

INSTALL OFFICERS.

On a special occasion for the installation of officers for the various Masonic bodies of Welsh was duly observed in the Masonic Hall Friday night, the ancient custom of that order in the state has a stronger loyalty than the other fraternal bodies. Each of the Masonic orders--the Eastern Star, the Blue Lodge, the Lodge of the Arch Masons and the Commandery of Knights Templar--all have a membership of earnest and loyal members with the very highest ideals of the order. According to ancient custom this installation ceremony is usually observed on St. John's Day which comes on December 27th. This year the date fell on Saturday and the lodge decided to celebrate the date on Friday night before because this date is more convenient than Saturday.

The ceremonies began with the installation of the officers elect of the Eastern Star, then followed the ceremonies of installing the officers elect of the Blue Lodge, after which came the installation of the new officers elect of the lodge of Royal Arch Masons, and lastly followed the installation of their officers elect after their respective manner.

These ceremonies consumed the evening until away toward midnight, at the conclusion of these installations the long looked for banquet royally spread in the hall was announced and then all the busy dreams of baked duck, quail and oyster cocktail played on their evening vision, a moment later the bell was broken, the dream came true, the spread was before them only in augmented reality.

This year the committee in charge of the nature of the occasion decided upon a departure from the usual custom of banquet and provided a menu of game. The bill of fare included an aggregation of duck, quail, squirrel and oysters.

At this juncture we pause to pay a tribute to the culinary skill

displayed by the management of the Busy Bee Restaurant in preparing and serving this game. While it may be true that the splendid genial manager of the Busy Bee Restaurant may need the gentle influence and sweet companionship of womanhood to carry away the cares and smooth down the rough places of life, yet so far as her services are concerned in the care, supervision and preparation of those viands incident to the culinary needs of home life she may be wholly dispensed with in his case, as evidenced by his skill in the preparation of this game.

There were present at the banquet about 130 members of the lodge with their families and invited guests.

Following is a list of the various officers of the different orders installed to serve during the ensuing year:

- REBECCA CHAPTER NO. 2 O. E. S.**
- Worthy Matron, Mrs. Olive Boling.
 - Worthy Patron, C. B. Moore.
 - Associate Matron, Mrs. Nora Gray.
 - Secretary, Mrs. Nora Armstrong.
 - Treasurer, Mrs. Tudella Gabbert.
 - Conductress, Mrs. Pearl Greer.
 - Associate Conductress, Mrs. Nellie Jones.
 - Chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson.
 - Marshall, Mrs. Dale Yantis.
 - Organist, Mrs. Rena Cooper.
 - Adah, Miss Ione Robinson.
 - Ruth, Mrs. Cora Jones.
 - Esther, Miss Emma Culver.
 - Martha, Miss Lucile Anderson.
 - Electa, Miss Mabel Gabbert.
 - Warder, Mrs. Mary Fear.
 - Sentinel, W. B. Gabbert.

- WELSH LODGE 232 F. & A. M.**
- Officers of Welsh Lodge No. 232 F. and A. M. Installed for the ensuing Masonic year:
- Wm. B. Gabbert, Worshipful Master.
 - C. B. Moore, Senior Warden.
 - A. T. Jones, Junior Warden.
 - Jno. H. Cooper, Treasurer.
 - Jno. W. Armstrong, Secretary.
 - L. H. Dautel, Senior Deacon.
 - C. F. Jeter, Junior Deacon.
 - E. M. Stewart, Chaplain.
 - S. E. Carroll, Master of Ceremonies.
 - F. G. Seward, Senior Steward.
 - H. G. Patterson, Junior Steward.
 - Zim Todd, Tyler.

C. E. SMITH DIES SUDDENLY.

Mr. C. E. Smith of Port Arthur, who is well known throughout this parish died suddenly of heart disease in his room in the Jefferson Hotel in Port Arthur, at three o'clock Thursday morning.

Mr. Smith was 53 years of age and was a native of Kansas. He came to Port Arthur several years ago in the pioneer days of the city. He had faith in that section of Texas and invested heavily in real estate and at the time of his death he was probably the largest property holder in the city. Besides his property in Port Arthur he owned considerable property in Jefferson Davis parish and Calcasieu.

He is survived by a widow who is the daughter of Mr. J. S. DeWolf of Woodlawn and two nephews. Other relatives live in other states.

The funeral ceremonies will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock after which his body will be shipped to New London Ohio, for interment.

- CHAPTER NO. 50 R. A. M.**
- Officers of Welsh Chapter No. 50 R. A. M. Installed for the ensuing Masonic year:
- R. M. Gray, Eminent High Priest.
 - D. C. Bottonff, King.
 - A. T. Jones, Scribe.
 - Samuel Blackford, Capt. of the Host.
 - Jno. H. Cooper, Principal Sojourner.
 - L. H. Dautel, Royal Arch Captain.
 - E. H. Boling, Treasurer.
 - Jno. W. Armstrong, Secretary.
 - E. M. Stewart, Chaplain.
 - O. C. Yantis, Master of the 3rd Veil.
 - W. D. Jones, Master of the 2nd Veil.
 - C. B. Moore, Master of the 1st Veil.
 - Wm. Fear, Sentinel.

- COMMANDRY NO. 10 K. T.**
- Officers of Welsh Commandry No. 10 K. T. installed for the ensuing Masonic year:
- Chas. E. Carr, Eminent Commander.
 - D. C. Bottonff, Generalissimo.
 - W. E. Faught, Capt. General.
 - E. H. Boling, Sr. Warden.
 - R. S. Greer, Jr. Warden.
 - Jno. H. Cooper, Prelate.
 - Wm. B. Gabbert, Treasurer.
 - Jno. W. Armstrong, Recorder.
 - L. E. Robinson, Standard Bearer.
 - L. H. Dautel, Sword Bearer.
 - Samuel Blackford, Warder.
 - Jas. Johnston, Guard.
 - J. M. Booze, Guard.
 - J. T. Boling, Guard.
 - Oscar Fulton, Sentinel.

APPOINTMENT TO WEST POINT STATE AND FEDERAL GAME LAWS.

The 7th Congressional District of Louisiana is entitled to a cadetship at West Point, beginning March, 1914. In order to give all young men between the ages of 17 and 22, inclusive, who are interested in this appointment a chance to win it, it has been decided to hold a competitive examination in the City of Opelousas, on January 15, 1914, to be conducted by Superintendent C. J. Thompson.

The young man making the highest average will be recommended by me as principal; the one making the second highest average as first alternate; the one making the third highest average as second alternate, and the one making the fourth highest average as third alternate. Then if the man recommended as principal fails before the military authorities the first alternate will be considered, and if the first alternate fails the second alternate will be considered.

Those wishing to apply to take this examination should report to Superintendent C. J. Thompson at Opelousas, as soon as possible. Those seeking information as to rules and regulations of the Military Academy of West Point can secure the same by writing Mr. Thompson.

This is a great opportunity for a young man who is interested in the military service.

Sincerely,
L. LAZARO.

Oak Trees By Civic League.

The Forestry Committee of the Civic League wishes to announce that by securing a certain number of orders they will be able to furnish and plant good oak trees at 25 cents per tree. These trees will not be likely to grow if planted later than this month, so the committee would like to receive the orders as soon as possible.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Baptist Church Calls Pastor

The Baptist Church here met in conference Sunday last and extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. W. Mount of Vinton for the pastorate here. His call is for two Sundays in each month. The call was made known to Rev. Mr. Mount and has accepted. The services will be held on each second and fourth Sundays, morning and evening.

STATE AND FEDERAL GAME LAWS.

The following bulletin has been received from the Conservation Commission of Louisiana which may be of value to many of our readers:

Finding that there is considerable misunderstanding among hunters in regard to the open seasons, the kinds of game protected by the state and Federal laws, and the licences required by those hunting for profit and pleasure in Louisiana, the Conservation Commission has prepared the following statement covering the above points:

State law applies to all resident game birds and all non-game birds except migratory insectivorous species.

Federal law applies to all migratory game and insectivorous birds.

Resident game birds (under protection of state) and the open seasons thereon are as follows:

- Quail, Nov. 15-Mar. 1.
- Wild turkey (gobblers only) Nov. 15-Apr. 1.
- Dove, Sept. 1-Mar. 1.
- Wood duck, Sept. 1-Mar. 1.
- Summer mallard, Aug. 1-Mar. 1.
- Prairie chicken (protected until 1915)

All other resident birds, such as field lark, mockingbird, cardinal, etc., come under the non-game classification and are not to be killed at any time, with the exception of Cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, duck hawk and great-horned owl and crows, crow blackbirds and red-winged blackbirds when destructive to crops.

Migratory game birds (under protection of U. S. Government) and the open seasons on same are as follows:

- Ducks (migratory species) and geese Nov. 1-Feb. 1.
- Coots (poul d'eans), rails (marsh hens) and gallinules, Nov. 1-Feb. 1.
- Sniipe, golden and black-breasted plovers, greater and lesser yellow legs, Nov. 1-Feb. 1.
- Woodcock, Nov. 15-Jan. 1.

On all other migratory game birds, such as upland plover, or papabotte, curlews, kildeers, sandpipers, etc., there is a continuous closed season until 1918. All migratory birds feeding chiefly or entirely on insects, such as the circle, bobolink, or true ricebird, kingbird, or bee martin, cedarbird, swallow, robin,

HUNTING LICENSES.

A good many hunters are under the impression that a parish license costing fifty cents may be taken out by them in any parish into which they happen to go, but this is a mistake. No hunter can use more than one parish license, which must be taken out and used in the parish of his residence. If he hunts outside of the parish of his residence, he must have a state license costing \$3.00.

All non-residents of the state and all unmaturalized foreign born residents must pay \$15.00 for a license.

All market hunters and trappers must pay \$10.00 for a license, which may be used either for hunting or trapping or both. This license under a decision of the supreme court of Louisiana, is required of all market hunters and trappers whether hunting or trapping within or without their ward or on public or private property.

No non-resident nor unmaturalized foreign-born resident allowed to hunt or trap for profit.

All shipments of game and furs must be tagged. Tags can be had on application from commission free of charge. The open season on fur-bearing animals is Nov. 1 Feb. 1.

James Mahlon Hall.

Another one of our old and time-honored citizens passed away on Tuesday.

James Mahlon Hall was a native of Lafayette County, Missouri, but had resided in this state for the past 14 years, most of that time having been spent in Welsh.

He was born June 17, 1846, thus he had lived nearly up to the allotted time of man here. At the age of 17 years he entered the Confederate Army, and served through the remainder of the war.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, having united with that church on profession of faith about thirty years ago.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters, Mrs. N. J. Lyons, Mrs. W. F. Mills, Mrs. W. T. McAffry, Mrs. Philip Clemons; one son, Mr. A. B. Hall, and a sister, Mrs. Ana Graves.

Funeral services were held at the residence of W. T. McAffry Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. E. M. Stewart officiating, and interment in the Welsh Protestant Cemetery.

BEST VALUES ALWAYS AT MARTINS'

Our Pre-Inventory Sale FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS

We are just ready to take our Annual Inventory and there is a great deal of seasonable merchandise of absolutely dependable quality on our shelves we must vacate before we take our Inventory. The line includes odds and ends and broken lines of the very best selling goods together with our regular stock.

In order to reduce this Stock at once we are going to make SOME ASTONISHING REDUCTIONS

- Notice some of the Lines we are placing in this sale:
- Dress Goods** An assortment of desirable staple fabrics, figured and solid colorings. Some genuine bargains here.
 - LACES:** Choice Assortment all patterns of choice white and cream colors.
 - Suits, Hats and Shoes:** We are putting in this sale also our entire stock of Mens' and Boys' Suits, also some genuine bargains in Shoes & Hats
- This is without doubt your opportunity to get the season's best merchandise at a fractional cost. The stock can not last long at the prices offered and we urge you to come at once and make your selection.*

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