

SOCIETY

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Reception at St. Mark's Rectory

The reception given by Rev. J. H. Weber-Thompson, and Mrs. Jennette Thompson at the Rectory last evening was a very enjoyable affair. It was largely attended by members and friends of St. Mark's Episcopal church. The social hour was interspersed with a musical program arranged by Mrs. J. E. Lucas. Miss Alice Hutchinson beautifully rendered a piano solo. Mr. Charles Chamberlain sang very pleasingly. The vocal solos of Messrs. Gilbert Holden and Harold Hodge were appreciated and enjoyed by the guests. Several orchestra numbers by Mr. Lew Barstow, violin; Mr. Mark Shaw, saxophone; and Mrs. J. E. Lucas, piano, were greatly enjoyed.

After delicious punch and cake were served, plans for raising funds for a new church building and an apartment house were discussed. The company present were unanimously

in favor of the plan and it was agreed that the Rector appoint the general building committee, which shall have charge of the project, and to include five men and five women.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a gift of \$55.00 in gold as a birthday surprise.

Tuesday Bridge Club

Mrs. Morris Cochrane was hostess for the Tuesday Bridge Club at her attractive home on Olive street, yesterday afternoon. Three tables of players enjoyed the game, the winner at each table receiving a prize of Madame Pompon Cups. Those holding high score were Mrs. Walter Tilghman, Mrs. Edward Ferrell, and Mrs. Warner Hamm. Halloween tally cards were used, appropriately suggestive of the season. At the conclusion of the game, a two-course luncheon was served which consisted of chicken salad and sandwiches, and

an ice course, the ice cream being served in Halloween cups.

Woman's Club Meeting.

The Literary Department of the Woman's Club will have a meeting tomorrow afternoon. There will be a continuation of the vacation notes which were begun last meeting, Mrs. H. A. Davis, and Mrs. E. L. Mann being in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Black, of Valdosta, Ga., passed through Palatka yesterday afternoon, enroute to Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davidson, of Lake Como, were visitors in the Gem City yesterday afternoon.

A. O. Deul, of Pittsburg, was in town on business yesterday afternoon.

Miss Anna Schenault and Mrs. Brenhezor and party, of Hastings, were here yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burt, who have been the guests of Mrs. Jas. Burt for several weeks, expect to leave tomorrow for their home in Key West.

Mrs. A. R. Haile and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Bonnie Beacham in Orlando for a week, returned home last evening.

Norris K. Levis, a representative of C. B. Mallard Co., Jacksonville, was in Palatka yesterday afternoon and this morning. Mr. Levis has recently been released from the service in which he held commission as 1st lieutenant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Williams, of Pomona, were visitors in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Long motored to Middleburg yesterday afternoon, and will return today.

L. E. Worden, of Tampa, was in the city yesterday on business.

Roy Smith motored to Rodman yesterday on business and pleasure.

Moses Folsom, formerly secretary of the Palatka Board of Trade, and now secretary of the State Marketing Bureau, Jacksonville, was here yesterday afternoon with a party motoring down the State.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Menge have gone to Clearwater to spend a few days en route to Fort Myers where they will make their home. Mr. Menge, recently with the local office of the Southern Utilities Co. here, has accepted a position with the Menge Bros. Steamboat line in Ft. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Johnson and child of Putnam Hall are visitors in the Gem City today.

Miss Clemmons of San Mateo was a visitor in Palatka this morning.

Mrs. E. O. Hatch of East Palatka was in Palatka shopping this morning.

Mrs. F. E. Jenkins and her mother, Mrs. Van Nan, of East Palatka, were in Palatka this morning.

A. E. Maltby was a visitor here from Hastings today.

Mrs. J. W. Brockman of Grandin was in Palatka shopping this morning.

C. H. Batchelor is a Hastings visitor in Palatka today.

Mrs. R. L. Gibson of Anastasia is spending the day with friends here today.

Mrs. F. P. Dupont and son of Federal Point, were in the city this morning.

Mrs. S. C. Warner and daughter, Miss Helen Warner, motored to Palatka this morning from Esperanza.

Jesse Keeth of Greensboro, N. C., was in Palatka on business this morning.

Mrs. Imogene Collins is charmingly entertaining fifty of her friends this afternoon with an auction party at her home on Madison street.

William Shelley Jr., who has been in the mountains of North Carolina for a month, is here today en route to his home in High Springs.

Howard Rowton has returned after spending a week in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fink and Mrs. Smith who is a guest in Nashua from Racine, Wis., were in Palatka yesterday afternoon.

C. V. Abernathy arrived this morning from Atlanta and will remain in Palatka indefinitely.

Makeshift, as It Were.

A strange family had recently moved into the neighborhood. Robert had made the acquaintance of the small son and had learned from him that the man was only the boy's stepfather, and, in explanation to me, Robert said: "It ain't James' own daddy, mamma; he's just a second-handed one."—Chicago Tribune.

Heat and Tuberculosis.

James B. Murphy and Ernest Sturm (Journal of Experimental Medicine) subjected mice to heat and a week later inoculated them with a strain of tuberculosis virulent for mice. These animals displayed a greater resistance than normal.

CROOKS ARE COMING TO FLORIDA EARLY

BIG CHIEF HAS ALREADY VISITED DAYTONA

Head of Wire Tapping Gang Has Visited Several of the Tourist Towns

According to reports from many of the tourist towns in the state Florida may expect to be plagued again this year by crooks operating the old wire tapping game on unsuspecting visitors. Daytona was the east coast headquarters for this gang last year, and of their coming The Daytona News says:

"The big boss of the wire tappers has already been to Daytona to make arrangements for opening up their various places of business for the coming season.

"The plan of this gang of flim-flammers consists of renting a number of houses, where they install paraphernalia to fool their victims into the belief that the place is a brokerage office where stock transactions are transmitted to the New York Stock Exchange, or else it purports to be an office where reports on horse races are received and bets accepted on the various supposed races.

"The victim is always someone who is not wise on either the stock-market or horse races, and having an avaricious greed, the victim makes what he believes to be a stock transaction on tips of a quick advance, or else bets on a purported horse race on information believed to be received from a disgruntled employe of the concern, who claims that he cuts the wires and holds back the information until after a bet can be placed.

"The amount of money this bunch of flim-flammers take away from victims on the east coast of Florida every winter is enormous, the estimates running as high as a million dollars some seasons.

"There is one thing they do not like, and that is publicity. The wire-tapping business is different from every other line of "business" it is the only business in which it does not pay to advertise. The method of the gang in promoting and fostering their business is entirely different from any other line in other respects. They build up an organization that eclipses in finess the organization of the United States Steel corporation. The intricacies of the organization of the wire-tapping business are generally perfect, and the fine state of perfection is a marvel thought of a master mind, about which revolves the brains of lesser lights.

"The wire-tappers do not tap wires but only the coin of their victims. The process seems to be easy, but it is because of the fine state of almost perfection of the organization of the wire-tapping gang. Calling these gangs of flim-flammers 'wire-tappers' is really a misnomer. They call themselves by this term and naturally, in speaking of them every one else does likewise.

"The wire-tappers are divided into various gangs, all under the head of one dictator, who assumes the same position with the wire-tappers as a political boss does in a State, or city. It is presumed that the ordinary tapper has not sufficient grey matter to keep off the shoals of trouble, just as the common or average voter is not supposed to know enough about politics to think out his own destiny. Because of the political boss' assumption that the voted don't know how to properly cast a ballot the political boss seems a necessity, at least in the superhuman mind of the political boss. So it is with the 'boss' wire-tapper—he thinks he is a necessity to the welfare of the common sheep of his gang."

ORLANDO WANTS EXCHANGE

Will Make Effort to Secure Citrus Fruit Headquarters

ORLANDO, Oct. 30.—(Special)—At the noon day luncheon of the Board of Trade today, Mayor Ames L. Giles informed members of the board of trade that he had received information which leads him to believe that it is possible to have Orlando selected as headquarters for the Florida Citrus Exchange.

He asked officials of the board to appoint a committee to further the project. He indicated that he had had this idea in mind for some time and pointed out that to have the Exchange removed to Orlando not only meant a great thing for the city itself, but was of vast importance to the growers of citrus fruit throughout central Florida and the industry at large. Several other members, including both independent packers and growers, rose in behalf of Mr. Giles' argument, the result being that the president appoint a committee comprised of Mayor Giles, C. D. Christ, Judge Cheney and M. J. Detwiler to further the proposition.

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JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 29—Less than a month distant, the Florida State Fair & Exposition, for the 1919 season, is rapidly getting into shape and is giving promise of not only being the greatest fair ever produced in Florida but one of the largest and best ever assembled in the South. More than fifteen hundred head of livestock will be exhibited at the fair, forming the largest cattle show ever held in the South. Without exception this show will be the most attractive ever produced in any Southern or Southeastern State and will draw attendance from a wide territory. Florida it is assured will reap a great benefit from this feature of the fair, as breeders and others interested in the live stock industry will come here from practically every state to view the exhibits in this department.

Premiums in the live stock department alone total \$16,000 while the total cash prize list for this year's fair is \$30,000, exclusive of special prizes in the Poultry Show, which will be another big fair feature.

Work has been going on at the fair grounds for more than three months in active preparation for the fair and the principal exhibit buildings have been increased in capacity. The cattle barns and the swine barns have been added to give accommodations for a 50 per cent increase in the number of exhibits showing at 1st year's fair and it has been found necessary to make provision to handle more cattle than even this increase can care for. Two immense tents are being erected for this purpose and dry stalls are being built for the exhibits.

"Pieces of Eight." The piece of eight was the Spanish piece of gold now called a dollar. This name throughout the Spanish world in the days of piracy, because it was divided into eight parts. It was a silver coin worth \$1 in the United States.

Little Chance for Confession. "A good husband ought to tell his wife all his faults," explains the professional solver of domestic problems in a Milwaukee newspaper. A very original idea, but what is the prescribed method of conduct when she persists in telling about them first?

ONE FULL REGIMENT ALLOTTED FLORIDA

MILITARY QUOTA FOR STATE IS DEFINITELY FIXED

Adjutant General's Office Will Inaugurate a Vigorous Recruiting Campaign

ST. AUGUSTINE, Oct. 30.—The Military Bureau, realizing that the need for dependable troops has become urgent, has allotted to this State a full regiment of National Guard and has authorized the immediate and complete organization of the Staff, Corps and Departments of the State.

After starting in to reorganize the Guard, the office of the Adjutant General, realizing the necessity for a more complete military organization for this State, has secured from the Militia Bureau the authority to organize a complete regiment of infantry with staff complete.

To this end, the Military Department of Florida will at once inaugurate a vigorous recruiting campaign and will send out from headquarters competent officers and men to organize and recruit units in all towns and cities which have already been allotted units as well as to stir up enthusiasm and interest in things military throughout the State. Realizing that the County Guard will cease to function at the time of signing of the treaty of peace with the Central Powers of Europe, thereby leaving this State entirely without a military force of any kind, it is readily seen that the Guard must be reorganized if the State is to have any military protection at all.

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