

Pleasant Places of Florida

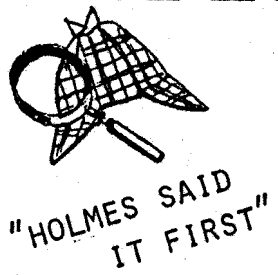
[Suggested in The Five Orange Pips]

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

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1. The 15th Annual Fall Gathering at the Carroll's home in St.Pete was, per usual, a great success. 22 PPofFers were present. Mike and Mary Carroll were gracious hosts - their table d'hôte magnifique! Appropriate Holmesian Toasts were proferred by several of the PPofFers. David McCallister then tested our mental mettle with bi-level quizzes on "The Gloria Scott" with honors going to Reggie Hudson, Phyllis Minton, Caroline Everett, and Tom Takach. For our Program, Judy Buddle recited her doggerel, "Canonical Canines", Mike Carroll spoke on "Cryptography", Ben Wood intoned his clever "Sherlock Holmes from A to Zed", and Dave McCallister regaled us with another episode in his continuing saga, "The Rest of the Story...." All in all, the 15th Annual Fall Gathering was a fine occasion.
2. On November 13th, Joan & Ben Wood will host the Northwestern University Alumni Club of Sarasota at River Wilderness C.C.. Ben will also give the program - "Sherlock Holmes is Everywhere".
3. "They're at the Post!" Plans for a PPofF "Silver Blaze" or "Wessex Cup" are now underway. The exact Date (Feb) will be announced. We hope to have "Wiggins"(Tom Stix), head of the B.S.I., and his lovely wife, Dorothy, ("The Woman")with us for that special occasion. We must have a minimum of 20 sign-ups. Details & Sign-Up Forms will be forthcoming. This ought to be fantastic!
4. The PP of F Round-Robin Pastiche is now back on the boards. We now have a sufficient number of participants.(Duane Damon, Dave McCallister, John Kalajian, Judy Buddle & Jeff Dow). They will soon be getting details and the routing schedule from the Recorder.
5. "Sing-A-Long with Sherlock", a batch of Holmesian ditties will soon go to press, according to co-authors Mike Carroll & Ben Wood. The release date is set for 6 January 1991 (12th Night & Sherlock's 137th birthday)
6. The 16th Annual Spring Gathering is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 20th, 1991.
7. To one & all - A Happy Thanksgiving! Now don't go stuffing yourself, Pilgrim, or your diet will go a-fowl. Sorry about this corny greeting, so don't squash me for just beating the drum(stick) for this holiday.



"HOLMES SAID
IT FIRST"
by
DAVID MCCALLISTER, PPofF

Sometime after the conclusion of the Von Bork affair, Holmes and I were summoned to Downing Street, doubtless for another mission. There had been a Zeppelin raid the night before our interview, and a bomb had exploded quite nearby. We suffered no major damage, but our ears were still ringing when we set out in the morning. Knowing Holmes had certain views on transportation, I pointed to the cab rank and shouted, "Shall we take a good old hansom, or one of these modern motor cars?"

Holmes turned to me, pointed to his mouth, and mimed: "Watson, read my lips—no new taxis." (Reprinted from: "PLUGS & DOTTLERS" SEPT, 1990)

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