

CRESCENT CITY NEWS

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gunsaulus of Plymouth, Ohio, have been spending a few days at Grove Hall.

Mrs. Crotty who went home with Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Pratt, returned on Friday of last week. She remained in the Pratt home until after the funeral of Mr. Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brown of Kearney, Mo., who have been making their winter home here, in the Haskell house, left on Monday for Kearney. We all hope they will return next winter.

The friends and patrons of the Crescent City public school are cordially invited to attend the Manual Training and Domestic Science exhibits at the Auditorium from 10 to 12 a. m. next Tuesday, May 1st, 1917.

Miss Manry of Atlanta, who has been visiting several weeks in St. Petersburg, Fla., returned to Crescent City this week for another stay of a few days as the guest of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Pugh.

Dr. and Mrs. Spahr of Springfield, Ohio, who have been spending a large part of the winter season here, with rooms with Mrs. Mary Benham on Park street, left for their northern home on Tuesday, greatly to the regret of many warm friends.

Elbert Braddock left on Sunday for Indiana, where he expects to secure a good position. He was accompanied as far as Jacksonville by Don Tichenor, who will look for a place in that city. Elbert Braddock was the natural organizer and main stay of the ball club and a young man who will be missed here very much.

Mrs. L. Eaton, who has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Young, at Quitman, Ga., came here for a week and on Sunday last went to Palatka, from which place, in company with Mrs. R. F. Adams, she will go to Hot Springs for a prolonged stay, and where she hopes for much benefit from those famous waters.

Capt. and Mrs. D. C. Warren left on Monday for Baltimore, Md., where they will spend a few days with their son before going to their summer home in Point Comfort, Pripet, Maine. Capt. and Mrs. Warren who have been living at the Sprague House, have a large circle of friends in Crescent City who part with them reluctantly, but who are encouraged to know that they will return early in the fall.

Harry Chamberlin has decided to offer his services to the United States navy, preferably for the aeroplane department. Good boy. Harry doesn't propose to become a patriot by compulsion; he prefers to enlist as a volunteer, rather than wait for conscription, when the agent of Uncle Sam will call at Crescent City, place his hand gently on his shoulder and say: "Come son, your Uncle Sam has need of thee."

Rube Kirkland is spending most of his time in the Palatka-Hastings potato district these days buying and getting consignments of potatoes for his firm, the Crutchfield-Woolfolk Co. And he is getting lots of them. Mr. Kirkland advises that he will pay the market price for any potatoes here that he can get in car lots, and he advises all who have less than car lots to ship to any good, reliable house. He says the New York market up to the present has proven much the best.

A card from Mrs. Carey to friends here states that Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clay are in Baltimore, where Mr. Clay is under treatment at the Johns Hopkins hospital. The physicians determined that no operation was necessary and instead they have placed him under treatment, so far with beneficial results, and that his case is now indeed most hopeful. Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Carey are at the home of Mrs. Carrier, and are permitted to see Mr. Clay daily. Mrs. Carey's letter was most cheering to friends here because of its reasonable optimism.

Victor Carrier arrived home from Miami last Saturday night, having made the run up in his Buick roadster, a distance of 230 miles in three days. Mr. Carrier left Miami about 6 o'clock a. m., and reached Daytona before dark, had supper, and then came on home. It is about a four hour run from Daytona here. He has stated that he made an average of twenty-two and a half miles to a gallon of gasoline. That was some run. With him on the trip was his mother and brother, W. D. Carrier of Winter Garden, and all had been spending the week at Miami visiting relatives.

Oliver Chamberlin, cashier of the Crescent City Bank, was also one of the home-grown patriots who was willing to get into this German-American scrap and, if necessary, shed a little gore for his God, his home and his native land by making application for enlistment in the navy. But no, the United States navy wouldn't take this young man, and simply because, owing to the carelessness of youth he failed to preserve a few of his upper natural teeth and had to procure store teeth in their stead. The navy appears to be mighty particular. Here is a young man sound in wind and limb, with a heart that beats to the pulsing tread of the on-ward marching hosts, with youth and ward marching hosts, with youth and a lineage of unadulterated American ancestors stretching back to the revolution and its first rural lines, turned down simply because he failed some how to preserve a few teeth which nature and a celluloid teething ring respectively started and developed. Well, Mr. Chamberlin will find plenty to do at home in the way of proving for those who may be able to show a personality entirely void of artificiality, but who certainly have no more patriotism in his blood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Harper and family have asked The News to express their deep gratitude to the friends and neighbors who assisted in saving their home from last Sunday morning's fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Niles, and their daughter, Miss Niles, who have been living in apartments for some time at the Sprague House, departed last Thursday week for their home in Summerville, Mass. Miss Niles, it will be remembered is a violinist of rare artistic ability, and Crescent City hopes to see more of this charming young lady, as well as her parents.

Be sure and read Miss Elsie Padgett's interesting article on "The Camp Fire Girls" in this department. This organization holds sales every Saturday at the V. I. A. Club House, when ice cream and other refreshments are served. The members of this organization are planning a week or ten days' outing at Summer Haven this summer, and are going to earn the money by these sales to pay all expenses. So in patronizing them you will be doing them a kindly turn, besides having the joy of eating some of the finest cream on earth.

A letter received from Mrs. Elizabeth Crotty last week too late for mention told of the arrival home safely and on time of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Pratt; of their happiness on reaching home, and especially how happy Mr. Pratt was and interested in everything, and how every few moments he would say "My, but I'm glad we're home all right." He was bright and cheerful when he retired Saturday night; how he awoke about midnight with a little distress in his stomach and asked for a drink of water, raising on his elbow for a moment, then he lay back on the bed and quietly passed away. He wanted to thank the Crescent City friends for the flowers sent them. "Mrs. Pratt at first was stunned," said Mrs. Crotty, "but is now realizing the full force of it, and her condition is not encouraging."

LOCAL RED CROSS IS GETTING BUSY

Women of Organization Meet Tuesday at Club House to Sew.

The women of the Crescent City branch, American Red Cross met last Tuesday for the purpose of, sewing and preparing garments and other necessities of Red Cross hospitals and aid service. These Tuesday meetings are to be regular features of the organization. Ten women will meet every Tuesday at 9 a. m. Those who can are requested to remain all day, and each person is expected to bring her own lunch, and hot coffee or tea will be served by one or two of the members. There will be a jolly noon hour picnic lunch. Those who cannot remain for the entire day will be expected to give only as much time as they can spare.

The Crescent City branch now has 103 members and more are expected to join. The secretary will have buttons and pins for sale at 25 cents each.

The following is the list of officers elected and the committees appointed for the carrying on of the work of the organization:

- Chairman—B. F. Tillinghast. Vice-chairman—Mrs. Bessie Bills. Secretary—Miss Bessie A. Williams. Treasurer—Chas. S. Gowen. Executive Board—B. F. Tillinghast, Bessie A. Williams, ex-officio; Miss Florence Johnson, Miss Ruth Herlong, Mr. E. H. Williams. Membership Committee—J. Blaine Shiver, J. Fairfield Carpenter, C. Oliver Chamberlin, E. L. Mathis, Miss Ruth Herlong, Miss Abbie Jean Miller. Finance Committee—C. S. Gowen, W. F. Glynn, Frederick Bills, R. C. Middleton, T. C. Darby, A. B. Torrey. Publicity Committee—W. A. Russell, Rev. Alfred Taylor, Rev. A. P. Pugh, Rev. W. L. Atkinson, Mrs. M. P. LaBree. Hospital Garments—Mesdames T. J. Hes, L. A. Hurlbut, C. L. Chamberlin, J. P. Cowburn and Miss Amelia Kendall. Purchasing Committee—Mesdames C. H. Cash, J. F. Rhoads and C. E. Gove. Cutting Committee—Mesdames Cep D. Smith, Annie Gaudier, Marzell Moore and Misses C. H. Williams and Mary Hank. Committee on Stores and Supplies—Mesdames R. F. Tillinghast, A. P. Pugh, and Selvy. Inspection Committee—Misses Florence Johnson, Edith Evans and Mrs. Mary Williams. Packing and Shipping Committee—Mesdames Edith Miller, E. L. Hancock, A. C. Gowen. House Committee—Mesdames Rube Lounds, W. E. Wilson, E. E. Austin. Committee on First Aid Classes, Elementary Hygiene and Home Nursing—Mrs. B. F. Tichenor and C. E. Tomlin. Mesdames L. A. Hurlbut, T. J. Hes, Elizabeth Crotty, Misses Helen Norton, Anselma Barton and Annie Mathis. Committee on Entertainments—Mesdames J. Fairfield Carpenter, Cleo Gaudier, C. H. Preston, Kammer, Misses Helen Tillinghast and Elsie Mathis. Messrs. E. H. Williams, C. Oliver Chamberlin, John S. Wheatley and Henry Cash. Other committees will be appointed as the work develops and the branch gets into good running order.

An honorable defeat is better than a mean victory, and no one is really worse for being beaten unless he loses heart.—S. John Lubbock

DISASTROUS FIRES OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Arouse Town's People Before Sun-up on Sunday Morning.

Through Unfringed Efforts of Citizen Volunteers, Fires Were Confined to Buildings Marked by Destroyer.

It was perhaps a little before, or after, 4 o'clock last Sunday morning that some one discovered a blaze in the old black-smithing shop on Market street, opposite the home of E. T. Clark; the cry of alarm was raised and pistols fired, but before anyone could get to the place there was a fierce, raging, roaring, sky-leaping flame enveloping the entire building. Nothing could be done except to make effort to save adjoining buildings. The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Harper was closest to the fire—only some 40 feet. The contents of their home were grabbed by neighbors and citizens and removed to a place of safety, while others formed a bucket brigade and tried heroically to save the house. Their persistence in face of the withering, scorching blaze was rewarded. It was saved.

This building on the Crescent Lake front was an old one, dating back to early times; it was not specially valuable, but it contained box material and a great quantity of field picking boxes belonging to Her F. Babers, who had rented the building for storing purposes. It was the kind of material to make a fierce blaze. This building burned some half hour or more, when from down Central avenue came some one shrieking that another fire had been discovered in the upper or west end.

Then those who could be spared from the first fire ran to the second, only to find that the Babers' building next east of, and only some 18 feet removed from, the Preston store was also on fire and burning fiercely.

This fire was discovered by parties living near but only when it had gotten a good headway. The fire originated on the second floor, back, and the reflection came through the windows; then there was a burst of flame, showing that the fire had a good headway before discovery. The shouts of neighbors, the firing of guns and the cries of alarm soon brought a big crowd, people coming in disabillie, or with only sufficient clothing to show that they had skipped the finishing touches of their toilette. Bucket brigades were formed and began working on adjoining buildings.

Capt. Martin LaBree got busy with his motor and routed out the Prestons' and every one else with an interest. Messrs. Preston came immediately, started the pumping machinery in their store, and began playing water on the roof. Dozens of helpers were with them. When the fire was fiercest onlookers said to save the Preston store would be an impossibility, although it is of brick and its windows next to the fire were iron shuttered. But it was saved with but little damage to the stock on the east side which consisted largely of hardware, and this damaged only by water which came through the roof.

The burning building was a high one and built of heart pine timber. No fiercer blaze could be imagined than this Sunday morning fire in that building.

The oak trees between it and the home and store of Mrs. Alice Cowles blazed and for a time it was thought that they would go in their entirety. But they acted as buffers to the roaring elements. They and the water thrown upon its west side and roof by the heroic workers of the bucket brigade saved that building. It was six o'clock when the fire was over.

The latter building was the property of Her F. Babers. Some two or three months ago The News told of the unsuccessful attempt then to burn this building; how the insurance company agent because of this attempt canceled the insurance on the building and on the stock of Mr. P. Harris who was then a tenant.

Mr. Harris, about a month ago moved to the Horton store some two blocks east. The Babers' building was empty except that young Frank Reeves slept there. He was not in the building however the night of the fire. He had attended the picture show and from there had gone home to spend the night with a boy friend.

That both fires were of incendiary origin there is no doubt in the minds of any one.

People on the Crescent Lake front were awakened for the first time by the fierce burning of a fire. They saw this fire evidently had been aroused and was backing at the men who he responsible for the fire, and that had there been any blood hounds available this man could have been captured.

The contents of the first building to burn were insured for the sum of \$1,000. This insurance Mr. Babers placed with the Tucker Insurance Agency in Palatka on March 20th.

On the same date, the policy on the Babers building having been canceled by the local agent, he secured a policy for \$2,000 on that building through the Merrill agency, also of Palatka. Whether Mrs. Miller had any insurance on the old blacksmith shop or not, we could not learn, but it is not likely she had.

All through the day Sunday these fires were the subjects uppermost in the minds of the people; it was not a church going Sunday. A telephone message brought Sheriff Hagan from Palatka about 10 o'clock and he made an investigation. Whether he has found out anything, or has ground for suspecting anyone, that close-mouthed official did not say, except to remark that he had run down the negro clues

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given him and was satisfied that the men suspected had been clearly and completely exonerated.

The city council has offered a cash reward of \$150 to any one who will furnish the evidence to convict.

Since these fires there has been renewed interest in the subject of organized fire protection. Maybe the water works scheme will now stand a chance of going through.

The burned Babers building was an exceptionally good one. It was built as a partnership enterprise in 1893 by M. H. Read and Coe D. Smith. Its first occupant was Jesse M. Smith, who ran a bakery for some time.

Then W. C. Norton occupied it as a hotel. Later Mr. Read bought out the interest of Coe D. Smith and made it into an exceptionally attractive flat home. Since Mr. Read sold the place he has been used as a store with a residence on the second floor. John H. Babers occupied it in this dual capacity until sometime last year when he retired from business. Its last tenant was Mr. Harris, who moved out when he felt that he was in jeopardy by remaining. One attempt was sufficient for him.

The Camp Fire Girls.

The Camp Fire Girls were first organized in 1911, in the hope of doing for girls what the Boy Scouts had done for boys. That the Camp Fire groups have grown so wonderfully is adequate proof of the fact that they are built upon a sound psychological principle. That principle is the need of a girl, from twelve to eighteen, for a safety valve. She bubbles with energy and enthusiasm—the common romance—she loathes to believe, but hungrily she craves for it. She needs a safety valve, she needs a safe outlet for her energy and enthusiasm—she craves romance—she loathes to believe, but hungrily she craves for it. She needs a safety valve, she needs a safe outlet for her energy and enthusiasm—she craves romance—she loathes to believe, but hungrily she craves for it.

The Camp Fire Girls have pledged their loyal service to the President of the United States, in the present crisis. They pledge themselves to keep home fires lighted, to take care of little children, to be efficient as well as willing. The Tawakia Camp of Crescent City has the following members: Dorothy Burton, Clara Salls, Priscilla Salls, Marian Ewers, Christabel Durst, Mildred Mathis, Louise Mathis, Lottie May Moore, Nina Smoak, Lulla Braddock, Marguerite Grimsley. The Blue Birds have been organized as follows: Orieta Moore, Alice Pipe, Elizabeth Crotty, Thelma Lake, Lucille Elks, Allen Ganas, Myrtle Bell. ELSIE PADGETT, Guardian.

Spring.

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