100 CARS NEEDED TO AID RED CROSS

Motorists' Help Asked in Waste-Paper Collection

MANY TONS ARE WAITING

More Automobiles Needed for Paper-Saving Campaign

THE Red Cross needs 100 automobiles to make its paper-saving campaign a big success.

Motortrucks are also needed.

More than seven tons of paper was collected Saturday with nine motortrucks and one automobile.

It was impossible for this number of cars to cover the entire city.

With 100 pleasure cars and thirty or forty trucks on the list no owner will need to serve more than once a month.

Will you lend your motortruck or your pleasure car?

Notify the Red Cross Department of the EVENING LEDGER, Walnut or Main 3000, now. Telephone today when you can spare your car.

Considerably more than a ton of waste paper was delivered by individuals for the benefit of the Red Cross the later part of last week. This is a feature of the paper-saving campaign which will undoubtedly develop to larger proportions.

All persons who have saved paper and can have it delivered or can deliver it in their own automobiles, trucks or delivery wagons are urged to do so any day up to 5:30 in the afternoon, Saturday excepted.

Deliveries should be made to the Penn Paper and Stock Company, 206 North Delaware avenue.

While it is preferred that no deliveries be made on Saturday by individuals, that being the regular Red Cross collection day, deliveries can be made up, if necessary, to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

IMPORTANT BRANCH

The importance of this branch of paper saving becomes apparent from the fact that the total amount of paper delivered during the last week to the warehouse was a little above 3000 pounds. One lot of 715 pounds was sent from the home of Haseltine Smith, 2027 Sansom street.

Another lot of 600 pounds was delivered by Mrs. H. K. Hill, of Villanova, in her automobile. There was also delivery of 625 pounds made by some one who did not leave a name. Other lots weighed 460 pounds, 400 pounds, 262 pounds, and several a little less. These figures show how individuals can help to run the paper collections into big amounts aside from the regular Saturday collections.

The collection of seven tons of waste paper from every nook and corner of Philadelphia is a feat which is difficult to accomplish. This is especially true when it is considered that all of the collecting was done by volunteers, assisted by Boy Scouts.

PATRIOTISM SHOWN

The success of Saturday's collection is further testimony to the patriotic enthusiasm of a certain element of Philadelphia business men. The particular business men in this case were the manufacturers of motortrucks and the organizations selling them in Philadelphia. Without the co-operation of these men and the Fairmount Dye Works and Mr. W. A. Taylor, of 2256 Walnut street, the Red Cross paper-saving campaign would have stopped Saturday.

The collection of the seven tons of paper has proved that this campaign is destined to be a big proposition, one which will last and bring in a steady income to the Red Cross. This total was more than twice the paper collected on the opening day, the previous Saturday. There were tons of paper reported which the collectors were unable to bring in, owing to the size of their territories.

This week it is hoped to stir up the owners of pleasure cars to the importance of this campaign. If a hundred or more automobile owners volunteer to assist with these collections the work will be made light for all, for no collector would then need to go out more than once a month.

The Fairmount Dye Works, 624 North Twenty-fourth street, donated a big truck for the collection on Saturday. This is the second firm owning trucks for delivery purposes to volunteer to assist this cause. It is hoped several other companies will find opportunity to volunteer one or more trucks for collections next Saturday afternoon or for some afternoon during the week if Saturday is not convenient.

MARRIAGE MARKET HIT HARD BY WAR IN ITALY

Period in 1915 Showed 66,000, as Against 121,000 in 1913—Emigration Almost Stopped

ROME, May 21. — Statistics just published by the Government give some interesting and eloquent figures concerning the influence of war on the number of marriages, births and deaths.

The figures regarding the number of marriages cover only the last six months of the years from 1913 to 1915. From July to December, 1913, 121,065 marriages were recorded. This number decreased to 108,866 during the same period in 1914 and fell to 66,320 in the last six months of 1915, after Italy intervened in the war.

Notwithstanding the large number of bloody engagements at the Italian front, the number of deaths in the last six months of 1915 are not impressively superior to that of 1914. In fact, while from July to December, 1914, the number of deaths was 312,932, in 1915, after seven months of constant fighting, they had increased only to 358,932.

The figures so far received from every province in the kingdom indicate that war has had a marked effect on the number of births. During the last three months of 1915, 254,000 births were registered, against 280,000 in the same period of 1914.

Emigration has suffered more than anything else, chiefly on account of the fact that late in 1914 a decree was issued prohibiting the emigration of all men still subject to military duties; that is, men from eighteen to thirty-nine years of age. Early in 1915 another decree was issued and emigration further restricted.

During the first three months of 1914 there left for both European and transatlantic countries 249,000 emigrants; 132,000 in the second three months, and only 54,000 in the third quarter. In 1915-16 the average departures every three months were about 20,000.

COATESVILLE BUSINESS MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Real Estate Dealer Drops Dead in Apartment House in This City

Charles P. Greenwood, former member of the Legislature and prominent in Coatesville, fell dead in an apartment house at 1932 Mount Vernon street. Greenwood's death, which occurred Saturday night, is believed by physicians to have been caused by acute indigestion. Mrs. Olive E. Thompson, at whose home Greenwood died, was made ill by the shock of the man's death. He had called on her about a real estate transaction, friends of Mrs. Thompson said. Greenwood was active in Coatesville real estate.

Greenwood, who was fifty-four years old, leaves an estate estimated at $300,000. He is survived by a widow. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Coatesville Presbyterian Church.

FIDELITY ASSEMBLY'S FRATERNAL MEMORIAL

Eminent Officers Do Honor to the Record of Doctor Ickes in the A. O. M. P.

Fidelity Assembly's first meeting after the death of the beloved recorder, Dr. H. A. Ickes, a crayon portrait of whom was presented, was conducted in the nature of a memorial observance, Solicitor Joseph T. Taylor delivering an historical and eulogistic address. Editor E. N. Mayor and others added affectionate testimony to the fraternal and personal value of the departed brother. Brothers R. C. Thompson, William B. Pollock, Hurley Stockton, Joseph B. Wiswell and William Carmichael, eminent members of other assemblies who had acted as deputies over No. 21 during the administration of Doctor Ickes since 1894, expressed sincere sentiments of their personal attachment and the general appreciation of the ability, energy and influence exerted by the late recorder in the work of building Fidelity Assembly from a struggling organization of less than 100 members to a successful unit of more than 600 loyal Artisans.

P. M. A. Loftus G. Armstrong, a comrade and lifelong friend as well, read an original and touching poem dedicated to the deceased recorder. It was the general feeling that no more substantial memorial could be observed than to perpetuate the work that Doctor Ickes started and loved by a united effort to make No. 21 the leading assembly of the order.

After the initiation of two candidates and the transaction of business nominations were received for the office of recorder. Brother Arthur S. MacNair, who has served in the offices of inspector and superintendent during the last year and a half and who was appointed temporary recorder by M. P. Recorder Fox, was nominated by Editor Mayor and P. M. A. Daly. Brother Charles G. Simpson was nominated by P. M. A. Kellar and Brother G. W. Edelen.

Oak Lane Assembly turned out about 200 of the faithful, including some eminent visitors. Two candidates were initiated. Deputy James H. Maloney turning over to the group "Dixie" Thompson, fomenting his diplomatical little the service of presenting the buttons. Solicitor Joseph T. Taylor, of Fidelity, Master Artisan Alto, of Pennsylvania, Recorder Kempton, "Mac" Rivers, Harry Johnson and Harry Crane, of St. John, and M. E. Conductor Marr were welcome participants, who could have contributed to the intellectual feast of the evening if without recreation for the time to be devoted to the prepared entertainment for the ladies.

It is said that it was the finest assemblage of the fair sex, exemplars of home fashion and virtue, ever present at one of our meetings in that community, and they gave ample demonstration of their enjoyment of the program of the highgrade vaudeville presented, and also a "special" entertainment for the back row, who insisted on standing on his chair so that he could see just how the piano player could play and how the music all by himself and never move a note.

The serving of the refreshments gave greater opportunity for the feminine admiration of the trio of handsome fraternalists represented in Brother Keith and Master Artisan as well as M. E. Inspector Voorhees, who was master of ceremonies, announcer and general "boss" of this live "bunch" of baby Artisans.

Spartan Assembly had a spirited meeting, with lots of business and a good time. The chair officers were "itching" for a candidate in order to do their "memory verses," but there was "nothing doing" this time. They do not intend to be fooled next month. The officers will urge the brothers to do what is necessary to make the officers to be "on the job." Brothers Hayhurst and Lussier, of Germantown Assembly, were welcome visitors. The entertainment committee presented a humorous "skit" full of wit, wisdom, song and stories. Then there were patriotic cigarettes, army salad, submarine coffee and lemon coast. The committee has a surprise for next meeting which should not be missed.

Keystone Assembly rushed business and the initiation of a candidate (Deputy A. B. Dotson presiding the fellows) in order to present early a highly enjoyable entertainment of music and humor for the ladies. M. E. Recorder Fox made an appeal to the women for co-operation in extending the work and influence of the assembly.

Haddon Heights Assembly had the pleasure of a visitation from Passyunk Assembly, which brought a delegation of 102 men with a band. It took fourteen autos and a large van to transport them. Upon arrival in Haddon Heights they gave a short parade around the town which startled the natives, and then proceeded to the artisans' meeting room in the town hall.

After the initiation service the Mayor of the borough made an address of welcome, and then he and the Director of Public Safety assured the delegates that they could "go the limit." The business meeting was followed by a short entertainment, which was much enjoyed, ending with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," with "God Glory" very much in evidence.

Union Assembly expedited the initiation and business to devote the larger part of the evening to a progressive euchre and pinochle contest, the winners receiving various prizes.

Ideal Assembly celebrated its seventh anniversary by a "ladies' night" which drew over 200, with delegations from Larchwood and Radiant Star Assemblies. Master Artisan Harper welcomed the delighted company, and P. M. E. M. A. Thompson, who was cordially greeted, delivered an address on the order. A fine vaudeville entertainment was enhanced by the service of the Union Assembly quartet under the leadership of Brother Charles Shoemaker, the whole program receiving enthusiastic demonstrations of enjoyment.

At the business meeting three petitions were received and Brother A. J. Kelly spoke on the Dining Club dinner.

M. E. officers Jordan and Cox made a tour last week of some 400 miles in the central section of the State, where they visited Alvira Assembly, No. 43, and Milton Assembly, No. 87. The members of these assemblies turned out in good steady numbers and listened with strict attention to the remarks made by the two officers. No. 43 is located in the flourishing farming community of the White Deer Valley, and the members are rugged farmers who have a firm belief in the integrity of the A. O. M. P.

The M. E. visitors were given a cordial reception by the members of Milton Assembly, which, though small, is composed of the leading citizens of the town, and the indications are that Milton Assembly will increase her activity and contribute some new members during the year.

Passyunk Assembly is the greatest visiting assembly in the order. The suggestion made by the Committee on Extension and Welfare last year that the assemblies cultivate a better acquaintance with each other has been literally carried out by the "Indians" of South Philadelphia. On Tuesday evening over 100 members in automobiles assembled at the Artisan Club, Fifteenth and Snyder avenue, and proceeded to Haddon Heights Assembly. This Jersey assembly will entertain the "Breakfast Score" in October, and the visit of Passyunk was simply to announce that they would be on hand at the annual gathering.

The Most Excellent officers will visit Washington Assembly, No. 54, on Wednesday evening next.

The regular quarterly dinner of the Artisan Dining Club will be held at Thirteenth street and Girard avenue, on Tuesday evening, May 29, at 6:30. The dinner will be a good one and will be followed by splendid entertainment features.

Harmony Assembly intends to put on tomorrow night a modern minstrel show with home talent, "sweet singers" and end men, with new as well as old "gags" that will put the professionals to shame and make it unnecessary for Brother Jerre Neill to suspect any sudden injection of invisible and decayed vegetation.

THE GRAND FRATERNITY

Branch 4 Caring for Enlisted Fraters and Adopts New Degree

More than 200 members of Philadelphia Branch No. 4 were at the meeting on Thursday evening. Fraters F. A. Clymer, R. Kramer, A. C. Carter and Thomas Burns were commended for introducing a large class of new members into the mysteries of the fraternity. Frater Thomas Keegan thanked the branch for its kindness during the illness resulting in the death of his sister, who was seriously hurt in the Eddystone disaster.

Fraters Philip Goodrich and W. C. Forbes, two enlisted members, were present in their new uniforms. Several fraters are already engaged in active service and the branch at this meeting passed a resolution to the effect that the monthly dues of such members be paid from the branch treasury—just another instance of the many advantages of the fraternal system.

The Loyal Legion, the new patriotic degree of the Fraternity, was brought to the attention of the members and they received it enthusiastically and unanimously applied for enrollment. The principle of this degree is patriotism, as is evidenced by the following clause of its ritual: "In these days of national unrest and international dissension, when it behooves all of us to reiterate and repledge our loyalty as citizens of 'the greatest republic that ever existed in all the flood of time,' the original motto of the Grand Fraternity seems to have an added significance which makes it of almost national import, for as a nation we have gone on record as taking our stand for

Humanity
Equality
Liberty
Prudence.

Let us, therefore, as loyal citizens and true fraternalists bear this motto aloft and exert every possible effort for the welfare of our country."

Friday evening of each week has been set aside for the purpose of thoroughly drilling in the new building members and their friends in the manual of arms, so that they may be the better equipped to serve when our country calls. Frater Russell Shelly and his orchestra favored with several well-rendered selections and were obliged to respond to many encores. After the serving of refreshments the meeting adjourned to meet the third Thursday in June.

FRATERNAL AMERICANS

Executive Officers of Two States Take Part in Anniversary

The anniversary of the principles of the order, "virtue, liberty and patriotism," was celebrated in the most resplendent manner last Thursday evening at Lu Lu Temple. One thousand members and lady friends, the largest attendance ever recorded at such an event, enjoyed in the fullest measure the beautiful Americanism of the organization and the true fraternity which is so prominent therein.

The officers of the committee consisted of D. D. S. C. Francis Airey, of No. 338, president; Charles J. Best, of No. 615, vice president; C. Leroy Tripmaker, of No. 631, secretary, and P. S. C. Wobensmith, of No. 16, treasurer. State Councilor the Rev. Samuel A. Harker, of New York, and State Council Secretary William H. Mirts, of New Jersey, who is also secretary of the general executive board of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and District of Columbia, representing a membership of more than 200,000, were present, as well as State Councilor Miller, of Allentown, Pa.; Jr. P. S. C. Shoemaker and State Council Secretary Ford, of Philadelphia, president of the general executive board.

The auditorium of the temple was beautifully decorated with the finest display of flags of the nation, State and city. Two orchestras furnished music for the banquet and dance, the banquet being from 9 to 11, and dancing from 8 to 9 and 11 to 1 o'clock. A specially planned and illuminated stage was prepared, under the direction of P. C. Victor C. Peters, of John H. Murphy Council, No. 16. The grand march was led by President Brother Francis Airey and Miss Airey, followed by the members of the committee and of the executive board of the State Council of Pennsylvania. Every person present praised the event as the most enjoyable and successful ever witnessed.

Jr. P. S. C. Shoemaker paid a fraternal visit to New Hanover Council, No. 926, and exemplified the short form of ritual. The large attendance of members and the interest displayed generally are continuing the great success of this council.

Cedar Council, No. 671, celebrated its tenth anniversary last Saturday evening, when State Councilor Miller made an address and complimented the council upon its successful existence.

An official visitation will be paid this evening by State Council Secretary Ford and Jr. P. S. C. Shoemaker to Port Richmond Council, No. 234, Richmond street and Indiana avenue. A large attendance of members and visitors will be an important feature of the event. No. 234 has been and is doing a great work in its locality.

A general class initiation will be held at the hall of Chewsuckie Council, No. 526, Germantown avenue and Diamond street, tomorrow evening, when a large number of candidates will be received from the following councils: Beneficia, No. 6; Independent, No. 8; Union, No. 9; John H. Murphy, No. 16; Quaker City, No. 85, and Cohocksink, No. 526. The work will be excellent and beautifully exemplified in the new short form by the initiatory staff of Rescue Council, No. 15, under the charge of P. C. Robert M. Barlow, assisted by the staff. All brethren are cordially invited and guaranteed more than the usual good work of the organization.

Colonel John Clark Council, No. 615, will tender a reception to surviving members of Colonel James Ashworth Post, G. A. R., preparatory to doing the work of the post in the decoration of the graves of all soldiers in all of the cemeteries in Holmesburg and nearby on Decoration Day. Colonel John Clark Council, No. 615, has pledged itself to continue this work in the future.

An important meeting of the Good of the Order Association will be held next Friday evening at Eagle Council, No. 3, 1935 Columbia avenue, when further reports will be made by the memorial service and excursion committees. All delegates from the various councils should attend. State Council officers will be present at that time.

Uhlertown Council, No. 526, will present an American silk flag to the church of that town next Sunday afternoon, when State Council Secretary Ford will make the presentation address. Uhlertown Council is not only increasing its membership, but is increasing the true American spirit of the organization in its vicinity.

JUNIOR ORDER U. A. M.

The Big Marlin Council Working Up Another Class Initiation

The activity of the captains appointed by Councilor William Ploss, of John R. Marlin Council, was demonstrated on Thursday evening by the large number of propositions tendered to the secretary. Captains are Henry Wellenmann, Thomas H. Walters, William Ploss, J. Frank Rue, Walter W. Young, Robert Bruce, William Miller, J. Pollock, Charles Sager, Herbert Stott, Robert Glass, Arthur G. Nevitt, Edgar Baynes, Gus Linenweber, Albert Neidinger, Elmer Cross, William A. Jones, Henry P. Swigear, Albert C. Swigear, Wesley M. Ecoff, Frederick Steeger, Wayland R. Herb, Lynford S. Walters, Monroe E. Voigtsberger, George Prince, Stephen A. Walton, William W. Cassidy, Edward Buchanan, Norman Kern, Joseph Ferguson, William Ferguson, George W. B. Able and John O. Wilson.

From the outlook the class initiation planned should be one of the most successful ever held by the council. The degree work on this occasion will be performed by the degree team from General U. S. Grant Council, No. 82, of Norristown. Reports have been received that this team is in perfect class condition and that some surprises will be sprung. The degree team from Stephen Girard Council will perform the work for the class that will be held on Saturday evening, June 30.

A large class initiation was held by North Penn Council, No. 253, on Tuesday evening, the work being done by the degree team from Stephen Girard Council. The exemplification made a great impression upon the candidates. The degree team consisted of the following members of Girard Council: Councilor, Frederick J. Weber; vice councilor, Leon Spier; junior past councilor, George Lockwood; chaplain, William Lauderwasser; conductor, John Schroeder; warden, William Snyder; Joe Stein, Robert Tait, George Miller, George Hall and Charles Lauderwasser. This was the outcome of the active work for the competitive teams that were hustling for candidates. Arrangements have been made for another class in the very near future. Visitors present were Deputies William Ploss, Henry Wellenmann, Stephen A. Walton and others.

Franklinville Council is organizing a degree team. The uniform rank of the council made a good appearance on the floor at the last meeting. They were drilled by Corporal William W. Cassidy, from the Marlin Guard, and Captain Thomas Nevitt, of Franklinville Council. The team is perfecting itself to put on the work at the next class of Franklinville Council.

The meeting of General G. K. Warren Council was made interesting by a visit from a brother from the Buckeye State, Brother James Campbell, of Oakley Council, No. 308, of Cincinnati, who gave the brothers an interesting talk on what the Juniors are doing in Ohio and upon his travels. An exhibition of the manual of arms was commended. Plans were formed for a large delegation from Warren Council to the booster meeting that will be held at Relief Council, No. 2, this evening.

Torres Council celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on Friday evening with an interesting entertainment. The members and their ladies were there in large numbers, and all enjoyed the program, including a vaudeville show. An interesting talk was given by Brother Hahn on the history of the council since its institution. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

A Council Anniversary

Relief Council, No. 47, O. U. A. M., will celebrate its seventieth anniversary by a banquet at Thirteenth street and Girard avenue on next Wednesday evening. The principal speaker will be United States District Judge J. Warren Davis, of New Jersey.

DISTRICT MEETINGS OF P. O. S. A. CAMPS

Preparations for Memorial Day Exercises and Assignments of Fraternal Speakers

The first district association, comprising Camps Nos. 7, 77, 332, 376, 688, 703 and 867, under the jurisdiction of Brother William E. Press, D. P., held a combined meeting with the sixth district P. O. S. of A., comprising Camps Nos. 34, 68 and 157, under the jurisdiction of Mrs. Jane Williams, D. P., and adjourned to meet next September. The entertainment committee, of which Brother Edward H. Smith is chairman, concluded its work after one of the most successful years in the district.

At the final meeting held last Thursday at 814 Girard avenue there were present 407 members and visitors. Brother George Woolpper started the entertainment by witty sayings and comic songs. The vocal soloists were Misses Alma Hodge and Emma Karl, elocutionist, Miss Wilda Karl. Then there was a sketch by Camp No. 115, P. O. of A., entitled "Hopstein's Department Store," consisting of fifteen characters, under the direction of Mrs. Anna Reeser, which was a "scream." Brother Abe Goldbacher presented on behalf of the Sixth District Association, P. O. of A., a loving cup to Mrs. Jane Williams, D. P., their retiring district president, whose efforts have eclipsed all previous records for a district president. Refreshments were served and dancers took the floor to the strains of music by the Ninth District, P. O. S. of A., Band. The success of the affair is due to the efforts of Sisters Ida Hartman and Carrie Hughes and to the direction of Brother Edward H. Smith, of Camp No. 77, P. O. S. of A.

Memorial Day to the Patriotic Order Sons of America is the most eventful day of the year. This patriotic organization in many of the communities of the State takes entire charge of the Memorial Day services and the fraternal orators are engaged and scheduled long in advance. This year brings with it the usual number of engagements for State officers and the entire executive committee as well as many of the local officers and speakers of the 990 camps have been assigned. The State executive members have been compelled to refuse many engagements to speak on this day, but many of the engagements have been accepted by the members of the flying squadron and other leading members of the order.

State President Clark will speak in Pittsburgh, State Vice President Moyer in Doylestown, State Master of Forms Harper in Chester, State Secretary Helms in Fox Chase, under the auspices of Camp No. 340 in the morning, and at Honeybrook, Chester County, in the afternoon, as well as a flag presentation under the auspices of Camp No. 295 between these two engagements. Hiram L. Wynne, past president of Camp No. 50, will speak at Bowmansdown, Carbon County. Many of the old Union soldiers are members of this order—in fact of the first defenders from Pennsylvania in 1861 nearly all were active members at that time in this splendid organization, and the best honor and revere their memory on this great day.

State Vice President Moyer and State Secretary Helms left this morning for a five-day visitation to northern counties. The trip will include county rallies in Cameron, Potter, Tioga, Clearfield and Clinton.

Camp 538, located at 4010 Chestnut street, will have a class initiation this evening, when twenty candidates will be admitted, one of whom will be the Rev. T. Asher Hess, who was among the youngest drummer boys in the Civil War.

To raise funds to pay the dues of its members who have enlisted in the country's service the camp will give a monster benefit at Arcade Hall May 25 and 26, when "The Breadwinner," written by J. Hartley Manners, author of "Peg o' My Heart," will be enacted, and vaudeville, tableaux, etc., will be in abundance.

On Sunday evening next Camp 744, of Logan, will hold a patriotic service at the Bishop Nicholson Reformed Episcopal Church, Tenth and Rockland streets at 7:15 o'clock. All members of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and other patriotic bodies are invited to meet at Marvine and Rockland streets at 6:45 p. m. The Rev. Dr. Bohney, Louis A. Berry, Esq., and other prominent speakers will deliver addresses.

Louis Andrew Berry, Esq., of Camp 203, is one of the most active of the younger members of this organization. He is a talented speaker, and his efforts are being greatly appreciated by the entire order.

Major R. A. Dill, field worker for the State Camp, is now engaged in Coatesville, Chester County. This camp is composed of high-class Christian members, but has been slow in getting new members. The State executive committee this year is making an effort to assist the weaker camps, and Major Dill has been working successfully in Allenwood, Sunbury, Northumberland and other towns close by. Great results are looked for in Coatesville. In Stricklersville, Chester County, the camp has had a 150 per cent increase through the organizing efforts. The work will continue, and Major Dill will shortly reach Freeburg, New Berlin, Penn Brook, New Cumberland and other towns which have requested assistance from the State committee.

State Master of Forms John W. Harper and Former County President John Cantwell, of Delaware County, will pay an official visit to Camp 880, of Stricklersville, in company with District President Robert C. Bancroft, of Kennett Square. Brother Cantwell is one of the most active members in the order, being "on the job" almost every evening for the good of the cause. Brother Bancroft is known as the little "live wire" district president of Chester District No. 2, and it is mostly through his inspiring efforts that Chester No. 2 is enjoying the most prosperous year of its proud history.

Linden, Union County, had the largest evening in its history, when in the presence of a large delegation of persons of that vicinity a handsome American flag was raised by Camp No. 880. The flag was presented to the camp by William J. Funston, the district president from Newberry, Lycoming County. The Rev. James R. Baker, of the Lycoming Presbyterian Church, offered the invocation, and forthwith the throng sang patriotic songs, the beautiful flag was raised to the breeze amid the strains of the national anthem, played by the famous brass band of Linden. The chief address was made by the Rev. Mr. Baker, and it was an able effort. He spoke of the purity of personal and political conduct and the tranquillity of public affairs that the nation's emblem has always typified.

Camp 880 was organized April 12, 1916, with thirty members and now boasts a roster of forty-eight names. The officers of Linden Camp are: Past president, H. E. Reaser; president, W. F. Williamson; vice president, W. S. Sweeney; master of forms, Ralph R. Hoffman; recording secretary, C. Edgar Reaser; assistant recording secretary, E. C. Buyan; financial secretary, W. W. Faustin; treasurer, W. J. Lockcoff; chaplain, the Rev. R. T. McKinney; conductor, George C. Hoffman; inspector, L. O. Green; guard, O. J. Glessner; trustees, G. A. Lockcuff, H. L. Eder and B. A. Younkins.

Federated Councils' Anniversary

About 500 members and friends of the Federation of Councils, Jr. O. U. A. M., composed of Washington Council, No. 1; Kensington Council, No. 5; Harry Clay Council, No. 7, and Bridesburg Council, No. 135, an organization entirely separate from the parent body, celebrated the anniversary of their order with a banquet, entertainment and dance at Masonic Hall, Germantown, on Thursday evening. The address was made by Brother Thomas E. Clemens, president of the federation; Brother James A. Dunn, of Bridesburg Council, No. 135, was presented with a handsome desk, chair and bookcase in recognition of his long and faithful service as an officer and member of the organization. The presentation speech was made by Joseph P. Candy, recording secretary of Bridesburg Council, No. 135.

The following banquet committee was commended for making this one of the most successful anniversaries the Federation of Councils has had: Stanton, Bringhurst and Clemens, of Washington Council; Schrader, Smith and Scherer, of Kensington Council; Murphy, Schneider and Coulter, of Harry Clay Council and Shoe, Eickert and Burgin, of Bridesburg Council. The federation now has a membership of about 2000 and the net assets of the councils are about $135,000.

SUPREME CIRCLE, B. A., IN ANNUAL SESSION

Readjustment of Mortuary Fund, New Monthly Publication and Election of Officers

The sixty-seventh annual session of the Supreme Circle, Brotherhood of America, was held in Odd Fellow's Hall, Atlantic City, and was generously attended by representatives from the grand bodies. The discussions upon the several amendments and other important matters were deliberate and thorough.

The reports of all the officers and of the committees on law, appeals, and that of counsel were approved. The time of meeting of the session was changed from the second Tuesday in May to the fourth Tuesday in June.

Among the most important changes made in the laws was that permitting past grand guardians who were the executive officer of the Grand Home (the ladies' branch of the organization) to be admitted to the Supreme Circle as full-fledged members, with all the rights and privileges now enjoyed by Grand Chief Washington. This action will increase the number of members of the Supreme Circle approximately 100.

The women folk of the organization are enthusiastic over the recognition of rights for which they never petitioned but which has been so generously accorded by the national body.

Another important amendment was the levy of a quarterly tax of 25 cents on the first day of July, October, January and April on the members of the death benefit fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the management of the organization and the extension of the order.

This amendment is of more than ordinary importance from the fact that all dues hereafter paid into the mortuary fund will in the future be exclusively used for the payment of death claims. This action is in consonance with the requirements of the New York conference bill, which has been adopted by over thirty of the States upon the suggestion of the congress of insurance commissioners.

Arrangements were perfected with Kable Brothers, of Mount Morris, Ill., for a monthly publication to be recognized as the official organ of the organization, the first issue of which will appear next month.

The Supreme Circle adopted a resolution pledging itself to uphold the hands of President Wilson during the national crisis now pending, and the following reply was received from the President:

"The President thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message, which has helped to reassure him and keep him in heart."

The officers who were elected and installed at the session were: Past Supreme, Washington, Albert L. Welsh, Philadelphia; Supreme Washington, John A. Brown, Scranton, Pa.; Supreme Jefferson, John H. W. Thrush, Washington, D. C.; Supreme Franklin, William McKenzie, Hazzdale, Pa.; Supreme Scroll Keeper, H. B. Walter, Philadelphia; Supreme Treasurer, George W. Dannenhauer, Philadelphia; Clerk, John Rubl, Philadelphia; Supreme Herald, Thomas F. Dunn, Dover, Del. (editor Dover Index); Supreme Watcher of the Day, Albert Wrensch, Montclair, N. J.; Supreme Watcher of the Night, Roberts F. Lafferty, Philadelphia; Supreme Trustees, Henry I. Yohn, Philadelphia; Thomas L. Gage, Atlantic City, N. J.; Charles M. Bacon, Philadelphia.

Mr. Walter, the Supreme Scroll Keeper, is eighty years old, and has been in continuous service in office since 1895. In partial appreciation of his long and valued services, as well as a token of remembrance of the eightieth anniversary of his birthday, he was presented with two hundred of America's beauty roses.

The retiring Supreme Washington, Albert L. Welsh, of Pennsylvania, whose unparalleled services during the year did much to strengthen the organization numerically, was rewarded by the presentation of a beautiful gold badge emblematic of his rank and station in the order and also received from individual members of the Supreme Circle a bouquet of flowers.

After the usual formalities, the Supreme Circle closed its session and will meet in Reading, Pa., on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1918.

ROYAL ARCANUM

Supreme Council in Boston Session Considering Important Business

The fortieth annual session of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum called to Boston last Wednesday 117 delegates from nearly every State in the Union and from Canada, and the convention is still in session.

It has been the custom for the R. A. to hold the convention in the city of its birth every ten years. President Henry C. Wright, of the State Senate of Massachusetts, who is also an officer of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, officiated in the opening proceedings, representing Governor McCall in welcoming the guests to Boston.

Grand Regent Frederick A. Goodwin spoke of the wonderful good resulting from the R. A. since its inception, its prompt and complete payment of its 80,000 death claims, amounting the stupendous sum of nearly $200,000,000 in benefits to the beneficiaries of the deceased members of the order, also referred to the recent rumor of financial troubles and said: "We shall show during this convention that the order not only is in a sound financial condition, but is in comparison most favorably in this respect with any order of its kind in the United States."

The first day's proceedings are usually consumed in the opening ceremonies, and are more of a social meeting than any attempt to transact business, of which there is plenty.

The Boston committee in charge is Frederick A. Goodwin, grand regent, chairman; Hon. Michael J. Murray and the following past grand regents: Edward J. Byron, Hon. John J. Hogan, Edgar Searing and Judge David A. Dillon. The visiting women folk are cared for by a large committee, headed by Mrs. F. A. Goodwin, chairman, and Miss Lucy Goodwin, secretary. The committee has arranged a number of social functions for both ladies and some special affairs for the ladies accompanying the delegates.

By a strange coincidence the same date and city fixed for the session of the Supreme Council was the time and place for the appeal hearing in the recent suit against the order and naturally the courtroom was crowded by delegates to the convention. Howard C. Wiggins, of Rome, N. Y., general counsel for the R. A., appealed from the receivership before Judges Bodge, Bingham and Brown in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

In presenting his appeal, Attorney Wiggins stated that in Massachusetts and thirty-six other States fraternal insurance organizations are protected against receiverships by State laws, which make the Attorney General the sole person authorized to bring receivership proceedings against organizations of that kind.

The Massachusetts law had been attacked as unconstitutional in the R. A. receivership, he said, and if this attack was sustained by the Court of Appeals he declared that all fraternal insurance organizations would be confronted with similar proceedings. It was only by attacking the constitutionality of the statute of Massachusetts that the plaintiff in the case was able to get a receiver appointed, said Attorney Wiggins, in the United States courts.

He contended that the Massachusetts statute that had been attacked had been approved by other courts and that it deprived Hobart, the plaintiff, of none of his rights. The statute in question, he declared, merely specified the manner in which Hobart was to seek relief.

Attorney Wiggins also attacked the receivership on the ground that the appointment was made without permitting the organization to be heard. This, he argued, was in violation of the express rule of the court allowing parties who were principals in a case a hearing. The plaintiff was represented by Attorney Harvey A. Pratt. The court took the matter under advisement.

THE MACCABEES

Increased Efforts of the Reviews to Win a New Building Here

Quaker City Review, W. B. A., 1315 Columbia avenue, Mrs. Carrie Posern, commander, voted to create a fund to carry the dues, if necessary, of any member whose husband, father or brother is called to the service of the country. It also draped the charter in memory of Mrs. Susan Bonsal, and voted sympathy to Mrs. File, Mrs. Emma Young, Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Kate Neel for their great bereavements.

Mrs. Godwin was awarded a fine prize for securing members, and the Review is getting ready to inaugurate a great campaign for increased attendance at meetings and for new members, as they all feel that if ever children and dependents need protection such as the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees gives it is now.

Betsy Ross Review, Roschill Garage Hall, Allegheny avenue and B street, Mrs. Georgina England commander, appointed the following ladies to serve on the temple committee: Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Rathgeber, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. C. Hill and Mrs. Katherine Hill. It also voted to create a fund to carry any members whose bread winners go to war and arranged to decorate the graves of their departed sisters on June 7. It will also take up the temple campaign to assist in getting enough new members for the reviews of this city to have their own building.

Supreme Chaplain Burgin paid an official visit to Allentown Review last Friday and called on a member living in Bethlehem.

The euchre given by Philadelphia Review for the benefit of the Port Huron trip fund of the uniform rank was not as well attended as it deserved to be and Mrs. Dateesman, who was chairman, deserves much credit for her efforts.

Bartram Review, Fortieth and Chestnut streets, Mrs. Minnie Evans commander, reports a pleasant meeting, and that it will initiate a class on June 6, with the uniform rank to assist in the floor work.

Keystone Review will confer the second degree in June, when some interesting slides will be shown. The temple committee reported that it was still looking for a suitable building to be purchased and renovated for the use of the association in this city. The next meeting of the central committee will be held in the sun parlor of Mrs. Georgina England, 4712 D street, the second Wednesday in June, being the first "basket lunch picnic" of the summer.

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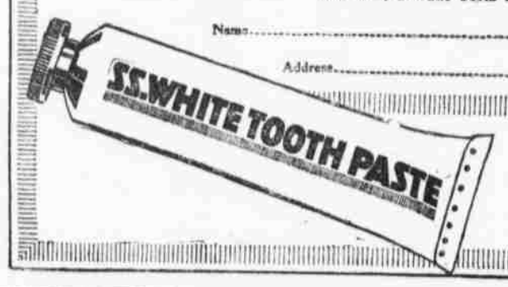

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