

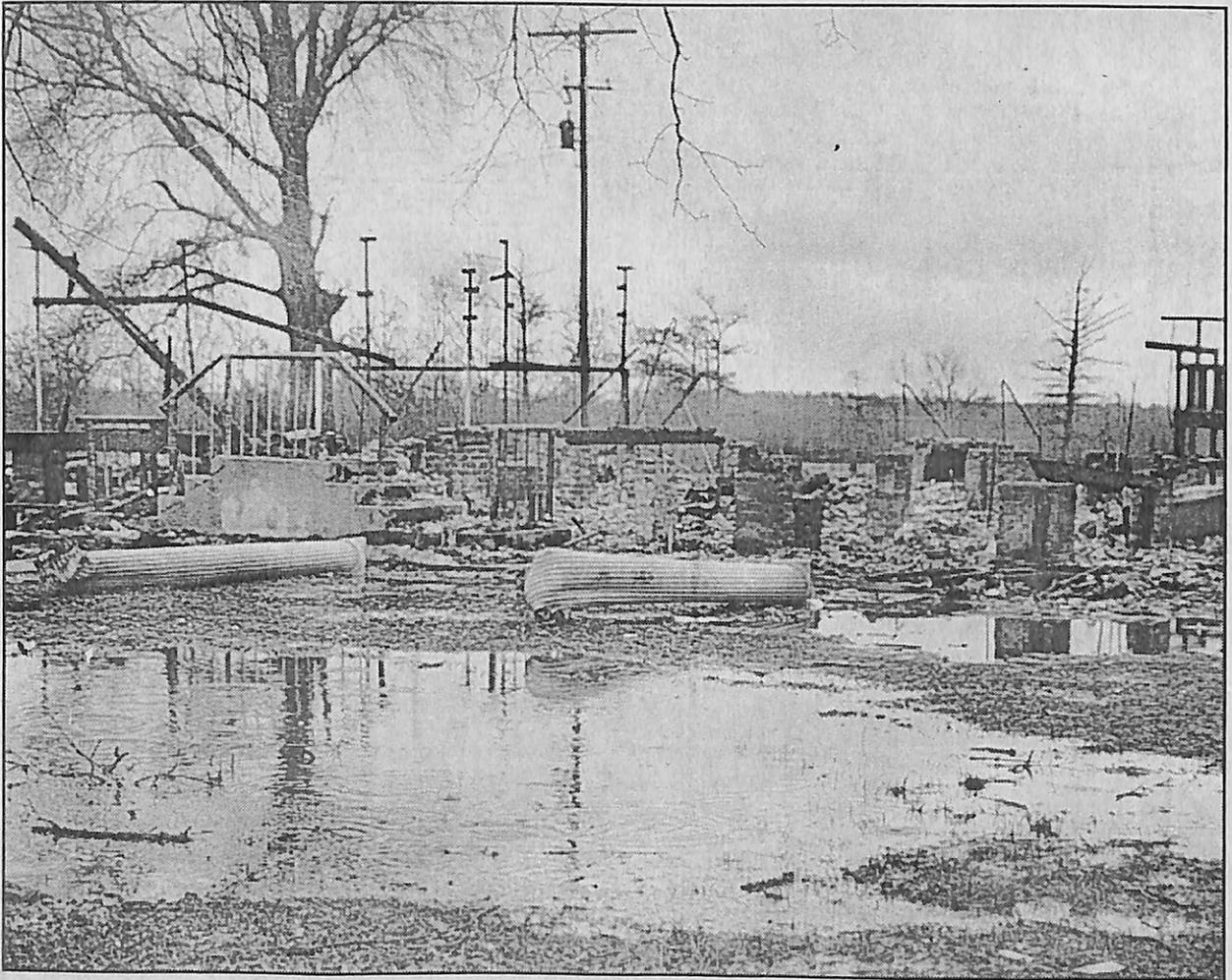
## **Architecture-Highway 49**

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Yazoo Country Club 1929



Little is left of a 140-year-old home on old Como Plantation that burned Sunday

# Cause sought in blaze that destroyed 140-year-old home

Officials continue to investigate the cause of a fire Sunday evening that destroyed a 140-year-old county home.

At 11:08 p.m., the Yazoo City Fire Department and the Holly Bluff Volunteer Fire Department were called to 9216 High U.S. 49 West, where they found the home engulfed in flames.

Lori Coleman, who with her husband, Kevin, owns the home, described it as the old plantation home on the former Como Plantation.

According to Yazoo City fire

officials, the structure was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

However, the Dennis Parks family of Yazoo City was in the process of moving into the residence.

Dawn Parks reported that they lost approximately \$2,000 worth of possessions in the fire, including lawn furniture and their children's outdoor play equipment.

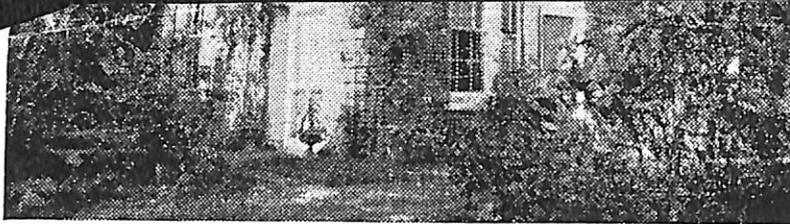
State fire officials were at the scene of the fire most of the day Tuesday searching for clues

that might indicate the origin of the fire.

Yazoo County Sheriff E.O. "Buddy" Passons reported Thursday that fire officials had not determined the cause.

Passons said the case will remain open and investigators will continue searching for the cause until it's been pinpointed.

One problem facing investigators, however, is that much of the evidence may have been destroyed by the intense heat of the fire.

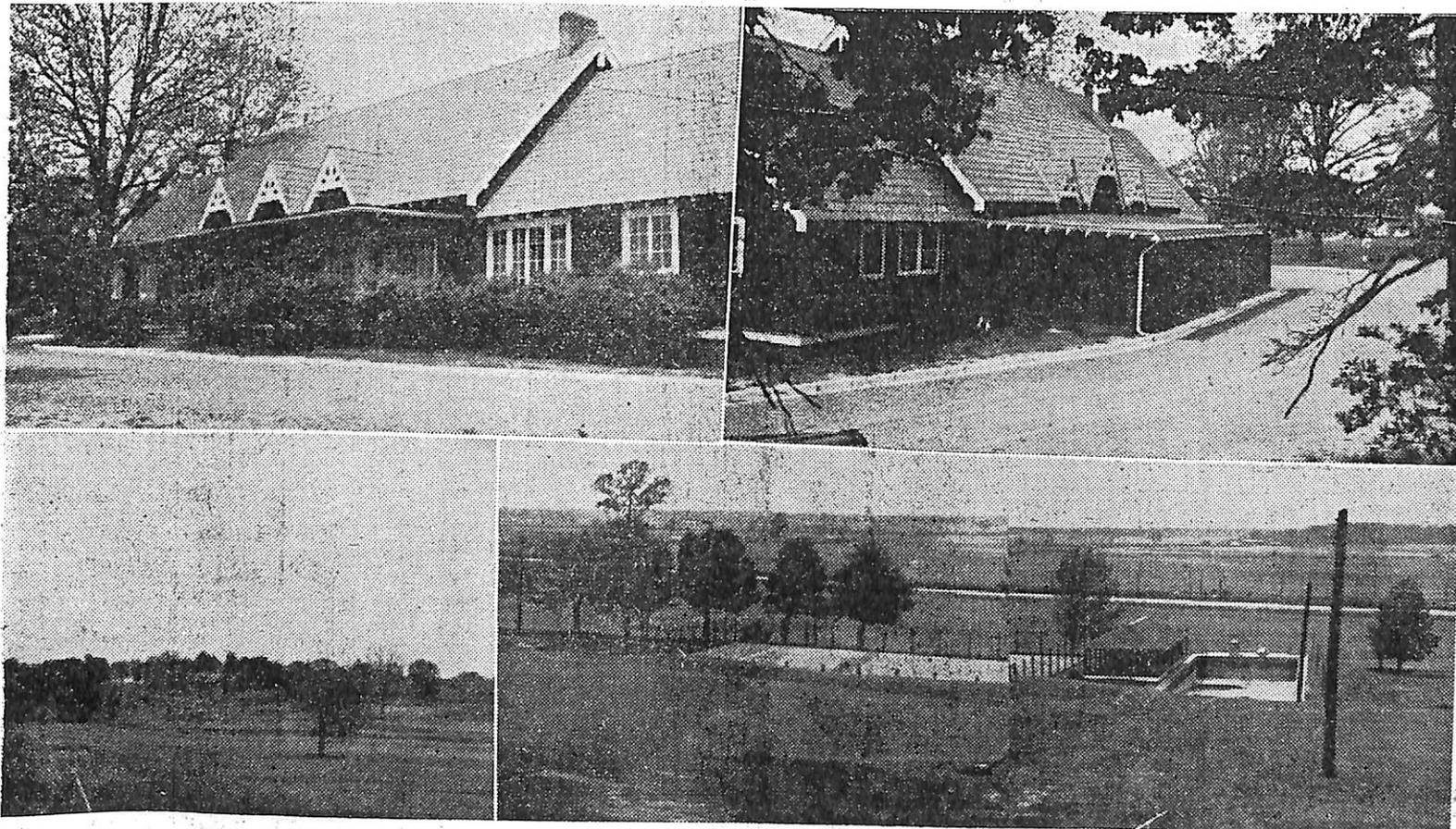


Picturesque home of Sarah D. Butler, located at 1223 Philip street in New Orleans, La., is shown above. Miss Butler, well known authority and lecturer, will be guest speaker at the Thursday evening banquet.

Following the acceptance of a convention invitation the convention will adjourn to the Elks Club, where Miss Clare Cronenwett of Monrovia, Cal., will deliver a lecture on "Flower Decoration In the Home of Today."

The convention will close with a lucheon to be held at the American Legion Home that is open to all members of the local Garden Club. With the report of the courtesy committee the 1941 convention will be history.

## The Yazoo Country Club Has Ideal Location



Built in 1925 at a cost of \$75,000, it is located two miles north of Yazoo City on Highway 49-E. The grounds cover 80 acres. The club house, built of cypress, is stained a dark brown and trimmed in white. The interior is of knotty pine, finished natural. Last year a spacious porch was added on the east side. A nine-hole golf course is kept in perfect condition by the "pro," Al Braid. A swimming pool, two tennis courts, barbecue pits, and a beautiful dance floor offer a variety of amusements for its members. Its first president was Judge Edwin R. Holmes, who was succeeded by R. R. Norquist, K. E. Brister, Herbert Holmes, James A. McGraw, Alf J. Handwerker, and H. P. Chapman is president at this writing. Above are pictured several views of the club and grounds.



Mrs. W. M. Merritt of Boyle, President of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, is pictured above. The state organization has in its president a charming executive. She was elected to the presidency after serving two years as a member of the Executive Board and Chairman of Junior Garden Club activities for a two year period. Mrs. Merritt, like her secretary, is a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women. An able speaker, she is often called upon to speak before Garden Clubs of the state. She has been active in club work for a number of years, having served as president of the Delphian Club, president of the Cleveland P.-T. A., president of the Cleveland Woman's Club, and was twice chosen president of the Cleveland Garden Club. Mrs. Merritt had the pleasure of attending the National Garden Club convention in Portsmouth, N. J. A most cordial and gracious executive holds the reins of the state organization in her capable hands, and during her tenure of office, members of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi will continue to shower beauty upon Mississippi. Mrs. Merritt is also serving as Charman of the Program Committee.

## Not Pictured Today

Other members of the State Executive Board of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi and Chairmen of Standing Committees not pictured in today's edition include:

Mrs. Lucy Garrett of Pass/Christitan, second vice-president, Historian and Chairman of Scrapbooks. Page five of our B section has a short pen picture of this prominent woman.

A member of the State Board from the up-state town of Aberdeen is Mrs. Julian Evans, who is a most charming and cultured woman. Mrs. Evans was born in this lovely old town, as Marie Elkins, and she lives in Holiday Haven, her mother's ancestral home. This beautiful

residence was included in the Aberdeen Pilgrimage last year.

Mrs. Murray Latimer of Clinton is serving the state federation as chairman of the Garden Center. Mrs. Latimer is an outstanding club woman and close to her heart is bringing the beauty of flowers to our rural communities.

Mrs. Albert Watkins of Minter City is state chairman on Convention. It was through her efforts that a successful school stressing conservation was held in March of this year in Jackson. It was well attended by club women of the state and others interested in this subject that is of paramount importance with her.

Mrs. J. D. Duncan of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, 1938-40, stressed the Virginia and serve the state.

Mrs. T. M. M. City is state chairman and Slides, and has with Garden Club years.

Mrs. Harris Br is visiting relatives.

Mrs. Warren B week-end in Vicks and friends.

Misses Lizzie and Mrs. G. S. C were shoppers in day.