrated to some extent by some of its inhabitants.

The Russian and Syrian Orthodox Churches have observed January 7 as Christmas Day since 1900.

Christmas (The name),
Merry Christmas (The greeting),
Christmas Cards, Christmas carols and
Plum Pudding all came from England—
Kriss Kringle, Christmas Candles and
Christmas Trees came from Germany—
Community trees and fireworks came
from Italy and Spain—

Santa Claus came from Holland and
Xmas gifts, cakes and cookies came
from Rome—

Holly and Mistletoe came from the
Druids,

Yule logs from Scandinavia, and,
Santa first came down a chimney in
Norway—

And Christmas Turkey came from
Mexico.

Christmas was forbidden in America
for 22-years because the Puritan fathers
believed it was a Pagan custom!

Q. How many greeting cards are sent
at Christmas time by American people?

A. There are no reliable figures. It
is estimated that the number may run
to 200,000,000.

By studying letters to Santa Claus, it
has been disclosed that the children of



MASS IN THE LANGUAGE OF CHRIST BY SYRIAN PRIEST

Attracting considerable attention as one of the most outstanding highlights of the huge affair, the Rev. Elias Negem, of San Antonio, Texas, is shown conducting Mass according to the Maronite (Syrian) rite at the recent Eucharistic Congress at New Orleans, La. Note profile of the Syrian priest, who had the honor of celebrating such a Mass as many outstanding dignitaries of the Catholic Church looked on highly interested. The language spoken in the Mass by Rev. Negem is Aramaic, the language of Christ. (Exclusive photo rushed to the ARK by staff photographer.)

every nationality have all been thinking the same way.

"Santa Claus Is Coming Tonight" is chanted by many a youngster and no mature student of world affairs will have the nerve to contradict him.

Christmas greetings are numerous and sincere, with even a kindly greeting for the columnist who is persuaded by art inclination or personal necessity to attempt an improvement on "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The dictionary states that "X" stands for the Greek letter "Chi" which is the

first letter in "Christos," meaning "Christ." Hence, in ecclesiastical writing it is the abbreviation for Christ or Christian. Of course, the use of the abbreviation started in the centuries before the invention of the printing press, when all writing had to be done by hand and most of it was done in monasteries. Those words which were most used came to have accepted other languages. In this manner "X," the proper abbreviation in Greek, became the accepted symbol for the word "Christ" in all languages.

W I T A N D W I S D O M

By Sumayah Attiyeh

Sometimes when we are flattered, we are treated the worst. Occasionally there is a motive behind a seemingly good act. The worst day for a chicken is the day when his feet are washed nicely, because he is about to be killed.

"The stag admired his horns and hated his feet, but when the hunter came, his feet saved him and afterwards he was caught in a thick forest and his horns destroyed him."

A FOOL'S WISDOM

A madman said in explaining insanity to another crazy man that the only way to understand insanity is to become sane, just the same way if you want to see a building is to get out from the inside and look at it from the outside.

The child is deceived. His little world is real. The grown-up men and women are also deceived more or less according to the proportion of their mental penetration. The people do not fully realize that nothing is as it appears. They forget that myths, legends, traditions, and superstitions have been woven and enlarged around every great character in the world's history.

Life's gift of pleasure is equivalent to its measure of pain.

One day God called to Himself His messenger Angel Gabriel and said to him: "Gabriel the world has progressed in art, education, science and in everything else, so I want you to go down to the Planet Earth and investigate all things in the human kingdom, the animal kingdom, and the plant life, and after studying every phase of the Earth, bring back to Me up here the three most worthy things that are fit to enter Heaven."

So Gabriel came down to our world and crossed the ocean and the seas on the finest yachts. He visited the palaces of the rich and huts of the poor. He shopped in the leading department stores. He attended the royal opera houses and went to the elegant theatres.

He studied and talked with the loveliest women, and associated with the most brilliant men.

He walked through the most famous gardens and visited the forests and the fields of the Earth. He listened to the lark at dawn and gazed at the most beautiful sunsets.

And finally, after he traveled East

and West, and investigated the World at large, he selected these three things that in his judgment were the best of all, to take back with him to Paradise.

Therefore he chose a beautiful, dainty, fragrant white Flower, the Smile of an innocent little baby, and Mother Love.

But the dainty, sweet, lovely flower wilted and died on the way, and the smile of the pure small baby faded and evaporated in the fresh air and the sunshine, but the only lasting and worthy thing that was fit to enter Heaven and be presented to God Almighty was— MOTHER LOVE.

Harmony

Proudly I give myself a song!
Not as a burden to drag along,
But as your mind's equal
As your soul's other part
As your highest thoughts sequel
I give you my heart,
Proudly, freely
I shall be your mate.
Martha Rae Johns.

Something To Think About

By MRS. LESTER ELEAS

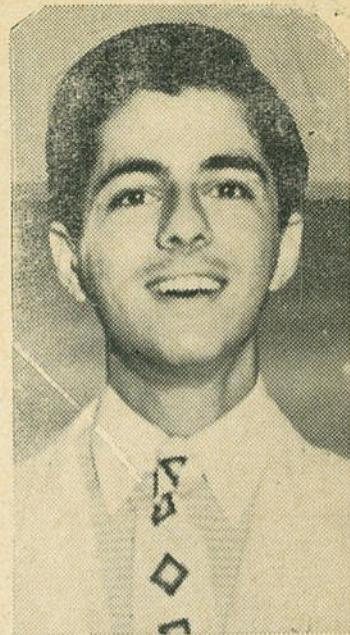
The heart of a friend never wonders
or doubts,
No matter if years intervene,
The old faith is there, and naught can
compare,
With the comfort it gives, though
unseen.
Yes, the heart of a friend is the one
thing I prize
As life lengthens and twilight
descends;
It's the last boon I'll ask, when I
finish my task,
That I live in the hearts of my friends

Giving in to a small fault is opening
your door to a little thief that's going
to open your window to a bigger one.

A woman will like a small string of
beads better than a big string of promises.

Silver and gold, houses and land, what
are they?
If our hearts be not right with our God?
We can not take anything with us
When we are laid under the sod.
We see the world seething around us;
We think we are put here to stay;
But while we hustle and bustle,
Our lives are passing away.
Then let us stop, look and listen
For people around us in need;
For if we hope to reap a good harvest,
We surely must be sowing good seed.

Young Lebanon Singer Ballroom Entertainer



Jimmie Kannan, age 21, is the feature soloist with the Phil Emerton Orchestra, now touring the country with bookings at leading Ballrooms and theaters.

At present the orchestra is playing at the Indiana Roof, Indianapolis, being held over several weeks.

Jimmie, young Syrian lyric tenor of the south is the son of Mrs. Nora Kanaan of Goldsboro, North Carolina. His father, now deceased, was a native of Hamana, Lebanon. He was discovered by Phil Emerton, who was attracted by the marvelous melodies of the lad's as he was causally singing at Wrightsville Blade, N. C.

Hence Jimmie joined the orchestra. It has played at all the leading beaches and summer resorts of the New England States during the past summer.

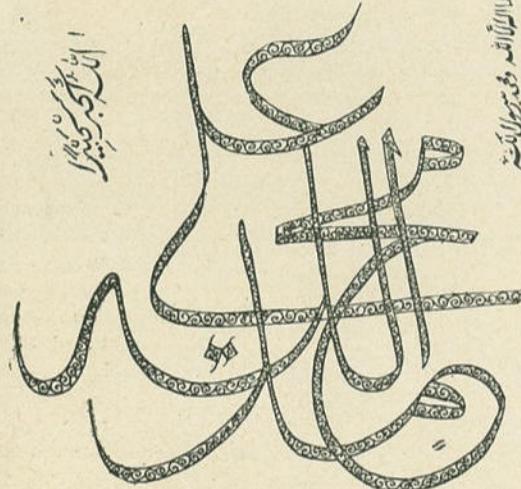
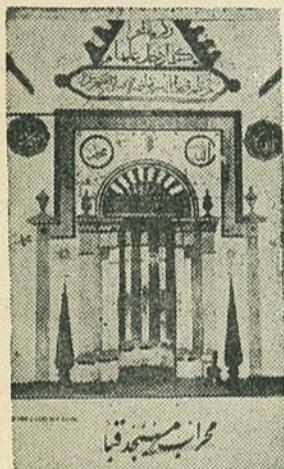
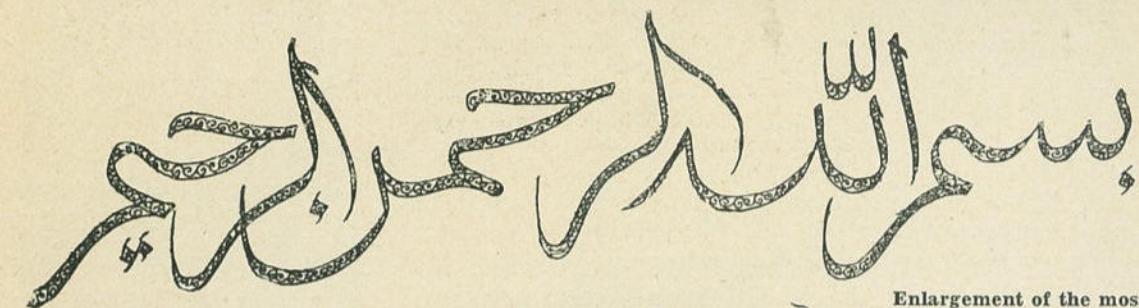
ARK VISITORS

Recent visitors honoring the ARK offices with their appearance in Indianapolis, are:

CHARLES GEORGE of New York City, with whom the editor motored to Columbus, Zanesville and Cincinnati, Ohio; Huntington and Charleston, W. Va.; Pittsburg and Erie, Pa. and Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y.

ELLIS T. BASHA, of Shanghai, China on his trip from Phoenix, Arizona to New York City. Mr. Basha is on a tour of the States giving talks before civic associations on Japan's occupation of China. He is president of the Rose-Leaf Syrian Club of China and will from time to time contribute articles for the ARK on the activities of the Syrians in China.

Shrine of Mohammedanism . . . The Holy Black Stone of Mecca



In the Name of Allah, the Merciful

As the Christians all over the world celebrate the Yuletide festivities, the Mohammedans also have their periods of rejoicing during the season of the Ramadan.

The activities of the Muslims during the Ramadan are noteworthy:

Like the Star and Cradle of Bethlehem, the Mohammedans have their "El-Haram" or the House of God situated in the center of the city of Mecca, Arabia. In this sacred house of Islam, the holy Kaaba is kept and which has been a center of attraction for ages. The Kaaba contains a small meteoritic stone, which is securely built into the south east corner and forms the Black Stone or fetish. Nineteen gates admit pilgrims into the El-Haram. It has room for 35,000 persons at one time. Once within its confines, the pilgrims do not leave until they kiss the Black Stone. Another attraction is the so-call-

ed Southern stone, which has a traditional magnetic power when touched, while an enclosure within the building is supposed to contain the remains

Enlargement of the mosaic writings over the entrance to the House of God in Mecca. Sacred to the Moslem world. (These photographs and front cover picture by courtesy of George Haddad, Shreveport, Louisiana.)

of Hagar and Ishmael. The interior, is decorated elaborately with precious stones, silver and gold, and fine drapery, and the wealthy Moslems journey there annually. Hadji or Hajj, is the term applied to those who make the pilgrimage.

The Kaaba is an oblong stone structure in the El-Haram or Great Mosque of Mecca. It constitutes the sacred shrine to which Moslems make their pilgrimages for religious worship. According to legend, is is located on the spot where Adam offered his first worship after being expelled from the Garden of Eden. Some writers assert that a tent was sent from heaven in which the worship took place, but others hold that Adam built a structure of stone and clay,



Pious Mohammedans worshipping at the Holy Black Stone in the Kaaba of El-Haram, Mecca

became real to me as I walked a'long right there where it happened."

The young Abaids love these old stories of Damascus, that oldest of all the inhabited cities of the world. "Damascus is mentioned on Egyptian tablets which were written 4,000 years ago," they say with awe.

But the stories are not the most valuable thing that Mr. Abaid brought from Damascus more than 40 years ago, when he was a bewildered young immigrant, having difficulty with the English language, and struggling to sell the rugs in the load he carried. For in his hands he had more than a few rugs; he also had skill—skill in an art almost as old as Damascus. Mr. Abaid knew how to make all those elaborate jewel-tinted candies and pastries that turies. Judas and Paul and Ananias and Simon Peter undoubtedly ate crisp knafie and baklawa and rose-flavored delight, such as Mr. Abaid sells in his shop today.

All the Abaid children have grown up watching Dad make these luscious things. Even when they were quite small they started to help him. You know how any child loves to play with a piece of dough, pinch it, and make it into fancy shapes. Well, the Abaid children always have had a piece of dough to play with.

Every afternoon when they came home from school, there was Dad making paper-thin layers of crust for baklawa—not just rolling it out with a rolling pin, but shaking it in the air. It begins as a white, floppy sheet a yard square. As he shakes it, like shaking out a tablecloth, you can see it grow as it spreads out and out. In half a minute it covers the big six-foot-square table, and it's as thin as writing paper. How proud the youngsters felt when they succeeded in learning how to make the dough spread that way!

Every one of them can do it now, and so can Mother, who is plump and smiling and has big brown eyes and long lashes. Visitors come every day to see young Eddie or Dad shake out a flying sheet of dough and bring it down in a big bubble on the table. Then the whole family—Joe and George and Laurice and everybody—gathers around and grabs the thick edge of the dough, and pulls. A real family circle, that is. In a jiffy the Abaids get the thin sheet of dough hooked over the corners of the table and lying smooth and flat.

If the doorbell of the shop rings, one of them lets go, the other close in, and the dough pulling goes on like clock-work. This is when Dad gets in his best stories about Damascus, or the Syrian quarter on Washington Street of

40 years ago when fezzes and silk robes were still worn there.

It takes 40 layers of baklawa dough, with a thick layer of chopped pistachio nuts, to make a crunchy cake of baklawa, so, you see, there is plenty of time for storytelling.

When all the layers are made, the Abaids put 15 layers in the bottom of a pan, add the layer of nuts, and then 25 more layers of dough. They dot the top with lumps of goat-milk butter, then bake the pastry for two hours, and finally drench it with honey. For baking pans Mr. Abaid uses big round tins like those in which moving picture film is stored. He has many shiny towers of them on his shelves, for he makes baklawa for half the Greek and Turkish and Syrian and Armenian restaurants and coffee shops in New York.

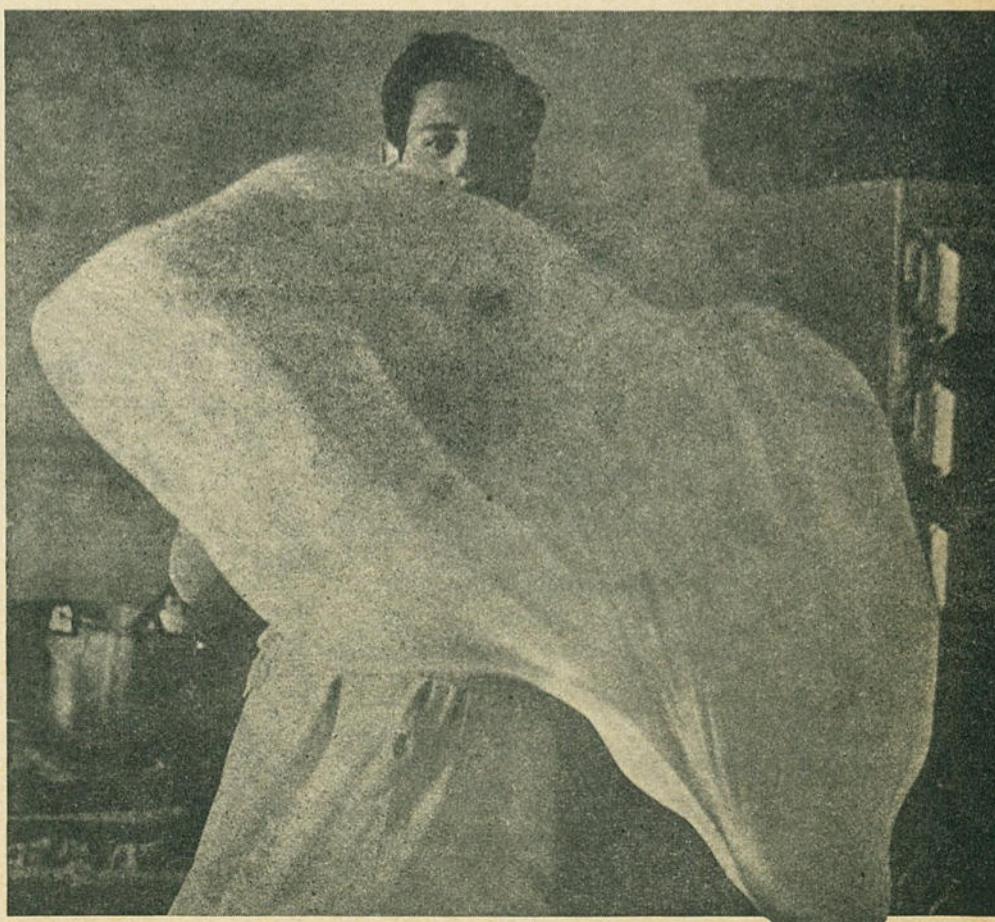
What makes the dough stretch like that? Well, that's where the old Damascus technique comes in. Mr. Abaid has a way of slashing and kneading some more, and then letting it rest at just the right temperature. The dough is made only of flour and water, but the kneading and waving in the air are a kind of magic.

That isn't the only good trick that

Mr. Abaid knows. To make knafie, for example, he takes flour and water and beats it in an electric mixer until it is like thick cream. Then he put it into a mrash, which is a copper cup with a row of sprouts at the bottom. (There are some rare old mrashes in museums which look just like Mr. Abaid's and which date from the time of Christ.)

Mr. Abaid lets the dough dribble from the mrashes' spouts onto a hot steel plate, as he moves the mrash round and round. The dough cooks instantly into thin, crisp white strings and he sweeps it off onto a paper. Next Mr. Abaid arranges the shreds in a long strip on a big marble slab. Then he puts a row of chopped pistachios on the strip, and twists it so that it looks like a rope of course white hair. A spiral of it is then coiled in a film pan, dotted with butter, baked, and drenched with honey, just as for baklawa. Knafe will keep for a year, but it's so good that it seldom can be kept around the house that long.

Mr. Abaid likes to have his visitors go poking around the kitchen, sampling a piece of pink nougat, a chuck of rosy Syrian delight, a bit of halawa, apricot paste, walnuts dipped in grape



Eddie Abaid shaking out a sheet of dough for Baklawa

syrup, and almond cakes flavored with attar of roses. Mr. Abaid knows, you see, that a nibble usually leads to a sale.

As you roam around the shop, however, you pick up more than bites of strange, delicious sweets. You also get a special something from the Abaids themselves. Perhaps you know how sometimes children whose parents came from the old country don't think much of what their father and mother learned over there, and they won't bother to learn their parent's language, or to be interested in old-country ideas.

Well, there's no such unpleasant provinciality about the Abaids. Parents and children alike feel that they have done something intelligent in mastering both Syrian and English. And they know that a knowledge of more than one way of life is civilizing. The young Abaids will show you with equal pride their skill in pastry making, a picture of the ruined temple of Baalbek with its fluted columns, a prize won by Laurence for writing a good essay in English, or a cup one of the boys got for marksmanship on a shooting range. In fact, the Abaids are proud of anything that takes skill and gumption—whether it's Old World or New World.

So, if you go to the Abaid shop to see clever tricks in pastry, you'll probably get a heart-warming impression of a close-bound family circle.



PATRON OF PEACE
is Emir Abdullah Ibn Hussein (above), who rules the 350,000 Arab tribesmen of little Trans-Jordan, a desert country just across the river Jordan from strife-torn Palestine. He opposes the Holy Land's bloody warfare.



HOLY SHRINE OF ARABS, the Mosque of Omar (above) in Jerusalem is second only to Mecca in religious significance to Moslems. Strife in Palestine can be traced to fact that Holy Land is sacred to Jews, Christians and Arabs.

Near East 1939 Outlook Appears In January ARK

Did you know that the Arab has become a world factor?

The tribemen are playing a vital role in rivalry among empires due to geographical position, and the Suez Canal—gateway of the British empire and air lanes pass through areas held by the Arabs.

Elias M. Barket, ARK Foreign News Editor, generally recognized as a well-informed and sympathetic interpreter of Near Eastern affairs, in the January ARK will tell the readers of the Arab's role in the world; pawn or maker of empire?

In a specially prepared article appearing in the ARK "New Year's Number,"

he will present a brief summary of the 1939 outlook of the major Arab countries:—Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Egypt, Arabia and Trans-Jordan.

This timely, interesting feature will be augmented with exclusive pictures of these various Arab countries.

Mr. Barket's resume will not only be informative and educational, but good reading likewise. His facts of foreign Near Eastern highlights are the exact opposite of the "cut and dry" impersonal foreign accounts found in the daily newspaper.

He actually takes the reader behind the scenes in his brief summary of the outlook of each country in the Near East for 1939 . . . The first time such a summary of this calibre has been presented in any Syrian-English publication heretofore . . . and with exclusive photos, too.

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"Pinnacle of the Grand Lebanon"
(See page 18)

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

The Syrians of Indiana were honored during the week of January 15 when a representative of the Syrian Government from Damascus was the guest of the ARK.

Fuad Khalil Mufarrij

Met at the Union Station by representatives of the Knights of St. George and the Lebanon-American Brotherhood, Mr. Mufarrij was first interviewed by the public press reporters and then escorted to the ARK offices.

He arrived in Indianapolis from Minnesota, where he was the guest of the Hon. Rudy Bergult, Mayor of Duluth, who was a classmate of Mr. Mufarrij at Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Mufarrij is on a lecture tour sponsored by the Arab National Bureau of Damascus and the Arab National League of New York.

Although young in years, Mr. Mufarrij has been a keen student of world affairs. A graduate of the American University of Beirut, he later became a professor in his Alma Mater and later represented the Syrian Government in peace negotiations at Switzerland and likewise in the Alexandretta dispute when France overrode the Syrian treaty with Turkey, whereby the French government relinquished her claim to the Sanjak territory for a military alliance with Turkey.

At the Knights of St. George Hall where over two hundred gathered, including members of the Lebanon-American Brotherhood, Mr. Mufarrij presented an informative background of Syria's early history and its extensive contributions to the Arts and Sciences and then logically and coherently analyzed the present strife in the Holy Land.

Palestine, he contends is no more the homeland of the Jews, than it is the homeland of the Arabs. The latter outnumber the Jews nearly three times.

An interesting revelation made by Mr. Mufarrij was that there are more than 100,000 Christians who are "forgotten people" of Palestine. Far-fetched as it may seem, but these "forgotten people" could somehow effect a settlement between the disputing factions and bring about a long desired peace in the land sacred to all Christians and the entire world would have just occasion to rejoice.

Mr. Mufarrij instructed the Editor that the ARK be forwarded to the following public officials in the homeland, who will from time to time contribute articles of interest to ARK readers:

Dr. COSTI ZURAYK, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

Mr. JIBRAN SHAMIYYEH, Political Arab Club, Damascus, Syria.

Dr. FADEL JAMALI, Director of Education, Baghdad, Iraq.

Dr. MATTA AKRAWI, Director of Teachers' College, Baghdad, Iraq.

Dr. FARID ZAINEDDINE, Director of Foreign Affairs, Damascus, Syria.

Mr. NAIM ANTAKI, President Syrian Bar Association, Aleppo, Syria.

While in Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Institute of Foreign Affairs, the itinerary of Mr. Mufarrij during February is as follows: on the 11th at Toronto; the 12th

at Winnipeg; the 14th at Regina; the 15th at Saskatchewan; the 17th at Edmonton; the 19th at Calgary; the 22nd at Vancouver and on the 23rd at Victoria.

Hon. Emeel Ghory

On Monday, February 6, the Hon. Emeel A. Ghory of Jerusalem, representative of the Nationalistic Party of Palestine, visited the ARK offices at Indianapolis and spoke at the Knights of St. George Hall on the plight of the patriotic Arabs for freedom.

The Hon. Jameel Bey Beydam who was scheduled to accompany Mr. Ghory to Indianapolis was marooned in the Huntington, West Virginia, flood.

While in Indianapolis, Mr. Ghory was the guest of Salim K. Freije and Joseph Jaber.

The Arabic Cinema

As was publicised in the January ARK, "Damouh el-Hoob" Tears of Love, was elegantly portrayed at Keith's Theatre in Indianapolis, January 22.

Arabic music lovers from a radius of three hundred miles came to hear Abdul Wahab, the Bul-bul Emir, and see Najat Ali, appropriately called the Nightingale of the Nile for her wonderful singing. The music of the Orient was cleverly blended with western airs and yet maintained its own individuality by bringing scenic memories to the ardent audience.

Since the production of "Damouh el-Hoob," the attention of the ARK is called to another imported film titled "Nasheed al-Amal" or Song of Hope, starring the renowned Om Khaliloum. This newest and latest cinema from the land of romance will make its appearance in the mid-west in the near future. Watch for further announcements.

Communities desiring the showing of either of these two Arabic talkies will find ready encouragement by communicating with the ARK offices.

International Arabic Youth Exchange

In Pawtucket, R. I., two prosperous and aggressive young Syrians have delved into an enterprise which is wont to receive international notice and designed primarily to cement unity and friendliness among the younger Syrian generation.

Chartered under the name of "International Arabic Youth Exchange" the organization has in its tri-multiple aims "to encourage friendship and correspondence through the medium of cordiality and interchange of hobbies."

The league now boasts a membership from all over the world.

The membership fee is one dollar per year which entitles the holder to a code number by which the member is identified by correspondence from distant members, an Exchange Bi-monthly leaflet of four pages announcing the winner of the "Tarboosh Award," a gift from the Exchange to a prominent Arabic speaking person achieving worthwhile achievements and the bi-monthly \$10 award for the best biographical story accepted and published by the Exchange.

Louis G. Josephs and M. E. Homsany, both poetical and skit authors on the ARK's staff of writers, are president and secretary, respectively, of the Exchange.

(See Exchange advertisement in ad section.)

GREATER ST. MAROUN SOCIETY

Detroit, Michigan

President, Sassin Roukos; vice-president, Alfonse Deeb; secretary, Simon Gantous Rahy; scribe, Saied Monsour; treasurer, George Nejem; Ass't treasurer, Najeeb E. Tonous; director, Saleem Saiegh; inner guard, Maroun Hakim; outer guards, Rasheed Zogaib and Milhem Tanoury.

UNITED KASSIRWAN SOCIETY

Detroit, Michigan

President, Bashara Mabrak; vice-president, Saleem Saiegh; secretary, Elias Saliba; scribe, George Zoghby; treasurer, Simon Sfeir; ass't. treasurer, Simon G. Hakeam; director, John Rashid and guards, Khalil Rashid and Najeeb Mobarak.

LEBANON - AMERICAN SOCIETY

Newark, N. J.

President, Joseph Maroun; 1st vice-president, Anton Awad; 2nd vice-president, John Farah; Arabic secretary, Joseph Fadel; English secretary, Jameal Farah and treasurer, Assad Rahan.

CEDARS OF LEBANON

Jackson, Miss.

President, George Simon; vice-president, Joseph Boutross; secretary, Mrs. Joe Rice and treasurer, Miss Mamie Ellis, Mary Nejem and Kareem Hederi, were appointed by the president, reporter and counselor respectively.

Board of directors: Nathan Simon, chairman; J. M. Abraham, secretary and Messrs. Ellis Joseph, David Boutross, B. A. Swaya, N. R. Thomas and George Simon.

SYRIAN LADIES CLUB

Clarksdale, Miss.

President, Mrs. Joe Sherman; vice-president, Mrs. Joe Assad; secretary, Miss Rosa Assad and treasurer, Miss Sadies Nosef.

The president was re-elected for the second consecutive time. The secretary, Miss Rosa Assad has been designated as the ARK reporter for both the Men's and Ladies' Clubs and the treasurer, Miss Sadies Nosef was the former secretary.

DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS

Boston, Mass.

President, Mrs. Mary R. Germany; vice-president, Mrs. Matilda S. Jacob; treasurer, Sadie T. Thoma; Arabic secretary, Ghanagie A. Khoury; English secretary, Jeanette N. Milan.

Directors: Mesdames Marie Douaihy, Deebe Romanos, S. E. Mobarak, Nazha S. Jacob and Maron S. Bithony.

MISS ALICE FREIJE



OPENS OWN BEAUTY SHOP

Miss Alice Freije, an instructor in the downtown Royal Beauty College, Indianapolis, has opened a branch shop in her home community for the accommodation of her many friends and patrons.

Her sister Helen is co-worker in the new establishment.

"The Lebanaires"

NEW CLUB IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

By Miss Elizabeth Michaels

Over forty young Lebanonite patriots of Albuquerque, New Mexico, assembled together in early January and chartered a new club to be known as "The Lebanaires."

The purpose of the new organization is to perpetuate good will among the Sons and Daughters of Lebanon in the state of New Mexico and surrounding territory.

The newly created publicity committee is headed by the ARK reporter, Miss Elizabeth Michaels, chairman, and Josephine Hanosh and Joseph Mahboub.

JOSEPH BEY KARAM SOCIETY

Scranton, Pa.

President, Saied Bachus; vice-president, Peter A. Akoury; treasurer, Farid P. Akoury; secretary, Joseph Z. Douaihy.

THE LEBANON CLUB

Shreveport, La.

President, Adele Maroun; vice-president, Mis Matilda Faour; secretary-treasurer, Miss Annie Neshum and publicity manager, Miss Louise Ferris.

Milwaukee, Wis

By Alice Saffouri

Installation of the newly elected officers of the Fraternal Order of Syrian-Americans was held at the St. George's church hall where entertainment was provided by the members and families.

Mrs. Abraham Emil Hero, died Jan. 24. She is survived by her mother and brothers and sisters.

Miss Bernice Trad was married February 4 at St. George's Church to Roy Kacmark. The couple will make their home with the bride's mother.

Born January 28, to George and Cecelia Nemoir, a girl named Barbara Helen.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Louis Nemoir of Oconomowoc, Wis., to Miss Josephine Housey of Milwaukee.

Fraternal ORDER OF SYRIAN-AMERICANS

Milwaukee, Wis.

President, Milhem Herro; vice-president, Ameen Herro; secretary, Edward Betchia; treasurer, Braham Kaleel.

YOUTH OF ST. GEORGE

Brooklyn, N. Y.

President, Charles Barsa; vice-president, Najeeb Saydnawi; treasurer, John Nasser; Arabic secretary, Joseph Adeeb; English secretary, Alfred Mashnook; guard, Elias Hakeem. Directors: Anton Awad, Farid Hitti, Tofic Khoury, Geo. Murray and Gibrael Hanania.

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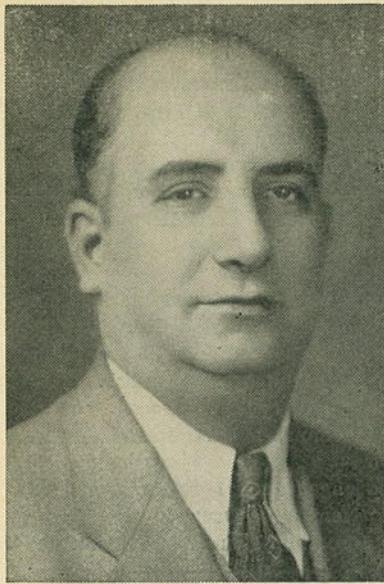
Commander, George S. Sahadi; 1st vice-commander, George Dagher; 2nd vice-commander, Fozi Ghasteen; 3rd vice-commander, Basile C. D'Ouakil; adjutant, Salim J. Lutfy; finance officer, Joseph Zaloom; welfare director, Fred Sahadi; historian, Atty. Joseph Ferris; chaplain, George Sifferi; judge advocate, Atty. George Shyia and sergeant-at-arms, Leo Sulvane, Medical director, Dr. Elias. Aide.

OLGA L. MILKIE OPENS NEW LINEN STORE

Olga Milkie of Buffalo, N. Y. has announced the opening of a new shop, Feb. 10 at 246 Delaware Ave.

There was a showing of fine banquet cloths, lunch sets and many other linens and laces.

Sweets from old Damascus and Turkish coffee was served to the hundreds of visitors who came to inspect the fine array of newly imported linens.



WILLIAM TODD
Newly elected president of the Indianapolis Lebanon Brotherhood.

Syrian and Lebanon Club Elections

SYRIAN-LEBANON-AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD Indianapolis, Ind.

President, William Todd; vice-president, Salim K. Freije; secretary Najeeb Haboush and treasurer, George Haboush.

SYRIAN SO-FRA CLUB Indianapolis, Ind.

President, Alfred George; vice-president, Philip Ajamie; secretary Ann Ajamie; treasurer, Julia George.

Board of directors: Mike F. Tamer, Faye Ajamie and Adele Rababa.

SYR-AMETTES Cedar Rapids, Iowa

President, Victoria Risk; vice-president, Lorraine Farah; secretary, Helen Nassif; treasurer, Bertha Abodeely and reporter, Emmaleen Risk.

GREATER MT. LEBANON SOCIETY Lackawanna, N. Y.

President, Mershed Saab; vice-president, Joseph Saleem; secretary, Wadih Dahdouh.

SYRIAN MEN'S CLUB Clarksdale, Miss

President, John Toney; vice-president, A. J. Abraham and secretary-treasurer, Philip Sherman.

LEBANON-AMERICAN SOCIETY

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Chaplain, Msgr. Francis Wakeem; president, Farid A. Hashim; vice-president, Najeeb A. Abdo; secretary, Philip A. Andrews; treasurer, Joseph Abdo; Orator, Atty. George Betras Nejaim and guard, R. J. Roukos.

SYRIAN LADIES AID SOCIETY

New York City

President, Mrs. Nami Sudka; vice-president, Mrs. Saadalla Sabbagh; treasurer, Mrs. Elias Borab; secretary, Mrs. Faud Salamie and recorder Mrs. Constantine Antaki.

Directors: Mesdames Naami Tadross, Saleem Mallouk, Khalil Saidi, Benjamin Jabara, Saleem Kazin, Annissa Malouf and Mike Makla.

LEBANON - AMERICAN SOCIETY

Danbury, Conn.

President, Elias Milad; vice-president, Michell Asmar; Arabic secretary, Geo. Soffa; English secretary, Arthur Rizk; treasurer Salim L. Khoury and assistant treasurer, Assad Farris.

SYRIAN PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Indianapolis, Indiana

President, Abraham Saliba; vice-president, Ferris Rizk; treasurer, Alice N. Mussallem and secretary, Mary Rizk.

ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL ORTHODOX CHURCH SOCIETY

Brooklyn, N. Y.

President, Tofic Faker; vice-president, Assad Mudarri; treasurer, Anis Khoury; ass't. treasurer, Theodore Tadross; Arabic secretary, Sobri Andrea; English secretary, Louis Zraick.

LEBANON - AMERICAN SOCIETY

Minneapolis, Minn.

President, Sleyman Khoury; vice-president, Hassib Bashara; secretary, Naoum J. Moossa and treasurer, Farris J. Sarkis.

UNITED JAMAIL SOCIETY

Houston, Texas

President, Mejid Jamail; vice-president, Assad Dahir Jamail; secretary, Elizabeth Najeeb Jamail.

ST. MAROUN'S LADIES AUXILIARY

Detroit, Michigan

President, Ramza Elias; vice-president, Annie Souaini; secretary, Nejeeba Gattas; Arabic scribe, Yaminie Moossa; English scribe, Fadwa Salloum; treasurer, Saidie Alam; ass't treasurer Noura Sfeir; director, Saidie Raeis; inner guard, Almas Nader and outer guards, Ann Hanna and Noura Dahir.



MRS. WADEA MALOOF
Re-elected president of the Indianapolis Ladies Good Will Society

SYRIAN LADIES GOOD WILL SOCIETY

Indianapolis, Ind.

President, Mrs. A. F. Maloof (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. George Haboush; secretary, Mrs. Najeeb Haboush and treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Kaston.

SYRIAN - AMERICAN SOCIETY

Danbury, Conn.

President, Shukri Boukeid; vice-president, Mittry Shiber; Arabic secretary, Alexander Kaled; English secretary G. M. Moossa; treasurer, Shahady Murray and assistant treasurer, Nicholas Shebeib.

Board of directors: Assad Najaim, Joseph Samaha, Nami Barbary, Mohamed Amer, George Methias, John George, Michael Shaker and Charles Nejaim.

UNITED LEBANON SOCIETY

Corpus Christi, Texas

President, David Zakia; vice-president, Joseph Sahadi; treasurer, Saleem Farris; Arabic secretary, Nackley Hanni; English secretary, William Ganem; guard, Saeid Karam; director, Assad H. Habeeb.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

(St. George Orthodox Church)

Indianapolis, Indiana

President, Mrs. Nazira Geo. Mussalam; vice-president, Mrs. Katherine Saleem Freije; secretary, Mrs. Freda Habib Kurker and treasurer, Mrs. Selma Monsour Hider.

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Farouk and Farida

Princess Fawzia of Egypt



Crown Prince Shahpur of Iran



The Editor's Page

Johnstown (Pa.) Directory . . .

DURING THE PAST YEAR, several Syrian Directories have been graciously contributed to the ARK files, particularly from Wichita, Kansas, Sioux City, Iowa, El Paso, Texas and Los Angeles, Calif. In the very near future the ARK will give an account of the analysis and compilation of these directories and of the benefits derived therefrom to the neighboring communities.

The latest directory for 1939 to reach the ARK offices comes from the newly organized Penn-Syr Club of Johnstown, Pa., and judging from the attractiveness and general display and set-up, the compilers have set an example for all Syrian clubs to be proud of.

After carefully analyzing this latest directory we find that the Syrian community of Johnstown is composed of 122 families or approximately 730 individuals. There are two clubs, the Penn-Syr, chartered for social purposes and the The Unity Club, a sorority affiliated with the St. Mary's Syrian Orthodox church of which the Rev. George Rwaibah is pastor.

The directory discloses that the various enterprises conducted by the Johnstown Syrians are summarized as follows: one each—general insurance, tailor, music store, real estate, wholesaler and department store; two grills, two taverns and two groceries; three restaurants and four confectionaries.

Among the names listed we find 18 Salems, 10 Courys (spelt Curry, Corey, Khoury and Khuri), Heider-5, George-5, and 4 each of Atty, Audi, Azar, Michael, Nassir, Hamaty and Jaber; 3 each of Andrews, Mulkey and Abraham; 2 each of Farrah, Shaheen, Shehadi, Zanner, Deeb, Geha and Joseph and 1 family each of Beyrouthy, Charley, Makdad, Milhem, Najjar, Rustum, Rwaibah, Saleeba, Salloom, Daher, Elliot, Gantos, Haddad, Jacob, and Kattar.

There are 31 families lacking the blessings of childhood while the rest of the families are sprinkled with 486 children, 97 of whom are over 21 years old.

One family (Allah Barek) has 14 children, two-9, four-3, five-7, five-6, sixteen-5, ten-4, ten-3, nineteen-2 and nineteen families with 1 child each.

We are hoping that other communities will follow the example of the Johnstown Penn-Syr Club and sponsor a "directory campaign" so that in time a complete census of Syrians in America will be available for all purposes.

Syrian Virtue . . .

THE SYRIAN IS self-conscious of his glorious past and the oft-repeated "ancestral inheritance." Hardly is there an occasion when a "would-be" orator lacks the mention of the accomplishments and contributions of Syria to mankind and to the world at large and because of these oft-repeated manifestations, the repetitions have become stale and "sour" to the ears of the learned listeners.

Much as we do appreciate the part played in history and culture by our ancients, it is time now that we extol the achievements of our present day generation by at least adopting the Golden Rule and setting ourselves out as valued examples to our neighbors.

Not long ago when a distinguished guest visited the ARK offices, a tale was told of a Syrian community, consisting of twenty families in a northern mid-western city. It was a political occasion when the twenty families gathered together to hear the main speaker who was a candidate for a major municipal office. The Syrian chairman, before introducing the speaker, extolled the virtues of his countrymen and ancestors and in retaliation the candidate reiterated the praise as told by "the able orator" and acknowledged the loyalty of the Syrian audience . . . all to get their votes . . . yet knowing from record that among the twenty families there were not less than sixty law-suits invested against them during the course of one year.

The young Syrians of today will not hide behind the cloak of past achievements, but expound their virtues with present day accomplishments. If our clubs and societies would practice the aims and purposes exemplified in their respective by-laws and charters there would be less cause for alarm on the part of our neighbors to even suspicion the least doubt of Syrian integrity.

While it is true that the police blotters of the country show less Syrian incarcerations than any other group nationally it is incumbent on the part of Syrian leadership to prevent any fellowman becoming entangled in the clutches of the law and should there be a self-imposed wayward sinner among us it is our duty to see that justice is meted with wisdom and mercy and the self-convict punished according to his wilful misdemeanors.

On February 25, last, there appeared a Syrian in the rich University city of Bloomington, Indiana. He was apprehended under the name of "Shady" Mansur, presumably because his alleged activities were shady. At the time of his detention, Mansur gave his occupation as that of "mind-reader and psychologist" using the aliases Dr. Rajah and Dr. Mel Roy.

Elsewhere in this ARK is the press report and picture of "Shady" (perhaps Shehadi) Mansur and while we do not approve of the charges for which he is detained, yet if he is found guilty he should be punished to the fullest extent of the law and if innocent it is the duty of Syrian leaders to come to his rescue . . . that the Syrian name shall not be marred.

In The Making . . .

ONE OF THE MOST important factors in the Arabic-speaking scheme of living in America today is the entertainment problem. Syrian clubs, associations, churches, legions and other institutions, consistently demand and rely upon excellent entertainments in order to sustain their budgets, create and maintain the interest of their members and to mark anniversaries and other special occasions.

Out of the whole system, there is a problem which is increasing in its proportions with the advent of time. It is a problem which almost any group in charge of planning an affair must contend with. This problem arises out of the fact that, in most of our communities, in order for an affair to be an outstanding success, the combined attendance of both

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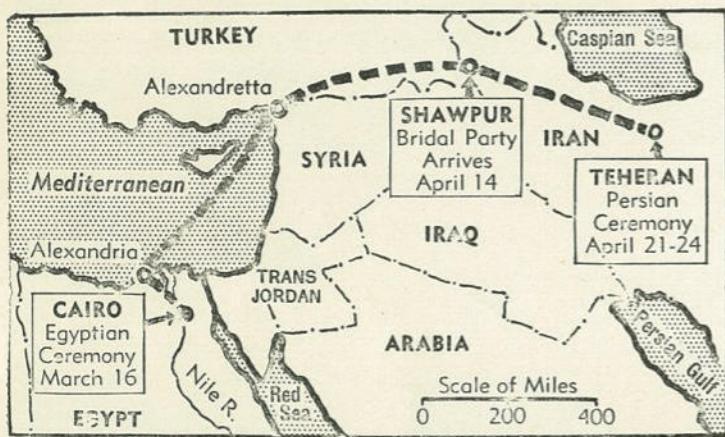
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EGYPT AND IRAN CELEBRATE ROYAL WEDDING FESTIVITIES

By ELIAS M. BARKET

'I Take Thee'—1500 Miles



Cairo, capital of Egypt, marks the beginning, and Teheran, capital of Persia some 1500 miles distant, the end of the Mohammedan marathon marriage between Persia's Crown Prince Chahour Mohamed Rega Pahlavi, and Egypt's Princess Fawzia, sister of King Farouk. The marriage, which began March 16 in Cairo, will be climaxed with a four-day ceremony starting April 21 in the Persian capital. Map above shows the route of the bridal party from Cairo to Teheran. Lower left, Princess Fawzia. Right, Crown Prince Pahlavi.

When Crown Prince Riza Pahlavi, 20-year-old heir to the throne of Iran (Persia) arrived last month to claim as his bride, dark-eyed Princess Fawzia, eldest sister of King Farouk of Egypt, Egyptian warplanes roared overhead and artillery boomed a twenty-one gun salute as the royal train reached Cairo.

Up and down the Fertile Crescent, from Jerusalem in Palestine to ancient Antioch in Syria, from Baghdad in Iraq to Teheran, home of the Crown Prince, and the Mecca in the Hejaz, refuge of the Prophet Mohammed, there'll be a "hot time in the old town."

Staid followers of the Prophet are loosening their strictness and are preparing for a month of feasting and merry-making. The muezzin's call rings a new note, bidding the faithful to evening prayer. The marriage will bring new unity to Islam.

The Princess is tall and well-learned. Her hair is dark brown, her eyes blue. Yes, as blue as the Nile. She has led a secluded life, according to orthodox Mohammedan tradition. Her companions have been only her three sisters and a few cousins. It was only in 1937 that she first left Egypt to shop in Paris and vacation in Switzerland.

It was in 1937 that the Shahpur (Crown Prince) of Persia also was in Switzerland, studying economics and jurisprudence at the University of Lausanne. Like a modern Arabian Nights tale, it is reported that they first met while skiing in the Alps.

The Prince carries himself royally, is a perfect horseman, an accomplished athlete. They fell in love. It is no longer strictly forbidden to do so by modern Mohammedan custom. King Farouk himself set an example for all Islam by falling in love and marrying Queen Farida, who is not even "royal blood." Their Swiss vacation ended, and the diplomats of Iran and Egypt did the rest.

But in the West it is the topic, and observers carry the story that Britain would use the wedding as a springboard to an all-Arab axis. The alliance between Egypt and Persia is considered one of the most important in the history of Islam. It is held that Egypt, Persia, Syria and Arabia could form a strong cultural, but non-military defensive league as a buffer against designs of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis.

The Royal Family is very popular in Egypt, and most popular of all is dashing young Farouk himself. It is said that Farouk would like to be Caliph of Islam, Moslem equivalent to Pope. The Caliphate lapsed when the Turkish Sultanate was overthrown at Constantinople.

King Farouk has four lovely sisters, and nothing would be more advantageous to him than to marry them off to the great rival dynasties. Greatest of these is Iran.

Since the engagement, Egyptian women have become especially interested in Iran.

Emancipation of Iranian women from the burdensome restrictions of Islam has gone farther than similar efforts in

other Moslem countries. Iranian women wear their veils slightly lower on formal occasions; informally they discard them altogether, mix more freely with men of their social ranking, have greater freedom and equality in social activity. Egyptian women look to the marriage to give impetus to liberalization of customs that began with the reign of King Farouk.

The wedding definitely draws the two countries together. Handsome noblemen, courtiers from Iranian mountains and plains, will come to Egypt seeking suitable girls to wed. The girls will go back to Persia with their husbands and will be companions of the Princess in her new Persian home. The girls are all aflutter. It looks like a round of weddings ahead.

Princess Fawzia Story

Prince Taken III

The Crown Prince was suddenly taken ill immediately after the ceremony of signing the marriage contract. The bridegroom, having a temperature of 102-degrees, retired to his bedroom after the ceremony and a military parade in honor of the wedding, scheduled for the following day, was canceled.

The Crown Prince, however, showed steady improvement in his condition and the wedding party, including the Prince and his bride Fawzia, left Egypt for Iran, according to previous schedule.

When Egyptian subjects curtailed their celebration of the contract signing ceremony which was planned for an en-
half of his sister, Princess Fawzia and the Crown Prince they "doubled" their celebrating when the religious ceremony was performed.

The ARK's photo service will radio all pictures of the religious ceremony of the Crown Prince and Princess to London, and thence to New York, from where they will be flown by Air-mail to the ARK officers. Exclusive photographs of the young couple will appear as a special feature of the May ARK.

King Signs Contract

With King Farouk signing the marriage contract in behalf of his sister, Princess Fawzia and the Crown Prince were married in a simple 15-minute ceremony at Abdin Palace, Cairo, that united two of the leading Moslem sects—the Sunnites to which the Princess belongs and the Shias, of which the Crown Prince is a member.

The bride did not attend and the bridegroom was secluded in a separate part of the palace in accordance with Moslem custom. Not one woman was present when the contract was signed.

Princess Fawzia, meanwhile, awaited anxiously in another part of the palace during the actual signing of her marriage contract. She was represented by her witness, King Farouk, who met the Prince in a true Moslem fashion.

As soon as the marriage was contracted, the Prince and Princess exchanged photographs. They have met already, the Prince being in Egypt for several weeks.

The contracts specified the princely dowry for the bride—at least \$50,000 besides stacks of jewels, the ARK was informed.

The Princess received a bouquet as a tangible token of marriage. This was presented by an eight-year-old Egyptian girl who headed the floral procession preceding the wedding while throughout the ceremony, Egyptian warplanes showered the palace with rosettes combining the Egyptian and Iranian color.

Each guest attending the "contract wedding" received a jewel-crowned gold box, containing chocolates, costing \$1000 each. Cairo was all ablaze with light, while Egyptian subjects celebrated the wedding festivities.

The entire Egyptian royal family has emerged from the traditional Moslem seclusion since Farouk became King. The Queen is frequently seen in public and is active in women's activities.

Prince Pahlevi, too, has been reared along Western lines. The Shah, once a Persian cossack, went to the top as a soldier, deposed the Shah in 1925 and mounted the fabled "peacock throne." His oil fields are vital to Europe. The Prince is a soldier in his own name.

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Egyptian Royalty Goes to the Opera



Princess Fawzia of Egypt—sister of youthful King Farouk—is photographed with her sister-in-law, Queen Farida, a fortnight before her marriage contract to wed the Crown Prince of Iran was signed the middle of March. The Queen and the Princess were snapped by an alert cameraman while at the Royal Opera House in Cairo. This appearance marked the first in public for the Queen since the birth of her baby Princess recently.

The Syrian Ark

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Four-Year-Old King Feisal II Youngest Monarch In World

By Elias M. Barket

The youngest monarch in the world now rules his 3,000,000 subjects in the strategic Arabian Kingdom of Iraq, which is much larger than Italy.

He is four-year-old Crown Prince Feisal, proclaimed King Feisal II, following the death of King Ghazi I, in an automobile accident. The Iraqi cabinet officially proclaimed the succession of the infant crown prince less than 24 hours after the boy's royal father was killed while driving his own high-powered English-made car on the highway near Baghdad.

The Council of Ministers, in announcing King Ghazi's death, appealed to ("Allah Akbar") "Almighty God" to preserve "His Majesty King Feisal II," who reached his fourth birthday on May 2. . . . The boy King was named for his famed grandfather, "Feisal the Fearless."

The Cabinet then invited the boy's uncle, Emir Abdul Ilah, to serve as regent "in accordance with the wish expressed by King Ghazi as testimony by the Queen in a statement to the Council of Ministers." Several days later, the Chamber of Deputies elected a five-man regency council.

The new infant monarch will rule under a regency, such as those which act for 14-year-old King Ananda Mahidol, of Siam, and 15-year-old King Peter of Jugoslavia.

Meanwhile, the London Times editorially pointed out that fourteen years must elapse before Feisal II comes of age and that a "long minority has dangers everywhere, not least in a new State like Iraq, where the amalgamation of the different elements of the population is still far from complete.

The recent unrest in the army and the conspiracy to dispose King Ghazi, implicating former Premier Hikmet Bey Suleiman, are recalled, it is said, may "excite dangerous ambitions."

Thousands of Arabs gathered before the royal "Palace of Flowers" and beat their breasts in mourning for their sportsman-monarch, whose death came suddenly. During the frenzied mourn-



FEISAL II

... YOUNGEST MONARCH IN THE WORLD TODAY . . . AND EVERY INCH A BOY. LOOKING LIKE A YOUNG SYRIAN-AMERICAN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING IN HIS NEW SOLDIER SUIT, KING FEISAL II, NAMED AFTER HIS GRANDFATHER, FEISAL I, WHO WAS FOUR YEARS OLD MAY 2, POSES FOR THE SYRIAN ARK CAMERAMAN. THE BOY-KING BECAME RULER OF THE ARABIAN KINGDOM OF IRAQ, SITTING ON THE THRONE IN THE "PALACE OF FLOWERS" APRIL 4, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

ing at Mosul, on the River Tigris, 200 miles northwest of Baghdad, George E. Monck-Mason, British consul at Mosul, was killed by a mob which rushed the consulate and then burned it.

Inflamed by reports that Britons had assassinated "our King," the infuriated and angry mob rioting was not quelled until after the public memorial service for the dead King. Martial law was declared. Four men were arrested and charged with the slaying of the British consul, it was reported. They will be tried by special court.

The Premier, Nuri Pasha as-Said, called on William Houston-Boswall, British Charge d'Affairs, to express his government's deep regret over the killing of the consul and to report on the measures taken to restore order in Mosul and to fix responsibility for the crime.

Died As He Lived

Young King Ghazi died as he lived—since he was passionately fond of motoring and flying. In fact, he was a fast driver, driving racing cars on the British speedways when he was 16 and too young to obtain a private driving license.

Incidentally, King Ghazi met his death in the virtual manner as his hero "Lawrence of Arabia." Ghazi never had met Lawrence, who placed his father, the late King Feisal, on the throne, but he always had admired Lawrence's spectacular exploits.

Lawrence, the famous British agent, who forsook honors to become "Aircraftsman Shaw" in the Royal Air Force, met a violent end when thrown over the handlebars of a motorcycle he was driving at a high speed down a lonely English road May 19, 1935. Young Ghazi, too, met his end in the same way—when his auto crashed into an electric light pole.

King Ghazi was modern in every respect. Like his father, he sought to bring western civilization to Iraq, though his queen wore a veil when outside the palace.

Ghazi learned western customs other than that which claimed his life. He was expert at tennis and cricket. Dur-

ing his five-year reign he did much to develop friendly relations between Iraq and Britain. His kingdom in the Near East controls the pipeline through which Britain received much of her vital oil supply. It was King Ghazi who pushed a button several years ago, inaugurating the world's largest oil-pipeline.

He was reared in the Bedouin tents of the Arabian desert, and went from there to the exclusive Harrow School in England, and by nomadic Bedouin chieftans, claimed descent from the Prophet Mohammed.

King For a Day

Bedouin chieftains and tribesmen told and retold the story of what then the Crown Prince Ghazi did when he was "King for a day" . . .

Before Ghazi began his five-year reign his father gave him a one-day taste of kingship as a test of capacity for leadership.

Ghazi immediately summoned the dignified Grand Vizier and sent him to buy up Baghdad's stock of phonograph records. After Ghazi's second order—five carloads of fresh cut clover for his favorite horse—the father decided it was time to resume his royal functions.

Ghazi himself was air-minded, and was said to be the only monarch to fly his own plane. He took delivery in March on a 200-mile-an-hour British machine, and was awaiting the arrival of a specially-constructed plane manufactured by an Oklahoma (American) aircraft concern. This plane was shipped on April 20, to the Iraqi Government, despite the death of the king.

Baghdad Shows Grief

The residents of Baghdad and throughout the country mourned the death of King Ghazi with great intensity. Procession of weeping subjects passed through the main street of Baghdad. All traffic was stopped, shops were closed and the normal life of the modern Near Eastern city was at a standstill in reverent homage and respect to the late ruler.

King Ghazi had captured the affection of his people . . . Although too young to be a diplomat like his father, Feisal I, Ghazi wished to emulate his father's sayings in public utterances and in private conversations.

Ghazi Modernized Kingdom

King Ghazi succeeded to the throne of his father, "Feisal the Fearless," one of the most romantic figures emerging from the World War, on Feisal's death, Sept. 8, 1933. (Feisal was promised "king" of Syria, but after the war this never materialized.)

Monarch Killed



KING GHAZI I.

Thousands of Arabs beat their breasts in Baghdad in mourning for King Ghazi I of Iraq, who was killed when he crashed his swift automobile into an electric light pole. He is succeeded by his four-year-old son.

The youthful King's full name was Ghazi ibn Feisal, which means "victorious son of Feisal." Although the father's death left Iraq without a single strong personality in control and left the youth king at the mercy of his advisers, Ghazi carried out his father's objects for modernization of the Near Eastern kingdom.

Only a week before his untimely death he inaugurated with proper ceremony a new irrigation system, built by a British company in the past 16 years to restore fertility to the wasted desert in the valley of the Tigris and the Euphrates. In ancient times ir-

rigation had made the lands fertile, but the traditional systems had disintegrated from neglect.

Feisal had dreamed of a dam that would assure a steady supply of water to the valley and encouraged its building. Ghazi, however, lived to see the completion of the 1,615-foot structure.

The brief reign of Ghazi was marked by a revival of turbulent politics that Feisal, who ruled as a dictator, had suppressed. The first government crisis of his reign occurred in October, 1933, when the Cabinet headed by Rashid Ali Bey el-Ailani presented its resignation, which was immediately accepted. The King ignored, however, a proposal for a general election.

With the exact situation facing the formation of a new Cabinet in Syria at this time, a new Iraqi Cabinet was then formed with much difficulty and political movements in the virtual British protectorate were in turmoil, which culminated in the revolt of 1935. This King Ghazi crushed.

The following year there was another revolt. General Bekr Sidky Pasha staged that famed coup d'état in October, the signal for which was the murder of General Jafar Pasha al-Askari, Iraq Minister of Defense.



ABDUL ILLAH

This is the first picture to reach America of Abdul-Ilah, brother-in-law of the late ruler of Iraq, Ghazi I, who will head a regency governing the minority of King Feisal II. (PHOTO TRANSMITTED BY RADIO FROM LONDON TO NEW YORK AND THEN RUSHED TO SYRIAN ARK.)

Nationalism Takes a Constructive Trend In The Hands of Arab Youth

By Afif I. Tannus

To the Syrian-American reader, the title of this article will, most probably, present a paradox. To him, nationalism has a sinister implication. It is narrow, prejudiced, ethnocentric, aggressive and tends to build up thick barriers between human groups. Therefore, how can nationalism be constructive, as the above title indicates? He talks about democracy, and democracy can be constructive for a country, but not nationalism. The confusion, or misunderstanding, arises from the tendency to attribute to democracy the same "good" significance and to nationalism the same "bad" significance in different countries and at different times. Thus France and England are referred to as democratic on the same level with the United States; and Arab nationalism is put in the same class with Nazi and Fascist nationalism. This is far from the truth. What is nearer to reality is that which educated Arab youth mean by nationalism is very similar to what Americans mean by democracy.

To educated Arab youth of the Near East, nationalism — which has dominated their thought for the past ten or fifteen years — signifies primarily two things, (1) emancipation from foreign exploitation — political and economic, and (2) responsibility for internal reconstruction. The present article is concerned with the second point just mentioned, and with its rural reconstruction aspect — with what now goes on in Syria, Lebanon and Palestine under the name "The Village Welfare Service."

In the summer of 1932, at the close of the academic year, some twenty students and professors, from the American University of Beirut, gathered together in a week's conference on the problems of the Arab village. The conference was held at the farm school on the eastern slopes of the Lebanon mountains. The Near East Foundation had started their rural work in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria two years previously, and were very anxious to encourage the students of the American University of Beirut in their rural interest.

The conference succeeded, especially through the field workers, in portraying to the student group a vivid picture of the following facts about Arab village life: (1) That Arab peasants represent between 75 and 80 percent of the population. (2) That these peasants have been the victims of exploitation for too long a time, at the hands of the government (excessive taxation), money lenders



The Medical Unit at Damascus Camp

and a remnant of absentee landlords. (3) That about 80 percent of these peasants are illiterate. (4) That about 80 percent of them are afflicted with the Trachoma disease. (5) That the infant mortality rate among them runs from 20 to 30 percent. (6) That the average income of the typical Arab farmer does not stretch beyond the level of mere existence. (7) That the future of the country depends primarily upon the enlightenment of its peasant masses. (8) That the educated Arab youth have neglected this vital aspect of their national responsibility.

The appeal was strong and the response was enthusiastic. A group of students volunteered to work in the villages of Palestine, and a smaller group volunteered to work in the villages of interior Lebanon, under the leadership of a young medical doctor from the university. For one month they stayed in those outlying sections of the country, moving from village to village on foot or by camel back. Their budget was not more than \$150, which they used for transportation and for medical, recreational and agricultural equipment. They paid, from their own pockets, for their living expenses. They lived with the villagers in their villages, ate of their simple food, studied with them their problems and passed on to them the little medical, agricultural and recreational help that was within their command.

The response of the villagers to this unique and unprecedented approach was a mixture of gratitude, bewilderment and suspicion. The educated men from the city had always been to them a symbol of taxation, exploitation, or at best indifference. They had never experienced their educated youth voluntarily going out to the villages to give and share and not to take. It was too good to believe!

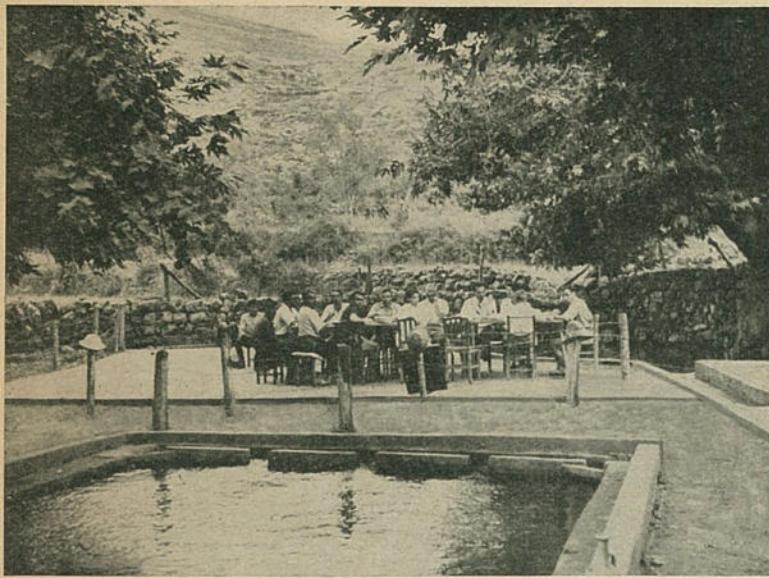
The experience of the first summer had its marked effect upon the volunteers. They went back to the university, the following fall, convinced, from intimate personal experience, that the need in the villages was great, that the problem was a nationally vital one and that the educated youth could go a long way towards solving it.

During the academic year, the Arab Rural Problem loomed large on the campus. Meetings, discussions and financial campaigns were organized. The movement began to take definite shape and gather momentum under the name "Village Welfare Service."

By the beginning of the second summer, the volunteer



Demonstrating the Modern Bee-Hive



Swimming Pool at Jibra'il

force and the budget were doubled. All the volunteers were students—men and women—and teachers from the American University. The whole budget was raised locally by the student body. The Near East Foundation and the University contributed leadership and equipment. During that summer, work was carried on from three centers, one in Palestine and two in Lebanon.

During the third year, the movement continued to grow stronger, despite the fact that the Palestine center had to be suppressed, due to the disturbances.

The fourth year marked a big stride for the Village Welfare Service. It was decided that the movement had proved its worth to such an extent that it was time to publicize it and launch it on a nation-wide scale. Pressmen, national leaders and government officials were invited to the camps in the various villages and were shown what was being done. They were very favorably impressed, and their response took practical shape during the fifth year of the movement.

The Damascus educated youth—teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, scout-masters and agricultural experts—organized themselves into a branch of the movement and established their camp in the neighborhood of the town. At the same time, the native government of Syria generously supplied the camp with experts from its departments, medical and agricultural equipment and financial support.

Last summer, I understand, the Syrian government doubled its contributions. Also, the youth of Aleppo organized themselves into another branch of the movement. Thus, at present, the organization of the movement stands as follows: (1) The central headquarters at Beirut, in charge of two camps in central Lebanon and in northern Lebanon. (2) The Damascus branch in charge of a camp in the villages of Damascus. (3) The Aleppo branch, in charge of a camp in the Aleppo villages. (4) The American Junior College group, working more or less independently, in the Allouite villages of northern Syria.

What happens at a typical Village Welfare Service camp? The camp is maintained by some 20 to 30 volunteers, men and women, of different professions and occupations. They offer their services free and pay for their living expenses. The personnel are divided into five groups, each in charge of a unit of work in the villages—health, agriculture, home welfare, recreation and literacy. Each

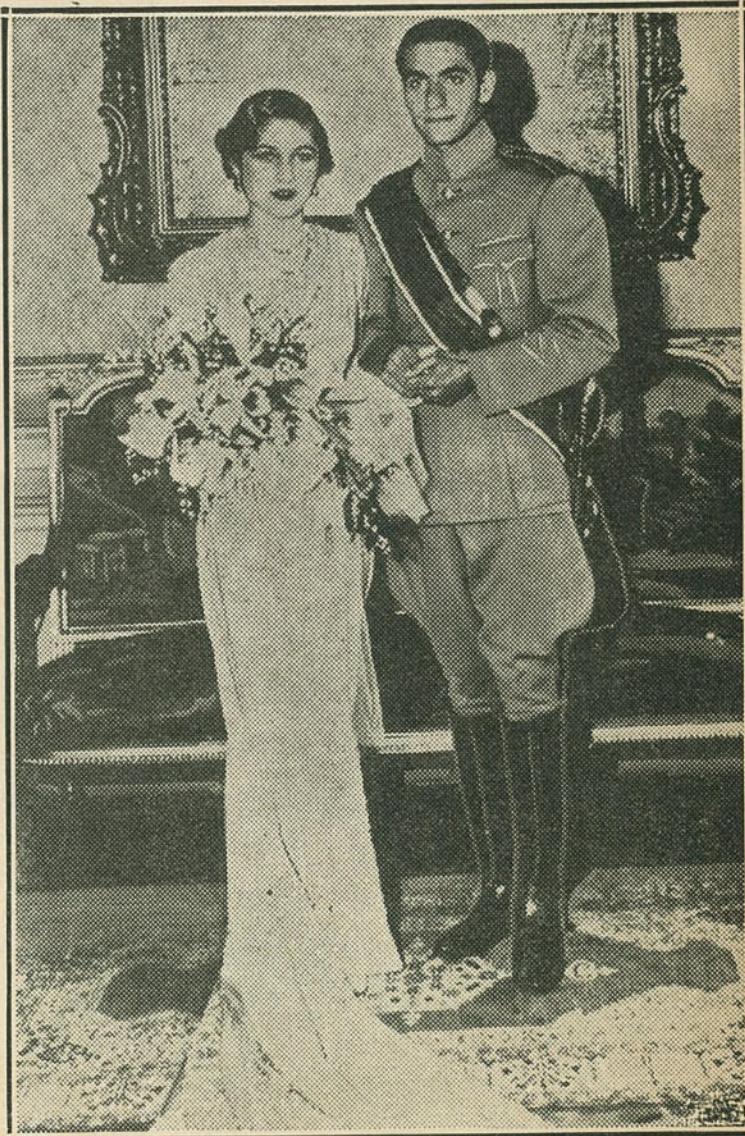
group is led by an expert, and they plan their work in the form of definite projects, in accordance with the needs of the village. The work goes on intensively for two months during the summer. Occasional follow-up work takes place during the winter.

Our goal is to make our educated youth, who will become leaders of the people in the near future, village conscious, by having each one of them serve at least one summer as a volunteer of the Village Welfare Service.

Florida Syrian Made Deputy Grand Master

Jacksonville was chosen for the 1940 convention of Florida Odd Fellows by vote of the Order's Grand lodge meeting held April 19 at St. Petersburg.

Mr. L. A. Samply, of Baghdad, was elected Grand Master, and J. K. David, Jacksonville, Deputy Grand Master.



STILL A PRINCESS DESPITE MARRIAGE

Crown Prince Shahpur Mohammed Riza of Iran, 19, can be seen firmly clutching the hand of his bride, beautiful 17-year-old Princess Fawzia, eldest sister of King Farouk of Egypt, as the happy couple pose for the ARK cameraman, following their marriage in moslem fashion last month, making it one of the most important political alliances in the history of Islam.

Sacramento, California

By Fred N. Sahadi

INTRODUCING: I give you Steve George, a small town boy who has made good in a big profession . . . in a small town! Born in Butte, Montana and passionately attached to the rugged hills of that country, he came to Sacramento and conquered it, splashing printers ink over every important sports event in the land . . . and well! It is about time that a Syrian boy who has reached the eminence of his position in his chosen profession be given recognition by the community.



Steve George

He is Editor of the Sports page of the Sacramento Union, the morning paper of this metropolis in the lush valley of the Sacramento River, the capital of the State of California. His comments on athletic and sports events ring with authority and glow with enthusiasm. His favorite sports are baseball and boxing, in both of which he is a recognized expert. His articles are an occasional feature of the St. Louis Sporting News, the official organ of organized baseball. The most pretentious and annually, successful boxing show is the Christmas fund card which he promotes. In and about the Valley of the Sacramento he is a prominent figure. His vibrant lucidity and simple expression make a bid for literary recognition.

From the University of Washington in Seattle, to San Francisco and Sacramento came this Butte youngster carving a niche for himself in the annals of northern California journalism. He has succeeded and we who know

him are proud. His "Syrianism" is superceded only by his devotion to Montana, his birth place.

For fifteen years he has labored on this sheet, thirteen of which were in the capacity of editor. He is married to a blond "Venus" whose antecedents are natives of Tripoli, the Siyufy family, a most charming woman. These two fine examples of our culture have contributed greatly to the dignity and luster which the acknowledgement of our Syrian extraction invokes.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I "give" you this young man. He will "cover" the Baer-Nova prizefight in New York and has signified his desire to report it to the Syrian Ark, the leading Syrian English publication in the United States.

He is a likeable chap . . . about five seven . . . slender, dark, with a couple of piercing eyes that peer straight ahead from behind a set of horn rimmed glasses when he is working. His parents are natives of Bierut, living happily here in the reflection of their famous and most considerate offspring.

Like all experts, he is among the leaders in the matter of prognostication in sports.

The Syrians of the far west are proud of our "Big Steve George" from small town Butte, Montana.



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Mrs. E. White and Miss Lulu Ray were among the 50 guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwary in Portland, Oregon, to celebrate the latter's first wedding anniversary. Mrs. Schwary is the former Miss Jean Ray, of Vancouver.

Shreveport, La.

By Miss Louise Ferris

The Lebanon Club (Sorority) will sponsor its annual 1939 dance on July 4 at the Washington-Youree Hotel.

Delegations from neighboring cities and northeastern Texas are expected.

Chicago, Ill.

By "Kicky"

Hello! We are about to hit some of the high spots in our great metropolis. Most of you are planning a vacation during the summer months. Wouldn't it be grand to couple your vacation with the convention if held in Chicago in 1940? You will have days packed with unforgettable thrills visiting America's most unusual "Brookfield Zoo," where you can see rare and valuable collections of wild animals from every corner of the world. The "Field Museum" contains the most complete exhibits of prehistoric men and monsters. Life like reproductions that will thrill you for hours. The "Chicago Historical Museum" contains collections of early America — the story of our country. At the "Museum of Science and Industry" you will see and even operate uncanny and intricate devices, where there is also a coal mine on a full scale. The beautiful "Shedd Aquarium" houses the rarest fish specimens in captivity. The mystery of the sea before your very eyes. The "Art Institute" offers the lovers of art the best works of the old and modern masters. All of these beautiful buildings are symbols of rare art in themselves and they really express Chicago's greatness. Education in an interesting manner! You can achieve all this in a few days that would ordinarily require months of hard study. Bring along your camera — you will take pictures which will be treasured forever.

Perhaps your pleasure leans toward a whirl at our own "Great White Way" — Chez Paree, The Blackhawk, The Colony Club, The Continental Room at the Stevens Hotel, The Gold Coast Room at the Drake, The Black Panther Room at the Sherman Hotel, the Gold Room at the Congress, and many other swanky night clubs.

Omaha, Nebraska

"THE CONVENTION CITY"

By Miss Marian Dahir

At a ceremony performed April 23, Miss Margaret Shada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Shada, became the bride of Stephen Alaimo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cristiano Alaimo, of Rochester, N. Y.

The bride wore a white satin gown and carried a bouquet of calla lillies. Bolus J. Bolus served Mr. Alaimo as best man. Dorothy Shada of Hastings, Neb., was flower girl.

State and city officials paid tribute to the sense of civic responsibility of citizens of Syrian extraction at the third annual all-Syrian Dinner, held May 4th under the sponsorship of the Syrian-American Club at the Sokol Auditorium. Nearly six hundred persons attended, and remained to celebrate at the dance which followed.

Speakers introduced by Toastmaster Bolus J. Bolus included the Governor, State and City officials. Mr. William Hiykel, dinner chairman, pointed out that the event is carried out annually to solidify the friendly relations of Omaha's Syrian citizens with all other classes and creeds.

"We are interested only in the unification and better understanding of our people with fellow Americans," Mr. Bolus said. Governor Cochran replied that "you are succeeding admirably—Syrians throughout all of Nebraska have become good citizens."

At a suggestion by Mayor Dan B. Butler, guests rose for a minute of silence in tribute to the late Farris G. Nasr, chairman of the 1938 dinner.

Others at the speakers' table included city commissioners, Mr. Philip Abboud, past president of the Syrian-American Club, and two presidents of other local Syrian Clubs, Mr. William Gassan of the Knights of Furzul and Mr. Jack Abboud of the Phoenician Club.

Mrs. Assad Abboud, a resident of Omaha for over 35 years, passed away on April 21 after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and five sons. She was a native of Furzul, Syria.

Messrs. William Abboud and Edward George attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the Midwest Federation at Chicago on April 30.

At a meeting of the Syrian-American Club on May 17, the following were chosen to represent the club at the forthcoming convention:

Delegates: Messrs. Philip Abboud, Al Farhat, Amen Hayek, Simon A. Simon.

Alternates: Messrs. Richard Dahir, Ed George, Mike Mohanna, A. Zakem.

The Phoenician Club held their annual May dance in the Crystal room of the Hotel Rome on May 20.

Miss Hope Joseph spent several weeks at Valentine, Neb., as the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Abraham.

Visitors in Omaha during the past month: Miss Julia Abdo, Mrs. A. Nasser and daughter Jean, Mrs. Shaffy Rehan and daughters, all of Sioux City, Ia.; Mrs. Harry Areddy and sons, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Edward Ferris and daughters of Regina, Sask., Canada.

Obituary

J. SULEIMAN MERHIGE, brother of Rajie and Rizkalla Merhige, Mrs. Nustase G. Nusralla, Mrs. Jamelia Bashour, Mrs. Anissa S. Kheiralla, Mrs. Julia A. Sarkis and Miss Alice Merhige, all of Brooklyn, died at Buffalo, N. Y., May 16.

The remains were transferred to Brooklyn where funeral services were held at the Syrian Orthodox Cathedral.

MRS. MARTHA J. HARFOUSH, mother of Saied Harfoush, of Brooklyn, native of Jezzine, died April 5.

GEORGE R. MELHAM, died May 19 at New Castle, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Elias Nader at the Church of St. John.

ELIAS ABRAHAM SALIM, native of Tripoli, former resident of Akron, Ohio, died in San Francisco, Cal., May 13.

WADIH ZRAICK, age 70, native of Tripoli, Syria, died in Toledo, Ohio, May 24. Survived by the grand-children, Louis and Eddie Zraick, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Deceased was brother-in-law of Mrs. Najeeba Diab, publisher of the Arabic Tri-Weekly, Muraat el-Gharb, who went to Toledo for the funeral services.

KAMEL NASSIF ARRIDA, native of Homs, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 27. Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Thamina Arrida, eleven children: Mrs. Victoria Kheiralla, of Buenos Aires, Argentine, Fuad, Judet, Nassif, Dr. Hikmet, Ameen, Mrs. Alexandria B. Catten, William, Maurice, Viola and Lila Arrida; two brothers, Anton and Raphael, all of Brooklyn, and three sisters: Melika W. Abood, Homs, Syria; Hahassin K. Khoury, Buenos Aires, and Marie P. Hamway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Funeral services were held May 29, at the Orthodox Cathedral in Brooklyn.

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Picture of the large gathering at the elaborate banquet of the Mid-West Federation of Syrian Clubs, July 1-2-3 in the Grand Ball Room, Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Neb.

The Editor's Page

The Omaha Convention

The gathering over the July 4th holidays at Omaha was an occasion which far exceeded all expectations. Never before in the history of our Mid West Federation was there an affair so colossal in magnitude as was, in form and style, perfected by our Omaha hosts.

The 1938 convention in Milwaukee was the forerunner and inspirer of these stupendous Omaha doings which truly inscribed in the hearts of the conventioneers that they were really in the "white spot of America."

The unusually large attendance which crowded all the hotels of the city and especially the Fontanelle Hotel Headquarters, were gratified with the accomplishments of our Omaha friends. The convention committee is to be congratulated for its energetic and unselfish manner in which the attendants were feted.

The Special Train

Nowhere in the country was enthusiasm rampant and manifested among the Syrians as was on the special train which brought the largest delegations from Illinois and Indiana in the make-up of eleven pullman parlor cars and the special festivities feted at the banquet hall on the final day of the convention when all formalities were cast aside, the elderly ladies taking the lead in the rounds of the "Big Apple" and the young coquettes with their hip-movements "a-la-Syrienne."

At the informal ball was Mrs. Joseph Boutross, veteran Dowager of Kansas City, leading the dazzling queens in the ever-go-circling jitters of the popular "Debke," jumping hither and bouncing thither with thrumpings on the two-inch carbon-carpets.

Then over on the other side of the huge Fontanelle Ball Room were the "Dusky Little Duckesses" hipping to and fro with their parlez-vous gaze to the onlookers. Petite Najla Swyden, also of K.C. was the life of this "Hotsy-Totsies" soiree in gay Paree as the self-invited hotel manager "Wee Wee Mon-Sewer" endeavored to make himself heard in singing "Yes Sir, That's My Baby."

But several nights before — on that train whizzing into Omaha from Chicago, there was something a good many missed. There was Bill Asfoor, the "aristo" of the big-league, and George Curry, the dignified parliamentarian, and "Kicky" the ARK's big city go-getter and all their guests with representatives of the great Stevens Hotel and Chicago's Chamber of Commerce, all coming to make a grand bid to get the Syrians — dead or alive — to come to the windy city in 1940. And there was Sam Saad with all his seven-feet-six. Sam was the Sheik from Saudi-Arabia who couldn't speak "engleesie" on his way to Omaha to replenish his harem with a hundred or more NEW wives. Mike Tamer was the official interpreter for H.R.H. in inducing the train's hostess to join the Sheik's harem. The train's colored cook was also apprehended to join the

mystic forces on the promise of half a dozen wives and a private seraglio in the oasis of the Sahara. But nothing doing for this big black nubio who claimed to be possessed with enough troubles of his own in trying to rid himself of his "only-one" mulatto back in the windy city. Chicken-Maryland was his dish thereafter in bringing in the loaded trays of milk and honey to the Sheik's repass 'mid the humming of "I Wonder Where My Baby is Tonight."

Federation Welfare

The business session of the Federation was in full sway and in all seriousness on the afternoon of July 3. While the official minutes have not yet reached the ARK offices, only a few sketches of the adoptions and major results can be accounted herein. The contests for the Federation presidency and the selection of the 1940 convention site were the two most important features of the sessions.

In the field for the presidency there were three active contestants. A fourth who was overwhelmingly drafted and refused to accept, and a fifth who was nominated but withdrew.

The active contenders were Mike K. Stephan, of Fort Wayne, Ind., present incumbent; Fred Bonahoom, of Michigan City, Ind., who withdrew in favor of Mike Stephan, and William G. Abboud, of Omaha.

Sam Saad, who was heretofore mentioned in the ARK as the possible choice, but unaware of the announcement, made it known before the sessions that he was not a candidate. He was, however, in spite of the adamant pleas to remain aloof, drafted and nominated. His popularity resulted in the majority of votes among the three contenders. His insistence that he could accomplish more for the Federation outside the presidency, left Messrs. Stephan and Abboud in the field. The former being acclaimed the 1940 Federation President by the majority of the final count.

Simon A. Simon, Omaha, was one of the nominees but withdrew before his nomination was seconded.

A few of the other newly elected officers are: James Arrieh, Milwaukee, Treasurer; Jeanette Balish, Federation Governor for Michigan; Murrish Yanney for Iowa, and Michael Tamer for Indiana.

The title Governor was substituted during the business sessions for that of State Vice-President. The names of the other State Governors will be published in the September ARK or after the receipt of the official minutes.

1940 Convention Site

The City of Peoria won over Chicago in a heated and close contest for the 1940 Convention City. This central Illinois metropolis which boasts the largest membership

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In Memoriam



The Late Mrs. Nicholas Shaheen

Mrs. Julia Shaheen, age 39, wife of Nicholas Shaheen, prominent oriental rug dealer, died July 27, at Mercy Hospital, Canton, Ohio, after a brief illness. She was taken ill at the Shaheen summer home at Lake Wawasee, Ind., and was rushed to the Canton hospital in an ambulance.

A resident of the Ohio city for more than nine years, Mrs. Shaheen was active in the work of Syrian organizations and at the time of her death was serving her third term as president of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of St. George's Orthodox Church, of which she was a member. She was well known for her charitable work among Syrian families.

Mrs. Shaheen was born in Indianapolis, Ind., the daughter of the late Habeeb David and Mrs. Sadie David, natives of Rachaya, Syria. In 1921 she was graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., where she was an honor student in art and writing.

Beside the husband, Nicholas, Mrs. Shaheen is survived by three daughters, Adele, Joan, and Margaret, all of Canton, and her mother, Mrs. Sadie David, of Indianapolis.

Archbishop Antony Bashir, Brooklyn, N. Y., officiated at the funeral services in St. George's Orthodox Church, Canton. Assisting the Bishop were Rev. Spiridon Massouh, of Canton; Rev. Elias Meena, of Cleveland, and Rev. S. Razook, of Akron.

Prior to the funeral services the body lay in state in the outer foyer of the church which was banked with flowers. At the opening of the rituals the procession entered the church headed by candlebearers and an acolyte carrying a cross. They were followed by flower bearers from the Ladies' Syrian Benevolent Society. The sermons were in English and Arabic.

Pallbearers were: Woodrow Corey, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Abraham Saleeba, of Indianapolis; George Maloley, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; B. J. Saab, of

Detroit; and George Haddad and Harry Betros, of Canton.

Burial was in the Canton Westlawn cemetery.

Obituaries

JOSEPH SIRGANY, native of Zahleh, Lebanon, died at Scranton, Pa., August 12, at the home of his father, Ameen Sirgany. Besides the father, deceased is survived by four brothers, Samuel, Thomas, James and Dr. Philip Sirgany, all of Scranton.

MENNIE ABDEN-NUR, native of Douma, Lebanon, mother of Dr. Assad Abden-Nur, prominent physician in southern Calif., died in Los Angeles, July 1. Funeral services at the St. George Orthodox Church by Rev. Elias Saidy. Orations at the cemetery were delivered by Tom Bonnessar, representing the Doumany Society, and Mr. Mallik K. Doumany.

NIMER J. HIDER, died at Clarksdale, Miss., August 10. Survived by the widow and six children.

MEDOUL BALEY, the mother of George Baley, president of Utica's Syrian Club, died at Utica, N. Y., August 8. Funeral services by the Rev. Benedict Abdelnour and Rev. Francis Lahood.

ADMA ABOUSTY, native of Beirut, mother of Rev. Aghnatius, Metrie and Nicholas Abousty, died in New London, Conn., August 4.

BASHARA HAMATI, native of Batroun, Lebanon, died July 27, at Brooklyn, N. Y. Funeral services were conducted at the Orthodox Cathedral of St. George by officers of the Damascus Masonic Lodge, of which deceased was a charter member.

ABDALLAH BITHONY, father of Attorney Sam Bithony, president of the New England Federation of Lebanon Societies, died in Boston, Mass., July 24. Funeral services from the Church of Our Lady of the Cedars, officiated by Rev. Mgsr. Douaihy.

Charles Saba, Toronto, Ace Of Tennis Junior Singles

Charles Saba, of Toronto, won the Ontario junior men's single tennis title at the provincial championships recently, defeating Leo Heaps, of Ottawa, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.

Saba had too much experience and class for the Ottawan and was on top all the way.

The winner was presented with the trophy emblematic of the Toronto intermediate championship by Howie Martin, president of the Broadview "Y" club.

Joseph M. Abraham Active In Southern Federation

EIGHT NEW CLUBS AFFILIATED

Joseph Abraham, prominent Syrian of Jackson, Miss., is an organizer of great ability.

Termed the good will ambassador of Mississippi, Mr. Abraham, as the Federation's State Vice-President, has succeeded in the affiliation of eight societies to join the Southern Federation of Syrian-Lebanon Clubs.

The new organizations and their respective presidents and secretary-treasurers, all of the state of Mississippi, are:

L'Monar Club, McComb; Alfred Abdalla and Miss Blanche Solomon.

Alpha Club, Canton; Wardell Thomas and Miss Elizabeth Cattan.

The Friendly Club, Laurel; Misses Lillie and Weedell Rahaim.

The Good-Will Club, Jackson; J. M. Abraham and Miss Mable Betrous.

The Cygnet Club, Greenville; Mrs. George (Lillie) Abraham and Miss Emily Tanos.

The Genius Club, Jackson; Eugene Thomas and Miss Katherine Thomas.

Lebanon-American Club, Gulfport; Messrs. Sam Nohra and Sam Owen.

Coast-A-Lites Club, Gulfport; Tofie Owen and Miss Mary Rose Simon.

In addition to his activities in the Southern Federation, Mr. Abraham has shown remarkable success in securing many new ARK subscribers from the numerous southern societies visited during the month of August.

Convention Of Southern Federation Approaches

By Toofik N. Abood

With the Labor Day holidays approaching and the summer's heat reaching its zenith, the Jacksonville hosts are looking forward to the Annual Lebanon-American Club celebration, commemorating the anniversary of the independence of the Lebanon Republic. The occasion will take the form of a Mahrajan to be held at the Jacksonville Beaches, September 3-4, and will present a program unusually interesting and entertaining.

Invitations have been issued to various southern cities to participate in the celebration and a number of large delegations are expected.

The location will be at the Seminole Clubhouse, near the northern end of the world's finest beach, which is equipped to conveniently accommodate quite a number of people.

Of the beach itself, it is difficult to



Toufic N. Abood

properly or adequately describe its attractions. First of all, it is a hard, sand packed beach which at low tide is the widest in the world. Driving on it is a romantic pleasure with its long, smooth stretches and the sea breezes which are a combination of cool, green meadows and crisp, invigorating mountain tops, to which is added the spice of salt air. Scores of miles of driveways are available for the motorists with the whitecaps on the one side and the palmettos and palms fringing the other.

Only a few miles from the Clubhouse is the famous Jacksonville Boardwalk with its many forms of diversion and entertainment including surfing, bathing, golf, tennis and dancing on an excellent pier.

The Mahrajan will include a variety of exercises and entertainments which will provide a good time for everyone. Delicious oriental foods will be served with both oriental and occidental music to suit the varied tastes. Eminent speakers will be present to address the gathering.

Mr. Toufic N. Abood, president of the Lebanon American Club of Jacksonville, wishes to extend to all a cordial invitation to be with the Jacksonville hosts on the occasion and assures all of an experience that will be filled with pleasure.

Omaha, Neb.

By Miss Marion Dahir

In a recent letter to the ARK's Omaha reporter, the Rev. E. J. Flanagan, founder of "Boys Town," expresses his deep appreciation for the interest shown by the Mid-West Syrians with their visit to his institu-

tion during the Omaha convention. He also thanks the Mid-West Federation for the splendid gift of \$91 in currency contributed by the volunteer conventioneers.

On July 27, the Phoenician Club sponsored a "summer bake" at the beautiful Playmore Park. The affair was largely attended.

Mr. Al Farhat was chosen "Nebraska Governor" for the Mid-West Federation of Syrian Clubs by a united assembly of both the Phoenician and Syrian American Clubs. Mr. Farhat replaces Philip Abboud, who resigned.

The Syrians of Omaha express their heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Anthony Abboud, age 37, who died August 10. Deceased is survived by the widow, Josephine; two daughters; four sons; his father; two sisters, and four brothers.

Omaha vacationists during the past month were: Mrs. Phillip Abboud and daughter, Mary Ann, at Walsenberg, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Saidy and daughter, at Colorado Springs; Miss Helen Joseph, to Los Angeles and the Golden Gate Exposition; Miss Helen Farhat, to Minneapolis; Miss Marion Dahir, with mother and brother, to Persia, Iowa, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Elias, and to Lincoln, Neb., as the guests of Mrs. C. H. Ferris and family; Leo Dahir, to Denver; and Mrs. William Ferris to Sioux City.

Visitors were: Mrs. E. Eassey, with children, Freda and Edward, from Alliance, Nebr.; Mose Bomkana, of Los Angeles, at the home of William G. Abboud, and Mrs. Tom George and daughter, Mary, from Kansas City.

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A Step to Our National Federation

Address delivered at the Mid-West Convention, Omaha, Neb., July 4, 1939

By A. M. Malouf

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity of being with the Midwestern Federation of Syrian American Clubs in your fourth annual convention. It is very gratifying to see this splendid gathering impelled



A. M. Malouf and women who are taking a position in our national life that justifies us in being called patriotic and honorable citizens.

I had the privilege of organizing or helping to organize Federations, societies and clubs, in the east as well as in the west.

It has been the dream of my life to see our people organized in some form or social order whereby we keep in contact with one another and create some form of collective understanding, so we can guide our social, economic and political life in a manner that will command due respect.

To this effect I am proud to state that we have succeeded to a great deal of extent in organizing over 900 societies and clubs, most of them are members of the four major regional Federations — the Midwestern, the Southern, the Eastern and the Western and are taking a strong step towards completing the formal National Federation which will be the center point of our National activities.

The purposes of all these organizations and their conventions is not only a social matter whereby we meet our friends and get acquainted with many more of our people. It is not only for the festivities that we enjoy in these gatherings, but we have more noble sentiment and more noble spirit which is more durable, more lasting and more beneficial than our social festivities. The main purpose is to encourage the spirit of hope, faith and self respect, which we must drill into the minds of our youths who are the men and women of tomorrow. Any person who is proud of the activities of his

forefathers, or ancestors, can never be a coward, he always wants to be as good as his forefathers or better, he wants to leave this world in a better condition than he received it, he wants to give more than he receives. His life will be an example for the future generations, so a good deed will vibrate through the centuries causing a continuous message of pride and self reliance. All our organized forces are aiming to accomplish this purpose, but we must realize and understand that the success of our national federation depends on the support of the regional federations and this depends on the societies and clubs which in turn depend on the individual members.

It all comes back to us as individuals if we have to support the dignified pictures that our Federations are painting for us we must support it by our own actions, in our homes, in our business, in our social, economic and political life.

There where the picture is revealed there where the world sees us as we are, whatever we do individually reflects on us collectively, and whatever we do collectively in our conventions helps us individually in every walk of our life.

In our patriotic life we stand on the front line, we realize that the honor and the safety of the nation depends on its men and in case that the United States ever faces an enemy, I am sure that our youths will rally to the stars and stripes to see that it remains the guiding spirit of humanity. I make this statement in view of the fact that I have two sons, age 22 and 28 in military age who will be ready to stand by the flag in any emergency.

As we are ready to serve this nation in time of war we should be prepared to serve it in time of peace. We have among our men and women throughout the United States many who are able, prepared and well qualified to serve the nation in positions in the federal, state and local governments, and as these positions are usually obtained through some influential prestige, I believe, therefore, that as soon as our national federation is ready for action this matter will be taken up in due course of time.

And to the Midwestern federation officers and members, societies and clubs, I commend you for your splendid activities, for the steps that you have taken in the past as well as in this convention to support and to maintain a collective understanding. And I hereby extend to you from the west a strong grip that spells patriotism, cooperation and everlasting harmony.

Des Moines, Ia.

By Freda Nahas

Over seven hundred Syrians came from out of town to attend the third annual Mid-West Mahrajahn at Des Moines September 2, 3 and 4. Despite a typical Labor Day trick by the weather which suddenly took a turn for up in the 100's temperature, everyone forgot the heat in the pleasure of seeing old acquaintances and making new friends. Came these Syrians from Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Fort Dodge, Omaha, Kansas City, Peoria, and came from Chicago, our parliamentary-wise Mr. George Coury and "Belle" wife, and majestic Sam Saad and sister. The banquet was held in the air-conditioned Fort Des Moines ballroom. After grace, the orchestra struck up the timely "God Save America," which everyone sang with gusto and sincere feeling. Speakers at the banquet were the Right Reverend Monsignor Hanson, George Wilson, Governor of Iowa, Mark L. Conkling, mayor of Des Moines, Francis Kuble, county attorney, Sam Saad of Chicago, Fred Eckrosh, president of the El Intisar Club, and Richard Debakey, chairman of the Mahrajahn. Principal speaker of the evening was the very able Mr. George Coury who spoke on the history of our Syrian people and our glorious traditions. After the banquet the grand march for the ball was led by Murrish Yanney.

The Talent Contest was held Sunday afternoon. Entries were Louis Nassif, songs, and John Kacere, saxophonist, from Cedar Rapids; Mary Haddad, songstress, of Fort Dodge, Ia.; Babe David, Rose David, Tommy Ellis, and Kelly Abdo, singers, all of Sioux City; Elizabeth and George Haddy, two happy jitterbugs from Mason City, Ia.; Oscar Abdouch, crooner from Omaha; Patrick Essy and John Nahas, singers from Des Moines. Also, the "Engleesie" Mr. Bob Watkins, manager Eppley Hotels of Omaha, who gave his imitation of "Tizzy Lish." A beautiful loving cup was awarded Kelly Abdo (oh girls!) first prize winner. Kelly sang "Deep Purple." Second prize of \$5.00 was given to the two happy jitterbugs, Elizabeth and George Haddy, John Kacer and Patrick Essy received honorable mention.

Delegates meeting was held Monday morning, Mr. Ness Melham, chairman, presiding. Sioux City was selected as the 1940 mahrajahn city. After the business meeting, everyone went to Sycamore park where mahrajahn festivities continued, with dancing all afternoon in the park ballroom.

Fuad K. Mufarrij In Fatal Accident

Representative of Damascus Government Killed in Mich.

Fuad Khaleel Mufarrij, noted lecturer and representative of the Syrian Government, was killed in an automobile accident near Royal Oak, Mich., September 12, 1939.

Mr. Mufarrij was riding in the car owned and driven by Fakry Sheik, an Iraquian government student at Columbia University, when the couple were on their way from Detroit to attend a meeting at Flint and to visit with Joseph Ahmed Nejam at Grand Haven, Mich.

Mr. Sheik was killed instantly when he lost control of the car as it veered into the path of an oncoming loaded truck, resulting in a head-on collision. Mr. Mufarrij was rushed to a Royal Oak hospital, where he died ten minutes after arrival and his body was then taken to Detroit.

The Iraquian Consul at New York was immediately notified of the tragedy and instructed that the remains of Mr. Sheik be buried in Michigan. The body of Mufarrij was later transferred to New York where it lay in state pending transport to Lebanon upon advices from his father in Beirut.

It is remembered when Mr. Mufarrij first came to America last winter on a lecture tour throughout the United States and Canada. He was hailed as one of the most brilliant

speakers ever heard. Accounts of his lectures appeared on front pages of leading newspapers. Last February Mr. Mufarrij visited the ARK editorial offices where the accompanying pictures were taken.

Mr. Mufarrij was born at Burmana, Lebanon, where he received his elementary schooling. He later attended the American University of Beirut, where he specialized in political science. Upon graduating from the University, he was sent as a peace delegate to the Geneva Conference in Switzerland and upon his return to Syria was appointed Director General of the National Arab Administration at Damascus.

Funeral services for Mr. Mufarrij were conducted at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, Brooklyn, officiated by Rev. Abdalla Khoury, who represented Bishop Basheer in the latter's absence.

Large delegations from Canada; Boston, Mass.; Binghamton and Niagara Falls, N. Y.; and Fall River, Mass., come to pay tribute at the last rites, and New York committees from the Arabian Youth Society, Damascus Brotherhood and Young Prospect Syrian Society, formed honor guards at the bier.

Following the church services, Dr.



The Late Fuad Khaleel Mufarrij

Rizk Haddad, acting as master of ceremonies, called upon the following for oratorial tributes: Saied Zain ed-Deen; Tofic Faker, president Orthodox Cathedral Society; Dr. Fuad Shatara, president Arab National League; Rt. Rev. Bernard Ghosn; Rev. K. A. Bashara, pastor Brooklyn Syrian Presbyterian Church; Rev. Shibly Malouf, Boston; Prof. Elihu Grant; Editor Elia Madey, "As-Sameer"; Ryad Malouf; Ameen Zaidan; Editor Najeeb Badran, "The Eagle"; Attorney Jameel Hallou; Hon. Dr. Abdul Hamid Abas, representing the Iraquian Legation at Washington; Khalid Hashimie, of Columbia University; Farhat Ziada, Arab League of Europe; Captain Shaniiklian, Armenian Democratic Society, and Kareem Saleeba, president Arab Youth of America.

Telegrams from the following were read by Dr. Shatara: Rev. Hannania Cassab; Saleem Attiya, secretary Eastern Federation of Syrian Clubs; Attorney Faris Malouf, Boston; Bishop Samuel David, Toledo; Mrs. Rose Hindy, of the Boston Ladies Charitable Society; Arabian Hashimite Society, Highland Park, Mich.; Attorney Shukry Khoury, secretary Arab Union League, Boston; Eassa Allie, Michell Abourjaily and Mr. and Mrs. George Massoud, of Kingston, Ontario; Syrian Canadian Club, Montreal, Que.; Editor Soleiman Baddour, "Al-Bayan"; Arab Palestinian Society, Detroit; Ladies Arabian Society, Detroit; Arabian Unity League, Quincy, Mass.; Abraham Fuleihan; Arabian Youth Society, Ottawa, Canada; Syrian American Society, Boston.



Fuad K. Mufarrij seated at the editor's desk when he visited the ARK offices in February, 1939. Others in the picture besides Mr. Mufarrij and the ARK editor are: left, Aniss G. Corey, and right, Salim K. Freije.

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Brief History of Lebanon

By David Boutross

Lebanon is bordered on the north and east by Syria, on the south by Palestine and on the west by the Mediterranean sea. It is one of the smallest countries in the world, yet one of the richest in beauty and magnificent scenery.

Situated on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean, Lebanon is considered the gateway of the Near East, and is a bridge between Europe, Asia and Africa. It has a sea coast of 300 miles with an average width of about 40 miles. It seems almost unbelievable that so small a country can have such a mixture of sea coast, mountains, valleys and plains. It has been known through the years as a vacation land and has been described as the Switzerland of the Mediterranean. Here still gather the wealth of southern Europe, northern Africa and western Asia. At any time of the year you may have your choice of the seasons. Winter on its mountain tops, spring and autumn on the slopes and summer on the coast.

You can swim in the warm waters of the sea, and in less than one hour's time, driving on modern highways, reach the higher parts of the mountains where you can enjoy skiing and other winter sports on the eternal snows of the Lebanon Mountains. These mountains run parallel to the coast high above the sea, and on their slopes still stand many Crusaders' Castles full of romantic memories. Behind the mountains is the Plain of Beka'a, from the south of which flows the Jordan river, and from the north the Orontes. In the middle of this plain stands the Temple of Jupiter at Baalbeck with its great columns of stone 62 feet high and 14 feet wide.



David Boutross

Editor's Note: — This brief history of the Republic of Lebanon was addressed to the Rotary Club of Canton, Miss., by Mr. David Boutross, prominent Canton merchant, who was recently touring the homeland, gaining first hand observations on present conditions in Lebanon. Mr. Boutross is a native of Schweir and with his son Alfonse, are charter members and prominent in the active affairs of the Cedars of Lebanon Club, of Jackson, Mississippi.

Today its people are known as Lebanonites, but were Phoenicians and Punics in the days of Greece and Rome, and Canaanites and Hittites in Biblical times.

Thousands of years before Christ, thanks to the extensive forests of cedars that covered the whole range of its mountains, Lebanon was the first land to witness men riding the waves in conquest of the sea. Using the seas and oceans as their highways, they became the first traders and colonizers of the world. They sailed the length of the Mediterranean, pushed out into the broad waters of the Atlantic, rounded Africa, landed in England and Ireland, traded in the Baltic and brought the first civilization to these other countries. They filled the Mediterranean coast with hundreds of cities and built many other cities on the western coast of Europe and Africa long before Rome became a city.

The most famous cities of ancient Phoenicia were Tyre, Sidon and Byblos. Its most famous colony was Carthage. Not only did its cities become the first naval empires of the world and carried civilization to all other parts, it developed for civilization the alphabet, writing, medicine, mathematics and astronomy, chemistry, the art of glass making and the use of stone in building. During the few centuries when Phoenicia was at its height, civilization advanced more than in all the preceding time of history.

After having bravely resisted at different times the invasions of the Assyrians, Persians, Egyptians, Macedonians, Romans, Byzantines, and Turks, the Lebanonites still stand firm for their freedom and independence. With varying fortunes they maintained the rocks of their mountains the high spirit of liberty, especially when such Lebanon Princes as Emir Fakhredine of the 16th century and Emir Beshire of the 18th century were in power.

Before the Turks conquered the eastern shores of the Mediterranean and other great parts of Europe and Asia, Lebanon was almost entirely Christian. It was only shortly after Lebanon was included in the Ottoman Empire that the land became overwhelmingly Moslem, except for the small section of Lebanon where the Christians, after continuous fighting, withdrew into the mountains and continually resisted the Turks, until an armed peace ensued. Here they dwelt near their Syrian-Moslem neighbors under their own princes called Emirs. This was the situation until 1860 when their Syrian neighbors became jealous of the growing power and united together to crush them with overwhelming forces. As these Christian people had always been a thorn in the side of the Turkish Empire, it encouraged and supported the attacks of its subjects on them so strongly that it seemed that the people of the Lebanon Mountains would be completely subjected or wiped out entirely by successive massacres. One third of its people were either killed or massacred during this war.

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Editor's Page

« المجد لله في العلي وعلى الارض السلام وفي الناس الحسنة »

ابراهيم فرج زيني



عيد مبارك على الجميع

The thrill of Christmas is in the air, and our hearts are singing in happy unison and anticipation.

There is no other season on earth which comes so close to a man's heart as the Christmas season. It brings out a kindly spirit and embraces the most popular festivals of the year. Certainly there are no better examples of man's ideals or of what man's attitude to man should be than are revealed throughout the Christian world on Christmas Day.



As these lines are written—with the thought that this Christmas edition of the ARK will be discussed around the Christmas table where Syrian friends and loved ones will be gathered at the merry festivities—the editor is wishing that all may be as happy as it is possible for anybody to be happy and experience the perfection of that beauty of life to which we all aspire, in the spirit of Christmas Day.

There is something about Christmas which is different from any other day in the year. It's joy and peace and happiness and inspiration depends on the degree in which the spirit of joy and thanksgiving is allowed to rule the manner of life. At this season, the well-known leathery toughness of mankind at least assumes a softer texture and a more lustrous aspect. Out on the street corners the Salvation Army Santa Clauses are beating the daylight out of the old bass drums, and other charitable organizations are busily planning cheer and comfort for the outcast and unhappy. The store windows are blazing and sparkling with bright colored toys and treasures galore, and the kids whose hearts these toys are going to gladden, are starting to behave with unspeakable virtue.

The true spirit of Christmas, the spirit of giving, makes the holiday brighten the world. The homes of the rich and the hovels of the poor glow with warm hearts and good wishes. There are some who think mainly of what they are going to receive for Christmas, and there are ever so many more who think of what they give, and of the joy that may spread to other lives.

Yet, as we ponder the thought of gift-giving, we are reminded of the custom's origin. From the East of the Lebanon Mountains, down through the hills of Galilee, came the Three Wise Men, guided by the Eastern Star—on camel back, laden with frankincense and myrrh—gifts for the new born King.

That tradition of gift-giving—the same spirit which inspired the wise men of old, pervades the world during this cheerful Christmas season . . . the act of giving . . . not as a formality but as an expression of good will. This same tradition which has prevailed through the ages from the beginning of Paul's travels to Antioch in northern Syria, spreading the gospel of Christianity and preaching epistles of peace and devotion, has been in the hearts of the Syrian traders and Phoenician navigators as they emigrated to the four corners of the earth, until now at this season of thanksgiving blessings we find Syrian Federations and Societies in every native community exemplifying their benevolent and charitable gifts to the poor and needy.

The Ladies Charitable Society of Brooklyn, New York, and the Syrian American Club of Kansas City, Missouri, are among the first to unite and distribute their baskets of "frankincense and myrrh" that joy and cheer may brighten the poorest homes in their respective communities.

We all like to feel that in our everyday relations with our fellow men and women we have brought, in some manner, an added measure of success and happiness into their lives. So at this wonderful season we are eager to tell all ARK readers that through their friendship and loyalty and confidence in this publication they have indeed contributed in many ways to our progress and happiness in the year now drawing to a close. Especially do we appreciate and treasure the expressions of interest and pleasure that have come to us from the friendly readers of this magazine. These are a perpetual source of encouragement and inspiration, which at once lighten our labors and guide us in our continued effort to please.

To our old friends, to our new friends, and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve, we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming year.

And when the Yuletide chimes peal forth, and the world's tumult is hushed beneath the merry laughter of childhood and the glad voices of kindred friends united once again, please believe the editor as wishing each and every reader of the ARK, in all sincerity, the very best Christmas ever had.

A. B. Janey

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ABUL-ALA AL MA'AARI

BY GEORGE I. KHEIRALLAH

"Do good for good is good to do
As better still, not for reward."—Abul-Ala.

In the tenth century, at the height of the Muslim and Arabian ascendancy, which was drawing the finest scholars of Europe to study the sciences and arts in the Arabian schools of Sicily, Spain, and North Africa, and was sharing with Europe the fruits of its culture, there arose among the Arabs of Syria a blind philosopher who not only became one of the greatest poets of a very poetic tongue, a great litterateur, but proved to be the forerunner of modern Rationalism. Abul-Ala Al Ma'aari was born in a small village near Aleppo, Syria, in 973 A. D. When four years of age, as a result of an attack of smallpox, he lost the sight of his left eye and by his fifth year he became totally blind.

Abul-Ala commenced to study with his own father according to the oral method still in vogue in the East, and after he finished his study at home he was sent to the school at Aleppo where he studied with the eminent professors of the time and where the treasures of its libraries were unfolded to him. A little later we find him journeying to Antioch, Tripoli, and Ladikyia, where he memorized various books and held discourses with many masters. His memory seemed to be prodigious. His ambition as a youth is illustrated in the following verse:

"And I, albeit I come in Time's late hour,

Achieve what lay not in the ancient's power."

By the time Abul-Ala reached the age of forty-five he had become renowned as a famous poet and grammarian and a man of great learning. It was then that he crossed the Syrian Desert and went to Bagdad, which had become the center of Arabian culture. Here, in the city of Haroun-Al Rasheed and the Arabian Night's tradition, Abul-Ala was received in its learned and most cultured circles with acclaim, for he had become the greatest poet of his day.

Poets in that day and age were assured of great riches if they composed panegyrics in praise of the rulers and notables, but Abul-Ala disdained such sycophany, endured his poverty and retained his pride:

"And falsehood, like a star, all naked stands

But truth still hides her face 'neath hood and veil."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The accompanying article "Abul-Ala Al Ma'aari," is the second of a series of five to be published alternately in THE ARK.

"I lift my voice when e're I talk in vain,

But do I speak the truth, hushed are my lips again."

After two years at Bagdad Abul-Ala learned that his mother was ill and decided to go home. It is recorded that the people of Bagdad paid him great homage at his departure,—so great was the esteem in which this poor and solitary blind man was held by the people of the greatest center of his time.

On the journey home he learned of the death of his mother and decided to return to his native village to live the rest of his life as a simple recluse, but no more had he come into retirement than students and learned men began flocking from all over Syria and the Arabian world to interrogate him and listen to his discourses on philosophy and the antiquities of the Arabs. However, he refused all offers of pecuniary aid and lived on a yearly endowment of thirty gold dinars, half of which he paid his servant, subsisting on the remaining fifteen dinars per year.

"Who kindles fires in the night
For glory's sake he shows a light
But man, to live, needs little wealth
A shirt, a belly full, and health."

His clothing consisted of a coarse woolen garment and his diet was of barley and vegetables, for he had become a vegetarian in the strictest sense, feeling that it was a sin to live by killing and robbing beings who had the same right to live as man.

"Do not unjustly eat what the water has given up, and do not desire as food the flesh of slaughtered animals.

Or the white (milk) of mothers who intended its pure draught for their young, not for noble ladies.

And do not grieve the unsuspecting birds by taking their eggs; for injustice is the worst of crimes.

And spare the honey which the bees get betimes by their industry from the flowers of fragrant plants. For they did not store it that it might belong to others, nor did they gather it for the bounty of gifts. I washed my hands of all this; and would that I had perceived my way ere temples grew hoar!"

Thus he lived until the age of eighty. During his long life he dictated to his amanuensis many works of erudition. One composition consisting of a hundred parts was, unfortunately, for the world at large, and Arabian culture in particular, lost, and of some of Abul-Ala's compositions only the names are now known. The estimate placed on their value is arrived at by weighing the precious epistles that have survived, as well as the philosophy which runs through the poetry that has come down to us. One of Abul-Ala's epistles, for example, called "The Epistle of Forgiveness," is held by Arabists as well as European Orientalists to be the forerunner and prototype of Dante's "Divine Comedy."

I shall now close with a few selections from the poetry of Abul-Ala, as translated by R. A. Nicholson of Cambridge University. The translations follow the meaning closely, but inevitably lose much of the form and beauty of expression and the pithy lucidity of the original.

"The truly religious is he who hates evil and girds his loins with a band and waistcloth of innocence."

"But some hope an Imam with voice prophetic

Will rise amidst the silent ranks agaze.
An idle thought! There's no Imam but reason

To point the morning and the evening way."

"Let Rabbis laud their Sabbath as they may

The truly wise keep Sabbath every day."

"Our young man grows up in belief to which his father has accustomed him. It is not reason that makes him religious, but he is taught religion by his next of kin."

"Falsehood hath so corrupted all the world,

Ne'er deal as true friends they whom sects divide

But were not hate Man's natural element

Churches and Mosques had risen side by side."

"The religion is that thou be just
To all—and what religion owneth he
That scorns due right."

"Consider every moment past
A thread from Life's mantle cast.
Bear with the world that shakes thy breast

And live serene as though at rest.
How often did a coal of fire
Blaze up awhile, sink low, expire!
O captain, with calm mind lead on
Where rolls the dust of war: 'tis none
Of thine, the cause that's lost or won.
Time that gave thee so scant a dole
Takes of human lives large toll

arrived, the Arabs started the general strike that made history in Syria. After fifty days, the French authorities promised the Syrian Arabs their independence. While the Syrian delegation was in Paris negotiating terms, the Iron Shirts organization came into being. When they learned that a trained soldier was then in their midst, they immediately enlisted Captain Haig's services.

Of course it wasn't very long before the French espionage service brought word of this to headquarters. And naturally the French high command didn't look with favor upon the notion of the Arabs being trained by a competent and experienced American officer. Haig was promptly deported. He fled to Palestine, waiting until the Arab delegation returned from Paris. Soon after his arrival, a strike broke out there against the British authorities. At first Haig kept aloof as he did not want to be deported from Palestine also. He occupied himself writing pieces for the Arab newspaper under the name of Muzaffar Abdulrahman. Presently the Syrian Arabs sent word to those in Palestine: "There's a man you can use, he has had training in the United States Army." It wasn't long before that strike in Palestine turned into something much more serious. They tried to get Haig into it and for a while he gave them technical advice on the quiet. When the situation became critical, they drafted him reluctantly into service. Against his will, he found himself in charge of the rebellion in northern Palestine, in the region between Acre and Safad, the country where many centuries ago Crusaders under Richard-the-Lion-Hearted had fought the Moslem armies of the great Saladin.

Haig made use of both what he had learned in Uncle Sam's army and his observations of the tactics of Lawrence and Feisal in the World War. He established his headquarters in an ancient castle, and fought a strictly guerrilla war, lying in ambush for British troops, destroying lines of communication, and darting away with his small force before the English could catch him. In his command were fifty-five trained and well-equipped rebel fighters. But in an emergency he had at his disposal the help of considerable forces of irregular Fellahs. He established such discipline that he was even able to put a stop to looting and to the exaction of forced loans.

All this while the rebel leaders were urging him to raid unprotected Jewish villages. His refusal made him the object of suspicion. So he resorted to a policy of stalling. He would announce

a raid and apparently make plans for it, then contrive some excuse at the eleventh hour to postpone it. But at the beginning of October it looked as though he couldn't stall any longer. He even tried to escape, but found himself so carefully watched that this was impossible. Then came the news that the so-called strike was over. The Arab leaders had consented to call off hostilities pending the arrival of a British Royal Commission. The men in Haig's district wanted to repudiate the agreement and declare an independent state of their own. From this situation Captain Haig succeeded in running away. He slipped into a suit of his American clothes, took a taxi as far as Haifa, thence a bus to Jerusalem.

On that journey there was an ironic episode. The bus stopped at a place called Nablus, inhabited by the most fanatic of all the Arabs in Palestine. A group gathered and seeing Haig dressed in his American clothes, they

shouted at him a stream of abuse the least uncomplimentary of which were the words, "Dirty Jew!"

Incidentally, the name by which he was known as an Arab leader was Mansur Bey Abdul Khalik. The officers on the other side considered our Armenian art dealer the third and most formidable of the Arab leaders!

From Jerusalem he eventually went to Damascus where he organized a secret police service, emulating as far as possible J. Edgar Hoover's G-men. And now Captain George Haig, once of Uncle Sam's army, once known as Mansur Bey Abdul Khalik, otherwise known as Muzaffar Abdulrahman, born George Chamichian, is a prosperous art dealer in New Haven, Connecticut. It seems a far cry from leading rebellions against the British and French governments to selling rugs and paintings in a New England university town.

It may be interesting to know that

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Miss Mary Louise Tweel Betrothed



Miss Mary Louise Tweel, daughter of Mrs. John Tweel of Huntington W. Va., is engaged to Mr. Edward Michael Haddad of Canton, Ohio. Miss Tweel is a Marshall College graduate and a member of the Huntington high school faculty. The wedding will take place late in the spring. Miss Tweel is the Ark's Huntington representative.

"WHO'S WHO" IN THE MID WEST

Folks! Meet The Gentleman From Indiana

This is about Sam Freije, a fellow Syrian who, 25 years ago, was a member of Lord Kitchener's staff in the Sudan, Egypt. Gen. Kitchener, you recall, was sent to the Sudan to avenge the death of Gen. Charles G. ("Chinese") Gordon, British Governor, whose head was stuck on a spear at Omdurman by a Mohammedan soldier.

Today, Mr. Freije runs a drug store in Indianapolis, with the help of his wife. He also owns an apartment house and a pair of twins—a boy and a girl—and it's all part of his accomplishment since leaving Lord Kitchener at Khartoum, Egypt.

Mr. Freije is a Syrian with Phoenician blood coursing thru his veins. The Freije part of his name is a corruption of something left in the Orient by the Crusaders and means "to give peace." The Sam part is the American rendering of Salim, his baptismal name, and means "protected." Anyway, everybody in the Mid-West calls him Sam now.

Mr. Freije finished high school—in Syria, of course—when he was 15 years old and the next year was a full fledged teacher at Baalbec, where the ruins are. He stayed there about a year and went back to school, this time to the University of Beirut, which was then, and still is, under the patronage of the Presbyterian Mission of the United States.

At Beirut he learned English, Arabic and French well enough to impress Lord Kitchener. At any rate, it was after his graduation at Beirut that he went over to Cairo, Egypt, and joined the general's secretarial staff as an interpreter. A year later he was transferred to the financial department of the Sudan. By that time it was 1913.

Kitchener Big Man

Mr. Freije remembers Lord Kitchener of Khartoum as a big man with bristling eyebrows, a ferocious mustache and an un-



MR. SALIM K. FREIJE

questioning, almost religious, sense of duty. Lord Kitchener was 66 years old at the time and probably in his prime. At any rate, it was just about the time that Mr. Freije knew him that Lady Sackville remarked, speaking of him: "Every chair he sits in becomes a throne."

It was Lady Sackville's literary way of referring to the atmosphere of dignity and power which surrounded him. You probably guessed it without my telling you.

In 1933 Mr. Freije decided to leave Lord Kitchener (no hard feelings, of course) and come to America. He came straight to Indianapolis because that was where his brother was.

Enters Insurance Business

The next year he married and entered the insurance business as an agent. Inside of three years he was assistant manager and father of twins. It was during this period, too, that he helped organize the Syrian-American Club. Since then he has organized the Knights of St. George, which was the reason for the Syrian Orthodox Church of Indianapolis.

Sometime around 1918, Mr. Freije decided to chuck the insurance business and go to school again. This time he picked the Indianapolis College of Pharmacy. He was graduated in 1924.

By this time his twins were 7 years old.

The twins are now 19 years old. Both are students at the Indianapolis College of Pharmacy. You can see the boy playing the drum at the Stube Club. It's a little harder to see the girl. She is shy and timid, and talk about looks, quite handsome, I say, and she takes after her dad. Her name is Rosalyn and the other twin is George.

At present Sam is a vice-president of the Indianapolis Syrian American Brotherhood. Previous to the administration of Louis Haboush, the present incumbent, Sam served as President of the Brotherhood. He was one of the original organizers of the Knights of Saint George which is affiliated with the St. George Syrian Orthodox Church of Indianapolis. He is also a member of the Masonic Order and of the Sahara Grotto of the Mystic Shrine.

Besides the twins Sam is also endowed with two charming daughters, Julia, a student in High School, and Margaret, the little curly haired tap dancer who delights in performing at the numerous Syrian activities.

HIT AND MISS

Because people nowadays walk less and ride more, the umbrella industry has had a tough time. It figures it has lost \$20,000 annually to this change in living habits, plus the fact that rain capes and featherweight raincoats have come into vogue. This fall umbrella makers hope to win over more customers by bringing out an umbrella that will fold up to almost nothing.

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

By the ARK'S Special Correspondent

Mack Nasif of Lansing, Mich., and a graduate of Michigan State College, has again been assigned to Detroit for technical duties in connection with State work. Detroit Syrians were elated to have Mr. Nasif amongst them again. His association with his own people as well as with others is both interesting and entertaining. He is well informed on current issues and possesses an envious personality.

Attorney Fred Sabbag seemed to have the inside tract on the Republican political situation. He held weekly rallies at St. George's Hall and his efforts were to be met with lucious fruits had the Republican party regained its power.

Another interesting political group is that headed by Attorney John Coury who encourages his adherents at the Syrian Restaurant in Lafayette Street. Although the meetings are presumed to be non-partisan in view, yet the support and boosting for the candidacy of Circuit Court Commissioner Cody was quite evident. Cody is a prominent Syrian attorney of Detroit's Highland Park district and quite a politician.

The Syrians of Detroit are politically inclined to succeed, especially in its legal fraternity. Of all the cities in the United States, Detroit has the most Syrian lawyers. Over a dozen in number and all aggressive.

There are rumors that a new Syrian Hall is being proposed by the United North Lebanon Society and the general belief is that the rumors are not unfounded.

The last week of October was high time for the sportsmen of Detroit's college men. Usif Haney of Tennessee attending Michigan State played sub against Marquette. His tactics so surprised Charley Bachman, the coach, by his brilliant exhibition that the following day the coach announced that Haney along with several others would

henceforth comprise the first team. Haney, a sophomore, is a true Syrian athlete. He was brought to the Michigan State by Al Aggett who has been in the limelight as a favored candidate for ALL American honors. Haney replaces Art Branstatter who also for two seasons has been favored with heavy publicity.

John Shada received considerable notoriety and favorable comments from the New York papers as a result of his stellar activities in the Manhattan vs University of Detroit game on Saturday, October 24th. Shada place kicked two points after touchdowns, intercepted a Manhattan pass and dashed thirty-five yards. This skill opened the eyes of New York fans as Shada is the lightest guard playing major football.

Marmon and Corey turned in excellent acounts of themselves for Columbia University against Michigan State although they succumbed to Michigan.

On Saturday evening, October 24th, the Zahleh League of Toledo, Ohio, gave a dance at Foresters Hall. An attractive gathering resulted successfully from every aspect, financial, social and otherwise.

MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

By Helen Louise Gibran

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Salem of Douglas, Arizona are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sawaya, expecting to stay till Halloween when they will return to Douglas in time to vote.

The St. George's Ladies' Sodality held its annual banquet and dance on October 10th at Memorial Hall. The intervening floor show presented by local Syrian talent drew an attractive crowd from nearby cities. The affair was a huge sucess and the proceeds went to the church's charitable fund.

Mrs. James Hathoot and Miss Lilly Shikany presented Miss Margaret Bonahoom with a bridal shower at the former's home. On Sunday, October 25th, Miss Bonahoom was married to Mr. Charles Suddy of Chicago. The Rt. Rev. Mgsr Michael Abraham

of the Sacred Heart Church officiating. The bride marched to the alter with her brother, Fred, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Clemonce Koury. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Y. S. M. C. A. Hall. Out of town guests included Mesdames E. Suddy, Eli, Mike, George and Herbert Bonahoom, Mike Baccash and Miss Bessie Tucker all of Chicago, Mrs. George Baccash and daughter Jeanette of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Mrs. A. Abraham, the Misses Victoria and Helen Faddell and Mrs. Chas. Nadir of Gary, Ind.; Mrs. Rose Joseph of Detroit, Mich., and the Misses Mary Coury and Bernice Hathoot of LaPorte, Ind.

After the reception the bridal couple went on a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls and points in Canada, after which they will make their home in Chicago.

A Syrian Republican Club was recently organized for political purposes. The officers elected are President, Ed Sawaya, Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Gibran; Secretary, Neffew Sam, and Treasurer, James Bohlem. The new club held a fishfry on October 16th and was attended by a goodly crowd of young Syrian Republicans who heard the Hon. Andrew Hickey of LaPorte, Ind., a member of Congress.

The Young Syrian Men's Christian Society held a Democratic rally in its spacious hall on West 7th Street Friday evening, October 30th. Attorney Robert I. Azar of Akron, Ohio, was scheduled to appear from the National Democratic Speakers Bureau to deliver the address in chief, but due to a preassigned engagement Mr. Ragie Tobia of Lansing, was substituted.

WICHITA, KANSAS

By Henrietta Abood

The St. George Ladies' Society held its annual dinner on October 1st at the Y. W. C. A. Hall. The affair was a successful event due to the large attendance from local and neighboring cities. The proceeds went to the benefit of St. George's Church.

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HOTEL PRESIDENT



*Leading Hotel In Beckley, W. Va.,
Owned by Syrian*

Capitalist Nick Rahall Started Business
In A Small Shop.

Nicholas Rahall, native of Kafier, Syria, is the owner of the new "Hotel President" building at Beckley, W. Va., a county seat of about 10,000 population in the southwestern part of the state.

Mr. Rahall came to the United States in 1903 and for 35 years was engaged in business in Beckley where he started as a small confectioner. The excellency in which he manufactured the palatable sweets soon enhanced the progress of

his confectionary to the extent that in 1916 he began to invest his earnings in real estate.

After accumulating a number of properties in the West Virginia territory he retired from active business and became known in Beckley as "Rahall, the Capitalist."

He sold his confectionary and started his grown children in the ladies ready-to-wear business.

Of Mr. Rahall's many properties is the "Hotel President," one of the outstanding landmarks of Beckley. The structure, which is operated in conjunction with a 35-car garage, contains 60 odd rooms, modern in every respect and equipped with modern style furniture with facilities necessary to a first class hostelry.

Mr. Rahall is the father of six children. He is proud to be identified with Syrian activities and delights meeting Syrians stopping at or passing through Beckley.



NICHOLAS RAHALL

Other Beckley, W. Va., News

Deem Rahall, a student at West Virginia University is attending Military Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Students returning to Beckley are Elmer Ferris, from Bowling Green (Ky.) College and Sam Rahall from Ohio State University.

The following graduated with honors from the Beckley "Woodrow Wilson" High School: Louise George, Katherine Ramey and Julianne Rahall.

Members of the Phi Filae, local sorority and the High Hat sorority of Charleston, W. Va., jointly entertained their friends at the gala "Hawks' Nest" picnic grounds. Out of town visitors were Josephine Cantees, of Williamson, W. Va., Mrs. FAYEZ RAMEY of Wood, So. Dak., and Mr. and Mrs. George Hagar, of Danville, Va.

An Arabic moving picture produced in Egypt and entitled "Yehia el Hob" (Long Live Love) has been exhibited for six weeks in a leading theatre of Cairo, giving four performances a day, a record showing for any film in Egypt.

Returns Visit After Century



Returning, after 106 years, a visit to his domain by a representative of President Jackson, His Highness, Saiyid Said ibn Taimur, Sultan of Muscat and Oman, is pictured above after a luncheon at the White House. He appeared in Solomonic splendor of brilliantly-jeweled turban and flowing gold and white robes.

Chengtu, China, is faced with the annual problem of keeping visitors from jumping off Mount Omei. They see their own shadows on the clouds below and fancy they are seeing Buddha.

Turks Defy France In Syrian Dispute

By ELIAS M. BARKET
ARK Foreign News Editor

Turkish authorities have demanded "facts not promises" from France in the tense Arab-Turk dispute over a pending plebiscite in the Alexandretta Sanjak (district) on Turkey's southern border, the ARK has learned in an exclusive dispatch from Ankara, Turkey.

Officials denied French reports that a large Turkish army was massed on the Alexandretta frontier bordering part of France's Syrian mandate.

Turks Return to Vote

Thousands of Turks who are natives of Alexandretta have returned there to vote in the pending plebiscite on whether the Sanjak shall be Turkish or Arab. A League of Nations commission is supervising election preparations which have been held up because of outbreaks between the contending factions.

Turkey has claimed that France disregards League pledges guaranteeing self-government to the Alexandretta-Antioch district and persecutes Turkish populations to prevent preponderant Turkish vote in the plebiscite.

Held Vital To Security

The Kemal government considers Turkish domination of the area vital to Turkish security.

Officials in demanding "facts not promises" adding a cryptic assertion, "we are well able to obtain full satisfaction."

Seventy Arrested In Beirut

Some seventy persons have been arrested in Beirut on charges of plotting to overthrow the Lebanonite government and to hand political power over to France, another exclusive dispatch to the ARK reveals.

Papers were seized showing that the conspirators, whose alleged leader was a certain Dr. Anton Chaltoun, planned to agitate for the maintenance of the French mandate, or, alternatively, for district administration by France. There is no suspicion, however, of French complicity in the plot.

According to the official version of the plot, it was planned to blow up the "Petit Serail," where some of the most important Government offices are housed, and to occupy the other principal government buildings and the central police station.

Cut Off Communications

Telegraph and telephone communications were to be cut in order to prevent loyal forces from being rushed to Beirut.

The Lebanonite flags were to be replaced by the French tricolor, and a demonstration was to be staged after the coup, when supporters of the revolutionaries from all parts of the town were to converge upon the Government house and demand the restoration of French rule.

Plot Known To Government

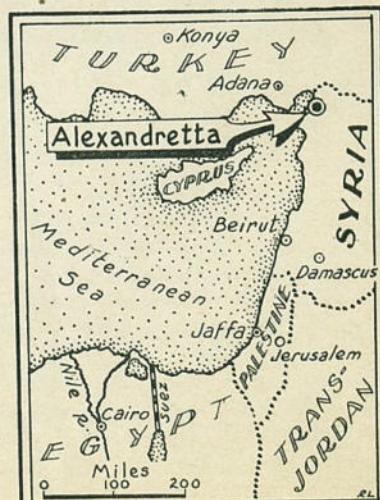
It is understood that the Lebanonite Government was aware of the preparations of the "putsch" for more than a month, but decided to let them go on and to step in only at the last minute.

According to the official story, the rising was to have taken place at ten o'clock on Sunday night, May 15, the signal to be given by a rocket. Some hours before, the revolutionaries and the "shabab" were to be armed with suitable weapons at Dr. Chaltoun's house, it was alleged.

All these details were known to the authorities through their secret service. Accordingly, at 8 o'clock in the evening, the police swooped down on Dr. Chaltoun's house and in his absence arrested thirty persons and also seized large quantities of rifles, hand grenades and dynamite.

Dr. Chaltoun himself was arrested two hours later. He was unaware of the other arrests which already were made and punctually at ten o'clock set the rocket alight thus betraying his whereabouts to the police. Further arrests are stated to have been made in other parts of the country.

According to a version which differs in some respect from the official one, the planned insurrection was to have led to the establishment of an authoritarian regime, the abolition of parliament and the suppression of all political parties. Branches of the secret society, whose leaders were arrested the day before, are also believed to be active in Syria.



SCENE OF TURKISH CONFLICT



Sioux City, Iowa

By Mrs. Lester Eleas

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Skaff July 6th.

Week end visitors in Sioux City from Cedar Rapids included Mrs. Mike Hadley, Mrs. Thelma Wefby and son Geo., Joe Kacere, Jim Risk, and Abe Saunto.

Nearly 50 people attended the St. Thomas Crusaders' initiation dinner which was held in the church hall. They had as their guests mothers and fathers of the members.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Butrous, July 15th.

Nearly 500 members of the Atteyeh benevolent Society invaded Sioux City July 16-17-18 for their second annual reunion. Delegates were present from Canada and Mexico.

Floyd Nassif of Cedar Rapids, Iowa was the master of ceremonies. Special guests included Sam Nassif, president of the Cedar Rapids chapter of the society and Joseph Nassif of Cedar Rapids, patriarch of the Nassif family. Mr. Nassif is 85 years old. A business session was held on the closing day with the selecting of the next reunion city, which is Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The closing feature consisted of a picnic at Stone Park for members and their friends. A banquet followed by a floor show and dance at the West Hotel, terminated the reunion.

In the midst of the hubbub and din of a "convention-spirited" crowd, four persons who registered at the Atteyeh Benevolent Society reunion July 16th, left on the last day as "two persons," for two marriages added a romantic note to the event. Sunday, July 17th, brother and sister took the vows of matrimony. Miss Freda Forsley of St. Paul, daughter of Mr. Abraham Forsley of that city, became the bride of Mr. Frank Stevens of Wichita, Kansas at noon. Attending the couple were the bride's sister, Miss Helen Forsley of St. Paul, and Ferris Skaff of Sioux City. Miss Sarah Solomon, niece of the groom sang a wedding selection, accompanied by Mrs. Lawrence Solomon.

Then, at 2:30 p.m., Miss Julia Nassif, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Nassif of Sioux City, and Victor Forsley of St. Paul, brother of Freda Forsley, were united in marriage, while the six brothers of the bride stood in reverent attitude in respect of the marriage

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of their only sister. Mrs. Elias Nassif of St. Paul, young aunt of the bride, and Mr. Jim Aboud, of St. Paul, brother-in-law of the groom, attended the couple. Gordon Ellis was the ring-bearer and Betty Skaff train-bearer. Mrs. Nai Saba of Cedar Rapids sang two selections to the accompaniment of Mrs. Lawrence Solomon at the organ. Both marriages took place in the St. Thomas Syrian Orthodox Church with Rev. M. M. Yanney performing the ceremonies.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

By Albert Littry

Miss Emily Maloley entertained for a number of friends at her home for a bridge party.

Tafeda Bashara, buyer for Fort Wayne's fashionable "Paris Apparel Store," is on a buying trip in the Eastern States.

The Rashia Reunion which was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 4, was well attended by Fort Wayne Syrians.

William Maloley, student at Concordia College is visiting in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Naseeb G. Damoose, engineer-manager of the new Battle Creek (Mich.) sewage disposal plant, discussed problems in the field of sanitary engineering before the Fort Wayne Rotary Club. Mr. Damoose is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

He served as project engineer and chemist in the construction of the Grand Rapids Plant. He is the author of a number of technical articles on the subject.

John Ember was appointed commanding officer of the Signal Corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis. He won the distinction over 2250 other members. He is also the youngest officer ever to receive the appointment.

Sam Masloub, of the Caravan Club, was the first to register at the recent Milwaukee Convention. His registration ticket was number one.

Saleem Shaheen, who has already received a scholarship from Purdue University and one from Iowa State, will enter Yale University by virtue of winning the Griffin Scholarship, one of the highest offered in the State of Indiana. This scholarship is awarded yearly by Mr. William Griffin as a memorial to his son who was a Yale student.

Kansas City, Mo.

By Julia Boutross

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Abrass, niece of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Boushaha, to Mr. George W. Fatall, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fatall, took place in Kansas City on June 8.

The bride, who was led to the altar by her brother, Herbert Abrass, wore a gown of ivory satin, fashioned princess style with a long circular train. Her full-length tulle veil fell from a Juliet cap encircled with a halo of braided satin. Her arm bouquet was of calla lilies. Miss Georgette Abrass was the bride's only attendant. Her dress was blue chiffon dotted swiss. She carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses. Mr. Anthony Orr, of New Castle, Pa., was best man.

Following the ceremony a breakfast was served at the Bellefontaine Hotel for members of the bridal party and immediate families.

The couple motored for a two weeks honeymoon in the west.

Two days before the nuptial ceremonies, Mrs. Anthony Orr, wife of the best man, became the proud mother of a boy, named Bashara Orr. Mrs. Orr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fatall, of Kansas City.

On June 25, Archbishop Antonius Bashear of New York, assisted by the Rev. Cohlma of Wichita, Kansas, officiated at a double baptismal, during which the infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Farha and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Eddy were christened. The infants were respectively named Albert Sam Farha and James Ned Eddy.

Mr. Edward M. Harris, prominent Syrian merchant of Kansas City, passed away June 25 at the age of 65, after a six year illness.

A native of Baalbeck, Syria, Mr. Harris came to the United States in the early nineties and settled in Panama, Missouri. In 1896 he came to Kansas City and established a successful linen and importing business. Eight years ago he established "The Baby Linen Shop" at the Country Club Plaza.

Mr. Harris was one of the charter organizers of the Kansas City Syrian Club which has existed since 1919.

Besides the widow, Mr. Harris is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fouad Harris; two brothers, Alexander of Baalbeck and Dan of Kansas City; two sisters, Mrs. Sol Srougy of Green Gay Wis., a son-in-law Fouad and two grandchildren Regina and Martha Harris.

JANUARY IS ELECTION TIME IN MANY SYRIAN SOCIETIES

LEBANON-AMERICAN SOCIETY JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Salloum Mokarzel, honorary president; Joseph Maroun, president; Anthony Awad, vice-president; John Farah, second vice-president; Assad Rehan, treasurer; Tofic Shalala, assistant treasurer and Joseph Siker, sergeant-at-arms. Board of Directors are: Henry Maroun, Zakia Nackley, Anton Basil, Sharbel and Daniel Sicker, Nimer Younis and Sam Farah.

ARABIAN HASHEMITE SOCIETY (Islamic) DEARBORN, MICH.

President, Allie Ameen Rustum; vice-president, Allie Samhat; secretary, Fayed Hassan; treasurer, Allie Gasim Monsour; assistant treasurer, Mohamed Farage; inner guard, Muhsin Assad, and Sergeant-at-arms, Allie Ahmed Ibrahim.

ASSER al-JADEED

(The New Era Islamic Society)
Michigan City, Indiana

Kemal Debagia, president; H. Haj Muzher, vice-president; Khaleel H. Mohamed, treasurer; Najim Jazzini, secretary; M. Ghaleb Dakroub, inner guard, and Zain Khawaja, sergeant-at-arms.

SYRIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Bristow, Oklahoma

Shukry A. Fogaley, president; Shehadi Naife, vice-president; Joseph R. Homsey, secretary and Haleem S. Fogaley, treasurer. Board of directors: Ameen Sa'oud, Adeeb Shadid, Elias Naife and Deeb E. Fogaley.

ST. ANTHONY'S MARONITE SOCIETY

Danbury, Conn.

Milad Elias, president; George Safy, vice-president; Elia Ghosn, treasurer; Joseph Farah, assistant treasurer; Kamil Safy, secretary and John Shakra, assistant secretary. Board of directors: Monsour Michael, Anton Attalla, Assad Faris, Abdallah Yamin, Tofic Deeb, Hatim Yamin, Joseph Bashir and Anton Nassif.

JOLLY MERRY-MAKERS

St. Louis, Mo.

This young Lebanonite Girls' Club celebrated its seventh anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Farris Mard. Those who sponsored the celebration were the Misses Margaret Seady, Nabihah Saliba, Eva Webbe, Edna Nassif, Frieda and Agnes A. Mard and Mayme Daher.

KNIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE

Kearney, Nebraska

President, Mahfouz Jacob; vice-president, Milhem Abboud; treasurer, Esper Esper and secretary, Simon G. Shahda.

INDIANAPOLIS ELECTS LEADER



THOMAS KASTON

SYRIAN-AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD

Indianapolis, Indiana

Thomas Kaston, president; Salim K. Freije, vice-president; George Haboush, treasurer and Louis Haboush, secretary.

It was during the regime of Louis Haboush as president when the Indianapolis Brotherhood sponsored the first convention of the Mid-West Federation.

SYRIAN LADIES GOOD WILL SOCIETY

Indianapolis, Indiana

Mrs. Abraham Maloof, president; Mrs. George Hanna, vice-president; Mrs. William Trad, treasurer and Mrs. Louis Haboush, secretary.

SYRIAN CRESCENT CLUB

Indianapolis, Indiana

Louis Haboush, Jr., president; Victor Trad, vice-president; Eddy Haboush, treasurer and Raymond Joseph, secretary.

LEBANON-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Amsterdam, N. Y.

President, Saleem Saleeba; vice-president, Joseph P. Hage; treasurer, Paul M. Unis; recorder, Chebian Hobeika; secretary, Selma Binano; directors: Khalil F. NeJaime, Farid J. Fram, Joseph A. Karam, Adele J. Hage, Helena, J. Fram and Tonous Hage.

LEBANON-AMERICAN SOCIETY

Providence, R. I.

President, Francis Jacob; vice-president, Tony Jarjoura; treasurer, Bashara Kaleda and secretary, Mike Ghaleb.

UNITED SYRIAN ORTHODOX SOCIETY

El Paso, Texas

President, Salim Abdo; vice-president, Elias Maloley; treasurer, Lian Boulian; secretary, Salim A. Akary and recorder, Naoum Klink. Board of directors: Abraham J. Akary, Abraham Haddad, Jamil Shaheen, Salim Salemni, Moses Anssara, Mike Saab, Mike Joseph and Ghosen Haddad.

UNITED LEBANON-AMERICAN SOCIETY

Lowell, Mass.

President, Tofic Slayman; vice-president, Nasser Barhaum; secretary, Saeid Maroun; recorder, Saad Anton and treasurer, Najim Estephan.

UNITED LADIES LEBANON SOCIETY

Cleveland, Ohio

President, Minnie Rafool; vice-president, Saidie Shabat; secretary, Sofia Herro; assistant secretary, Nora Maroon; treasurer, Shaheha Lahood; assistant treasurer, Anna Deeb. Directors: Theba Saba, Saidie Haleem, Almas Farris, Marie Salloum, Reta Saba, Theresa Backus, and Lulu Sharaban.

North Dakota Youth Weds Non-Syrian

Mitchell Nicola, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nicola of Bismarck, N. D., was married on January 9 at Long Beach, Calif., to Miss Rose Gimbel of Wishek, N. Dak.

Mitchell enlisted in the United States Navy a year ago and is stationed on board the U. S. Battleship Pennsylvania where he is engaged in radio work. The bride resided in Bismarck for two years prior to leaving for the west coast.

The couple will make their home in Long Beach.

Madison, W. Va.

Editor, Syrian Ark:

May I also add "More power to the 'Syrian ARK', the most interesting Syrian-American reading matter I've ever read."—Mrs. Nathan Haddad.

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:: BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED ::



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Haddad of Madison, W. Va., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Frances Haddad, to Mr. Thomas E. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis of Charleston, W. Va.

Of interest to their many friends is the announcement of the engagement of Mary Frances Haddad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Haddad, of Madison, W. Va., to Mr. Thomas T. Ellis, of Madison, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, of Charleston, W. Va.

Miss Haddad was graduated from Scott high school at Madison, is a member of the Junior Woman's Club and Eastern Star. She is employed as bookkeeper for Haddad & Company.

Mr. Ellis, graduate of Charleston high school, is a Kiwanian and a Mason. He holds the position of manager of Ellis department store.

The wedding, which will be looked forward to as one of the highlights of this year in Madison, will take place in August.

CUETER—GILAYLAT

CARTHAGE, COLOMBIA, Central America, Jan. 2. Miss Rahile, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Gilaylati was quietly married to Abraham Cueter.

WEDDINGS**GEORGE—JABBOUR**

BROOKLYN, N. Y. Dec. 26. Abdullah N. George and Angela Jabbour were united in marriage at the Church of Our Lady of Lebanon in a setting of palms and candleabra.

The church was crowded to overflowing.

The bride is the daughter of Najeeb Jabbour of New York City.

Sponsors were George Dagher, prominent political leader of Brooklyn, and Mrs. George Boutross, sister of the bride.

An elaborate reception followed the nuptial ceremony at the establishment of George Boutross, prominent Fifth Avenue merchant in New York City where the bridegroom is employed.

During the reception, congratulatory messages were offered by Rev. Vincent Stephan, Ameen Zaidan, and Mike Kar-sa.

The groom is the son of Mr. Charles George, well-known to the Syrians of the country as the ARK's Universal Representative.

The couple is now on their honeymoon in Florida. They will make their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Sailings & Arrivals

Adams, Mass: Simon Abdalla, returned from his native Bloza, Lebanon, after a five month's visit. With him came Na'amattalla Maroun of North Adams.

Richmond, Va. Oct. 28. Rev Anton Korkemaz arrived from Rome, Italy and Paris, France on the steamer Deutschland, to take charge of the local Maronite Parish.

Cambridge, Ohio: Oct. 25. Elias Jamail, returned from Syria with his bride the former Mary Barakat.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. Arrived from Syria, Violet Geha. She was met at the New York Port of Entry by her aunt, Mrs. Wahia S. Rizk.

HAVANA, CUBA. Nov. 6: Mr. and Mrs. Khalil Zoghby have sailed for a visit to New York.

LELAND, TEXAS, Nov. 10: Aref Hassan and his Lebanon bride returned from their native Bathoun, Syria.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Nov. 6: Arrived from Jezzine, Syria, Peter Slayman and Mrs. Naim Barty and children. All were guests of Saied Kokabany in New York City before coming South.

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 15: Arrived from Beirut, Lebanon, Bayard Dodge, president of the American University of Beirut and Mrs. Dodge.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 15: Miss Isabel Smatt returned from Beirut after a summer's vacation in the Lebanon.

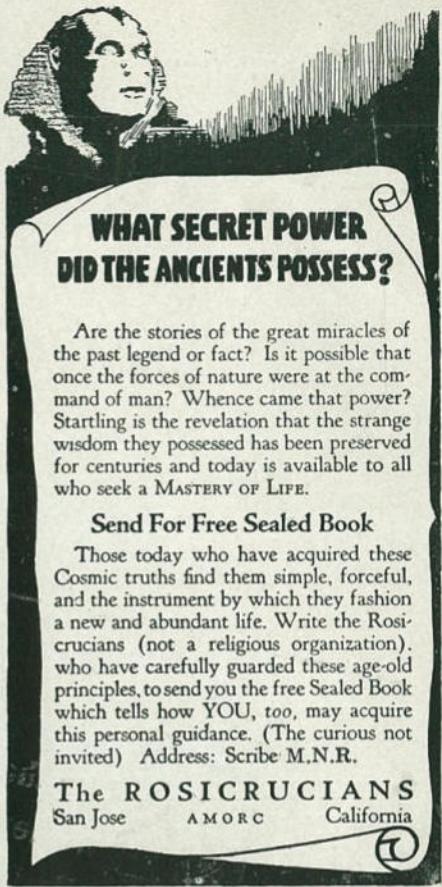
CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 20: Arrived from Lebanon, Toufic Thoma.

MONTREAL, QUEBEC, Nov. 19: Geo. N. Rassy has taken passage on the Italian liner "Rex" at New York bound for Beirut.

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Nov. 18. Arrived from Syria, Mr. and Mrs. Slayman H. Haddad and son, Edward.

PORTO RICO. Arrived Nov. 18 at Port au Prince from New York City, Louis Barid.

To Venezuela, S. A., from Lebanon, Nov. 20, arrived Najeeb Haddad and wife Nabeeha.



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Active In Southern Convention



Joseph Tradd

Joseph Tradd, an active member of the Midwest Federation of Syrian-American Clubs, was a prominent figure at the Southern Convention at Birmingham.

Other delegates from the Midwest attending the southern conclave were George Coury of Chicago, Fred and Tofic Shikany of Michigan City and Mrs. Salem K. Freije of Indianapolis.

Mr. Tradd was the "life of the party" at the convention's exclusive banquet. Gathering the elders about him he started the dancing and singing activities to the tune of "Zahleh ya Dar es-Salam."

With The ARK'S editor, Mr. Tradd motored from Birmingham to Atlanta, Ga. While traveling through the southern states he will represent the ARK as traveling publicity agent.

Jacksonville, Fla.

By ADELE GEORGE

Hello, readers! Here I am again with more news from Jacksonville, Fla., the "Land of Sunshine and Ocean Breezes." Sparkling breezes and oceans remind me of the boat ride given by the American-Lebanon Club on August 19. Don't know

whether or not my personal note to Mister Debs in the last month's column had anything to do with it, but I do know it came off with a bang. The same ferry, "Jackson," the same old river, St. John, made this just as enjoyable as the last one. Warning! Don't go around pulling harmless looking wires that might turn out to be the whistle of the boat. You can talk about me and being scared in the same breath now. When I touched that wire and that whistle blew—well, er, ah, just well! The same thing happened to you, didn't it, Helen?

Remember all those cheers and yells I was giving last month for the College Hop to be given by the Emmokalee Club on August 26. Well, it happened—the dance, I mean—and the name was really taken literally! There was plenty of hopping—some of it pretty good and the other just—ah—fair to middling.

The Homs Brotherhood Charity Association held its formal opening of its new clubhouse at Eleventh and Liberty streets on August 26. Speeches were given by representatives of various local clubs, and George Mackoul, president, presided.

It seems as if a large crowd of us attended the convention of the Southern Federation of Syrian Clubs in Birmingham, Ala. Things heard off guard: How many gowns did you bring? Gee, we met a lot of people there. Say, how long are you going to stay? Do you think I can make it over the mountain? And on and on and on. A big motorcade is leaving Birmingham and so we've been to the convention!

Who is it that started the "Big Apple" at the College Hop—that insists on singing and always sings off key—that thinks it would be darned cute if all the girls shortened their dresses—gee, I wonder?—that insists on saying "ghastly" to everything.

Maybe the answers will appear later.

F'rever, A. G.

Kansas City News

By ELIZABETH SWYDEN

Mr. and Mrs. George Eddy are on a two months tour of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fatall announce the engagement of their daughter Matilda to Anthony Orr of Pittsburgh, Pa. Matilda was entertained with a shower by the Al-Fatat sorority, who presented the bride-elect with a Rogers silver service for twelve.

A daughter, named Josephine Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Solomon.

Miss Josephine Shaboub, who has been spending the summer in Manitou, Colo., managing the linen shops of Albert Harris, has returned to Kansas City.

The opening meeting of the season of the Al-Fatat sorority was held at the home of Miss Elizabeth Swyden. Miss Thelma Giha was inducted as a new member. The sorority started the season's social activities with an outing where golf, tennis and horseback riding were the chief activities.

Victor Swyden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Swyden, is resuming his law studies at the University of Missouri.

Mrs. John Boutross announces the engagement of her daughter Elaine to George Hager. The wedding will take place after the new year.

ERRATA

In the September edition of the Ark it was published that the Rev. Eli Hamati of St. Paul, Minn., officiated at the funeral services of the late Anton Slayman Nicholas, Boston, former editor of the Arabic tri-weekly Al-Arrous.

It has now come to the Ark's attention officially that it was the Very Rev. Elias S. Hamaty, of St. Michael's Orthodox Church of Monnessen, Pa., who participated in the ceremonies.

The similarity of names and the translation from the Arabic to the English led us to the unintentional error.

HERE AND THERE

Omaha, Neb., News

By JULIA ABOUD

Murrish J. Yanney of Sioux City and Des Moines was a recent visitor here in Omaha early in September. While here, Mr. Yanney was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William G. Abboud at their home.

During the latter part of August, Miss Marion Dahir spent her vacation traveling through parts of California and Washington.

Miss Martha Abdo of this city, accompanied by her sister Julia of Sioux City, were on a two weeks cruise on Lake Superior early in August. En route to Canada the girls stopped in Duluth and Detroit. Miss Abdo was recently a guest in Omaha.

At the business meeting of the Syrian-American Club, held on August 17 at the home of Farris G. Nasr, Archpriest N. H. Nahas of Wichita, Kan., was the guest of honor. He spoke on the unification of Syrian organizations and Syrian culture.

Mrs. M. B. Koory of this city entertained at an informal reception August 21 to honor the birthdays of Mrs. Helen Hiykel and her daughter, Mrs. Phillip Abboud.

Through the instrumentality of Simon A. Simon, a noonday luncheon club was formed for the Syrian business men in Omaha, who will meet each Thursday at noon and discuss various subjects. The men include Mr. Simon, Phillip Abboud, Gabriel Shaddy, Alex Karry, William Saba, William Abboud, Al Farhat, Jack Abboud, Farris Nasr, Aman Hayek and Azize A. Saidy.

The Misses Marie, Helen and Pauline Farah spent a fortnight in Minneapolis recently as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ojile. Accompanying the girls back home were Mrs. Ojile and Masad Kanan, who were here for a week's visit the latter week of August.

A committee which includes William Hiykel as chairman and Bill

Gassan, treasurer, Tom Izen and Michael Mohannah, was formed for the purpose of soliciting aid for the refugees in the recent flood in Furzel, Syria. Mr. Hiykel reports that the response from the many Furzulites of the United States is gratifying, and at present the fund has reached \$700. On August 21, at the St. Saviour's Church hall, a card party was given for this purpose. Miss Marion Dahir, Mrs. William Hiykel, Mrs. G. J. Abboud and Mrs. Davis Bolus were in charge of the affair.

Eddie Bolus has returned from a month's trip along the west coast, Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, and Boulder Dam, Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Abboud spent a week in Sioux City before the Mahrajan as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shaffy Rehan. Miss Vera Shaddy accompanied the Abbouds.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abboud spent two weeks in September in Fairmount and Mankato, Minn.

Rev. Elias Abboud, pastor of the St. Saviour Church here, has spent the month in Colorado visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Eva Nasr and her brother Fred motored to California early in September. While there they attended the Mahrajan held in Los Angeles.

Michael Gibreal of Ogallala was the recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Shada.

Wichita, Kan., News

By HENRIETTA ABOOD

Among the many visitors to Wichita during the month of September were Sol Bayouth and daughters Inez and Juanita of Wellington, Texas; Tom Naiffie of Bristow, Oklahoma; Mrs. Sadie Hazar and daughter Louise, of Springfield, Ill., were the guests of E. G. Stevens. Mrs. Mabel Elias of Sioux City, Iowa, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses

Lamone; Ernest Essad of Detroit, Mich., was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Jacob Bayouth; Rev. Melatios Shalhoub of Santa Barbara, Calif.; was the guest of N. F. Farha; Miss Violet Shadid, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the guest of Amelia Haddy; Mrs. D. Abdouch of Omaha, Neb., and her son Elias who was recently married in Denver, Colo., are spending part of their honeymoon in Wichita. Miss Emaline Malouf of Las Animas, Colo., was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. G. Stevens, and Mike Baba of Canada is staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. Oscar Kallail while attending the University of Wichita.

Those who attended the Southern Federation at Birmingham were Phillip Laham, Kenneth Ra-zook and Bus Farha.

On September 9, the St. Mary's Ladies' Society held its annual election of officers resulting as follows: Mrs. E. G. Stevens, president; Mrs. Sam Laham, vice-president; Mrs. B. Boutross, secretary; Mrs. Wadea Solomon, treasurer.

Eddie Zakoura and Mamie El-kourie were recently married at Ponca City, Okla.

Wichitans who attended the first annual Mahrajan at Sioux City, Iowa, on Labor Day were Mrs. Thomas Laham and daughter Olga, Mrs. A. Moser and daughter Lu-cile, Mrs. Mike Kenan, Bill Slay-man, Kenneth, Lasima and Francis Kallail and Margaret and Rich-ard Henry.

Recent deaths in Wichita were Mrs. Shaheenie Cohlma and Gladys Bayouth, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bayouth.

Mrs. Joe Kallail was a recent visitor in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City, Iowa.

After attending the Mid West convention at Michigan City, the following extended their vacations for four weeks: Mrs. E. G. Stevens and sons Fred and Raymond; Frank Stevens and Mrs. Frank Ferris and children.

Obituaries

MRS. ABE ANDREWS (nee Heidy Ferris) age 57, native of Aitha-Fokar, died November 26 at Detroit, Mich. Besides the husband, Abe Andrews, a prominent wholesaler in Detroit, deceased is survived by 6 children: Mitchell and Edward Andrews, of Detroit; Geneva J. Barbara, of Los Angeles; Tillie J. Abrash, of Detroit; Alice A. Skaff, of Saginaw, Mich.; and Edna Jos. Skaff, of Wheeling, W. Va. 2 brothers: Bourber and Michael Ferris, of Toledo, Ohio. A special dispatch of condolence from the Tell-Chiha Hospital Association of New York, was read to the extra large gathering of sympathizers. Among the many who came from far distances to pay a last tribute to the deceased who was noted for her charitable and benevolent activities were Rt. Rev. Bishop Basheer of New York and Charles (Khalil) Andrews, who came by airplane from Los Angeles.

MILHEM NAHAS, age 79, native of Zahleh, died November 19 at Joliet, Ill., survived by the widow Sarah and twelve children: Marion Nahas, of Merced, Cal.; Edna Malouf and Julia Freije, of Indianapolis; Frederick and Cecelia Nahas, of Joliet; Modonna Nahas, of San Francisco, Cal.; Sonny Nahas, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Delores Tanber, of Michigan City, Ind.; Lucille and Alma Nahas, of Joliet, and Willis Nahas, of Indianapolis; three brothers: Khalil, of Zahleh, Elias of Akron, and Najeeb of Detroit; 3 sisters Mrs. Nazira Shama of Asbury Park, N. J., Mrs. Shaheenie Nahas of Michigan City, Ind.; Mrs. Barbara Nahas of Joliet. Fifteen grand-children also survive. Deceased was a prominent dry goods and clothing merchant for over forty years, having retired ten years ago. He was one of the pioneer Syrians of northern Illinois.

ELIAS MONSOUR RAHALL, realtor of New York died November 30, survived by his widow and children, Victor and Victoria Rahall. Funeral services from the Brooklyn Orthodox Cathedral.

SALEEM SABA, died November 24, at Toronto, Ontario, survived by the widow and children: Ramsey, Lillian, and brothers, Shaheen, Elias, Khalil and Naief Saba, all of Toronto.

MARY KHOURI KATIBEH, native of Nebk, Syria, died at Norfolk, Va., Dec. 1, at the home of her daughter, Dalal N. Salem. Deceased was the mother of Habeeb I. Katibeh, former editor of the Syrian World. Other children surviving are: Mrs. Joseph K. David, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Bessimeh Tannous, of Los Angeles.

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PIONEER SYRIAN INFULENCE

(Continued from page five)

V. Cheer to Syrian and Lebanon Youth.

I write deliberately that Syrian Lebanon youth may realize their lordly heritages. Our youth should know that they are scions of a great people. In the blood of the present day generations of Syrian youth flows the spirit of conquerors and the carriers of civilization to humanity.

Napoleon said to his soldiers as they were drawn up before the Mamelukes of Egypt while under the shadows of the Pyramids, "Remember, that from yonder heights forty centuries look down on you." Let it be said, too, to the Syrian and Lebanon youth, "Remember, we look forward to forty centuries!" We stretch our hands toward future centuries to mold future generations. We look forward to form the destiny of our race.

I cheer you Syrian and Lebanon youth. I challenge you. I call you to build for the ages! You stand at the threshold of a new era in mankind. You hold the banner of Syrian life. You carry the dreams of our Syrian brain, brawn, and breed—superior breed among the races. You are the spearhead of our race progress. You shall make up in quality what we lack in mere numbers. Remember the Syrian race pioneers left you a great example, for they climbed the heights to a superior place among the established peoples of the west; and in America.

It can truly be said that the Syrian pioneers in America and in the New World were makers of progress. They led no armies which devastated other lands. They did not enrich themselves and their posterity at the expense of other races or of other nations. They did not drink the oil from the lamps of progress and leave civilization to shudder in darkness and revenge. Again the Syrian and Lebanon people have built an empire on progress, progress which is built on mutual welfare among the nations. The Syrian pioneers made great history, they built for the ages to come. Their world race and world trade empire covers the earth as the waves cover the seas. The sun never sets on the world Syrian-Lebanon race, and the glory of God shines brightly on the Syrian-Lebanon world trade empire.

This then is the sum total of the influence of the Syrian and Lebanon pioneers in America and the New World. They founded a world race. They built a world trade empire. They created a better highway for world civilization, the way of mutual welfare among men.

O Syrian and Lebanon people of my day, I cheer you, as you carry the flag of our name, our heritages, and our benevolence to the nations of mankind.

THE LILY OF THE DESERT

(Continued from page four)

Hassan became pensive for awhile. Then he asked his nurse for paper and pen. He said to her, "Will you write a little note for me?"

"I am at your service, Yah Sede."

Hassan dictated a few lines to her, after he had obtained her promise to keep the contents a secret. Then he asked the doctor to send him a detective whom he could trust. The doctor promised. Two hours later, a well-built young man was galloping toward the city of Damascus, as fast as he could go.

The couple, who had brought Soussana to the reformatory didn't return, but one of them used to come every day at different times and watch the door, to see if anyone discovered Soussana and tried to liberate her from the prison. When the chief of police, with Hassan and the woman, came to the reformatory, the kidnaper happened to be watching. He

came to the reformatory and watched from the window of the parlor. He thought that he recognized Hassan. When Hassan gave his order to the matron to get Soussana ready to be transferred to the hospital, the abductor, hearing the order of the prince, was sure that as soon as Soussana would see the prince, she would tell him the name of her captors. The only thing for him to do, was to get rid of the Emir's son and disappear at once. Not fearing the consequence, he shot the Emir's son and tried to hide himself among a crowd of people, who were shopping at the great market of Beirut. This was not very far from the reformatory. When the chief of police came out of the door to see who fired the shot, he did not notice anyone around and he could not blame any of the shoppers, because a great multitude frequented the market daily and especially at that time of afternoon.

Chapter Nine continued in October Ark

NO SYRIANS IN THIS ZAHLE

There is a small burg named "Zahle" in the United States, but there is not one Syrian residing in it. This Zahle is in the State of North Dakota, situated in Williams County, in the extreme northwestern part of the State.

"No Syrian resides in Zahle," Postmistress Mrs. E. C. Smith wrote to the Syrian ARK, in response to an inquiry to ascertain the Syrian population there.

In 1929, the ARK's editor travelled especially to Zahle, North Dakota, to ascertain the originality of the township name. Situated in a treeless region of barren prairies, it is about ten miles south of the Prince Albert Canadian border and thirty miles from the nearest railroad station at Williston, the county seat, where a number of Zahliters now reside.

The biographical information adduced at the time of the editor's visit disclosed that back in the 1880's, Mr. Abraham Yousef Layoun, a lad of fifteen tender years, was peddling rosaries, scapuliers, laces and odd notions from an oil-cloth covered hand basket in the lumber camps of northern Minnesota. His curly hair, Arabian eyes, continuous smile and muscular height won him many friends among the Swedish lumber-jacks of northern Minnesota. Hearing of the homestead rights in northwest Dakota being delved out to industrious workers, young Abe, who could neither read nor write, with the aid of his Swedish interpreters, secured a patent on nine sections or about 3470 acres of raw land. He built a hut beside a small stream and called the place "Zahle," after his native Zahleh of Mount Lebanon.

While there are no Syrians now in this North Dakota Zahle, the country-side around it is strewn with wheat ranches owned and occupied by original Zahliters. Bone Trail, the closest village to Zahle, N. D., was the homeplace of Mr. Layoun and where his widow, Mrs. Labeebe Saikly Layoun and family of ten or more huskies now manage the large ranches.

Editor, Syrian Ark:

Words cannot express the feeling I had on receiving the June issue of the ARK. It is the best copy of news "about our people in America ever written by anyone." The compilation and interesting articles, are proving your journalistic worth and I am sure that everyone is praising you highly for this achievement. I know, because even in Vicksburg, which might act as a pulse I was greeted with many compliments which makes your representative very proud, as we are proving that we deserve their confidence.

GEORGE G. ABRAHAM,
Vicksburg, Miss.