

FORT PIERCE NEWS

FORT PIERCE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECEMBER 30, 1910.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Masonic and Eastern Star Held Public Ceremony.

On Wednesday evening at Masonic Hall, Ruth Chapter No. 7, Order of Eastern Star, entertained their Masonic brethren and a number of friends at the annual installation of officers and a delightful feast for the inner man. In the River Lodge No. 87, F. & A. M., were the guests of honor, also installed officers.

The ladies first turned the floor over to the Masons, and Mr. Frank E. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, and Mr. A. M. Sample, Deputy Grand Marshal, installed the following officers of the River Lodge:

- Worshipful Master—D. P. Eldred.
- Senior Warden—A. K. Wilson.
- Junior Warden—C. F. Olmstead.
- Treasurer—W. J. Nesbitt.
- Secretary—A. C. Dittmar.
- Chaplain—G. E. Dutton.
- Senior Deacon—W. E. Tylander.
- Junior Deacon—Benj. Hogg.
- Senior Steward—John H. Wynn.
- Junior Steward—W. W. Scott.
- Tiler—L. S. S. Farnsworth.

Following this ceremony Mrs. E. E. Pollock entertained the gathering with one of her charming recitations, and several brought forth much applause. The Eastern Star officers were installed by Mrs. A. M. Sample, Acting Grand Matron, and Mrs. W. B. Cross, Acting Grand Marshal, and the following were inducted into office:

- Mrs. M. Summerlin—Worthy Matron.
- Mrs. E. Dutton—Worthy Patron.
- Mrs. Benj. Hogg—Associate Matron.
- Mrs. M. Bronnum—Conductress.
- Mrs. C. Pyles—Associate Conductress.
- Mrs. Julia Nesbitt—Treasurer.
- Mrs. Ella Stanford—Secretary.
- Mrs. Lela Brown—Ada.
- Mrs. Annie Free—Ruth.
- Mrs. Mabel Wilson—Esther.
- Mrs. Lilly Belk—Martha.
- Mrs. Lela Buell—Electra.
- Mrs. Margaret Whyte—Warden.
- L. S. S. Farnsworth—Sentinel.

At the beginning of this ceremony the Eastern Star presented Mr. Farnsworth with a pretty lodge pin in token of their appreciation of the faithful service and interested work on behalf of the Chapter.

Tables were set in the center of the hall and covers laid for all present, numbering over sixty, and the ladies of the Chapter did themselves proud in the serving of a supper of turkey and all accessories necessary for a sumptuous meal. The guests were loud in their praise of the entertainment and the many good things to eat, and their accounts doing full justice to the spread and the evidence of their sincerity.

The uninitiated who were fortunate enough to be present were greatly impressed by the ceremonies of both orders, and are indebted to the Eastern Star for a very pleasant evening.

Baseball Today.

The first ball game of the winter season will be played this afternoon on the diamond at 2:30 o'clock, when the local team will meet a picked team from the St. Lucie club. The game played last winter between these two teams is still remembered and the game today will be even more interesting and more provoking. The local team is well organized, but nine players will be on hand who will don uniforms and be ready to interest the millionaires from Philadelphia.

Frank Penton, a former deputy sheriff of Santa Rosa county, was arrested Monday morning at Milton by federal officers and carried to Pensacola to answer two charges in connection with the shooting of Felix Corbin, the government witness, who was shot down at Milton December 6. Penton was unable to furnish the required bond of \$6,000 and was committed to jail to await the action of the federal grand jury.

Pop Halton, from Falmouth, was shot and killed near Ellaville last Saturday while trying to wrench a pistol from the hand of Henry Boyett, who was trying to shoot Riley Wood for the same purpose in the presence of Mrs. Boyett. Wood was shot and wounded Steve Halton in a quarrel at Althea, Christmas morning, and was in turn shot and killed by Halton's mother.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

Trees by Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal Sunday Schools.

The Christmas holidays have been a joyful round of pleasure for all, and especially the little folks. Three of the most important features of the festivities were the Christmas trees by three of the Sunday schools—Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal.

The first of these was the entertainment of the Baptist Sunday school, which was held on Saturday evening. The church was tastefully decorated, the main feature of which was the handsome tree heavily laden with gifts for the children and grown-ups. The house was crowded with an interested audience which fully appreciated the excellent program of songs, recitations, acrostics, etc., so well rendered by the children of the Sunday school. Following the program came the distribution of the presents, which naturally was the long-awaited-for event to the expectant children, and many hearts were made glad.

The Methodist Sunday school celebrated on Monday evening, when there was also another large audience on hand. The decorations were very pretty and elaborate, showing taste and hard work in the arrangement. The central figure was a Santa Claus house which presented a realistic log cabin appearance, and in this was stored most of the presents. The house was flanked on each side by decorated trees, one of which was loaded with sacks of candy for the Sunday school pupils and other little ones. After the rendition of an excellent program of appropriate songs and recitations Old Santa Claus emerged from his house and gave out his presents for the deserving ones, and assisted in the merrymaking.

The Episcopal Sunday school also celebrated on Monday evening in the Improvement Club hall. Here also the Christmas tree was in evidence, a handsome specimen having been set on the stage and showed to excellent advantage, laden with the many beautiful Christmas remembrances from Saint Nicholas. A short but appropriate literary program was rendered by the children, and the Christmas carols by the choir were greatly enjoyed by the audience which comfortably filled the large hall. The distribution of the presents was also a feature of importance in their entertainment for the hearts of all the children, as well as the grown folks, were made light and happy.

In many homes on Sunday family trees were enjoyed, and the day was one of merry laughter and happy hearts.

DEER HUNTING IN AUTOMOBILES

Novel Way of Getting the Game Inaugurated Here.

Deer hunting in automobiles is a novel way of following the elusive game but the first attempt here proved successful, and more than likely the benzine buggy will replace old Dobbin in this field as well as others.

On Monday Mr. F. H. Willis, with his brother, Mr. LeRoy Willis, Dr. W. E. VanLandingham and Mr. R. B. Robinson went out in Mr. Willis' 30-horse power seven-passenger Packard touring car and brought down two fine deer, thirty-two quail and other game. The first deer was killed by Mr. Robinson from the machine while running at a good rate of speed, and the second was shot by Mr. Robinson and Mr. LeRoy Willis. Some of the quail were also shot from the machine.

Again on Wednesday the Messrs. Willis and Mr. Robinson were out in the car and bagged another fine deer, and all of them are enthusiastic over this method of hunting. The distance covered during each day was about 75 miles, over bad roads and no roads, allowing them plenty of time also for traamping around in the woods. This certainly beats horseflesh, and we expect to hear of more of our nimrods employing the automobile in the chase.

A serious shooting affray took place at Green Cove Springs Christmas eve night between C. H. Marshall, William Smith and F. J. Dyson, a liverman. Smith and Dyson each being wounded.

REUNION OF SAMPLE FAMILY

Father and Five Brothers Met First Time in 17 Years.

For the first time in seventeen years Mr. D. I. Sample and his five sons met Wednesday and enjoyed a family reunion at the home of Mr. A. M. Sample of this city.

Mr. Sample, senior, whose home is in Charlotte, N. C., is spending the winter in Fort Pierce with his two sons, Messrs. Adrian M. and John M., and the other sons, by mutual consent, also paid them a visit at the same time, arriving Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the latter day a sumptuous feast was prepared and around the festive board the family held a joyful reunion. The merry banter of the "boys" and the pride of the father, to say nothing of the presence of the wives of three of the sons, made it a happy event and an occasion long to be remembered by each of them.

Those who gathered at the reunion dinner were: Mr. D. I. Sample, the father, of Charlotte, N. C.; A. N. Sample, of Chester, S. C.; Adrian M. Sample, wife and three children, of Fort Pierce; Frank W. Sample and wife, of Charlotte, N. C.; John M. Sample, wife and baby, of Fort Pierce, and Harry Sample, of Eau Gallie, Fla., thirteen in all, and as fine samples as ever originated in the Old North State.

Frank W. was married on December 21st, at Concord, N. C., to Miss Johnnie Farrow, of that place, and they are now on their wedding trip. A. N. is interested with his brothers in trucking at Pompano and will visit that place before returning home. Harry is a young business man of Eau Gallie and is the only bachelor in the family, which fact made him the victim of many jokes during the festivities, but he promised them to improve his opportunities before the next reunion. The only absentee was Mrs. A. N. Sample, who was unable to be present and was correspondingly disappointed.

FIREMEN'S NEW YEAR BALL

Tomorrow Evening at the Improvement Club Hall.

Tomorrow evening, New Year's Eve, the Fort Pierce Volunteer Fire Department will give a Grand New Year Ball at the Improvement Club hall and everybody is invited to be present. The committee on arrangements have prepared for a jolly good time, and all who attend are assured of a pleasant evening.

Music will be furnished by the Fort Pierce Band, which is assurance that it will be of the best, and the floor will be in perfect condition for the merry whirl. The ladies of the Improvement Club will serve refreshments in the dining room and the appetites will be satisfied.

Tickets are on sale by several of the Fort Pierce young ladies and may be procured in any number. The price is 50 cents for gentlemen and 25 cents for ladies.

Dancing will begin at 8:30 and continue until 11:45, during which time all are asked to enjoy themselves.

After the first of the year the passenger engineers of the Florida East Coast railway will have the same divisions on the road as the freight engineers. That is, from Jacksonville to New Smyrna, from New Smyrna to Fort Pierce, from Fort Pierce to Miami, and from Miami to Knights Key. At present the passenger engineers run from Jacksonville to St. Augustine, and from St. Augustine to Fort Pierce. The only change will be in making New Smyrna a relay point instead of St. Augustine. Fort Pierce retains its position as division point for all crews.

St. Andrews' Episcopal church, Rev. Vincent C. Lacey, priest in charge, will have services Sunday, Feast of the Circumcision, as follows: Holy communion at 7:00 a. m.; Sunday school 10; holy communion and sermon at 11:00; evening prayer by lay reader 7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at All Saints, Waveland, 3:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at Stuart 8:00 p. m. prayer and sermon at Stuart 8:00 p. m. Woman's Guild election of officers on Saturday, 31st, at 3:00 p. m. Litany and instruction Wednesday 7:30; confirmation class Thursday at 3:00 p. m. Friday, The Epiphany, holy communion 7.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT WABASSO

Other Interesting Items of News From That Place.

L. F. Geiger left for his home in Coos Saturday night, where he expects to spend the holidays.

School closed here last Friday for the holidays.

In spite of the cold weather we have been having already this winter some of our hustling bean growers have succeeded in growing some beans, for which they are receiving fancy prices.

Our little town was crowded last Saturday night with visitors, they having come to attend our Christmas exercises in the school house.

Mr. Nathan Woods, of Illinois, arrived in Wabasso last Friday night for the winter. Mr. Woods owns a fine young grove on the ridge and never fails to come down every winter to look after it. He was accompanied on this trip by his mother, father, daughter and brother, also his brother's wife.

An error was made in the items from here last week by either the correspondent or printer. In the roll of honor Sebastian, instead of Wabasso, was mentioned. There is no roll of honor for this week, as the records of recitation were incomplete on account of Christmas preparations.

Before an audience that taxed not only the seating capacity, but the standing room also, of our school building, the pupils of the Wabasso school succeeded in rendering their parts in the Christmas exercises, last Saturday night, in a manner that was a credit to themselves, and to the community also. To make special mention of any one member on the program would be doing others an injustice, and as space forbids mentioning all, will say that each one carried out their parts very well indeed. The decorations, consisting of palmetto, Spanish moss, myrtle, and many kinds of fancy Christmas decorations, were arranged on quite an extensive plan and were quite appropriate for the occasion. Santa Claus was unable to be present in person but he did not forget us as gifts were quite numerous under the trees. He also remembered, through the Sunday school, all of the children of the place with a generous treat of fruits, candy and nuts. The entertainment throughout was quite a success and was apparently enjoyed and appreciated by those present. The teacher wishes to thank the older folks who kindly helped the school out in the exercises and to Miss Mildred Smith, our organist, for the music.

RALPH BINGHAM ENTERTAINED

Popular Humorist Delighted a Fort Pierce Audience.

Mr. Ralph Bingham, one of the most widely known and popular humorists, delightfully entertained a Fort Pierce audience last Thursday evening and despite the fact that so many empty seats stared him in the face he kept those who were present in an almost continuous uproar of laughter during his story telling.

Mr. Bingham is not only a gifted humorist, but is master of the violin, and charmed his hearers with selections from the master musicians, and also proved that he was a soloist of ability by rendering a couple of baritone selections.

His closing story of the negro excursion and picnic brought down the house and his use of the plantation dialect was great. In telling of Bill Johnson's experience he displayed ability on the piano also.

Mrs. Bingham accompanied him on the piano in the violin and vocal selections.

Those who failed to hear Mr. Bingham missed a treat and it is doubtful if his equal will be seen here this season.

James Reynolds, who lives at Central Supply, Fla., was robbed of \$110 in money, a gold watch and chain, a merchandise pipe, a suit of clothes and even his hat and shoes while on a Christmas visit to Jacksonville, and why they did not skin him is not known.

NEWS CLEANINGS FROM FLORIDA

Paragraphs of Important Events In All Parts of the State.

A party of 29 homeseekers from Chicago lately arrived at Palatka.

Bert Keen, of Bradentown, had his leg so badly mashed by an anchor rope of the launch Echo that amputation was necessary.

Mr. A. H. Key, a prominent business man of Bradford, suicided in a Savannah, Ga., hotel last week and the cause is unknown.

J. H. Nelson, of Jacksonville, is now general superintendent of the Florida East Coast railway, with headquarters at St. Augustine.

At a recent service held in the Methodist church at Tallahassee the sum of \$4,500 was raised, clearing the church of all indebtedness.

Miami citizens, especially those interested in Everglade land syndicates, are subscribing liberally to the Broward monument fund.

Committees have been at work with the Daytona business men in an endeavor to raise \$6,500 to guarantee an auto race meet in March.

Jacksonville's extensively advertised aviation meet for Christmas day had the desired effect—it drew the crowd. But the crowd drew a blank.

The Eustis Lake Region says: "Two Middletown girls are among the nineteen students in the sophomore class of 400 in Wellesley College to receive high scholarship honors."

Robert Bryan, one of the most prominent business men of Lakeland, was seriously injured lately when a new horse he was driving got frightened at an automobile and ran away.

Mamie Faison, a white woman, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in Tampa last week. She shot and killed Will Brown, near Plant City, for cursing her mother.

Will Banks, yard conductor at Lakeland, stumbled and fell in front of a backing train, last Wednesday, and was crushed to death. His brother met a similar fate 18 months ago.

The city council of Miami has recently made an appropriation of \$500 to the Friendly hospital in that city, which has largely been maintained by the public. The hospital has proven a great benefit.

Twenty-nine "good" prisoners who were serving sentences at Jacksonville's Raspberry park were shown clemency on Christmas Eve and given their freedom. It pays to be good even in a Jacksonville prison.

A Roman candle which set a haystack on fire caused \$15,000 worth of damage to the concrete plant of H. A. Rau, in Jacksonville, last Friday. The insurance policy had expired on the previous Friday.

The people of Pensacola are determined to raise \$10,000 a year for three years for advertising purposes, so all the commercial bodies and business men have consolidated to gain their purpose. Half of the amount was raised in one day.

Engineer Wm. H. Burke, in charge of the throttle of train No. 24, Sanford to Trilby, of the Atlantic Coast Line, was shot and killed from the bushes while his train was in motion, last Friday, near Winter Garden. He is survived by a wife and two young sons.

Bulger Hodge shot and killed John Smith at the latter's home near Westville last Saturday evening, the trouble arising over the searching of Smith's house for stolen meat. Smith afterwards went to Hodge's house with his gun and was threatening to kill him but Hodge was the quickest. Justifiable homicide.

The need of waterworks was severely felt in Titusville last Friday at noon when a gasoline fire started in a cottage on the main business street during a gale and spread rapidly toward the business center. The cottage, Judge D. L. Gauley's fine residence and law office were burned and The Star office, a handsome 2-story brick structure, badly damaged. Much damage was also caused by the removal of goods. So fierce was the wind and heat that several houses caught that were as far as five blocks away.