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*The Newsletter of The Boynton Beach Historical Society*

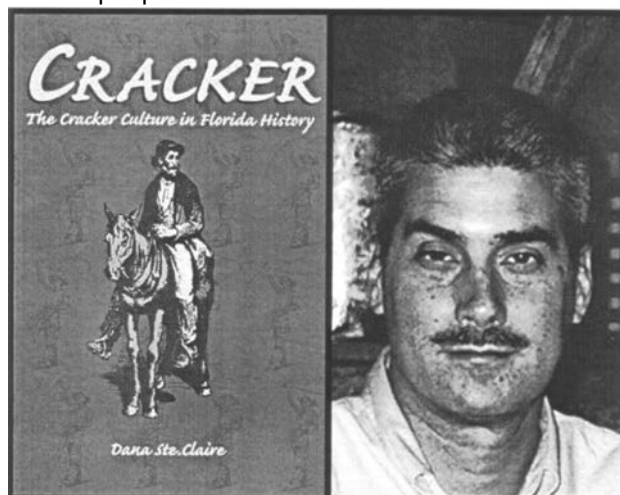
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## **CRACKER CULTURE TOPIC FOR JANUARY MEETING**

**Dana Ste. Claire**, one of the Road Scholars for the Florida Humanities Council, will be the speaker for the January meeting of the Historical Society. Mr. Ste. Claire designs and develops museums, historic attractions, themed retail stores and interpretative programs across the country for Historic Tours of America, Inc. Both his B.A. and his M.A. are from the University of South Florida. He directed the 10-year restoration and development of Old St. Augustine Village Museum, a city block of historic houses. In 1998 the University Press of Florida published his book ***Cracker: The Cracker Culture in Florida History*** which has been acclaimed by other Florida writers for presenting vivid images of Florida's frontier people.



**What:** Speaker Dana Ste. Claire  
**Topic:** Florida Cracker Culture  
**Where:** Boynton Beach City Library  
**Date:** Monday, January 23, 2006  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**All programs of The Boynton Beach Historical Society are open and free to the General Public.**

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**DON'T FORGET.** Dues for 2006 are now due. Please complete the form on the back page, mail it to P.O. Box 12, Boynton Beach Florida, 33425-0012 with your check for the appropriate amount. We need your help and support!

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### **OLD BOYNTON BUGLE CONTINUES—**

Many of you have responded favorably to seeing copies of the old Boynton High School newspaper *The Boynton Bugle* [we ran copies of the four pages from October 13, 1939 issue in *The Historian* in September and October, 2005]; so we are running the first two pages of another issue on the center insert. Pages 3 and 4 will be printed in February. Note in the upper right hand corner that the copy was mailed to Helen Adams and Phylis Lamb then at F.S.C.W.— Florida State College for Women [now Florida State University for you newcomers].

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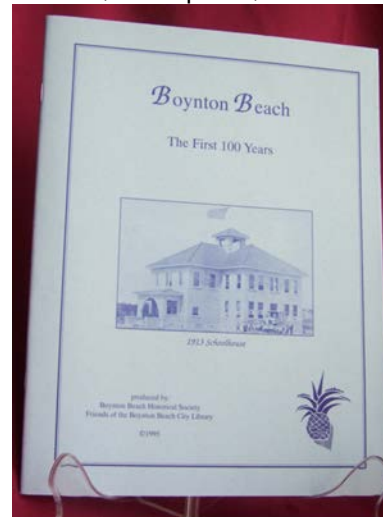
## COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Items celebrating Boynton Beach's Centennial in 1995 are still available at a nominal cost.

1. The 8" inch plate shown below is white china with blue images representing major events in Boynton's early history. The outer rim is gold. Available at Historical Society meetings or by contacting Voncile at The Boynton Beach Historical Society, P.O. Box 12, Boynton Beach 33425-0012 or call 561-734-5653. \$10.00. Add \$3.00 S&H if mailed.

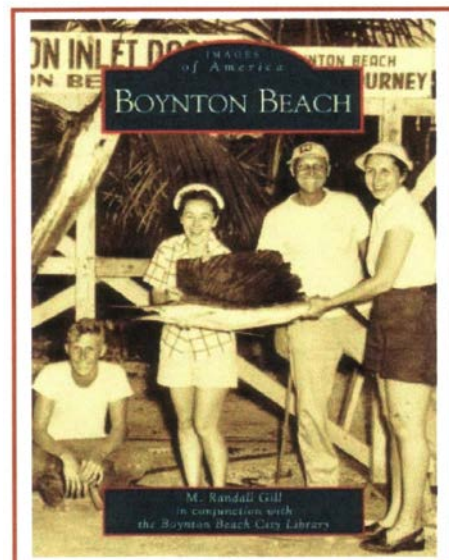


2. The blue paperback 100 year history is also available for \$10.00 plus \$1.50 S&H if mailed.



3. **CLOSE OUT**— We have a few copies remaining of the 100 year pictorial history of Palm Beach County by *The Palm Beach Post*. Copies were originally \$30.00, but anyone wishing a copy may receive one for a \$5.00 donation to the Boynton Beach Historical Society. Copies available at meetings or from Harvey Oyer or Voncile Smith.

4. And don't forget the wonderful new book of photographs, *Images of America: Boynton Beach*, available at bookstores or from the Schoolhouse Children's Museum. All proceeds go to the Museum. Authors are **Randy Gill** and **Janet DeVries**, both members of the Historical Society.





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Your Hammer  
Take Up  
Your Bugle

# BOYNTON BUGLE

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BOYNTON, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1939

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Methodist Church Emphasizes Youth Month In Activity

### Membership Drive Is Conducted; Entertainment Is Given

Throughout the month of October the Youth Crusade has been emphasized in the Boynton Methodist Church. A drive was made to increase the membership of the league and of the Sunday school. To aid in this a contest was held in which one point was given for attending each church service and ten points for each new member. The boys won with a score of 190 to 188 for the girls.

On Tuesday, October 10, the entire league union was entertained by the Boynton Epworth League. The program was opened by Lenore Benson, president of the Boynton senior league. It was then turned over to Mary Julia Thompson, chairman of the worship committee, who led in the worship service and gave a very interesting talk on "The Youth Crusade." Another interesting talk on "The History of the Youth Crusade" was given by Rev. Ware. Following the worship program, a short business meeting was held and the group adjourned to the church annex where get-together songs were sung and a Professor Quiz Program was held.

Friday, October 20, a barnyard party was given in the annex of (Continued on Page Four)

### BOYNTON MARKET OPENING TO BE A GALA EVENT

On Nov. 15, the Boynton Marketing platform will open with a big "barbecue" and other refreshments served by the Women's Club. An orchestra will be heard after the speeches are given that night.

Another interesting fact is that the county and state road departments are going to put pavement all around the platform which will increase its value tremendously. The pavement is to be loose rock with an asphalt binder.

We wish to urge all those who like to eat to be sure to come to the good old fashioned barbecue.

### SENIOR CLASSES

The Seniors gave a "have-a-good-time" Halloween party on Friday 28 at the Woman's Club. A large number attended.

The Senior Class wishes to take this opportunity to wish Dick Pierce a speedy recovery.

We also welcome a new member, Irene Forman, into the rank of dignity.

## Boynton High School Faculty



Members of the High School faculty in the picture include Mrs. Roxane McCall, commercial; Miss Polly Ann White, latin; Tom Swilley, coach and science; Miss Louise Bowers, music; L. B. Crane, principal; Miss Constance Windham, home economics; J. A. Stockard, manual arts; Mrs. Laura Watson, english, and Miss Mildred Stevens, mathematics and librarian.

### HALLOWEEN PARTIES OF SENIOR CLASS AND P.T.A. ENJOYED BY BIG CROWD

Friday night, October 27, the senior class gave a masquerade party at the woman's club. Every body was in costume and good Halloween spirit prevailed. They had a ghost walk, part of which was in the moonlight, fortune telling, witch's tale, and several good games. The following won prizes for their costumes: Harriet Leverenz and David Phillips, for best costume; Mr. and Mrs. Crane, for most original; Scott French and Patsy Maddox, for the funniest; and Miss Stevens for the best teacher. The seniors served more refreshments than had ever been served at any party. After that empty feeling had passed, most of the people went upstairs and enjoyed a good dance.

Tuesday night, October 30, the Boynton P. T. A. sponsored a big Halloween festival on the main street of Boynton. The first event was the costume parade. The Boy Scouts furnished a color guard and supervised the parade. There was an old fashioned apple bobbing contest, which was won by Jack Culpepper. The husband calling contest was won by Mrs. Lungesford.

Several attractive booths, decorated with crepe paper and colored lights, did a "land office" business. The booths were: a shooting gallery, baseball throwing gallery, two refreshment booths, and the fattest boy in 7 counties.

The events were brought to a close with the burning of old man gloom and his wife.

### BOYNTON P.T.A. ENJOYS MAJOR BOWES AMATEUR HOUR PROGRAM OF B.S.A.

The Boynton P. T. A. was recently entertained by a Major Bowes program given by the Boy Scouts. Major Bowes was played by the scout master, Mr. Chester White, who saluted Boynton as his honor city.

The Scouts in presenting their numbers displayed unusual ability. Their numbers were not only interesting, but they were also very original. Dick White acted as the radio announcer. The following numbers were given on the program: impersonation of barnyard animals, Buddy Partin; piano solo, Edgar Fountain; vocal trio (a trio such as has never been heard before), Scott French, Marvin Benson and Bob White; clarinet solo, Charles Weaver; "pan" band, Bobby Brant, Keith MacRae, Walter Lewerenz and Bates Fountain; piano solo, Alton Murray; impersonation of Lum and Abner, Buddy Partin and Pat Woolbright; trumpet solo, Henry Lunsford; vocal trio, Marcus Weaver, Bob White and Marvin Benson; tobacco auctioneer, David Mayberry; harmonica duet, Marcus Weaver and Marvin Austin; reading, Bobby James; cornet duet, Charles Senior and Burnie Thompson; comb solo, John Pent; reading, Marion Weems; impersonation of Betty Lou Millhouse, Bobby Brant; bugle calls, Scott French.

Preceding the Major Bowes program the school orchestra played several numbers.

Refreshments were served in the lunch room after the program was given.

## Junior Play Cast Chosen; J. Partin Given Lead Role

### "Lindy Lou" Reputedly Outstanding Comedy Mystery Story

The Juniors had a meeting Monday, Nov. 6 with Mr. Crane presiding.

The parts of their annual play were given out. Their play this year is to be "Lindy Lou." A comedy in three acts. It is not comedy alone. It has a smattering of mystery, a touch of drama, and is a delightful romance.

We promise you your money's worth of laughs and interesting situation, if Lindy Lou, Jacqueline Partin, doesn't capture the hearts of your audience.

If Patsy, Patricia and Prunella (Martha Pent, Geraldine Baskin and Bernice Traylor) aren't the snappiest sweet P's you ever saw in any garden.

If handsome Dick (Dick Pierce) doesn't make every girl's blood pressure rise above normal.

If your audience doesn't chuckle at the awkward love making of Big Boy Roberts (Herbert Schultz).

If Ethelburt (Wilbur Hackle) could only cook.

If Mr. Blackstone (Karl Brant) turns to be what we think he is.

If T. Timothy Tweedsome (Marvin Benson) isn't the funniest character part since Shakespeare's "Falstaff."

If Dolores Del Monte (Lila Marie) (Continued on Page Four)

### BOYNTON WOMEN'S CLUB ANNOUNCES CLASSES

The Women's Club of Boynton wishes to announce the beginning of Parliamentary Law classes under the instruction of a very fine teacher, Mrs. Gies of Lake Worth, who has been instructing this and a public speaking course for some twenty-five years. Her text book is by Miss Emma Foe and stresses poise at just such functions.

Lessons are to be in the high school from 3:30 to 5 p.m. every Thursday starting Nov. . The cost is only 25c a lesson and a large number of students are desired. The complete course consists of 10 or 12 lessons.

### JUNIOR JOT-DOWNS

How busy the Juniors are! They have ordered their play books, chosen the characters, and before long "the curtain shall rise!"

Richard Pierce, a Junior, was painfully injured in an automobile accident. But Dick returned Monday.

The above is the reproduction of *The Boynton Bugle* mentioned on page 1 of this issue of *The Historian*.

**SOME TRAUMA OF INTEREST:** Did you know that in 1964 and 1965 there was serious discussion about changing the name of Boynton according to an article dated January 5, 1965 in *The Sun-Sentinel*. The writer noted that the city was split in three camps—the pro-Boyntons, the anti-Boyntons, and the I don't cares. Recent comers often did not like the name and attached no history to it. Fortunately nothing came of the discussion. Boynton is possibly the only city in Florida that bears the name of its founder. Unlike Lake Park, originally named Kelsey, and Delray Beach, originally named Linton, Boynton has continued to honor the man, Major Nathan Boynton, who arrived as the area first began growing.

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YOUR SMILE WILL BROADCAST THE NEWS THAT YOU HAVE HAD A GOOD TREAT

## WORTHMOR ICE CREAM

**NOTES OF HISTORIC INTEREST:** The following are taken from *Business Directory Guide and History of Dade County, Fla. For 1886-97*. (Courtesy Historical Society of Palm Beach County.) (Remember Palm Beach County did not exist until 1909 when it was divided from Dade County.) The section, "Important Events," was "compiled from the Columns of The Gazette" from July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1894 to Time the Paper was Burned Out."

July 7, 1894. St. Oseola, Savage and Spanigel, of the Lake, went ashore opposite Lantana and was a total loss.

July 14, 1894. A hermit discovered on the shores of Lake Osborne, near Lantana.

July 25, 1894. Congress appropriated \$15,000 for improvement of Indian River. Public School enrollment shows 229 against 163 last year.

Sept. 1, 1894. Land buyers begin to interest themselves in the southern portion of the county. Shelling of the streets completed.

Sept. 26, 1894. H.D. Pierce, of Hypoluxo, gives us the Indian definition of the name, which he obtained from a squaw when he first came to the county, viz Long Water. Hypoluxo is the Indian name for the Lake. The following new settlers have purchased land in the Hypoluxo district. Mr. Wootton, Georgia; J.W. and J.A. Smith, and John Carroll, Florida; John Brown, Scotland; Fourty and Thomas, Iowa; C. Upton, Louisiana.

Dec. 12, 1894. New York papers reach us in 40 hours; six months ago it took from four to six weeks.

Dec. 29, 1894. Gov. Hogg of Texas issues a requisition for Mr. Flagler, for violation of the anti-trust law by his agents in Texas; it all turns out to be cheap buncombe.

Jan. 5, 1895. Lettie Dickson, c. who tried to suicide twice, killed another colored woman Christmas night and escaped, but will be caught.

Jan. 12, 1895. Lettie Dickson, c. who murdered Josephine Johnson Christmas night was caught in men's attire just as she was boarding a schooner at Biscayne Bay for Key West. [Historian Editor's note: The "c" placed after a minority person's name signifies more of the discrimination practiced at the time.]

May 11, 1895. Turtling season and egg hunting parties in vogue. A large Michigan colony to settle on the canal five miles south of Hypoluxo.



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### THANKSGIVING

As Thanksgiving Day draws near again, we should pause to reconsider the things for which we have reason to be thankful.

We should give thanks that we live in a free America where we can attend school and live happy for on the other side of the ocean the youth are living in a war-torn world.

Walter Winchell has written, "Every dictator thinks he has his own personal star of destiny. How different from the average American, who knows he has 48 stars in his flag, shared by every other American. The dictators have charged that the American star is fading into eclipse. But the five points of the American star stands for those beautiful things—which no other nations in the world can boast of having anywhere. (1) The Constitution; (2) Religious freedom; (3) A free press and free speech; (4) public schools; and (5) equal opportunity.

"There would be no need for remarks such as these if American Democracy did not stand challenged in many of the world's great capitals. We have been called cowards because we all have urged peace; and we have been called weaklings because we abhor the thought of war. In spite of the slander and abuse, we will continue to try to keep men from losing their tempers—and their sons."

If an attitude like this became prevalent over all the nations, America might stay out of the war and live to celebrate many more Thanksgiving Days. We might live for our country instead of dying for it.

### COURTESY

The poet has said, "To be polite is to do and say the kindest things in the kindest way."

It's so much easier to laugh than to frown, to speak a cherry "good morning" than to pass silently. You enjoy it more when you laugh with someone rather than at him. It's much harder to be rude than it is to be courteous. One who is a friend is never friendless.

P. T. Barnum once said, "Politeness and civility are the best capital ever invested in business." It not only works in business but everywhere in our everyday life. Let us endeavor to "do and say the kindest things in the kindest way." Let us be gentlemen.

### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Last week was American Education Week. This week has been set aside to bring to the public's attention our fine system of schools, and the method with which they are operated. In spite of all foreign claims, the United States is more generous in providing tax-supported schools, universities, and other institutions than any other country in the world. Due to our system of education, our people have become more literate as a group than the people of any other country.

We have become so used to our schools that many people seldom think of how they are operated, and how great the responsibility of the teachers is. Besides educating, the teachers must teach the youth to be good citizens, to support democracy, and to be grateful for the many advantages of democracy. Democracy programs are being taught in the schools, and everyone must admit that this is one of the most important functions that our government serves.

We must all remember that the advantages of learning are great. Let us keep the light of education in this country burning.

### FOURTH GRADE NEWS

The fourth grade entertained the grammar school with the Halloween play "Benny's Halloween" and they also sang four Halloween songs.

#### ELSIE OVEDIA WEEKS

Mrs. Schwebel, the fourth grade room mother gave a Halloween party. They served delicious refreshments.

JOANE MCCALL

### FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE NEWS

In the fifth grade for language they made some language books. They made a picture of a castle on the front.

The whole room made some Halloween booklets and posters. Some of the boys and girls made Jack O Lanterns out of citrons. One of the boys bought a real pumpkin from home and made a Jack O Lantern. It looked very funny.

The sixth grade is making a border for the black board. It is a peace border and everyone has made a door. They are putting little boys and girls from different countries on the doors and when you open them, there is a peace picture inside.

The sixth grade is by itself until noon. The fifth grade is in the fourth grade room.

The sixth grade say they like it a lot better.

LOIS OYER

### GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday afternoon the grade school children enjoyed a Halloween parade in costume. The parade formed at the school, passed before the high school and then paraded down town.

Noise makers and funny faces were the main attractions. Before the parade the fourth grade pu-

pils of Mrs. Weaver's room presented a Halloween play in costume to the grade school. After the parade the first grade pupils entertained the second grade pupils with a party. Cakes and lemonade were served.

On October 18 many of the Second Graders experienced their first train ride. They rode to West Palm Beach, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Brown, and their Grade Mother, Mrs. Kelly. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Hathcock met them with a truck at the West Palm Beach station and brought them home.

The first grade read and dramatized The Three Bears and are now making a frieze of The Three Bears.

The third grade has formed a Good Citizens Club. Kay Toe Laer is president; Voncile Marshall, vice president; and Patsy Flippen, secretary.

Sue and Pat Murphy have moved to Westgates and are attending school there.

### ALUMNI NEWS

Mary Francis Hodges, class of '27, is now a trained nurse and lives in Tarpons Springs, Fla.

Molly Schwebel, class of '38, is attending the Junior College in West Palm Beach.

Richard Newlan, class of '36, is attending the University of Florida at Gainesville, Fla.

Alice Rousseau, class of '29, is a secretary in the court house in West Palm Beach.

Clarence Benson, class of '34, is driving our school bus this year.

Lou Anna (Ward) Shelton, class of '33, is teaching piano in Boynton.

Eunice Lawrence, class of '34, is working as a stenographer in West Palm Beach.

The ads in The Bugle make the existence of this paper possible.

### NEW STUDENTS

First grade, Melvin and Marvin Carver, Delray. Christine Tompkins, California. Edna Mae Miller, Kentucky.

Second Grade, Jaunita Baresheim, New York.

Third grade, Dwight Michaelson, Minnesota. Paul McDill, of Tennessee.

Fourth grade, David Haynes, of Ohio. Harvey Penley, New Jersey.

Fifth grade, Eleanor Foreman, Illinois.

Sixth grade, Jean Tompkins, of California. Arthur Witte, of New York. Dorothy Mann, Michigan.

Seventh grade, Frankie Lou Haynes, Ohio. George Stannard, of Ohio.

Eighth grade, Irene Maureen Lee, Jacksonville.

Ninth grade, Patsy Hitz, Wisconsin. Helen Mann, Michigan.

Twelfth grade, Irene Foreman, Quincy, Ill.

"Education is the one interest worthy the deep, controlling anxiety of the thoughtful man."

### DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT—

The junior class has started their play practice and the fun that usually goes with it. Oh boy! Marvin Benson and Jacky seem to have settled all their difficulties and are giving each other the sweetest glances. I hope you two have smooth sailing for awhile.

Puppy and Nell seem to have broken up but he still wonders if she was with Myron Ryder.

Geraldine, what's this we hear about you and Allie breaking up? A year is a long time to go together and then for it all to end so suddenly.

Scotty shares his glances between Lenore, Patsy and Lorraine. All blondes, or did you notice?

Bob White is on the loose again. Or is he still pining? That's nothing Virginia, don't we all?

Who is it that Clyde and George tease Irene about, continually in chemistry class? We don't know, but I surely would like to know.

Howard Jones is back home. And Lenore Benson is just too divinely happy. Or have you noticed that glowing radiance about her? We have!

Frances McBride is so happy that Dickie is out again. And gee whiz, that's all she thinks or talks about. Don't mind her, she's in love! Wish we all were, don't you?

Irene F. our new senior, found herself the cutest little boy on Halloween night down town. As a worker, Irene. By the way, he is from Georgia and his name is Gordon Davis. Sorry I haven't had the pleasure of meeting him.

We hear little Bert Peterson is a regular killer diller. Bert must have started early.

Marcus, was that Virginia Jones you were passing such sweet looks? Senior and sophomore, not so much difference. Hasn't she got the giggliest giggle? Cradle Robbing.

Wayne Austin and Georgianna Clarke are having the sweetest little romance. Isn't it just too cute?

Alma sure is quiet this year. Could it be that she lost Leonard Whitehead during the summer? That's all right Alma. True love never runs smooth.

Virginia got the cutest name by following Dinky Hogan around. "Puppy." Rather true don't you think?

Whose idea was it to start initiating the freshmen? Well, anyway it's O. K.

### BOYNTON 4-H CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The organization meeting of the 4-H Club and the election of officers was conducted recently by Mrs. Edith Y. Barrus, home demonstration agent, Palm Beach County, in the grade school building.

Lorraine Keatts was elected as president; Walta Jean Carlsdett, secretary; Mildred Traylor, vice president; Betty Wayne, treasurer and Martha Jane Thompson, as scribe. The dues were set at one cent a month. The meeting will be held the first Friday in every month by Mrs. Barrus in the school building.

The first business meeting was held Nov. 3, 1939. The girls had a class in darning.

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### NOTES OF HISTORIC INTEREST — continued

June 8, 1895. Hon. W. S. Union, of Michigan, establishes a colony on canal five miles below Hypodrome.

June 29, 1895. Tomato shipments from this place. By express, 3,308; by freight, 1,493; total 4,801.

July 13, 1895. Black Diamond Minstrel, home talent, gave a good entertainment.

July 27, 1895. Ex-tax collector J. F. Highsmith and Geo. Davis murdered at Lemon City (Miami) by Sam S. Lewis who escapes to the Bahamas.

August 3, 1895. Excitement on the Bay over the murders by Sam S. Lewis and his escape thence.

August 17, 1895. Sam S. Lewis, the murderer of Highsmith and Davis, returns to the Bay County and after killing one of the posse, Ret. McGregor, and being badly wounded was captured. Several parties implicated in harboring and aiding Lewis to escape. Brought to Juno and jailed. Some fears of lynching.

August 24, 1895. Sam S. Lewis taken out of jail at Juno, hung to a telegraph pole and his body riddled with bullets. The jailer, Mr. Keyser, mistaken in the dark for Geo. Perkins, the colored deputy sheriff, and killed by the lynchers.

Sept. 21, 1895. Harmonia Lodge, F. & A. M. pass resolutions of condolence over the killing by mistake of Gustave A. Kaiser, the jailer, at the Lewis lynching. Wives of Sam S. Lewis turn up in England and Texas.

Oct. 9, 1895. Citizens of Hypodrome, taking steps to secure a public school.

Nov. 9, 1895. C. C. Chillingworth and Miss Jennie Dietz, of Liverpool N.Y., were married Tuesday.

Nov. 16, 1895. Bridge across Lake Worth completed. During February a foot way was added, gave five cents. It is a little over 1,200 feet long. Both water main and cable, formerly on the bottom, have been hung on it, except at draw.

Jan. 4, 1896. Both electric light plants for the Flagler hotels, the largest in the country completed.

Feb. 8, 1896. Olive street (West Palm Beach) to be partially widened.



## TWO BOYNTON HOMES FROM THE 1930s---No Longer Standing



Home of Fred and Annie Shepard which was located near where City Hall now stands.  
[Photo courtesy Marie Shepard]



Home of E.L. and Mae Winchester located at 915 South Federal Hwy.  
He was a Spanish-American War Veteran.

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The purpose of the Society is to act as a living repository for the traditions and history of Boynton Beach, to interpret items of historical and antiquarian significance, and to promote a better understanding of history. We are proud to serve Boynton Beach, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Gulf Stream, Lantana, Hypoluxo, the Village of Golf, Briney Breezes, and all areas west of Boynton Beach to U.S. Hwy 441, and, on occasion, greater Palm Beach County.