...SS KERRIDGE" ...D EDGAR "SKEERED"

...'d Never Seen a Trolley Car Until He Left Bondrich, Md., He Told Cops

Progress simply dazed Edgar Taylor when he wandered here today from Bondrich, Md. Although seventeen years old he had never been outside of Bondrich. The speediest ride he ever had was in his father's carriage when they went to church on Sunday or astride Benjamin, their docile mule, when he guided him to the blacksmith shop. Edgar said he never saw a trolley car, an automobile, a locomotive, an elevated or a subway.

He was glad to escape from the train which whizzed him into the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station at Twenty-fourth and Market streets.

"Thought I'd never git off'n ther durn thing alive," he said in telling of it later.

But he stood stock still on reaching the street.

"There was a goldarn kerridge a-goin' along 'thout any hosses an' ther was a big buss on wheels a goin' long a track all be itself 'ceptin a long pole thit was hooked on to a wire jist ter keep it from a-tiltin' over," he said.

On reaching the Chestnut street bridge, Edgar took a tight grip on the railing. "'xpected it ter a go flying up thit pond just a like everything else was a goin'," he said.

It was Policeman Johnston who found Edgar clinging to the bridge with a "half Nelson" hold on the rail. The cop thought that Taylor was considering whether or not he would jump over.

"I wanter git out this alfired place," said Edgar. "Tried t' cross the street three times an' them air kerriges blew horns an' raced with thim busses ter see which would hit me first. They ain't a goin' ter mash me up so easy, I say."

Guided by Johnston, Edgar reached the Fifty-fourth and Media streets police station with safety.

After being assured that nothing would bump him inside the station, Edgar said he came here to find his sister Rose, who lived 158 some street or other. The cops tried to find Rose, but the search was futile.

Was Edgar hungry? He was. What he did to a dish of ham and eggs, six buckwheat cakes, three cups of coffee and two dishes of fried potatoes would have aroused the wrath of Mr. Hoover. Would Edgar like to go back home? Sure he would. Lieutenant Ellis started a collection and all the cops "chipped in." Just $7.80 was raised. A friendly cop took Edgar back to the B. and O. station.

LORD BRASSEY, NOTED NAVAL EXPERT, DIES

Son of a Bricklayer Rose to Important Posts—Was Famous As a Yachtsman

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Earl Brassey is dead here.

Lord Brassey was regarded as one of the greatest living authorities on naval subjects. He was founder and first editor of the Navy Annual, a standard work, and in 1881 published a five-volume study of the British navy. He also served successively as a Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary to the Admiralty and on numerous British naval commissions, and was president of the Institute of Naval Architects. At the outbreak of the present war Lord Brassey, despite his seventy-eight years, joined the Royal Naval Reserve and was sent to the Dardanelles in an advisory capacity.

Earl Brassey was born plain Thomas Brassey in February, 1836. He was the son of a bricklayer, who managed to engage in building speculations. The neighborhood in which were the rows and squares of jerry-built houses that he put up chanced to become fashionable and the bricklayer blossomed out into a millionaire.

Brassey as a yachtsman had become a close friend of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward, and received knighthood in 1881, and his first peerage, a baronyy, in 1886. In 1890 he took as his second wife a daughter of Viscount Maiden and four years later was made a lord-in-waiting to Queen Victoria.

Lord Brassey was Governor of Victoria, Australia, from 1895 to 1900. His last high office was that of lord warden of the Cinque Ports and constable of Dover Castle. He was created an earl in 1911.

Lord Brassey was a keen student of economics as well as of naval affairs, as is evidenced by his books "Work and Wages," "Foreign Work and British Wages" and "Sixty Years of Progress," and by his term as president of the Statistical Society.

Viscount Hythe, a son by his first wife and who has edited the Navy Annual since 1890, succeeds to his father's titles.

JAMES BRANNEN DIES

Piano Manufacturer Passes Away at Chestnut Hill Home

James Brannen, of Wynmore, Chestnut Hill, president of the Cunningham Piano Company, died at his home yesterday morning. He was seventy-four years old. His death was due to indigestion, from which he had been ailing for some time, although he was at his office the day before he died.

Mr. Brannen organized and became president of both the Cunningham Piano Company and the Horn & Brannen Manufacturing Company, makers of chandeliers.

He was born in Montgomery County January 24, 1844. At the age of eighteen he enlisted as a naval engineer in the Civil War and served throughout that struggle. He served his apprenticeship as a machinist in the old firm of Miskie, Merrill & Thackeray, makers of chandeliers.

For several years Mr. Brannen was chairman of the Democratic committee in the Twenty-fourth Ward and was a life member of the Manufacturers' Club, a member of the Metal Manufacturers' Association and the Piano Manufacturers' Association.

A widow, three sons, Robert J., Alfred J. and Leon A. Brannen, and one daughter, Mrs. P. J. Cunningham, survive.

Funeral services will be announced later.

GIVES HIS LIFE FOR COUNTRY

Dr. F. H. Gardner, Pennsylvanian, Succumbs to Overwork

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Dr. Frank Harris Gardner, first lieutenant in the United States medical reserve, died at ... West Seventy-ninth street, yesterday ... pneumonia as the result of overwork ... exposure at the Government reserve ... to Hoboken. Six weeks ago Lieut. Gardner was transferred to this ... from Fort Oglethorpe in Georgia. ... there he had suffered from an ... of bronchial pneumonia, through ... he had been nursed by his bride ... two months.

Lieutenant Gardner, who was twenty-... years old, was born in Montrose, ... where his father, Dr. Edward R. ... is in practice. His brother ... is a corporal in the National ... He was graduated from Cornell ... in the class of 1912 and from ... Medical College in 1916. On ... he had married Miss Lil... of Montrose.

JERSEY CHAMPIONS A. O. M. P. REWARDED

Master Jordan Awards Trophies to Winners of Initiatory Contest Last Year

Haddon Heights Assembly meeting was made of particular interest to the members by the entertainment of the ladies and by the visit of M. E. M. A. Jordan to present the prizes won by this assembly in the initiatory contest held during the last year. Ladies' night was a fine success and thanks were extended to the committee which "arranged it. Master Jordan was in fine fettle for his speech on "Artisanship and Patriotism," thrilling his hearers by his fervor and eloquence. In presenting the first prize, a silver loving cup engraved, he lauded Haddon Heights Assembly, stating that what it lacked in numbers it made up in quality. Master Artisan Ayars and Superintendent Coffin, who filled the chairs of superintendent and inspector last year, were presented with Artisan rings for having made the highest individual scores in this contest.

Haddon Heights Assembly is proud of the officers for the work involved in winning the three-corner contest between Haddonfield, Collingswood and Haddon Heights and then in making it a two-cornered affair, three of three in a contest with all of the assemblies of the order. The plan of the officers for this year is candidates for every meeting, a social time and a continuance of the high standard of efficiency for which this assembly is noted. At the March meeting there will be a feature with stereopticon views on the preparation of one of the great food products of the country, entitled "From Field to Consumer."

All members are invited to Collingswood Assembly on March 13 to help do honor to Past Master Artisan F. E. Cunningham, of Haddon Heights, who served Collingswood Assembly as deputy during the last year.

Haddon Assembly, under its new chair officers, Johnson, Norcross and Marshall, were stirred with patriotic fervor upon the presentation to the assembly of a service flag containing stars representing those young members of the assembly Anderson, Paul Brown, Ralph Breeding, Robert Thomas, Raymond Dobbs, Newburn Fowler, Lowell Hipple, Walter E. Irwin, William Long, Palmer Ramsey, Frank Thomas, Carlton E. Webb. The presentation speech was delivered by Deputy Walter Cherrierre in his superbly "cheeryair" style.

Mr. Wellington Bechtel, who has been absent on account of illness since he installed the M. A. chair in 1916, was warmly welcomed, and Recorder Blakeley took the opportunity to present to him the well-earned past master's jewel, which he gratefully accepted. Brother Mann, of Bartram Assembly, was an interested visitor and gave a good talk. Brother Rodney Clark, pianist, and Brother Walter Ingram, the well-known tenor of Progressive Assembly, furnished the entertainment features of the evening.

The following masters present, so cheerfully assisted in the success of the meeting, included P. M. E. M. A. Scattergood, P. M. A. Griffith, Barrett, Yeager, Feigler, McCloskey and Coffin. The visitors thought expressed by these brothers "when I became master artisan," etc., may have had beneficial influence upon Master Artisan Nicholls. Also the feeling that "nothing succeeds like success." The assembly was addressed at length by Recorder Frank R. Stockley and M. E. O'Brien, of the Bureau of Public Safety, the purpose of which was the formation of a War-Saving Society, which elected P. M. A. George Feigler, president, P. M. W. F. Yeager secretary and P. M. A. James Taylor treasurer. The primary object is the sale of thrift stamps and war-saving coupons and the conservation of all energies during the war. An impromptu memorial service was held for Brother Charles R. Carwithen, a member for thirty-four years.

Deputy Fred L. Keene spoke of having written to the members called to the Government service, and he strongly urged the members to send at least a postal card whenever they could do so. Brother George Jenkins recited a poem descriptive of the need of just such a help to the boys "over there." The auxiliary relief committee is a pronounced success, many expressions of appreciation being received by members who received these fraternal visits, as well as those who paid them. Pennsylvania is awake to the opportunities of fraternalism, and it is one of the most pleasant moments that Master Artisan Nicholls intends to spend. The additional features were renditions by the famous orchestra, selections by the martial Knights of Pythias Drum Corps, Erskine and Weidner, an incomparable jig dance by Harry Weidner and chorus singing interspersed by hot and ample refreshments.

Keystone Assembly, under M. A. William A. Currie, brought an audience of about 200 to hear "Some of Mr. Wilson's Relations in France" by William A. Gaskett of the Remington Arms Company, who was one of the four men sent over by President Wilson to report on extensions necessary to the railway systems to facilitate the handling of General Pershing's troops from the coast to the firing line. Mr. Gaskett held his hearers vitally interested for more than an hour, eliciting expressions of wonder, amazement and praise. E. O'Brien, who influenced the organization of a War-Saving Society, also gave a comprehensive and interesting war talk.

Union Assembly was greatly encouraged by the initiation of two candidates and enjoyed a delightful meeting. Inspector Walter Eisenbrey, in pointed, advisory remarks, presented the buttons, the work of M. A. Fiedler, Superintendent Walker and Inspector Gross was superbly rendered from memory, the service being highly praised by the delegation present from Prospect Park Assembly and other visitors. Brother Fred Hoch, the champion member-getter of St. John's Assembly, told how "he did it." Living suggestions and a slice which looked easy enough if perseverance was not a great factor. Proposers are too often discouraged by the disinclination of desirable prospects, but after Brother Hoch had reached success by the pressure of reasonable tenacity, and that is the gospel he would preach. Dr. Mary Walker was admitted to membership by card. Chairman Charlton and his committee provided an enjoyable vaudeville and of refined male and female talent, a little departure from the usual plan.

There were expressions of satisfaction and pleasure over the good prospect of securing the reappointment of Deputy C. C. Stickler, the M. E. of Progressive during his presence at the January meeting of the union having been urged to confer this favor. The workers could hardly suffer the severance of the effectionate identity and attachment existing between the assembly and Dr. Sticker.

Bartram Assembly initiated one candidate, whom the button was presented by P. M. Joseph Durning. Business was expedited to permit Brother Abdill, of Chester Assembly, to relate his personal experiences in the Boxer uprising in China, having been attached to the U. S. marine corps mentioned there. He possessed the written commendation of the Government for meritorious conduct in the field.

M. A. Harry G. Braun has picked the flower of Bartram's membership for service on his entertainment committee, as follows: C. Vance, chairman; Joseph Durning, Harry G. Yocum, H. W. Palmer, John A. Mann, George Hamilton, Louis Biester, Harry Biester, Walter K. Wood, Edward Braun, Everett B. Steel, William A. Ellis, C. Oscar Hall, John C. Simpson, Robert J. Young, James J. Brennan, G. Lennox Wallace.

Recorder Higgins says: "We shall see what happens when this array of executive talent gets into action. We now have left on the roll of membership the chaplain, the senior master and the recorder, and now with a lot of other good fellows who have not yet stepped out into the limelight. When the entertainment committee gets its plans formulated and tells us what to do, we will try hard to help, for this has just got to be a big year."

Oak Lane Assembly was unfortunate enough to suffer the nonappearance of three candidates who had gone through the hands of the medical examiners, but official and sympathetic Deputy Maloney had a heart-to-heart talk with his respectfully attentive boys, thus showing the abounding ability of those who can do good work, and said some plain things highly pertinent and probably effective, inspiring even the live M. A. Hoffman to grow responsive. A. P. S. club of thirty members was organized. The war-relief committee reported a worthy case of distress, and favorable action was immediately taken. A committee on theatre benefit in the interest of Chairman Beck's entertainment committee was considered for further action. Brothers Heyde and Morelli, of Parkside Assembly, and Brother Dever, of Southwestern, were warmly welcomed.

Larchwood Assembly celebrated the sixth birthday by holding a ladies' night at the new hall, Sixtieth street and Larchwood avenue, and a big turnout rewarded the committee. Brother Clarence and daughter, Evelyn Herbert, Ellwood Jahn, A. L. Moon, J. R. M. Gard, A. D. Schreiber, L. A. Clark, the beloved brother C. M. Woodrow, who was a program himself, and the Jass Band contributed to a delightful session, topped off with delicious desert by M. E. M. A. Jordan, who knows so well how to tickle the palate. Brother Entertainment Committee G. Ayars, S. Beckett, L. A. Clark, G. J. Hamp, M. J. Fuller, J. R. M. Gard, Fred Jahn, W. H. Morris, Dr. E. K. W. McKelvey, A. L. Moon, J. McAfeen, C. P. Nagle, P. E. Thornton, J. Watt and E. M. Woodrow.

Adelphi Assembly's new officers, William P. Wallace, Jr., Philip N. Arnold and Fred M. Reichardt, start tonight at 1626 Arch street their plan of a peculiarly active campaign this year, which, it is hardly necessary to say, Recorder Jack Lipsey will have a large part. Chairman James B. Clarke will put on an "American Night" with that patriotic entertainment, Charles H. Drakeford, as the star speaker, the other features being in accord with the spirit of the occasion. Many visitors are expected.

Chairman Arnold of the campaign committee, has addressed a personal appeal to the membership for voluntary contributions to a fund for possible "drives" of members called to arms. The condition of the militia work will be specialized by M. A. Wallace for the greatest effective results. The next meeting, March 4, will be a ladies' night, when the $6,000,000 mark. This does not include the general fund of $85,000 now in real estate and mortgages, and it is twenty-five per cent. above the highest figure in the whole volume of Royal Arcanum history.

M. E. Recorder Cox attended in Chicago last week the session of the National Fraternal Congress in which he represented the A. O. M. P. and will give a comprehensive report of the transactions.

SONS OF AMERICA

Outpouring of Fraternalists to Celebrate the Birth of Geo. Washington

The Patriotic Order Sons of America celebrated at the Academy of Music on Friday night the 186th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, on whose principles the organization is founded, with more than 2000 fraternalists present, notwithstanding the weather conditions. Splendid addresses were delivered by the national president, William James Heaps, Congressman Thomas Crago, Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, State President Gabriel H. Moyer and State Secretary Charles Brumm Helms, who gave a statistical statement of the work of the order. The superb program as previously published was carried out.

Among the leading members of the order present and assisting were National Vice President Samuel Roberts, National Master of Forms Charles A. Gillespie, National Secretary Charles S. Stess, State Vice President John W. Mann, State Treasurer Samuel Claston Wells, who acted as chairman of the meeting; Commander-in-Chief Horace V. MacFadyen, Louis F. Stess, secretary of the State Executive Committee; State Chaplain W. E. P. Haas, D. D.; Rev. C. H. Shirk, Hon. Norris K. Barratt, Common Councilman Jere Shaw, H. E. Shortlidge, president of the Germantown Board of Trade, under whose auspices, together with the executive advisory board of the State camp the meeting was held; H. W. Wilson, of Camp 9, Harry H. Wentzel, editorial writer, Camp 9; Samuel W. Benner, of Camp 485; M. M. Haas S. C. of Camp 681; Charles Zimmerman, of Camp 9, and State Camp Building Trustees Charles Staehle, Samuel M. Jones and Samuel H. Davis; J. Lord Rigby, Deputy Auditor General; District Presidents R. John Boyd, W. G. Hartzell, Robert Thomson, H. K. Nonemaker, W. Rowley Lewis, Samuel Cann, Joseph Paley, Benjamin Clark, William Bateman, Harry Stager Helms, C. Carlton Sloan, Harry Graham, Jr., Preston Ray, Grove, of Watsontown; James I. Boyd and William Wehr, of Lancaster; Morris Irion, of Newtown; Clarence F. Malden, Charles S. Keyser, organizer of the progressive association; William G. Jolley, Hiram Wynne, Camp 50; William Worrell, vice president of the P. O. S. of A. Home Sanatorium, Graham, of Camp 238; District President Homer H. McNamee, of Delaware County; John R. Cantrell, of Chester, and many members of the various camps.

Short exercises were held under the direction of Charles H. Strayer in Independence Hall at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, with the large service flag bearing the number 12,543, representing the enlisted members of the order, floating from the staff. Then the P. O. S. of A. Camp News, under the personal direction of Brother Dickinson, of Camp 485.

Camp 3 is having good live meetings every Tuesday evening and getting in new members. Four candidates were initiated in February and some are on the waiting list to be initiated. Delegates to the camp. Brother John Wiend, the district president, made some very interesting remarks on the good of the district. A publicity committee has been appointed and a drive camp before the public, composed of Brothers Charles Thomas. The good of the order committee is composed of live workers always, and they appeal to all members to come out to the meetings on Tuesday evening of each week.

A suggestion has been given, "Why can't the P. O. S. of A. of Philadelphia and vicinity hold a meeting at Willow Grove next season? An organization that has enrolled in its membership 25,000 members in Philadelphia alone and 100 camps should have a special day each year with patriotic music and speeches at the big pavilion park. The subordinate camps should talk this matter over under verbal communications and then write to the State secretary, so he in turn could submit them to the fraternal editor of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for publication. The chief thing to do is get something that will stir dormant membership to greater service for God, our country and our order.

THE MACCABEES

Anniversary and Presentations in the Woman's Benefit Association

The February meeting of the central committee was held in conjunction with Penn Treaty Review, at Sixth and Diamond streets, and the members of the Review demonstrated high ability in the social line. Louise, the tiny granddaughter of the commander, Mrs. Jones, gave a recitation in a wonderful way and welcomed the ladies and then gave the military salute to Supreme Chaplain Burgin. The next meeting of the central committee will be held with Keystone Review, Fifty-third street and Haverford avenue, on Thursday evening, March 14.

Betsy Ross Review, having moved back into the hall at 2162 Frankford avenue, had the best meeting for a long time. Having lost in the membership contest with Girard Review, it entertained the victors in celebration of their fifteenth anniversary and gave a reception to their commander, Mrs. Georgina England, who was presented with a beautiful gold "spider" ring, emblem of the order. Supreme Chaplain Burgin made the presentation and Mrs. England, under deep emotion, thanked the members. One member was present who had been absent for 15 years, but promised to do better. Mrs. Anna Steelman and her aides received many compliments, and all wished Betsy Ross Review great success the coming year. A war-savings society was formed, with Mrs. England as president and Mrs. Hartman secretary.

Girard Review, Parkway Building, Mrs. Martha Arters commander, had a very pleasant meeting, and voted to begin a membership contest, with the new members taken in from October 1 to January 25 on one side and the old members on the other, complete plans to be made at the next meeting. One candidate was admitted, and Miss Burgin organized a war-savings society, after which she was presented with some fine handkerchiefs as Girard Review nearly forgets "the month of her birthday." Girard expects to have at least twenty-five new members for the great commander's birthday class on May 1.

Keystone Review, Fifty-third street and Haverford avenue, Mrs. Frances M. Helms commander, initiated one candidate and had a very pleasant meeting, Miss Burgin, who came in late, organized a W. S. S. club. A meeting of the installation committee to settle up affairs was held at the office of Supreme Chaplain Burgin, 5121 Brown street, last Friday evening. At the close of the business session a beautiful gold "spider" ring was presented to the chairman, Mrs. Sabina Friedhoff, who was greatly surprised and pleased. The last meeting of the committee will be held at the home of Mrs. Friedhoff, 816 East Westmoreland street, on Friday evening, March 8.

Philadelphia Review, Parkway Building, Mrs. Anna Haney commander, received four applications for membership and initiated four candidates, the degree staff doing the work in its usually impressive manner. The second degree, with stereopticon slides, was then put on, after which refreshments were served. It was a fine meeting, which will undoubtedly bring good results. Many visitors from other reviews were present.

HAROLD C. NICHOLS

He is the new Master Artisan of Pennsylvania Assembly, No. 3, Artisans' Order Mutual Protection.

ENORMOUS GAIN FOR THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Financial Proof of Order's Stability—Many Councils' Patriotic Celebrations

Washington's Birthday and "Washington nights," together with the formation of thrift societies and committee activities in assisting various movements for aiding the Government in conserving food, etc., formed a busy patriotic week in the Royal Arcanum. Several councils met on Friday night and on Thursday night meetings were flavored with memoirs of Washington.

The decorations and entertainments were in keeping with the day, and in some instances elaborate banquet speakers were engaged, and while the membership in general was enjoying the holiday spirit it was greeted with additional news and encouragement from the Supreme Council regarding the January finances, showing a gain of $232,305.01 for a single month, when the death losses are generally heavy. This is a remarkable showing and a good sifter for all time. This sum includes an interest item of $27,000 and placed to the credit of the widows and orphans' fund at $916,511.62, which, with the $4,000,730.39 in the emergency fund, aggregates $5,007,241.98. The loans added an open credit of considerable $4,500,597.

A declaration of intentions was signed by the officers of Philadelphia Council at their Lincoln night meeting to make the meeting of February 28 a "comeback night." The old artifices as well as the new and young staff of officers, are working diligently to make the meeting attractive for the many guests invited. The prospect of a class initiation proves that the old spirit of boosting is still in vogue. The high record established by his predecessors, Bronte (Greenwood, chairman of the committee), should be equaled. Visitors a good time. Regent Bailey, always an enthusiast, is displaying excellent talents in handling committees and the cituality of Philadelphia, No. 293. Grand Regent Norton has accepted the invitation to be present tomorrow night, and several delegations from local councils have promised to take part.

The battle of Germantown was fought all over again in Germantown Council by Supreme Representative W. T. Wallace, who made his official visit and installed the officers for the ensuing two years. A good degree attendance and support for the present administration. Charles Frye, of Guarantee Council, also gave a talk.

The commander-in-chief, General Daniel L. Stewart, of the Sanpital corps of the Royal Arcanum, has issued orders for the annual convocation to be held at the City Club, 313 South Broad street, tonight. Officers and annual reports will be presented and nomination blanks for officers for the ensuing year will be held.

A Continental Congress of the members of Continental and Guarantee Councils was held on Thursday evening, and from the unusual interest manifested in getting together, the meeting place, Friendship Hall, was appropriately decorated in honor of Washington's Birthday. Secretary Charles J. Goldsmith gave a talk on Washington as a statesman and his Farewell Address. Treasurer Stokinger assisted in the same line in giving a clear account of why we celebrate the 22d of February, and read an interesting paper of the immortal Washington as commander-in-chief. Prior to the banquet, which followed by some very interesting memoirs by I. D. Maize of a personal narrative and experience with Abraham Lincoln, our martyred President, the entertainment committee, attributed to a gratifying attendance, most of whom were somewhat irregular in the past. An appeal was made to encourage the purchase of thrift stamps and war certificates, resulting in the formation of a thrift society, to be known as the Guarantee Council Thrift and War-Savings Society, with Brother Arthur Goldsmith, who, as one of the official orator, the station was splendidly filled by Brother Arthur Goldsmith, while Brother Seeley handled the gavel like a born superintendent.

Arcanian Council, the baby council of Philadelphia and vicinity, boasts of a larger percentage of attendance than any of the older councils, due to the congeniality of the officers and the faithful guards, who have the faculty of making their meetings attractive. Brother Beal has a hard task to represent the members closer and in spite of their very fair attendance special effort will be made by a campaign of personal solicitation to increase the number of dependables.

Surrender or continue the struggle with its limited number in these times of high cost of living is a question Oaadale Council has been wrestling with for some time, the forces in favor of holding the fort presented a strong argument in favor of their cause of keeping up the goodfellowship of the order, but the spirit demonstrated was altogether irresistible. The veteran Alex Nicholas doubled his energy to make this a great patriotic occasion for enthusiastic celebration of Washington's birthday, and at 8:15 o'clock promptly the candidate and attendance greeted the committee's efforts, with the army and navy uniforms sprinkled here and there in the audience. The chairman introduced Washington and gave a brief outline of the several uniformed officers in the Government service. The hearty rendering of the Pennsylvania Council song by the entire assembly made a suitable overture of the festivities. A striking feature of the program was the calling of the honorary roll, representing seventy-four council members in the Government service, giving the rank and service. The speaker of the evening, Supreme Orator L. R. Geisenberger, made a stirring address, interspersed with patriotism and loyalty for the nation and the order. Interspersing speakers, songs and vaudeville numbers reflected the good judgment of the committee in charge. Grand Regent Norton gave a very pleasant talk, involving Pennsylvania as a State and council and directing attention to the long period of membership and the steady onward march of progress in this jurisdiction. An unusual and very entertaining part of the program was the able talk of Brother Thomas Evans, Grand Trustee, who in giving the history of the flags of the smaller nations not so well known, Grand Secretary W. J. Weiss and Grand Orator Charles H. Stokinger also made good talks. Other distinguished attendants were Supreme Trustee Henry K. Lathy, Supreme Representative W. T. Wallace, Grand Trustee Charles E. Young, Grand Warden Malcolm Jones, Daniel L. Stewart, D. D. G. R. Charles J. Goldsmith, Lieutenant Ross and Captain Norton of the Government service. The most thrilling episode of the evening was the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" while the entire assembly stood at salute to the colors. Musical and refresh. ments followed, while another chapter of patriotic events was added to the long list of Pennsylvania Council's creditable efforts.

The week was so crowded with Washington nights and important events that several Royal Arcanum Councils were obliged to carry them over to the following week. Ionic Council feels it its duty to pay tribute to the memory of Washington on Tuesday evening at the birthday tomorrow evening at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch street.

Chester Council is continuing to hold interesting meetings at the regular quarters, and is making every effort to continue the good work of securing recruits so well begun with the beginning of the present administration. It is strongly in favor, as a council, in aiding the Government in its efforts for all it can do for the boys in the service, and contributing its bit in various channels.

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COUNCILS TO INITIATE THIS WEEK:
Feb. 25—Integrity, 1611 Columbia ave.
Feb. 26—Ionic, 1628 Arch st.
Feb. 26—Philadelphia, Parkway Bldg.
Feb. 26—Manayunk, Phoenixville, Pa.
Feb. 27—Dupont, Parkway Bldg.
Feb. 28—West Philadelphia, 4115 Lancaster ave.
Mar. 1—Germantown, Vernon Hall.
Mar. 1—Haverford, 4730 and Haverford ave.
Mar. 1—Frankford, 4510 Main st.

MRS. C. H. WICKERSHAM DIES

She Succumbs After Week's Illness of Pneumonia

Mrs. Laura Davis Wickersham, wife of C. Harvey Wickersham, 5023 Chancellor street, died yesterday of pneumonia after a week's illness. Mrs. Wickersham was a daughter of the late Lewis H. Davis a veteran newspaper man of the Schuylkill Valley, who for many years was one of the editors of the Pottstown Ledger, and in Governor Pattison's first administration represented Montgomery County in the State House of Representatives. Before she came to Philadelphia, nearly twenty years ago, Mrs. Wickersham was active in Presbyterian Church and Sunday school work in Pottstown, where she was born.

Besides her husband she is survived by these sisters and brothers: Mrs. Frank E. Thompson, of Johnstown, Pa.; Mrs. William M. Gordon, Lewis H. Davis and Edward E. Davis, of this city.

Mrs. C. M. Schmitz Dead

Mrs. Mary Galt Schmitz, widow of Charles M. Schmitz, died yesterday at her home, 115 South Thirty-third street. Her husband, who died several years ago, was the conductor for many years of the Germania Orchestra, the leading orchestra of its time in this city. It was the predecessor of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Mr. Schmitz, a composer of some note, was widely known in musical circles.

Deaths

ACKLEY—Feb. 22, RICHARD DOUGHTY, husband of Cornelia G. Ackley (nee Truscott) and son of R. P. Ackley and late Mary R. Ackley, aged 39. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Tuesday, 10 a. m., 50 Crescent terrace, Collingswood, N. J. Int. private, Wenonah Cem. Friends may call 2301 Locust st.

ADAMS—Feb. 23, EUGENE W., husband of Sadie M. Adams (nee Carter), aged 51. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Tues., 2 p. m., 3652 N. 11th st. Int. private, Bethel Cem., Camden, N. J. Friends may call Mon. eve.

ALLABACH—Feb. 24, EMELINE A., wife of James S. Allabach, aged 77. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Thurs., 2 p. m., residence of husband, 5 Sharpless Building, Chelten ave. and Germantown road. Int. Mount Peace Cem. Friends may call Wed. evening.

ALLEN—Feb. 22, ROBERT R., husband of Sophie K. Anderson. Relatives and friends, Geo. Winfield Scott Post, No. 114, G. A. R., Geo. Winfield Scott Post, No. 114, S. of V., and Talon Lodge, No. 166, I. O. O. F., invited to funeral services, Tues., 2 p. m., 2305 Bolton st. (23d and Jefferson). Int. Mount Peace Cem. Friends may call Mon. 7:30 to 10 p. m.

BAUMGARTNER—DALEY—Feb. 24, DOROTHY G., wife of William S. Daley, and daughter of Emeline A. Baumgartner. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 5826 Belmar ter., 60th st. and Morningfield ave.; High mass of requiem Church of the Holy Cross, 9 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem. Arrangement 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem. Auto funeral.

BEAUMONT—Feb. 22, JOHN E., son of late Matthew and Mary Beaumont. Relatives and friends, Fidelity Lodge, No. 138, I. O. O. F., Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 324, F. and A. M., and Bible Class of P. E. Free Church of St. John, invited to funeral services, Tues., 2 p. m., Steelman's chapel, 3032 N. Kensington avenue. Int. private. Remains may be viewed Mon. after 7 p. m.

BONSALL—Feb. 22, SARAH PERRINS, widow of Joseph Bonsall. Relatives and friends invited to services, Mon., 2 p. m., 4642 Baring st. Int. Mt. Moriah Cem.

BOYLE—Feb. 23, PATRICK, husband of Mary Boyle. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Thurs., 8:30 a. m., 6014 Reinhard st. High mass of requiem Church of Most Blessed Sacrament 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

BRADY—At Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 23, WINIFRED, widow of Cal James Brady, aged 87. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Tues., 8:30 a. m., 1515 Fairmount ave. Services at Atlantic City, N. J. Solemn requiem mass Our Lady Star of the Sea Church 9 a. m. Int. Mt. Calvary Cem.

BRANNEN—At Cheltenham, N. J., Feb. 23, ALICE GIBBS, daughter of late Patrick and Tamar Braisein, aged 61. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Tues., 2 p. m., residence of brother-in-law, Gilbert Rogers, 1 Norton ave., Burlington, Int. Baptist Cem.

BRANNEN—Suddenly, at 209 E. Willow Grove ave., Chestnut Hill, Feb. 24, JAMES BRANNEN. Notice of funeral later.

BREWER—Feb. 21, KATHERINA, widow of Frederick Brewer, aged 63. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, 2021 Tasker st., Tues., 1:30 p. m., 2915 S. 5th st. Int. Hillside Cem. Remains may be viewed Mon., 8 to 10 p. m. Auto funeral.

BRICKS—Feb. 22, EMILY L., daughter of late William A. and Mary C. Bricks. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 2249 N. Fairhill st. Int. Mt. Moriah Cem.

BROWN—Feb. 24, SAMUEL, son of late Joseph and Mary Brown. Relatives and friends, Hartville Social Club, invited to funeral, Wed., 2 p. m., 1909 E. Lippincott st. Solemn high mass Church of the Ascension 10 a. m. Int. New Cathedral Cem.

BUCKMAN—Suddenly, on Sunday, Feb. 24, GEORGE B. BUCKMAN, aged 78. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, without further notice, home of daughter, Mrs. Frank Hilles, State st., Newtown, Fourth-day, Second Month 27th, 2:45 p. m. Friends may view remains at residence of son-in-law, Frank Hilles, 2614 Ingraham st., Philadelphia, Third-day, 8 to 9 p. m. Train for Newtown leaves Reading Term. 1:23 p. m. Int. Newtown Cem.

BURNS—Feb. 24, MARGARET, husband of Hannah Burns, aged 87. Relatives and friends, William Penn Lodge, A. F. & A., invited to funeral services, Wed., 2:30 p. m., 1315 Wallace st. Funeral from Church of the Assumption 10 a. m. Int. New Cathedral Cem. Friends may be viewed Tues., 8 to 10 p. m. Auto service.

BYRNE—Feb. 22, GARRETT BYRNE, Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Tues., 8:30 a. m., 1130 W. Dauphin st. High mass Our Lady of Mercy Church 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem.

CAFFERTY—Feb. 20, EMMA R., wife of Vanroom R. Cafferty and daughter of the late Samuel and Catherine Hortz. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Mon., 2 p. m., at the residence of her husband, 5225 Haverford ave. Int. private.

CALLAHAN—Feb. 23, CHARLES J., husband of Frances Callahan (nee McCusker) and son of late Cornelius and Mary Callahan. Relatives and friends, police of the 19th District, Police Post No. 1, Police Relief Association invited to funeral, Thurs., 8:30 a. m., 2137 Cypress st. Solemn requiem mass St. Patrick's church 10 a. m. Int. Holy Cross Cem. Auto funeral.

CARR—Feb. 21, EMANUEL, husband of Mary J. Carr (nee Crabtree). Due notice of funeral will be given from 6018 Spruce st. West Philadelphia.

CARR—Feb. 23, MARY A., daughter of Matthew and Ann Carr (nee Moonan). Relatives and friends B. V. M. Sodality and Sacred Heart Society of St. Ann's Church invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 2646 Memphis st. Solemn requiem mass St. Ann's Church 9 a. m. Int. Assumption Cem.

CASKEY—Feb. 23, WILLIAM J. CASKEY, Jr., husband of Gertrude H. Caskey and son of William J. and Elizabeth Caskey. Relatives and friends, Radiant Star Lodge, No. 606, F. and A. M.; Cincinnatus Lodge, No. 206, I. O. O. F.; George H. Brooks Circle, No. 46, R. of H., Jr. A. P. A., and 114 Willis P. Gaskill Council of 424 Ward, members of Beacon Presbyterian Church, employes of William Cramp & Son's Shipbuilding Company and Son's Drydock, invited to funeral services, Mon., 2 p. m., 3000 Summerville ave., Olney. Int. private, North Cedar Hill Cem. Remains may be viewed Tues., 8 to 10 p. m.

CHRISTY—Feb. 22, Sarah Burke, widow of Michael Christy and daughter of late Michael and Ellen Germley, of Garrettford, Delaware Co., Pa. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 8:30 a. m., 1107 N. Front st., Frankford. Requiem high mass St. Joachim's Church 10 a. m. Int. St. Dominic's Cem. Auto service.

CLARK—Suddenly, Feb. 24, MARY, wife of Albert Colsher and daughter of James and Susan Carolan. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Wed., 2 p. m., 2703 Jones st. (24th and Thompson sts.). Remains may be viewed Tues., 8 to 10 p. m. Int. Peace Cem. Auto funeral.

CONNER—Feb. 22, REBECCA H. CONNER. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., 2606 N. 27th st. Int. private, Mt. Vernon Cem. Friends may call Tues. after 7 p. m.

COOK—Feb. 24, MAGGIE E., widow of Charles R. Cook. Due notice of funeral will be given.

COPE—Feb. 24, KATIE COPE (nee Amerling), wife of Edgar Cope, aged 34. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Wed., 1 p. m., 3508 Shelbourne st. Int. Riverside Cem. Auto funeral. Remains may be viewed Tues. after 7 p. m.

CROCKER—Feb. 23, SAMUEL H., husband of late Margaret Crocker. Relatives and friends, Colonial Soldiers' Post, No. 1, No. 21, G. A. R.; Franklin Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.; United Brothers' Encampment, No. 26, I. O. O. F., officers of Police District, invited to funeral services, Wed., 2 p. m., residence of son, Charles L. Crocker, 217 N. Alden st., West Philla. Int. Mt. Moriah Cem. Auto service.

CROUT—At 4047 Green st., Feb. 24, JOHN A., son of Mary A. and late John H. Crout. Notice of funeral later.

CROWTHER—Feb. 23, JEREMIAH A., husband of R