FIREMEN'S SUNDAY SET IN CHURCHES

Pastors Will Make Appeal in Their Behalf on December 17

SAMPLE OF BUSY DAY

Just a Sample Night in Any Fire Station

A RECORD of a single night's box 1b alarms, showing how frequently firemen are aroused from sleep to prepare for service. In the list given below, which is copied from an official record of last Tuesday-Wednesday, several companies did not go out once, although obliged to prepare on each of the ten occasions:

Time	Box
6:40 p. m.	76
7:42	1743
9:23	823
10:40	722
11:29	2162
12:47	4145
3:22 a. m.	594
3:30	93
3:39	415
5:34	2171

"Firemen's Sunday" is the newest phase of the rapidly spreading campaign being waged to effect betterment in living conditions, hours and salaries for the members of the Bureau of Fire.

Many members of the clergy, pastors of Philadelphia churches, believing that the present scale of salaries and working hours maintained in the Fire Bureau is inconsistent with the spirit of the times, in so far as justice and humanity are concerned, have taken it upon themselves to bring the existing state of affairs, as a matter of public duty, before their congregations.

In this movement several ministers, members of the Methodist Preachers' Association, have taken a leading part.

In various churches of that and other denominations throughout the city, December 17 has been set apart as "Firemen's Sunday."

SERMON FOR FIREMEN

On that occasion the sermon and a proportion of the services will be given over to the cause of the firemen and their campaign to secure a wage scale that will place them upon a plane befitting their service, and allow them time enough for meals and family. At present attendance at church is almost impossible to the firemen. At least, he gets but every seventh Sunday off duty, and even this time allowance is curtailed if his company happens to be shorthanded.

At a meeting of the Methodist Preachers' Association held in the Wesley Building November 20 members of the firemen's campaign committee attended by invitation and outlined the conditions under which they and their comrades are laboring.

A committee, headed by the Rev. Dr. George H. Bickley and including the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Adamson and the Rev. Dr. John Watchorn, subsequently called upon Mayor Smith in the interest of public justice and asked that official to urge upon Councils the necessary legislation to give the firemen the relief asked for.

This committee performed its duty and was told by the Mayor that at the time immediate action in the direction indicated was not possible.

The interest of the clergymen in the firemen's cause has not abated. Through the instrumentality of more active spirits among the clergy a quiet campaign has been maintained, with the result that it was determined to test the efficacy of a general congregational effort.

To further this plan to unite their support, it has been decided by the several pastors concerned in the movement to hold the special services simultaneously.

Word was received today by the committee in charge of the campaign announcing the selection of December 17 as "Firemen's Sunday" and inviting members of the Bureau of Fire to attend any of the services thus far arranged. A special effort will be made on behalf of the committee to have representatives at some of these services.

PLEA FOR CLEANERS

One of the most deserving cases in the Bureau of Fire which will come before Councils in the matter of salary readjustment is that of the cleaners, or matrons, at the various fire stations.

These women have the care of bed linen, the bed-making and similar work in their charge. The laundering must be paid for by them, an item often amounting to $5 monthly. The cleaners' remuneration, if attached to an engine or truck station, is $15 a month. At a chemical engine station it is but $18.

If a man is killed in the service his widow may obtain a pension, but if he dies from natural causes the widow receives no assistance from the Pension Fund. A position as matron is all the bureau can offer to the widow of its bravest fellows, unless death overtakes them in action.

The firemen are hopeful that Councils may see a way clear to including in the provision for the men of the bureau a recompense that will make lighter the burdens of the matron.

Investigation of how firemen sleep goes to prove that they don't. During less than seven hours between 6:40 p. m. Tuesday and 3:34 a. m. Wednesday ten alarms rang in every fire station in Philadelphia.

The first call drew companies to Ridge avenue and Scott's lane, where they remained nearly three hours on duty, returning to their stations fatigued and ready for bed. Those who didn't respond to this alarm were called upon at 7:42 o'clock, when a box "tapped" at Beach and Poplar streets. Just as the first companies returning from the Falls of Schuylkill fire were replacing hose or exchanging their wetted garments Box No. 823, at Twenty-third and Christian streets, called them to their posts again.

Broad and Vine streets furnished the scene for the next alarm at 10:49 o'clock. Exactly forty minutes later, a storage house at York avenue and Willow street furnished an alarm. This was five calls before midnight, but "the worst was yet to come."

Wednesday was but forty-seven minutes old when a box at Richmond street and Girard avenue was struck. The firemen who had been in service early in the evening were not sleeping well, having been thrice aroused in less than two hours.

WORK OF JOKER

A bit later the "joker" started a continuous performance. Reserving its powers until 5:22 o'clock, the little bell at that moment proclaimed an alarm from Thirty-first street and Powelton avenue. Eight minutes later a box at Twenty-fourth street and Fairmount avenue sounded, followed in nine minutes by a call from Thirtieth and Arch streets. Three separate and distinct awakenings within seventeen minutes for scores of companies that didn't respond. It resembled a demonstration got up to show the smooth running of the fire system, but it was certainly irritating to the nervous system.

Hence it was little wonder that at 5:34 o'clock, when a final "joker" knell announced a fire at Sixty-third and Market streets, many hosemen refused to go back to bed, but sat up until roll-call "waiting for the next alarm to ring in."

One man, attached to a company responding to the Ridge avenue fire, did six hours work there, returned to his quarters, and between alarms served as night watch from midnight until 4 o'clock. He was interrupted but once, slept until 5, then resumed the day duties of the fire house school, to resume his duties in the evening.

A. L. HALLSTROM
President of the Jovian Electrical League.

JOVIAN LEAGUE ELECTRICITY'S AID

Active in Promotion of Service Offered by Wonderful Current

MANY AND VARIED USES

Jove, mythology relates, was the deity who, when he had anything to do in the course of his all-powerful reign, proceeded to "do it electrically." He it was who launched the thunderbolts, previously contracted for by him with the firm of Vulcan & Cyclops, of Mount Erebus, the leading electrical constructors of that day. It becomes appropriate, therefore, that during the current week, when the progress and development are being demonstrated throughout the country, that here in Philadelphia the Jovian League should participate in the observance.

A. L. Hallstrom, sales manager of the Western Electric Company, is president of the Jovian League. A. E. Berry, of the Bell Telephone Company, is its vice president and L. R. Browne its secretary and treasurer.

WHAT ELECTRICITY DOES

Mr. Hallstrom in outlining the history and career of the league in its application to Electrical Week today said:

"To the average man on the street whose lines of activity may lie in any one of the thousands of other industries there comes little or no opportunity probably of sensing the campaign which has been and is now being conducted in the education of the householder, housekeeper and the business man in the manifold uses of electricity as a servant, a convenience and a necessity in all walks of life. The electric light, telephone and the telegraph first paved the way for a large and broad use of the constantly increasing flood of current-consuming devices.

"One seldom stops to consider how often the magic fluid answers his command—the buzzer on the street car, the car itself and the answering flash of light at the touch of a spring or at the turning of a button, the droning of the little device in his home or office, that whips the dust from the carpet or rug, collects and settles it and enables one to deposit it where it belongs, in the trash barrel instead of scattering it through the atmosphere and over furniture, the whirling fan on his desk in summer that brings a breath of relief and shoos the pesky flies away from his (perhaps) bald head.

"The present week, December 2 to 9, will see the educational effort of the various electrical organizations throughout the country increased fourfold.

JOVIAN LEAGUE'S MISSION

"Nationally we have the Jovian Order and the Society of Electrical Development. Locally we have the Jovian Electrical League. This is not only a chapter of the Jovian Order, but is an independent organization of itself.

"The Jovian Electrical League is cooperating actively with the national bodies and the local orders of other cities in celebrating America's electrical week. The local league was organized in Philadelphia ten years ago for the purpose of joining together under one banner all branches of the industry. It numbers in its membership the manufacturer of electrical machinery of all kinds, the electric light and telephone, specialists and employes, the jobber and dealer in electrical supplies and the electrical contractor—not only the boss, but the workman. In short, any man affiliated in any way with the electrical industry in its broader sense is eligible to membership. The gathering together of these various classes of industries is unique in that buyer, seller and user are brought together. Quite different is this from so many organizations which operate in and for themselves.

"The object of the league is to further the development of the electrical industry in every form and the popularization of electric current in work and all walks of life, the measures for safety, the co-operation between every class in the industry for the betterment of methods of manufacture, installation and usage and the improvement of machinery and devices already in use."

The league meets for luncheon every Thursday at the Adelphia Hotel. Prominent men from all walks of life address the meetings.

ALL BUSINESS STOPPED FOR ARCHBOLD FUNERAL

Tarrytown Pays Tribute to Late Standard Oil Magnate—University Head Conducts Service

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The funeral of John D. Archbold, late head of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was held here today. Chancellor James H. Day, of Syracuse University, officiated.

All business in the city was suspended between 10:30 and 11 o'clock in tribute to him.

Christmas Bazaar for Church Fund

Holly and other Christmas greens adorn the basement of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, Fifty-seventh street and Baltimore avenue, where a bazaar opens tonight under the auspices of the Sunday school. The proceeds are to be given to the fund for the new building to be erected on the site of the present modest structure, work on which already has begun. There is an attractive array of articles suitable for Christmas gifts and for varied useful purposes. The fair will continue tomorrow.

NEWS NOTES OF PHILADELPHIA'S VARIOUS SECRET SOCIETIES

GREAT SACHEM'S LOCAL PROCLAMATION

Special Convention for Conferring Honors on Past Great Sachems—Tribes' Anniversaries

Great Sachem John M. Coombs has issued a proclamation in which he, says, in part: "On the sleep of the 16th Sun Hunting Moon, G. S. D. 426, Common Era, December 16th, 1916, at 8 o'clock p. m., in Scottish Rite Hall, Broad and Race streets, the greatest event in the history of Redmanship in this great reservation will occur. On that date every Past Great Sachem of Pennsylvania will be presented with a Past Great Sachem's jewel as a sign of manual or token of the esteem, respect and admiration in which he is held by his brethren. Throughout this great State every Past Great Sachem has his close personal and admiring friends who will rejoice at the thought of such extraordinary recognition being accorded. Inasmuch as this will be, we believe, an event never to be forgotten, and as it is desired that every member will try to be present.

"I therefore, as your executive chief, extend to each and every Red Man in Pennsylvania a cordial and sincere invitation to be present on this glorious occasion, and by your presence show thereby that you earnestly and sincerely appreciate the wonderful work, the time, the effort and the ability they have exercised in the upbuilding of our glorious brotherhood. And, my brethren, what more appropriate and fitting time than the present, just on the eve of the glorious Christmas season, when men's hearts are softened, subdued and mellow, could be selected for such an event? Our order has had a wonderful, glorious and victorious past; our present we believe is just on the eve of unprecedented success, and the bright and alluring prospects for the future must surely fill our hearts with joy and pride.

"To make a proper and appropriate setting for such an event, a beautiful program befitting the occasion has been prepared, and I assure you, my brethren, that you will be amply repaid; you will receive new inspiration, and a new baptism of faith in our order by being present. I personally want to meet you and greet you; I want to grasp your hand with that sincere spirit of fraternalism, that is so distinctively a part of our brotherhood; we want you with us. It is you, my brothers, who have made this order what it is, you have done the things in this fraternity that have been worth while, and your presence is necessary to make this occasion one of the brightest, grandest and memorable in our fraternity. And I am sure that you will receive an inspiration and be enthused with a new spirit to go forward to greater and more glorious deeds, in the cause of freedom, friendship and charity."

The Deputy Great Sachems' Association of Philadelphia and vicinity held its meeting at the Great Council, 124 North Eleventh street, one of the best-attended meetings enjoyed for a long time. The reports show the I. O. R. M. to be in a flourishing condition. Dep. D. P. Beswick, great senior sagamore, spoke of the district meetings which he has arranged for the rest of this term, stating he is depending on make those meetings a success. A great tribute was paid to the deputies by Great Prophet Samuel H. Walker, in which he claimed that this association was the backbone of Redmanship, deputies will attend a banquet the third Monday in this month prepared by the ways and means committee.

The degree team of the Dakota Association trailed to the wigwam of Passyunk Tribe, No. 139, on last Friday's sleep and conferred the chiefs' degree. The wigwam was crowded with members from all sections of the city and much praise was expressed for the able manner in which the work was done. P. S. Edward Wilson, of No. 31, and a former member of the Apache Degree Council, took the office of prophet and performed the work as it was never done before. Scores of other members who had seen the charge delivered many great suns ago declared that they were well repaid for their visit on this sleep. P. S. James McGinnis, of No. 8, took sachem of the tribe and received much applause. The enthusiasm of these members who trail with these degree teams has created wide respect for the good work of this association. Degree Master Camero deserves much praise for his untiring efforts to bring these teams up to a high state of efficiency.

The degree teams of the Dakota Association have secured their own wigwam for meetings and rehearsals at Pilgrim Hall, Passyunk avenue and Moore street. On Sunday next Brother Camero will be pleased to see every member of the team, and extends an invitation to all other members of this body who desire to be present.

Logan Tribe, No. 5, celebrated its thirty-first anniversary by holding a banquet at its wigwam, Broad and Cumbrian streets. Logan's council brand was kindled on July 30, 1885 and has been burning brightly ever since. Several short talks given by the brothers were appreciated by the large number of members present. More social features were advocated for the tribe, as they emphasize the respective sentiments of the I. O. R. M.—freedom, friendship and charity.

The marching club of Wissahickon Tribe had a raffle for a turkey at last meeting, which was a decided success. They had about fifty members enrolled to go to Altoona next June. Charles F. Wieland and his dance team trailed to Algonquin Tribe a week ago and performed the adoption degree on several palefaces.

Yuba Tribe, No. 278, celebrated its twenty-ninth anniversary with a banquet and dance. Great Prophet Walker spoke to the members and ladies on "Thanksgiving and Fraternalism," which was heartily cheered. Dancing until a late hour followed. Yuba Tribe is doing good work this year and will have a substantial gain over last year. Some of the boys are after the prize offered by the great sachem, and the indications are that they will land a prize, sure. The ladies' auxiliary of Yuba Tribe was commended for the way it conducted the banquet.

Onondaga Tribe, No. 83, of Coatesville, Pa., adopted three new members. Sachem Rice has under way a class of twenty for adoption during December. At the Hornbeckers meeting three tramps were initiated. Nomination and election of officers were held. A number of visiting companions were present, including State C. R. James R. Pinkerton, N. V. C. R. George W. Price, Jesse L. Webster and a delegation of companions from No. 215½, of Christiana.

Deputy Great Sachem William Fox, of No. 277, is taking care of two districts, and reports an increase in all of his six tribes. He is on the job all the time.

Tecco Tribe will present the traveling banner to Hanka Tribe on next Monday's sleep, at Faraday Hall, Morton, Pa.

Sawasw Tribe, No. 223, of Glenside, is doing fine work every meeting night. Brother E. A. Jordan is working hard to institute a council of Pocahontas to be named Sawasw Council.

Dr. T. C. Beagle, the great senior sagamore, had a large force mailing out the Red Men of the district meetings. It is hoped that the members will turn out in force to make the meetings a big success.

Past Sachem George W. Nicholson has a very liberal proposition to offer all Red Men in the interests of the Evening Leader, and feels sure that upon his visits to the various wigwams the members will support him in his creditable work. The publicity given the I. O. R. M. is of high value, and the tribes in South Philadelphia are supporting this paper in their work for the order. All tribes desiring to communicate with Brother Nicholson or who care to have their news published can get in touch with him through the great council office in Philadelphia.

Shackamaxon Tribe, No. 16, held a smoker and entertainment at its wigwam on last meeting night, and as a result secured the application of fifteen palefaces. The meeting was a large and spirited one. Interesting talks were made by G. C. R. Thomas R. Donnelley, G. K. W. Joseph Farrar and Past Sachem N. O'Neil.

Waoatam Tribe, No. 63, had on last Thursday's sleep a special program for the ladies. Over 300 persons attended and were much enthused by the address of Past Great Sachem R. E. Towne. On Thursday, December 28, the tribe will invite all the poor children of the neighborhood to its wigwam and distribute Christmas gifts. A large tree will be decorated, and several members dressed as Santa Claus will entertain the young folks.

Passyunk Tribe, No. 139, had another candidate admitted on last Friday's sleep, the work being done by the degree team of the Dakota Association. A large attendance enjoyed interesting talks on the advancement of the order. P. S. Elwood Wilson, who, many great suns ago, was a member of No. 139, received a hearty welcome and spoke to the members about "How the Objects of Our Order Were Being Accomplished." P. S. George W. Nicholson, of No. 8, spoke on "Publicity," and his remarks were well appreciated. Degree Master Camero made several interesting remarks and thanked all for their appreciation of the work done. Addresses were made by P. S. "Bud" Griffiths, P. S. McGinnis, P. S. Joseph Morrow, and others.

A district meeting will be held at Lenni, Pa., on Thursday, December 14, when the great chiefs and a large delegation of Red Men from Philadelphia will be present.

Tecoh Tribe, No. 44, is holding active meetings at each session of the tribe. Past Sachem P. J. Kile in his usual traits gives pleasant talks and feels sure that visits to the various wigwams will bring good results.

Piute Tribe, No. 251, continues to gather in neofytes at every meeting. On tonight's sleep two candidates will be admitted and the members are urged to attend. P. S. Joseph Mara, chief of records, is quite proud of the progress No. 251 is making and takes an active part in the tribe's affairs.

Esota Tribe, No. 38, will join in with the Rainmakers in the next few suns, and urges its members to attend the meetings more regularly. Important business, together with the administration of patriotic work, has kept the attendance very large these cooler moons.

Pasenta Tribe, No. 31, had another candidate for admission on last Friday's sleep and is arranging to have the degree team visit Wissahickon late in the month. While the attendance is not very large, the officers feel that the members will soon be attracted to the wigwam to the efforts of several members, who are working hard to reorganize the degree teams.

Shawnee Tribe, No. 8, has a number of members who are active in the affairs of their tribe and the Association of South Philadelphia. P. S. David Russell can always be depended upon to bring a large delegation to the various tribes whenever any important meeting is to be held.

The Past Sachems' Association held its regular monthly meeting last Saturday's sleep at the Hall, 1214 South Broad street. Twelve tribes were represented and the meeting was presided over by President John M. Camero. Various talks were made by some of the members, listened with much interest by P. S. Walter Stiles, of No. 113, P. S. Richard Woods, of No. 113, and P. S. Harry Reinhardt, present secretary.

Menoa Tribe, No. 328, is looking forward to its meeting on Monday, December 18, when it will entertain the members of the Dakota Association. The great chiefs and representatives from all the tribes in the Southern section of the city will be present. A large attendance is looked for and the visiting members are urged to attend early in the evening.

Crow Council, No. 199, D. of P., had a large class of candidates admitted on last Friday's sleep, the degree work being conferred by Wenonah Council, No. 1. The wigwam was crowded with members and the work was rendered in a very creditable manner. Various addresses were made and hearty congratulations extended to the new bride, Mrs. John Muschenberger. The committee served refreshments and a musical entertainment was given by some talent.

The twenty-first anniversary of Tioga Tribe, No. 21, will be celebrated at Rittenhouse Hall, Fifty-third street and Haverford avenue, next Wednesday evening. Tioga's famous minstrels will present a special program. The tribe is headed by the director, William Ackland, assisted by Harry Abele, pianist; Walter Bamgartner, interlocutor; Harry Ackland, Harry Ackland, Joel Morris, Joseph Pepe, Ray Anderson, Harry Turnefall, Joseph Gerardi, Harry Stoll, William Watson and George Reinhardt, chorus. The show will be followed by a dance and refreshments.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA

Naturalization School and Legal Aid Part of the Fraternal Scope

Court St. Albans, No. 45, has had in continuous operations for sixteen years a naturalization school, in which any member of the order is entitled gratis to prepare for the privilege of citizenship. The order does not allow partisan politics or its influences to intrude in it, and those acquiring their papers through this school are assured of freedom from any party domination. Since 1861 the order in general has sought to have all eligible men of foreign birth to become citizens. Its local bodies have been training camps for that laudable purpose, and this court has been foremost in the good work. Now that the public interest in the question has arisen, the court intends enlarging the scope of the work and giving its aid to the awakened public opinion.

The F. of A. Legal Assistance Society for a century years has aided in discountenancing fruitless litigation by the mutual arbitration of matters, and when that fails giving its services to the upholding of justice and fair play. This service is gratis. It is not a legal bureau simply, but a fraternal body designed to help the needy members and no other cases are given its care except such as come within that scope. It aims to keep the affairs of the order when possible, out of civil litigation.

Court Neshaminy, No. 140, had as its guest Court Cohocksink, No. 142. It was a revival of fraternal visitation in vogue some years past. A special program was arranged, and the Thanksgiving spirit was maintained in a playlet centered about Plymouth Rock. The characters, Priscilla, John Alden, Captain Miles Standish, Chief Massasoit and the Governor were impersonated by Brothers Birnes, Craig, Rotulen, Donnelly and Shaw. The chorus, costumed as pilgrims and Indians, were made up from the court's glee club. The tableaux, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," "The Treaty with Chief Massasoit," "The First Thanksgiving" were assumed by those previously selected. Other features of the night embraced legitimate entertaining numbers.

Court America, No. 57, at Twenty-first and South streets, had one of its noteworthy entertainments on Friday. The talented performers gave a varied bill of pleasantries, the minstrels rendering a completely new program of laughter and jollity, skits and song. The committee, Brothers Scott, Barclay, Thompson, Nelson, Cunningham, Parker, Battie, Shoup, Boyd, Curtis, et al., arrange their work such as individual participants and collective assets, so that, as Secretary Hollingsworth puts it, the labors incident to the benevolent work of the order need not be done amid gloomy surroundings, but with heart and hand in concord, in the festival of the goodly deeds of true fraternity. In the court's socials are not simply intended for pleasure, but to be the medium for attaining lasting and effective good. The good fellowship nights will be held monthly.

The local courts are preparing for the Christmas distribution of gifts to the widows and orphans and kindly greetings to the members. The funds usually set aside for this praiseworthy purpose are being increased by voluntary contributions. The beautiful custom of good cheer is growing even more popular and is a concrete example of unselfish benevolence. The recipients are made to feel they are only accorded a right and not a privilege or a mere formal act of generosity, and the donors accentuate the truth of the adage "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The F. of A. Employment Bureau has met with good success since its establishment by mandate of the grand court convention of 1915. There is no cost to employer or employe. Each court is a local agency, with the executive committee of the Association at the central headquarters. It furnishes a practical answer to the query, "Are there any members out of employment?" While not discriminating against nonmembers, it aims to assist the members in situations by mutual co-operation, brother for brother.

The thirty-five courts of Northwest Philadelphia are maintaining a great interest in the coming minstrel show, and Supervising Deputy William H. Hurley is also enjoying the especial outcome of his labors in the district, and grateful for the co-operation of his brethren. A prominent member said: "Much comment is heard as to the inactivity of so many from whom much is in justice due. Their failure to assist those not so favored the great opportunity for success is assured. They are invited to the great city class composing, where seats will be reserved for them in the positive section."

The F. of A. Marching Club of Pennsylvania, comprising a uniformed body who take part in the parades in support of resolutions, meet monthly at the Grand Court offices. The tourist adjunct, which includes the lady relatives as well as wish members and friends as merely desire to take in the trip, are making preparations for the next supreme convention outing to Portland, Me. Application for enrollment can be made daily at the executive headquarters.

Fraternal Patriotic Americans

The entire initiatory staff and guards of Fairview Council, No. 52, visited June Council, No. 765, and conferred the work in a most impressive manner upon the large class of candidates present. Interesting remarks were made by J. N. C. Airy, Representative Dilsdale, of No. 52, and Jr. P. S. C. Stevenson. This is just the beginning of a great season of work for No. 765.

Integrity Council, No. 338, will hold one of its celebrated smokers this evening at Broad and Federal streets. S. C. Secretary Ford and Jr. P. S. C. Stevenson together with many deputies and visiting brethren will be present.

Monthly meeting of Good of the Order Association will be held tomorrow evening at Ivy Council, No. 18. Twenty-five and Oxford streets. All delegates should attend, as matters of importance will be considered.

An official visitation will be paid next Monday evening to Strickersville Council, No. 978, by Jr. P. S. C. Stevenson and S. C. Secretary Ford, who will take part in a large class initiation.

Deer Hunters Acquitted of Theft

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 7.—Justice Martin today dismissed the case brought by W. D. Markley, of Harrisburg, against a party of hunters, the majority of them railway mail clerks from Harrisburg and vicinity, whom he charged with taking a deer belonging to his sons. The decision set a precedent for but ten minutes after the first decision another case was brought by E. M. Morrow, Hunterdale, who claims that Robert Peckhart and George C. Diehl took a deer which he first shot.

SONS OF AMERICA'S BIG CAMP OUTPUT

Roxborough's Enterprises and Class Initiation Movements Holding Sway Here

Camp 50, of Roxborough, which is conducting a fair throughout the week, is meeting with satisfactory success. Most of the camps of Philadelphia are wide awake, and it is reported that many of them are producing results far beyond the expectations of the State Executive Board. There has never been a year, it is claimed, in the history of this order when an executive board kept so close watch on each local camp, but this year a record is kept of just what each camp is doing. New faces are appearing in the important offices of the new movements. Instead of the incumbents who aspire for office, new men have been elected. The county convention has as its president Hiram L. Wynne, of Camp 50, who has proposed over 200 candidates in his camp, who has always displayed great zeal in the order and who is a man of high business ability.

The 5000-class initiation has as its president Howard M. Davis, an earnest worker of Camp 46, a clean, straightforward man with high ability. This effort is being forward at a rate that is a surprise to all interested. A camp officer states:

"Many of the camps are refusing to support this movement, due to an undercurrent effort to hold up the progressive plans which the new management has brought forward, but the opposition will count for nothing in the large membership this order has in Philadelphia. The State secretary is a clean, Christian, patriotic man, who has produced great results for the order in the last eighteen years, and fights for what he believes to be fair and square."

The 2000-class initiation held the most successful meeting of its history last Friday evening, when close to fifty camps were represented. With the glorious results, the large number of candidates, the national, State and leading members of the order present from all parts this affair will perhaps prove to be the most interesting event ever attempted in this order.

The County Convention Association and the Wilkesbarre Club will hold their regular monthly meetings next Wednesday evening at State camp headquarters, and a full attendance is being urged by these organizations, as matters of importance will come before each association at that time.

The 1917 State camp committee of Luzerne County has engaged for its next State camp what will be the finest auditorium in which the State camp sessions have been held, a beautiful Irem Temple, with a seating capacity of 1500 persons. This committee has the solid backing of every camp in the county, and the entire county is aroused. New candidates are being received into all the camps in large classes, and there is every prospect of a total of 10,000 members in Luzerne by the next State camp session.

Camp 187, 1641 Columbia avenue, entertained State Secretary Helms last Monday evening. Among the speakers were the State secretary, Abe Holdbacker, the Rev. Charles Hunter and Robert Thompson.

The camp at State College, Center County, held a "booster" meeting last Friday evening, when 400 persons gathered in the new Odd Fellows' Hall and listened to the addresses of the State secretary, the Rev. J. McK. Reilly, and members of the camp.

The 1500-class initiation which the camps of Reading will hold on February 1, promises to be the biggest event ever held in Berks County. In the first arrangements it was planned to have 500 candidates, but the State officers urged them to make it a thousand, and now the candidates number more than 1200. There is a new life astir in Berks County, and it is possible that one of the Reading camps in itself will produce 500 candidates by February 12.

Camp 183, of Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, held a big booster session November 28, when the assistant to the State secretary, George Detlet, and Past State President John H. Rosser, of St. Clair, addressed the gathering. David Vetter, of New Ringgold, spoke in his usually brilliant manner.

The camps of Shamokin will hold a great rally next Monday evening. The officers of the state executive committee will be the special guests of the committee in charge, and will deliver addresses throughout the day.

Camp 542, of Easton, with a membership of 600, is putting forth earnest efforts to raise its membership to 1000 by the next State camp, and the outlook is bright. The campaign was started last Friday evening, when close to 300 members and visitors gathered at the hall to hear addresses by Herbert Arm, Prof. W. H. Reese, of Muhlenberg College, and the Rev. C. M. Mengel.

Ten membership teams were organized under captains.

Camp 281, of Chester, "The Banner 1916 Camp," will hold its twenty-ninth anniversary banquet on December 19 in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, when the members of the State executive committee will attend and speak. This will be the most interesting meeting this great camp has ever held. No. 281 is working faithfully to increase the membership to 1000 members this year.

The Philadelphia-Bucks District will hold a district meeting on Monday evening, December 18, the place of meeting to be decided this week, when State Secretary Helms will address the District Association.

The Thirteenth Philadelphia District will hold a great district rally Saturday evening, December 30, in the Public Hall, 261 South Sixteenth street. State and national officers have been invited to attend.

The camps of Chester County District, No. 3, are planning for a district rally for Thursday evening, December 21, when the members of the state executive board are expected to address the members.

ORDER ODD FELLOWS

Progress of the Largest Lodge Still Undaunted—The Oldest Odd Fellow

Mille Lodge conferred the third degree on a class of candidates in ceremonial form with the full staff in the harness. Following the degree work a social entertainment was provided for the benefit of the newly initiated members. Brother William Synett of Waltham, Mass., entertained with some very clever monologue work and songs were rendered by the noble grand, Clarence P. Morman, and his rigt supporter, Thomas Ellis. Refreshments were served and, together with some interesting addresses by visiting brethren from Consort Lodge No. 188, Beverly, Mass., Brothers L. M. Sargent and Samuel L. King, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Tonight the initiatory degree will be conferred on a class of fourteen candidates and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance to assist in the work. Visitors always welcomed.

Merchants Lodge, No. 283, at the last meeting set the initiatory degree in full form, with a good attendance. Purity Lodge, No. 325, being represented among the visitors by P. G. E. D. Hamilton and his youngest son. The work was capably handled by the team, to the credit not only of the degree master, but of every one who did his part to make Merchants a success. Tomorrow evening the first degree will be exemplified. Owing to there being five Friday evenings in December and the Grand Lodge officers making a visit on the last Friday evening, the third degree will be postponed until that evening.

Keoderten Lodge entertained last week the musical band of Peace and Love Lodge, of Jeanktown, and conferred the second degree, under D. M. Wilbur Zimmerman, appreciated by a large attendance. On Tuesday evening the team put on the initiatory and third degree. A committee, composed of P. G. Joseph S. Tomlinson, R. C. Kennedy and A. R. Wannop, has arranged for the lodge to conduct religious services next Sunday at the Rebekah Home. The Rev. Edwin Cobaugh, of the Eighteenth and Tioga Streets Methodist Episcopal Church, will be the speaker, and Miss Ethel Kerns, soloist, and Miss Ethel Johnson, pianist, assisted by a chorus, will furnish the music.

Purity Lodge, 325, is keeping up its record for activity begun in the fall. In spite of inclement weather a very creditable number of brothers and ladies gathered at the lodge room on Girard avenue and Hutchinson street, for an oldtime Thanksgiving party. P. G. Ross Shelver succeeded in inducing "Uncle Sylvester of Beanville," to bring his band of "Hickers" and the music they rendered will be long remembered by those present. P. G. Sherry, secretary of American Star Lodge, and P. G. Harry Graham, of the same lodge, were present and entered heartily into the merriment of the evening. Brother Williams, of Trenton, Mass., gave an interesting and instructive talk, last night the initiatory degree was conferred. Visitors are always welcome.

At the Odd Fellows' Orphanage the Sunday services were in charge of Hamilton Lodge, No. 506. The sermon was by the Rev. Samuel Harker, pastor of Tennant Presbyterian Church, West Philadelphia. The music included a solo by Miss Beatrice K. Eaton, an organ recital by Miss Mary Tuson, and selections by the children's chorus and orchestra. There was a little drill, under the direction of Miss Evelyn Maxwell. Addresses were made by Grand Secretary Usher A. Hall, President Richardson and Chairman Robert Love. President Richardson gave a reception to the managers of the orphanage on Saturday evening at his home, 225 Hanover street, in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of his wedding.

William L. Smith, a past grand of Mount Airy Lodge, No. 235, who died last week at the age of ninety-one years, was interred in Philomathean Lodge, No. 10, of Germantown, in 1845, on the day after he was twenty-one years of age. Two years after he withdrew and became one of the charter members of Mount Airy Lodge, in which he has held continuous membership, making him an Odd Fellow for seventy-one years.

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