SCHOOLBOYS NEED UNIFORM RULES

Basketball Games Canceled Because Eastern League Code Is Used by Some Teams

The school basketball teams should have uniform rules. If the Eastern League code has been discarded and the intercollegiate regulations are accepted, then all the institutions in this section should turn to the newer style of play. If, on the other hand, the Eastern League rules are better, then why not return to the old system?

For the most part the schoolboys in this section have taken up the Intercollegiate League rules and they are undoubtedly here to stay. The High School League season so far has been a tremendous success. The intercollegiate rules, with a few changes, are in force. The higher aim of the school athlete is to enter college and become a varsity player. The intercollegiate rules among the preparatory school students are a step in this direction.

Catholic High, St. Joseph's College and La Salle College play under Eastern League rules, but it would be well for the officials in charge of sports at these institutions to make a change. Time and again the question of rules has come up and many games have been prevented because the old Eastern League code has been upheld as against the intercollegiate rules.

An instance of this was the recent misunderstanding between St. Joseph's College and the Georgetown University. Georgetown University canceled the contest because St. Joseph's College insisted upon playing under Eastern League rules. It is only natural to suppose that Georgetown University had no intimation that any but the college rules would be used and the concellation therefore was justified.

Leaders Clash Tomorrow

The four leaders in the High School Basketball League meet tomorrow afternoon. Northeast High and Central High play on Central High's home floor. As the Crimson and Gold athletes are without a gymnasium, it is more than likely that the Germantown High gymnasium will be available, for the Manheim officials are very courteous in offering their building for league games when it is needed.

PATRIOTIC AMERICANS

A Well-Founded Order of Daughters as Well as Sons of America

The Patriotic Order of Americans is a benevolent, patriotic, protective and social institution, originally founded by the National Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, under the name Daughters of America. The operation of the order was limited somewhat, through its connection with the Sons of America, and on January 1, 1889, it became an independent order by mutual agreement with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, adopting the name Patriotic Order of True Americans and making rapid progress thereafter.

Another with the same principles, under the name of Patriotic Order Daughters of America, was in existence until October, 1897, when at Pottstown, Pa., the consolidation of the two was made under the Patriotic Order of Americans. Since then the growth has been spreading quietly and persistently over the broad land.

The national headquarters are at Phillipsburg, N. J., which is the home town of the national secretary, George W. Smith, and of National President Emma J. Stevens, of Yonkers, N. Y. It has been owing to the consistent efforts of these two officers that the order is now established in almost every State in the Union.

The present State executive committee is composed of State President Amber Strausser, of Altoona, Pa.; State Assistant President Milton M. Delp, Philadelphia; State Vice President Clara Bergman, Ashland, Pa.; State Assistant Vice President John P. Nugent, Philadelphia; State Secretary George W. Schaffer, Reading, Pa.; State Treasurer Margaret Webb, Sellersville, Pa.; State headquarters, Reading, Pa.

Through its efforts the P. O. of A. has advanced tremendously throughout the entire State. The Philadelphia camps are grateful to State President Amber for the generous work of visitation here, who has always entered into the spirit of the occasion at hand and leaves behind the marks of her charming personality. The State vice president, J. P. Nugent, is a successful business man and a leading light in both this order and the Sons of America. Some of the active Philadelphia sisters are Past State President Clara Wilkinson, of Camp No. 63; Helena Schuler, past president and orator of Camp No. 68, and National Trustee Sara Slack, of Camp No. 61, who is also president of the ladies' auxiliary to the home corporation, P. O. S. of A., and who successfully feeds some 5000 to 6000 brothers and sisters every June at the annual donation day held at Chalfont.

The seventh Philadelphia district, comprising Camps Nos. 14, 115 and 195, with wideawake District President Anna Rezer as its leader, is prospering in a most unusual way. District President Rezer is planning a massive district convention to be held some time in March in the hall of Camp No. 195. One of the features of the occasion will be the rendering of an amateur play by the members of the recently organized Live-Wire Dramatic Club. This club has elected the following "live wires" as its officers: President, Lilly Rezer; vice president, Walter Roy; treasurer, Albert Daubart; secretary, Robert Thomson. Among the membership they have been successful in enrolling several who have appeared professionally in public, viz., William Neithamer, James Ulrich, Lewis Dissin, George Beirl, J. McIntosh, Misses Alice Adams, Jemima and Helen Gunn, Viola Roy and Irene Stein.

Camp No. 14 has installed for the coming six months a staff of fine, promising women. The president is Sister Carrie Vanderslice. The recording secretary, Maria Brown, is an expert record keeper. Some of the leading lights in Camp No. 14 are Past State Assistant President Harry W. Pearson, State Conductor Theresa Pearson, trustee of Orphans' Home at Mifflinville, Pa., Sister Clara Snyder, and Sister Hannah Highland, who was one of the organizers of the Patriotic Daughters of America.

Camp No. 15 is the remarkable camp of the order, the other camps failing to understand how they "do it." The meetings are so well attended that it is sometimes necessary to resort to the usage of all sorts of articles for chairs. The ranking members of this camp are men and women who have attained great achievements in other lines. This camp prizes among its membership State Secretary of the P. O. S. of A. Charles Brumm Helms, District President of the Eighth District, P. O. S. of A., Alfred McMannus, editor of Independent Americans' official organ, Maurice H. Rosener, and Secretary of the Home Corporation Walter S. Cunningham, who is recording secretary of Camp No. 115.

To the names of others who have added prestige to the camp and order must be added those of President Mary Gilmore, Financial Secretary Rebecca Gilmore, Inspector N. McMannus, Conductor Sister N. Rosener, Guard Rose Danhart, Past Presidents Emma Roat, Abella Beirl and Edward Huth.

Camp No. 195 is a model camp whose record for attendance is high above the average. President Emma Taylor is a faithful worker, conducting the transaction of business in the most up-to-date manner. Among the membership of Camp No. 195 are such sterling workers as Junior Past President Fox, of Camp No. 478, P. O. S. of A.; Past District President Earl O. Meadows, of eighth district, and others. There could hardly be three more ideal camps combined in a harmonious effort for the protection and uplift of American institutions.

FRATERNAL PATRIOTS IN AID OF NATION

Resolutions and Principles of Congress of Constructive Patriotism in Session

The Congress of Constructive Patriotism, under the auspices of the National Security League, just held in Washington, made a notable gathering of the men and women of the country who are interested in ways and means to provide an efficient and adequate military and naval force, industrial and commercial preparation and the economic union of social life with the true spirit of patriotism that means peace, because of well founded and aggressive force ready to repel attacks of any kind.

The Order of Independent Americans was the only patriotic order represented through its delegates: Brothers Isaac Dando, State councilor; R. D. Dickson, Jr., State vice councilor, and William A. Pike, State Council secretary.

State Secretary Pike sends the following report and statement: "In formal discussion in the committee on universal military training, when the development and formation of the Council Guards of our order and the splendidly equipped First Regiment of the Order of Independent Americans, together with the military encampment at Warminster in August, 1916, were explained, the sense of appreciation of the order's work in the direction of adequate preparedness was manifested by round after round of hand clapping and personal expressions of approval. When the statement was made that at the meeting of our board of officers action would be taken looking to membership in the National Security League the response was an ovation of unanimous approval.

"The sessions of the congress were inspiring, the enthusiastic, sincere and earnest thrill of patriotism filling the very atmosphere. Opinion and discussion gave evidence that our fancied security from attack because our isolation was a myth and that the signs of the times indicated that we might be put to the test to defend the life, the institutions and the territory of our land when the honor and the fortune of our nation is in jeopardy. This may come, how soon I cannot tell—I hope never—but if it does come, are we prepared to meet the conflict? I fear not.

"The patriotism of today seems to be but a shadow of that of the old time kind, when the hardships, privations, suffering and devotion to the cause of a pure democracy gave us the Declaration of Independence, a written Constitution guaranteeing life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, a union of indivisible States and the flag of our country. We have got to do more than sing 'My Country 'Tis of Thee,' 'The Star-Spangled Banner' or praise and adore 'Old Glory.' We must get behind these typical and signatory emblems and show a genuine appreciation of the American ideals of government, of the precious privileges we enjoy and the power of individual sovereignty and the wealth of personal freedom and universal liberty.

"This lack of a real 'live-wire' patriotism is mainly due to a feeling of personal security, a too often easy mode of life and riches, of individual selfishness and the ignorance of a great number of our people in regard to the conditions of the various nationalities who are prepared for war. The call of the hour is to arouse ourselves from this lethargic condition, to realize that we may be overwhelmed by the enemy because of our weak and pusillanimous defenses and to lend a helping hand to construct a complete military and naval force that will command peace because we are prepared for war.

"The history of our country is replete with deeds of daring and heroic action upon the field of battle and the conflicts upon the seas. Of industrial and commercial activity we have more than the average; inventive genius has attained high rank with our people; our citizens have been honored for brilliant achievements, and the beauty, magnitude and grandeur of our country's wealth and natural resources have no equal in this wide world. Surely these manifestations of national life ought to inspire us to a real patriotic pride in their enjoyment and a patriotic devotion to their preservation.

"But that which concerns us more intimately is patriotism from a military and naval point of view. The consensus of opinion expressed during the session of the Congress relating to an adequate and efficient preparedness was: Universal compulsory military training and service carried on under Federal supervision, as may be decided upon by the military staff of officers and the Naval Board. Our country is just as secure as the means we have to protect and defend it are efficient and adequate, and no more. We must not overlook the fact that we owe a duty to our country to defend and preserve it for the many privileges we enjoy.

"The youth of our Republic should at the proper age be given an intensive continuous military training to prepare them to be soldiers and take their places in the line of reserves and the front rank when called upon. This training should be compulsory on all alike. The rich man's son and the poor man's son would engage one with the other in a common duty and promote a mutual feeling of personal respect and sympathy. It would instill into our boys the qualities of obedience and discipline, which are just as necessary in civil as in military life. It would arouse a true spirit of patriotism by making all men realize the obligation as well as the privilege of citizenship. It would promote democracy, because it would recognize no class distinctions in its training, disciplining, organization and service of this great array of a citizen soldiery. It would enhance the virility, health, physical condition, clean thinking and clean living of all who joined therein.

"If such universal compulsory military and naval training and service were adopted we would have a reserve force of millions who, quickening to the defense of our country and awakening to a genuine patriotism, would inspire a universal patriotic enthusiasm that even a concert of nations could not prevail against.

"It is well to remember that the broad Atlantic and the peaceful Pacific are no longer natural defenses. A short time ago a German submarine appeared suddenly in the harbor of Newport. What is to prevent an army of submarines attacking both the Atlantic and Pacific seacoasts? Suppose England and Japan would form an alliance against us, or Russia and Japan, or Germany and Russia? Could not an army be landed in Canada and marched over the boundary line? A Japanese naval station founded in Mexico or the peninsula of Lower California would afford an easy approach by way of Mexico.

"Again, we must protect the Monroe Doctrine in all that it implies, and if we do not then the foreign Powers would hold the United States responsible for all damage to their possessions and industries and the loss of their citizens' lives, and if we did not account therefor the dogs of foreign aggression would be let loose, and what then? We must be prepared, and in a way that the slacker, the coward, the pacifist and all who would escape their share of bearing the burden shall be compelled to do military and naval service in their country's cause. General Sherman said, 'War's legitimate purpose is a more perfect peace.'

"The National Security League should be encouraged and urged on to still greater effort in its desire to not only live in the richness of our sacred liberties, but to build up constructive legislation that may be fortified and maintained forever in a government of human rights and the democracy of a free people.

The successful deliberations of this Congress resulted in the drafting of the following resolutions:

Statement of principles advocated by the Congress of Constructive Patriotism, approved by the committee on resolutions, January 27, 1917:

This Congress of Constructive Patriotism, composed of American men and women representing all sections of the United States, has assembled at Washington, believing that patriotism embodies not only the preservation of individual liberty, but even more the spirit of service and sacrifice for the benefit of the whole people.

We are convinced that the time has come when all men and women throughout the country should be called upon to unite in recognizing the dangers which beset our Republic. We believe that our citizens, however patriotic and loyal, are nevertheless unprepared to defend our national integrity against other nations whose aspirations and theories of government may be in conflict with ours.

Current history teaches a convincing lesson in respect to the power of a united people. It is our ambition that the inspiration now filling the hearts of the men and women of foreign lands shall fill the hearts of our men and women during times of peace. We believe the perpetuation of our democratic form of government can be most firmly secured by the establishment of equal service of all citizens under which every man and woman, rich and poor, shall take an effective and responsible part; that through service to our country, civil and military, there shall flow a keener understanding of national duty and a wider comprehension of obligations of citizenship commensurate with the privileges and advantages which are ours. Therefore, be it resolved, that

First. We approve and heartily advocate the plans of the committee on patriotism through education of the National Security League to create in America an undivided and effective national spirit, to organize the individual and collective power of the nation so as to bring it to bear on national problems through democratic instrumentalities; to emphasize the nation's needs and opportunities so that each citizen will gladly give the necessary time to training for personal service whenever needed, and to establish a national morale and idealism through appeals to patriotism.

Second. We approve and indorse the action taken by the National League for Woman's Service for developing and co-ordinating the woman power of the United States for constructive patriotic work.

Third. Under our faulty military system, of which the organized militia and the National Guard have been the chief victims, they have nevertheless contributed to keeping alive the spirit of military duty and patriotism in this nation. They have been burdened with an unfair and disproportionate share of responsibility which we believe should henceforth be borne by all citizens alike.

We recommend therefore that the Patriotic and Defense Organization here represented support the passage of Federal legislation based on the following principles:

(a) Military or naval training for all physically fit young men prior to the age of twenty-one and preferably in the nineteenth year.

(b) The training to be intensive continuous field or sea training for the period necessary to produce an efficient soldier or sailor.

(c) The system to be under executive Federal control.

(d) Obligation to serve in war as well as to train in time of peace.

We urge the establishment by the Federal Government of a proper military policy, together with the means of insuring its continuity in accordance with our system of government, and that the necessary steps be at once taken to provide the troops and equipment necessary for an effective land defense, and that we respectfully recommend to the national Congress that in carrying this into effect it adopt the judgment of the national military staff officers.

Five. Our navy must be restored to the position of second naval power in the Atlantic and simultaneously be made the first naval power in the Pacific, and that we respectfully recommend to the National Congress that in carrying this into effect it adopt the judgment of our naval authorities.

Six. We pledge our continued support to the Council of National Defense and the National Research Committee and to such agencies as are or may be created to foster a complete and effective co-operation between Governmental and private activities looking toward preparedness for both peace and war.

Seven. It is our belief that without the sacrifice of any democratic ideals our Government should inspire an increased measure of loyalty and national unity of purpose; that it should provide trained public leadership, always responsible to the electorate, under which there would be a marked increase in governmental and individual efficiency. We earnestly request the President and Congress to make our civil service more efficient and to bring about the adoption of a national executive budget system.

Eight. We advocate that an Americanization campaign necessary to our effective national defense shall be carried on through three main channels: (a) Government, schools and courts; (b) Business and industry; (c) Individual citizens as neighbors; that every effort shall be made to stimulate the activities of these agencies; and we urge our Government to treat with foreign Powers to secure throughout the world the unified and unequivocal status of American citizens wherever born.

Nine. The United States of America was called into being for the common defense and for the protection of the rights of representative self-government by its people. During more than a century and a quarter she has tested and proved the value of this great inheritance. We hereby solemnly affirm our belief that the right of the individual to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as guaranteed by the Constitution and as rendered efficacious by the spirit of our forefathers is the basic principle of the Government of the United States. And we hold that in our relations with foreign Governments we should continue to affirm and to defend these rights.

NEW OFFICERS OF JOHN R. MARLIN COUNCIL, JR. O. U. A. M.

The Philadelphia Council is the largest subordinate body of the fraternity. From left to right, the new officers are: Standing, John F. Rue, Jr., alternate; Herbert Stott, conductor; Albert C. Swigear, sentinal; Henry P. Swigear, junior past councilor; Stephen A. Walton, chaplain; Arthur Nevitt, trustee; Wayland R. Herb, warden and trustee; sitting, Monroe E. Voigtsberger, recording secretary; Frederick Steeger, vice councilor; William Ploss, councilor; Wesley Ecoff, assistant recording secretary; Henry Weilenmann, financial secretary and representative to the State council; Thomas H. Walters, treasurer.

ARTISANS' ORDER

The Contributions of Working Assemblies to Membership of the Body

Ten hundred and seventy-five members were admitted to the order during last year. The various assemblies initiated members as follows:

St. John's, 201; Southwestern, 76; Passyunk, 69; Lehigh, 52; Germantown, 50; Adelphi, 48; Palmyra, 48; Bartram, 40; Northwestern, 33; Underdown, 37; Union, 30; Dorian, 23; Progressive, 29; Enterprise, 10; Fox Chase, 10; Girard, 19; Spartan, 15; Pennsylvania, 17; Haddon, 10; Collingswood, 12; Fidelity, 36; Keystone, 14; Harmony, 11; Larchwood, 11; Scranton, 16; William Patton, 17; Oak Lane, 31; Linwood, 1; Alvira, 4; Washington, 1; Trenton, 1; Brooklyn, 3; Fraternity, 1; Norwood, 2; Metropolis, 5; Kensington, 2; Prospect Park, 6; Haddon Heights, 7; Ideal, 9; Columbia, 4; Frankford, 8; Lancaster, 3.

Four assemblies have changed their meeting place to the Fraternity Building, 1626 Arch street, viz: Oriental, Adelphi, Pennsylvania and William Patton.

Dorian Assembly, No. 41, will hold its annual banquet tomorrow evening at Thirteenth and Girard avenue.

Brother Albert Lawtenslager, of Capital City Assembly, No. 1, who died on January 25, became a member of this assembly on November 8, 1874, at the age of fifty-three years. He was therefore in his ninety-sixth year. A glance at the mortality experience of fraternal societies reporting to the National Fraternal Congress shows he was the oldest member in any society. He was vigorous and active. When he was ninety years of age two sneak thieves attempted to rob his jewelry store and although they beat him with a slungshot he was able to hold them until the police arrived.

M. E. Inspector Jordan and M. E. Recorder Cox paid an official visit to Conestoga and Lancaster assemblies, where they found a large attendance of the members and a fine delegation from Columbia Assembly. The meeting was the best ever held in Lancaster by an Artisan assembly. The most excellent officers installed the following officers of Conestoga Assembly, No. 23: Master artisan, Thomas B. Krick; superintendent, Franklin B. Kain; inspector, Paul Brown. The audience was entertained by vocal selections by an Artisan male quartet composed of the following brothers: Edwin Savage, Herbert B. Smeltz, John L. Bauman and Charles F. Shy. The accompanist was H. E. Turner. A splendid buffet luncheon followed the meeting.

Palmyra Assembly, No. 65, continued its splendid work by initiating four candidates on Tuesday evening and receiving six petitions for membership. The installation of officers was performed by Brother A. J. Kelley, assisted by William F. Voorhees. Those installed were as follows: Master artisan, C. W. Lutz; superintendent, E. S. Christ; recorder, J. H. Finney; cashier, J. H. Tees. Brother Wais was elected representative and Brother H. A. Hodgson alternate. One of the features of this year's extension of membership was the appointment of rival membership teams representing Riverton, Palmyra and Philadelphia. This assembly bears the distinction of being the only assembly maintaining for the use of its members a fishing lake.

JR. ORDER O. U. A. M.

The General Working Committee and the Enterprises of Marlin Council

John R. Marlin Council, No. 20, had a spirited meeting. Chairman Thomas H. Walters announced the committees selected from the general committee, each having its own chairman and reporting to the general committee, which will meet once a month. The following assignments were: Printing, W. Ecoff, L. Walters and H. Weilenmann; refreshments, A. Nevitt, N. Kerns, W. Herb and W. Russ; investigation, S. Walton, F. Rue and E. Bowers; entertainment, H. Swigar, H. Stott and W. Cassidy; class initiation, W. S. Ferguson, W. Ploss and M. Voigtsberger; good of the order, H. Weilenmann, P. F. Rue and M. Voigtsberger; charity, A. Swigear, Jr., A. Neidenger, F. Steeger and J. O. Wilson; benefit, L. Walters, J. F. Rue and W. Herb; Northeast High School, H. Sweigar, W. Cassidy and W. Furguson.

The council adjourned early to allow the degree team and the members to make a visitation to Keystone Council, of West Philadelphia. Brother William Ferfuson was on hand with his "joy wagon" and took his party in good time to Fifty-second and Market streets. As soon as the visitors were welcomed the councilor of Keystone turned the council over to Degree Master Weilermann. The team then exemplified the degree to a large class of candidates for Keystone Council, who were delighted with the splendid work exhibited and general congratulations were extended to the guests. An entertainment, refreshments and cigars were furnished by an efficient committee. The principal visitors were Past National Representative E. E. Leathermann, D. D. S. C.; Henry Weilenmann, D. D. S. C.; John F. Rue, Jr., D. S. C.; William Ploss, D. S. C.; Arthur Nevitt, Jr., P. C.; Henry Swigear, Monroe E. Voigtsberger. The visitation was greatly enjoyed by the members of No. 20 and a return visit will be made by members of Keystone.

Keystone Council is making strides toward the 100 mark. The members are showing unusual activity and with the present rate of increase it should not take long to reach the desired goal. A number of prizes have been offered by the council to the member proposing the largest number of candidates, creating considerable interest. It is planned to appoint a live captain team, so that the entire membership can be visited.

This evening will be a big night at Stephen Girard Council, when the members and ladies will hear a lecture by Professor Grayson on the life of Stephen Girard and the history of the Girard estate.

America Council, No. 236, the baby council in the eastern district, held an interesting meeting on Wednesday evening. The able manner in which the business of the evening was handled was pleasing to the deputy State councilor, Brother Arthur Nevitt. Brother B. S. Hartman, Sr., was nominated for the office of councilor and Brother B. S. Hartman, Jr., was nominated for recording secretary. Deputy Nevitt will install the newly elected officers next Wednesday evening. The large sign of welcome is always out at American Council room.

A reception will be tendered by John R. Marlin Council to its charter members on Thursday evening, February 15. Each charter member will be given a personal invitation to be present. It is also planned to hold a reception to the council members of the National Guard who are expected to be home by that date. On the following Thursday, February 22, patriotic exercises will be held by the council. H. H. Sinamon, Esq., and the Hon. Peter E. Costello have been invited to be the speakers of the evening. The members of the council are urged to attend these functions.

A complimentary dinner was given on Friday evening at Green's by Secretary Weilenmann and Treasurer Walters to the general working committee of Marlin Council, the guests being L. S. Walters, Louis C. Walters, William Ploss, Stephen A. Walton, John O. Wilson, Wayland R. Herb, Norman Kern, John F. Rue, Jr., William Russ, Arthur P. G. Nevitt, Henry P. Swigear, William Ferguson, Frederick Steeger, Edward Bower, William W. Cassidy, Herbert Stott, Albert C. Swigear, Albert Neidinger and Wesley Ecoff.

Every past councilor of Marlin is requested to furnish his photograph for preservation in the council chamber.

In pursuance of the custom of Marlin Council to honor the fatherless boy graduating with the highest average from the Northeast High School, John H. McComb will at the exercises tomorrow afternoon at the William Penn High School be presented with a gold watch on behalf of the council.

West Philadelphia Council's session was conducted by Councilor-elect William Ely. The dart-quoit tournament committee reported that the first game of contest had been played at Ione Council's headquarters, that West Philadelphia Council had won both the dart and quoit games and that a large delegation enjoyed the victory and palatable refreshments. The second game of the contest was played at West Philadelphia Council's session. West Philadelphia won both dart and quoit games, making the score to date 2—0. Refreshments were served and the event was highly enjoyed by a large attendance. The committee awarded dart tournament prizes as follows: First prize, J. R. Burhouse; second prize, Elmer Ryer; third prize, David Montgomery.

District Deputy George White installed William Ely as councilor in due form. Remarks were made by Deputy White and several members of Ione Council.

The third game of the dart-quoit contest will be played at Ione Council's headquarters tonight, and the fourth game at the council's next session, February 14.

THE GRAND FRATERNITY

A Good Start in Branch 14 for Line-up of the Faithful

East Park Branch, No. 14, at the Grand Fraternity Building, had an enthusiastic meeting on Thursday evening. The newly installed officers were commended for the manner in which they conducted the affairs. The drawing for attendance prizes, in which all members present at the January meeting participated, resulted as follows: First prize, Louis Haefner; second prize, R. Cargagno; third prize, Howard Hollingsworth.

The proposed faithful banquet to be given to the members attending nine meetings during 1917 resulted in a good attendance at this meeting of members who for some time have been absentees. All hope to see them at each meeting, as well as all members who desire to participate in this banquet.

After the business was disposed of an enjoyable entertainment was furnished, which was somewhat enlivened by the singing of the "Grasshopper Song," a creation of Frater Fred Albers. The Criterion Orchestra, composed of Rowland A. Kennan, William S. Hosfeld, Howard C. Eismann, Franklin Buckinstock and William C. F. Gell, rendered a number of selections and were forced to respond to an encore. Louis Speeler, physical instructor of the Meadowbrook Club, furnished a delightful exhibition of juggling and fancy club swinging. The Marion String Orchestra, of South Philadelphia, consisting of Thomas Green, A. W. Kuch, E. Kirst, F. Jones and H. Williamson, rendered pleasing selections.

The branch is deeply indebted to Frater Harry Finlayson for the services of the Criterion Orchestra and Mr. Speeler, and Frater William F. Fisher for that of the Marion String Orchestra. This is but a beginning of the good times in store for the members and friends of East Park Branch, No. 14.

Oak Park Branch, No. 300, will hold a meeting Thursday evening in the Grand Fraternity's new building, 1326-28 Arch street, to which the members and their friends are invited. The entertainment committee has provided for an evening of pleasant diversion, and one of the features will be our good friend and frater, Fred Albers, in comedy and song. This alone will no doubt bring out many members.

A cordial invitation is extended to all of the Philadelphia membership, as well as their friends, to visit the new building and accept the hearty welcome and opportunity of inspecting the fine new home.

There are some vacancies for lodge and organization meetings, about which Custodian Frater P. N. Hayes, phone Spruce 3168, can give any desired information.

Two Hurt in Trolley Crash

An east-bound Norris street trolley car crashed into a south-bound Fifteenth street car at Fifteenth and Norris streets, injuring two passengers. The injured, Mrs. William Bowman, twenty-nine years old, of 1327 South Stanley street, and Edward Coyne, thirty years old, of 343 South Hicks street, were removed to the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital, suffering from bruises and contusions on the face and body.

FRATERNAL AMERICANS

Class Initiations by Hamilton and Integrity—The Big Banquet

Hamilton Council, No. 841, Fraternal Patriotic Americans, held another large class initiation last Tuesday evening, when the excellent initiatory staff, under direction of P. C. Brother Elmer H. Sherwood, conferred the beautiful ritualistic work in amplified form. Brother Sherwood as councilor did exceptionally good work, as well as the various officers who took part therein. The guards under Captain Brother C. T. Boggs, as usual, assisted materially in imparting the beautiful patriotism of the order.

Integrity Council, No. 338, held a special class initiation last Thursday evening in the presence of a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, all of whom complimented the officers on their excellent work.

A meeting of the representatives of the various councils interested in the baseball league of the order met last week and mapped out a schedule for the coming season. All the managers promised better teams than last year, which was the most successful ever held.

The first meeting of the banquet committee will be held at Cohocksink Council, No. 528, Barney Post Hall, Germantown avenue and Diamond street, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Brother Francis Airey, chairman of the committee, promises the best program, and is predicting not less than 1000 members and lady friends will be present to celebrate the birth of the principles of the order May 17 next at Lu Lu Temple. All councils should be represented at the meeting tomorrow evening.

State Councilor Miller visited Colonel D. F. Houston Council, No. 739, last Friday evening, and was pleased with the large attendance of members and the enthusiasm shown. Reports are coming in from all parts of the State and show the greatest gain in membership.

SONS OF AMERICA CAMP'S BIG INCREASE

Rapid Stride of Suburban Camp. Reading Preparing to Take Lead From Camp 50

Camp No. 814, Falls of Schuylkill, had a class of thirty-eight candidates admitted, which made a total increase of 100 per cent since the State Camp session last August. The crack degree team of Camp No. 50, recognized as one of the best in the city, performed the initiatory rites. State Secretary Charles B. Helms spoke on the subject, "Principles of the Order," explaining the platform of principles, the good work being accomplished all over the State and how the camps were taking on new life and members. He urged the members to continue their energies for another 100 per cent increase by next August. District President Charles A. Slater urged such efforts as to make the greatest showing of any Philadelphia district. Clarence A. Maiden, recording secretary of Camp No. 111, Manayunk, spoke on general interests of the order.

The members of the degree team of Camp No. 50 are: President, Joseph Sisler; vice president, Walter Button; master of forms, James K. Helms; past president, Clayton Struse; conductor, Andrea Loos; lecturer, Fred Loos, chaplain, Fred Loos; sentinels, Harry Manning and Robert Stillwagon.

Camp No. 366 at 2770 Frankford avenue last Tuesday evening greatly enjoyed the smoker and entertainment given. The chairman of the entertainment committee reported that the committee had planned to hold an entertainment each month, but that it needed the hearty cooperation of all the members and urged them to be present. Several of the brothers of the camp rendered vocal solos in an artistic manner. The president of the camp gave a dramatic recitation entitled "Life's a Funny Proposition After All" in a very creditable way. Assistant State Secretary George B. Deliet spoke on the German motto "Ich Dien." He stated that the word "efficiency" was almost worn out, and that the new word was "service." He told of the big movements in the various parts of the State, and said that the present State executive committee was working hard to produce results. He closed his speech with the poem "There's No Land Like Ours." Brother Robert Thomson addressed the meeting on the subject, "The Real Son of America," full of historical incidents and narrating the growth of the country and of the order. The meeting was such a success that a rising vote of thanks was given to the entertainment committee. Refreshments were served.

State secretary Brother Biddle, of Camp No. 380; Brother George Birch, of Camp No. 34, and Brother Hiram Wynne, of Camp No. 50, will motor to Royersford tonight to attend the class initiation held by Camp No. 191, which is one of the most progressive camps in Montgomery County.

Camp No. 481 will pay a fraternal visit to Camp No. 50, Roxborough, on Thursday evening next. The ninth district P. O. S. of A. band will entertain during the evening. Prominent State officers will address the meeting. Camp No. 50 is known to treat visitors in a royal manner, and the boys of No. 481 are assured of a good time. Brother Joseph Sisler and the entertainment committee are preparing for the big night.

There will be a meeting of the First Philadelphia District at the hall of Camp 867, 1317 North Broad street, on Thursday evening, February 15. Brother Ed Smith, of Camp 77, has charge of the entertainment features and has arranged an elaborate program for the occasion.

Camp 101 will hold a Lincoln and Washington's birthday celebration on Friday, February 16. The State secretary will speak to the members on the lives of the two great Presidents of our country.

Camp 504, of Berwyn, will have one of the biggest nights in its history on Thursday, February 22, when a program of various features will be presented. Brother H. Singer Helms, one of the shining lights of Camp 50, will deliver an address and do his best to inspire the members of Camp 504.

"The Booster," of Camp 163, Reading, made its second appearance and received a warm welcome. This paper is published in the interests of the camp and for the purpose of arousing the members to greater activity. The camp is now conducting the greatest class initiation in its history, in fact, the greatest of any of the camps in the State at the present time, having added more than 200 members to its ranks. The class initiation roster will close at the end of February, when 400 new members are expected. If it is successful in obtaining that number it will become the largest camp in the order, Camp 50, of Roxborough, holding that honor at present by a small margin.

Camp 61, Reading, the oldest camp in the order, will hold its anniversary on Tuesday, February 13. State Treasurer Irwin Smith, National Treasurer Oscar B. Wetherhold and other State officers will be present.

Camp 681 had an interesting meeting with a good attendance. Brother Abe Golbecker, of 397, gave a talk on "Help the Other Fellow," which was interesting and instructive. State Inspector M. M. Haas presented P. P. John Heffecker, of 681, with a past president's jewel and complimented him on his excellent work during his service through the chairs for eighteen months. Brother Heffecker expressed his thanks and pledged his loyal support to 681. Brother A. W. Eckert, of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry, Troop G, having returned from the border, gave some interesting experiences of his seven months' service. As Brother Eikert was an active member of the camp and, of course, greatly missed, the members gave him a hearty welcome.

District President John F. Warden, of Camp 681, and staff, installed the officers of Camp 570 and was accorded a cordial reception. The district president stated that the fourteenth district was doing splendid work and that he had the local support of every camp in the entire district. State Inspector M. M. Haas gave a talk on the experience of his thirty-one years in the order and of the noble men who had carried on the great work of this organization and urged the members to follow their example. State Building Trustee S. M. Beidler was congratulated upon his recovery from a severe illness and he expressed his appreciation of the work being done in the fourteenth district. Dr. F. W. Kroiker, of 570, followed with a splendid talk laudatory of the men who established this great order and those who have led it on its present success.

KNIGHTS GOLDEN EAGLE

Grand Chief's Reception and Election Count for Grand Castle Officers

Aeolian Castle, No. 348, will hold an especially interesting session tonight, Broad and Federal streets, it being "Grand Chief's Night" in that castle. The present grand chief, John F. Brounley, is a member of this castle.

Grand Chief Brounley attended a meeting of the general committee on grand castle demonstration at Allentown and went over the various plans with the committee for entertaining the visiting sir knights and ladies during the grand castle session week. Past Grand Chief F. P. Hunsicker is chairman of the general committee and Past Grand Chief M. P. Schantz is chairman of the executive committee.

The election committee of the grand castle will meet at headquarters, 814 North Broad street, tonight, as required by the constitution, to open and compute the returns of votes cast for grand castle officers.

A new castle will be instituted by Grand Chief Brounley in Montgomery on or about February 12. This is the tenth new castle instituted during the present grand chief's term.

Darby Castle, No. 516, paid a fraternal visit to Upland Castle, No. 180, last Tuesday evening. There was a large delegation, and also visitors from Chester and Wilmington. Plans for the bicounty convention, which will be held in Darby next September, were talked over. An enjoyable evening was spent.

ALTAR DEDICATED BY MACCABEES' OFFICIALS

Impressive Ceremony Is Performed Before Throng in Lu Lu Temple

The fifteenth annual open meeting of the eight local reviews of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees taxed to the utmost the seating capacity of the Auditorium of Lu Lu Temple. The program opened with an overture by Miss Minnie Scheidemann. The chairman, Mrs. F. M. Helms, and assistant chairman, Mrs. Georgina England, then entered, followed by the reception committee, Mrs. Arabella Rotenbury, chairman, with the supreme officers and the district deputies for Pennsylvania and the local physicians who constitute the hospital service committee of this city. These were followed by the eighty officers of the reviews of this city to the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" by the vested choir of the Church of the Ascension, Broad and South streets, Henry L. T. Ulrich, choirmaster and organist.

After the officers were seated the union staff and the uniform rank entered, the officers being escorted to their positions by the rank. Mrs. Helms then welcomed the supreme officers, deputies and visitors. Miss Frances D. Partridge, the supreme record keeper, making the response. The beautiful and impressive ceremony of the dedication of the altar then followed, with Miss Nellie E. Lounsbury, the great commander, acting as celebrant, assisted by Mrs. Fanny B. Hambleton, Mrs. Marion Nicholson, Mrs. Charlotte Bieberbach and Miss Mary Collins and the uniform rank, under direction of Captain Mrs. Mary Crouch. The church choir and the choir of the uniform rank rendered the "Te Deum" and the hymn during the dedication. The altar was made by Mr. Olson and presented by Mrs. Olson to Philadelphia Review, No. 212.

The dedication was followed by a vocal selection by Miss Ella Coll Haney, and then Miss Bina M. West, the supreme commander, was introduced and the audience was kept spellbound for half an hour as she related the history of the society twenty-four years ago, with ten women and no money, and how the membership rose to more than 190,000, with a treasury of more than $10,000,000, the interest last year amounting to $400,000. Free hospital service and care in old age for those in distress and need has also been added. The fraternal, educational and social advantages of the association which spreads its mantel of protection over the United States and Canada were described. She declared that more than $14,000,000 had been paid into the homes of deceased and disabled members all over the land, beside the enormous sums which have been paid out in sick benefits by local reviews. Miss West's address was followed by vocal solos by Miss Chavez, of Keystone Review; Henry Nilrich, choir master, and Miss Ella Haney, of Philadelphia Review.

The deputies were then presented, after which the ever-popular display drill by the uniform rank was put on under the direction of Miss Minnie E. Burgin, of this city, the supreme chaplain of the association. This team is considered to be one of the best in the jurisdiction and a great effort will be made to raise the money to take them to Port Huron for the dedication of the $250,000 home office building of the association. An informal reception to the supreme officers ended the program.

Royal Arcanum

Chester Council, No. 553, celebrated its thirty-sixth anniversary on Thursday night by a banquet at the Washington House, Chester. Selections were furnished by Ryan's String Band, several solos were rendered and popular songs sung between the courses. District deputy grand regent, Charles F. Walter, of Lansdowne, acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers in the following order: Lee R. Geisenberger, Esq., grand regent; Hon. Arthur R. Eaton, sitting grand regent, and Dr. Fred M. Smith, who gave a short talk on "Fraternity."

Grand Regent Lee R. Geisenberger, on behalf of Chester Council, presented a past regent's solid gold jewel to the retiring regent, Charles R. Lewis, which makes the fourth jewel to be presented to members of his family. The grand regent then stated that he was pleased to announce that another honor was to be bestowed upon Chester Council. There being a vacancy in the office of grand warden in the Grand Council, he said he took great pleasure in appointing Past Regent Walton H. Jones to fill the vacancy, thereby giving Chester Council another representative in the Grand Council.

A special meeting was held prior to the banquet at which, on a dispensation granted by the Grand Council, one member was reinstated to the rights and privileges of the order. The new officers for 1917 will be installed tonight by grand officers. They are: Regent, Walter M. Jones; vice regent, Harry E. Woodrow; orator, Chester F. Baker; past regent, Charles R. Lewis; secretary, William G. Brewster; collector, Charles Palmer; treasurer, J. Engle Baker; chaplain, Albert W. Jeffreys; guide, Joseph V. Keers; sentry, Edgar Z. Palmer; trustees, Dr. Fred M. Smith, James C. Baker, Dr. Walter E. Egbert; representative in Grand Council, Walton H. Jones; alternate, James C. Baker.

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