

Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115

F. & A. M.
Meets in Stated Communication second Thursday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Special communications at call of W.M. Members Urged to be Present at all Meetings. Visiting Brethren Always Welcome.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mesdames Lowe and Frederick visited Arcadia, Saturday.

Grandpa Blazer made a short trip to Nocatee, Saturday.

Chas. E. Midgett spent a few hours in Arcadia, Monday.

Arcadia was brightened with a short visit this morning by Mrs. V. K. Bowman.

Pauly Rasch last week sold his fine pointer dog to Jno. B. Straughan for \$75.00.

Born, Monday, Dec. 31st, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Shuba Lockler, a son.

The war bread is most delicious. Try it. (adv.) 1tf.

Dr. C. T. Blanchet went down to Fort Myers, Tuesday afternoon, and returned next day.

Charles L. Young, eminent and wealthy manufacturer of New York, spent last night here and went to Fort Myers at noon.

The Woman's Civic Association meets in regular session on Friday, Jan. 4th, at 3:30 p. m., at the Public Library.—MRS. M. A. McADOW, Secretary.

Phone your orders to Smith for everything that's good to eat. He has it. Prompt delivery. (adv.)

Two Punta Gorda subscribers began the New Year by discontinuing their subscriptions to The Herald, which is evidence of a kind of public spirit that is all too prevalent here for the good of the town.

Prompt attention to orders that are phoned to us. Let us know your wants.—J. T. Griggs, Grocer. (adv.) tf.

"Watch night" was observed by a party of friends who sat up in the Presbyterian church and "rang out the old and rang in the new." It was observed also at several private homes.

Amongst those visiting Arcadia on various errands yesterday were: Mrs. D. J. Meadows and little daughter, Maxine; Miss Norma Pepper; Attorneys Chadman, Hancock and Mobley; Hon. Joshua Mizell and Will Demere.

If you don't know Smith, make his acquaintance. He's the man that conducts a bakery, grocery and meat market, all under one roof. (adv.) 1-tf.

No social festivities marked the opening of the New Year here. The post office, the banks and some of the stores were closed and many people devoted their efforts to trying to keep warm. Ye scribe was amongst the latter. The day dawned cloudy and dreary, like a blue Monday in Pittsburg, but the afternoon was bright and chilly.

Mrs. C. T. Blanchet spent several days last week visiting friends in Fort Myers.

C. M. Carrier returned Sunday night, from a short business trip to Wilmington, N. C.

Mrs. W. L. Koon is spending the week with relatives and friends at Fort Meade.

Have you tried Smiths war bread? If not, why not? (adv.)

Fred Quednau was called to Arcadia this morning on a brief business errand.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are recent arrivals who have come to spend the winter. They are from Newark, Ohio.

The annual meeting of the Tri-County Medical Society will be held in Arcadia next Tuesday, 8th inst. The general public is invited to attend the afternoon meeting.

Mrs. Maggie Curry and Miss Louise Conn arrived from Louisville, Ky., last week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bullitt, a sister of W. H. Frederick.

Miss Ethel Oliver, after enjoying the holidays here with her parents and sister, left, Tuesday evening, on her return to the Women's State College at Tallahassee.

Florida and Western meats, and everything to be found in a first class market, at Smith's. (adv.)

A few packages of those vegetable seeds which Senator Trammell sent The Herald to give to its subscribers, are still on hand. Any subscriber who wants a package will please call at the office, or write us a note.

Will Mayes, volunteer in training at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, came home Wednesday night of last week, and enjoyed a visit to his parents and other relatives here until Monday morning, when he left on his return to camp.

Mrs. F. L. Lighthall and son Robert, who arrived here recently from Bedford, Ohio, are occupying the Crouch residence in the eastern part of town, which was occupied by the late R. E. Doty. Mr. and Mrs. Lew L. Baldwin and grand-daughter, who arrived a fortnight since from Cleveland, Ohio, are also quartered in the same residence.

Painting and decorating—interior and exterior work. I have had years of experience and will give you honest service at right prices.—J. Harvey Miller. (adv.)

Capt. H. B. Price, U. S. A., who is connected with the office of Surgeon-General Gorgas in Washington, was here Monday, when he inspected our big hotel for the purpose of making a report on its suitability for a government hospital. He thought it could be utilized but did not say that it would be, for he has no authority to make any decision in such matters. He is a fine gentleman soldier, and evidently a gallant thought.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lane, a very agreeable couple whose home is at Apopka in Orange county, have taken rooms at the Bay View hotel and will spend the winter. Mrs. Lane's former home was in Macon, Ga., where she was engaged in social and civic work. Mr. Lane was here years ago; he came with the railroad, and is an old and good friend of ex-Gov. Gilchrist and of the late Col. Isaac H. Traub, Maj. Sherman Conant and other celebrities of the old days.

Work on the great bridge here is steadily progressing.

Jno. R. Hurton, lumber merchant, visited Nocatee on business, yesterday evening.

Ray Payne is expected to arrive here on Saturday and hurry the opening of Hotel Punta Gorda.

Many excellent people from Ohio are wintering here and their number is constantly increasing. Mr. and Mrs. Greeves of Cleveland, are daily expected to arrive.

Beautiful fresh strawberries grown across the bay at Charlotte Harbor were on sale here this week at Burnham's grocery at 45c. a quart.

Mrs. Clay Chadwick was delighted yesterday, by the arrival from Louisville, Ky., of her mother, Mrs. E. B. Yeager, and her sister, Miss Marian Yeager, who have come to spend the remainder of the winter.

The audience in the Plaza Theatre, Saturday night, was treated to a "piece" that was not on the advertised program. During an interval between reels, Prof. E. McCulley stood up in front of the screen and made a really good, though brief speech, at the conclusion of which he called out Town Marshal J. H. Lipseomb and, on behalf of that officer's many friends, presented him with a large, beautiful and costly gold badge, a glittering star, that was appropriately inscribed. The marshal was so surprised and pleased that he could not perpetrate any oratory, as Prof. McCulley did, but, all the same, he expressed his thanks in a manner which all knew to be sincere. The badge was given him in recognition of his long and faithful service in behalf of law and order for the town. The presentation called forth a great round of applause.

Young Bunnell Died

On the fifth page of this paper, which page was printed yesterday, it is stated that Mrs. Bunnell, accompanied by her son-in-law, Saml. McCullough, had gone to Camp Wheeler to attend Mrs. Bunnell's son Lewis, who was ill there with pneumonia. Yesterday, Mrs. McCullough received from her mother a telegram conveying the sad news that Lewis had died that morning. He is to be buried at Williston today. His sisters, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. G. F. Whittington and Miss Lucile Bunnell, left yesterday evening for Williston to attend the funeral.

Young Bunnell was less than 18 years old. He was a fine, manly fellow, industrious and brave, and his death is deeply deplored by all who knew him. His mother and sisters, who live here, have the heartfelt sympathy of this whole community.

Pretty Cold Here

It was pretty cold here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Monday morning was the coldest, the temperature then falling to 31 in town and to 28 two miles out of town. Tuesday morning, the temperature ranged from 33 to 36, according to distance from the water front. There was a good deal of ice on Monday morning.

The change in the weather began about 8 o'clock, Saturday night, when a good shower of rain, lasting a little over an hour, fell. Next morning, it began to turn cold and kept getting colder until Monday morning.

Orange and grapefruit trees and the fruit on them escaped injury. The continued cold of the preceding month had forced the sap down in the trees and they were in a condition to endure safely a much lower temperature than that of Monday morning.

Vegetables likewise had been prepared for the cold and but little harm was done them. Only the tenderest plants growing in exposed situations were injured. Many truckers protected their crops by covering them by various means.

North of here, the cold was very severe and did great damage to the crops. Citrus trees, however, being dormant, suffered no injury.

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During the past two months, we have had more cold weather than ever before in the same season. The proverbial oldest inhabitant cannot recall having experienced before so many chilly and uncomfortable days in November and December.

Red Cross Campaign Successful

The recent Christmas campaign for new members for the Red Cross resulted in the addition of 79 new members to the Punta Gorda Chapter. Also, 57 members renewed their membership. Of the new members, 13 came from the Fort Ogden Auxiliary. Moore Haven and Citrus Center have not sent in their reports yet.

Cash donations amounting to \$27.00 were received.

The committees who canvassed Punta Gorda also solicited monthly subscriptions to the Red Cross, and secured pledges amounting to

\$23.20. This should be largely increased, and all members and friends of the order are urged to make a subscription, whether large or small, for the purchase of material for surgical dressings, hospital garments, and wool for knitting.—MEMBER.

Camphor berries are now selling for \$9 per bushel.

The United States received over \$15,000 in war taxes on concerts and operas in New York during November.

Club Meeting

The M. L. S. C. met at the home of Mrs. S. J. Hewitt, Dec. 27th. All present enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. Readings were given by some of the ladies, which were very much enjoyed, as all were so true to life and very interesting.

The responses were all very good indeed, and the miscellaneous readings of different natures were instructive and interesting. Then refreshments were served, and the afternoon passed so pleasantly, it was almost dark, and all felt there were folks at home awaiting them.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. L. Koon; Jan. 10th. Short story responses.—MRS. S. J. HEWITT, Sec.

Lame back may come from over-work, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Cochran Drug Co. (adv.)

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