

PERSONAL MENTION OF PLEASANT PEOPLE IN COUNTY

CRESCENT CITY NEWS.

A "Silver Tea" and sale will be given by the Woman's Guild of the Episcopal Church on Wednesday afternoon, January 19th at the home of Miss Bessie Williams. There will be an interesting program, a candy table fancy table, cooked food table and a White Elephant table. Refreshments will be served without charge. All are invited to attend.

The Winter Bible Institute will open Wednesday night, January 12, at 7:30 o'clock. The address of the opening meeting will be given by the Rev. W. Irving Carroll, D. D., until very recently pastor of the great Compton Avenue Presbyterian church of St. Louis. For the rest of the week Dr. Carroll and Rev. R. T. Chafer will speak daily.

Instead of the announced program concerning the time of Rev. R. T. Chafer and Rev. L. S. Chafer, these two teachers will alternate approximately every two weeks. Both of the Messrs. Chafer will conduct institutes at other places during the period of the Crescent City institute. Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Chafer are expected to arrive about the 14th from the West.

Mrs. Kate Wier Wynne, of Greenville, S. C., arrived Wednesday to spend the winter season. Mrs. Wynne has rooms with Miss Lucie Gautier. The Stryker home and the rest of Crescent City as all has been made happy by the arrival of Mrs. M. W. Stryker. The earlier these good people come and the longer they stay the better.

Mrs. E. C. Clapp of Stillwater, Minn., has returned to Crescent City for the winter and will have rooms with Mrs. Herlong. Mrs. Clapp has spent the past two winters in Southern California but with her as with others who have tried the Pacific coast Florida is the charmed spot.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Aderholdt (Miss Mildred Mathis), who have been spending the holiday season with "the old folks at home" and numerous friends, have returned to Jacksonville.

Rev. Dr. M. W. Stryker occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church

Sunday morning, preaching a very impressive and scholarly sermon.

Miss Cardelle Williams has returned to the Women's College at Newark, Delaware, to complete her fourth and last year at that institution.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick have written friends that they expect to arrive tomorrow, Saturday. They will stop at Grove Hall and remain for some weeks. Mr. McCormick is owner of the Empire packing house and owner of the largest producing citrus fruit groves in this part of Florida. He is also the head of one of the oldest, largest and best known commission houses in New York, that of McCormick, Hubbs & Co.

Miss Elsie Padgett, one of the popular teachers in the Lakeland high school, has returned to that city after spending the holidays with her parents and many friends in Crescent City.

Capron Payson, a student at Dartmouth College, at Hanover, N. H., has been spending the past two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Payson, winter residents.

Hon. William Ryan of Port Chester, N. Y., writes friends here that he expects to make his annual visit, coming early this month and remaining for the orange blossoms. For many years Mr. Ryan was a grove owner here. If there are any new comers in town whom Mr. Ryan does not know he will form their acquaintance the first week he is here.

Hon. Wm. A. Russell has been in Tallahassee during the week taking part in the inauguration of Governor Hardee. Senator Russell has invited the new executive to visit Crescent City. Governor Hardee appreciates the almost unanimous vote he received from the electors in this voting precinct. And the people here will be glad to give him a genuine welcome.

Mrs. J. H. Harp is visiting relatives and friends at Live Oak, Florida.

The Mathis Mercantile Company reports the best holiday trade it has ever known. All the merchants are wearing the smile that won't come off unless the prosperity wave takes another direction. And the fruit market has not been the best ever known.

George Oglesby of Orlando, has been visiting his father-in-law, L.

Eaton. Mr. Eaton has returned to Crescent City after a year away and is now looking for the building boom which is not far in the distance.

Curtis Cullum of Batesburg, S. C., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Emily M. Cheatham.

Robert L. Smith is violating the union labor 8-hour day law. He puts in his time from Monday morning to Saturday night on the other side of Lake Crescent. He is preparing the ground for a forty acre field of potatoes.

An addition has been made to Principal Wheatley's staff in the person of George H. Herrick, one of the most regular of our winter residents. At the request of the school board Mr. Herrick has placed in position a Seth Thomas 12-inch dial clock. School time hereafter will be the correct and standard time. Mr. H. is designated as the official timekeeper.

Mrs. Jay Hobbs, teacher of the seventh and eighth grades, has the sympathy of all who know her. During the holidays she lost by death her 4-year old grandson in Philadelphia. The little fellow was called very suddenly, being sick only 24 hours.

The public schools reopened last Monday with all the teachers at their desks. Ten new pupils were enrolled making the attendance the largest in the history of Crescent City, 219, with a further increase in prospect. Some of the rooms are crowded with no space for more desks. It is a question of only a short time when more room will have to be provided.

The municipal lighting plant is in that flourishing condition that it is paying its way. There are now more than two hundred consumers of electric light with addition applications coming.

The Village Improvement Association is engaged in another most commendable cause. It is helping the people of Georgetown to start a public library. All having readable books who wish to put them where they will be appreciated are requested to leave them at the store of the Mathis Mercantile Co. The people of Georgetown are our nearest neighbors on the west. They patronize our schools and ought to be helped to start a good library.

A petition has been largely signed to extend school district No. 8, known as the Crescent City district, so as to include Fruitland and Georgetown, all the territory between Crescent Lake and the St. Johns river. This by the request of the county board of public instruction. The people of Georgetown now have the opportunity to put their names on the petition. This does not mean an increase in taxation. The children of the proposed territory are now attending our schools and their parents are naturally interested in doing their part as it will cost them no more, and will enable the trustees to make the schools more efficient.

The community meeting held at the motion picture hall last Sunday evening was very successful from all angles. All church services were given up and the pulpits, the pews, and the packing houses all united to help Herbert Hoover's child-feeding campaign in central and southeastern Europe. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Crescent City branch of the American Red Cross which is actively and cordially co-operating with Mr. Hoover as director. So are the American Relief Administration, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the American Friends, the Churches of Christ in America, the Jewish Committee, and the Knights of Columbus. The music was furnished by Mrs. Chafer, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Fick with the large audience joining. Acting Mayor E. H. Williams presided; B. F. Tillinghast explained the part the Red Cross is taking in the war-swept countries of Europe; Rev. Dr. M. W. Stryker de-

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J. B. Anderson of Geneva, N. Y., arrived on New Years Day.

Friends of Mrs. L. M. Tingley are glad to see her out again after her serious illness.

Mrs. Bean and Mr. and Mrs. John Currier are spending a few days in

livered the principal address, a most forceful appeal listened to with the closest attention; Rev. W. F. Hullett of the Methodist church spoke most effectively; and Rector C. H. Jordan offered prayer. The amount realized, including \$250.00 from the local Red Cross, was \$636.00 and checks are coming in daily to swell the fund.

The young people from the different institutions of learning who have been enjoying the holiday season at home, have all returned to work. Miss Margaret Grimsley and Miss Dorothy Burton to the Woman's College at Tallahassee; Robert Atkisson, Borden DeWolf, Roy Padgett, and Hayward Braddock to the State University of Florida; Kenneth C. Warner to Rollins College.

Florida is the state of local showers rather than of widespread rains. The record for Jacksonville will not give one a correct idea of the precipitation at Orlando, Tampa, or Miami. And so there may be almost as many statements of rainfall as there are counties and all of them may be essentially correct. As for this part of Florida 1920 was a rainy season. The quantity of water that came down was more than normal by several inches. The heaviest fall during any one month was in July, nearly twelve inches. The month next to it was September, eight and a quarter inches. The dry months were March and October, not an inch of water falling either month. The most damaging cold came on the morning of the second of March when the drop went to 28, catching the orange blossoms and new growth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Reinhardt returned to Crescent City on Monday after spending the holidays at Lincoln, N. C., where Mr. Reinhardt has large business interests. It is hoped by all who know them that they will occupy their winter home here for the rest of the season.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church Rev. W. L. Atkisson is putting on for the Sunday evening services an interesting series of Illustrated Sermon Lectures called "Five Crises in the Life of Jesus" and the "Greatest Question in the World." The slides are splendid reproductions of the world's master artists and every slide is beautifully hand colored. These lectures will begin next Sunday evening, the 9th inst., and will continue for six successive Sunday evenings. The titles and their dates are as follows: (1) "In the Wilderness With His Life Problem," 40 slides; (2) "In Conflict with Religious Customs," 36 slides, Jan. 16; (3) "On the Hillside with the Common People," 41 slides, Jan. 23; (4) "In Wanderings with the Twelve," 40 slides, Jan. 30; (5) "In Gethsemane Alone with God," 50 slides, Feb. 6; (6) "The Greatest Question in the World," 50 slides, Feb. 13. While the Sunday school lessons are in the Gospel of Matthew these lectures ought to be quite helpful as well as interesting.

The citrus fruit question is the most interesting one of all to the people in this part of Putnam county. The situation at the present time may be summed up in this way: From about Dec. 15 to the 3d of January the packing houses closed. The prices were at the lowest of the season about the middle of December and the markets were stocked; there was no demand. The first of this week the situation had brightened some; the packing houses all resumed operations but not at the rush stage. Some of the largest handlers of fruits have been asked for their opinions. Manager E. H. Williams of the Empire, looks for better conditions. J. B. Shiver, representing Chase & Co., estimates the total crop of all varieties of fruit in this section, that is fruit packed here, at 200,000 boxes, of which he thinks that 60 per cent had been shipped up to the 1st of the month. R. C. Middleton of the Standard Growers' Exchange, agrees with Mr. Shiver on the 200,000 box crop, but says that not over 50 per cent of it had been taken off the trees up to the 1st of the year. R. M. Kirkland, manager of the Crutchfield & Woolfolk house, estimates the total crop at 179,000 boxes, 133,300 boxes of oranges, 40,600 of tangerines, and 6,000 of grapefruit. It is his opinion that there will be shipped after the 1st of this month 55,000 boxes of oranges, 1,000 of grapefruit, and 4,500 of tangerines. After this week and next there will be a slowing down of shipments until the late fruit is in a condition to move.

St. Augustine. Mrs. J. S. Rowley has gone to Savannah to visit her daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Beach.

Mrs. L. E. Hooker, at Ferncourt, who was taken suddenly ill on Sunday is reported better but still combined to the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Warren of Fort Meads are guests of Mrs. Warren's mother, Mrs. Matilda Solana.

The V I A has announced this first week of the New Year a "Clean-Up-Week." Has the street in front of YOUR place been put in order? If not, why not?

Evening service and sermon at the Episcopal church every Sunday afternoon (unless stormy) at half past three, Rev. J. H. Weber-Thompson of St. Marks church, Palatka is rector in charge.

Miss Annie S. Briggs of Fairport, N. Y. is a recent arrival and has secured a room at J. W. Bushings.

Arrivals which should have been reported last week are Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McReynolds, Jr. of Hopkinsville, Ky. who will spend the remainder of the season with Mr. McReynolds brother, H. J. McReynolds.

Miss Emily Nerwich of Palatka was a guest of Miss Jessie Bailey the first of the week. Thursday and Friday Miss Bailey will spend in Palatka with Miss Ophelia Currie.

Mrs. and Miss Rhodes returned on Saturday from their holiday visit to West Palm Beach. Mrs. Rhodes was quite ill while away and until she is quite recovered Miss Margaret Fisher will substitute for her as teacher in the public school.

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Saturday night a negro by the name of Wood was run over on Railroad street by a Ford car driven by Curtis Wilkinson. Wood, stepped out of a car, saw the Ford approaching and tried to jump out of the way. Wilkinson turned to avoid him but the car passed over him inflicting an ugly scalp wound and other injuries. Wilkinson hurried him to a doctor in Palatka, and two days later he was seen on the street apparently little the worse for his mishap.

S. Wilkes Dendy, Field Secretary for the Christian Endeavor Societies of the South will speak at the Presbyterian church Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. It is hoped that all the young people and their friends will be there.

The first of the series of Community entertainments will be given at the church on Friday evening Jan. 21st. Mr. Louis Smith of Palatka will tell of his trip to France after the war and there will be community singing of patriotic songs led by Mr. Harry Knight.

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