

## LAKE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**EVERGREEN HOUSE**

Meetings: January - November 7PM, Fourth Monday - Evergreen House, Lake Park



**Speakers**



**Refreshments**

We are open for research every Tuesday from 10AM to 1PM  
For further information, call (561) 840-4870

History does not sleep. Please look in your homes for any history of Lake Park from the 1920's to today. School Pictures? Weddings in Lake Park? Sports? Newspaper articles? (We will copy and return the original to you.)

### Newsletter

Last month our busy bee Secretary took time off from her busy schedule to come in twice to scrape up some of the accumulation of dirt etc. Sue went to scrubbing the sink, the bathroom, vacuuming the whole of the place. It really needed it as it had not been done in probably a year.

#### Upcoming meeting

Continuing the series of meetings covering the first day at Kelsey City of Charles Branch November 1, 1926. I had typed his report into the computer many years ago but cannot find the file. It was before I decided to do an electronic file system for our files. I am now recopying this file back into the computer. I have decided that it will be enhanced with the maps and pictures directly within the text. This will become a chapter in our Centennial of Kelsey City book (hopefully). Retyping the file over has a hidden benefit. I now know much about Kelsey City so there is much more meaning to what is being said. Charlie reports to Kelsey City and within the first two weeks is loaded by three major problems that he must find an answer to. First, a heavy rain in Saint Augustine has flooded and sunk many of Harry's barges and houseboats. Come to the meeting to find how Charlie handled this. Second, the road contract for the Singer-Kelsey road is being cancelled (This is now the part of US1 between Northlake and PGA Blvds). He has to go to Tallahassee to work out a solution.

He arrives back at Kelsey City and finds that the payroll cannot be met. Kelsey had listened to Charles Burr when he recommended Charlie Branch and it was the best thing that could of happened for Kelsey City. Charlie went from one seemingly impossible problem to the next solving them nearly instantly. Some of the Kelsey City freeloaders did not like what started to happen but Charlie's work was the right moves for the situation. Charlie's own words "Many of the residents and businessmen looked at me as though I was a skunk in the chicken yard."

There are about three different writings by Charlie. I think I will bring them all together. There is some overlap as they were written over the period of his life. He was 98 when he died

### Archive

We had a request for the date of the attempt to move the gates. I sent a copy of the 10-3-1981 North County News article.



Another Memory jogger. 1978 This was an early attempt to save the gates. Jeff Blakely, Mayor Howard Flynn, and Louis Bills. Also, remember First American Bank?

**OPENING a bank account for money contributed to the "Save Kelsey City Gates" fund drive are from the left Jeff Blakely, Lake Park Mayor Howard Flynn and Louis Bills with Nancy Bridges of First American Bank of North Palm Beach, setting up the account.**

I made a .PDF file of everything on the Evergreen House and e-mailed it off to Mike Egan. Mike lived in the Evergreen House before it had been moved.

A fellow that worked at Vic's Transmission inquired if we had a copy of his film on the attempt to move the gates. A copy had been given to Edith Judge. He has misplaced his. I was told that Edith showed this video to our historical society at a very early meeting. This might mean that the video had never been given away and might still be among Edith's things that Kathy has. keep your fingers crossed.

### **Mark your Calendars July 25, 2016**

Meeting: 7:00 PM Evergreen House. Kelsey Park

Speaker: L J Parker Subject: Continuation of Charlie Branch on his first day in Kelsey City (November 1, 1926). He was the new Vice President of East Coast Finance and would be serving as manager.

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