

LEGIONARIES PLAN AID FOR VETERANS

Action to Be Taken to Relieve Men Disabled During the War

WILL ASK LEGISLATION

Following the reorganization of the Philadelphia county committee of the American Legion at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, 1421 Arch street, tonight, plans will be made by the local Legion officers to co-operate with the state committee of the American Legion in forwarding the Legion.

There is a distressing need for as evidenced by a conference of executive men's and welfare organizations. This situation will be presented to the local legionaries by Thomas Moore, the district deputy commander. Whether or not action can be taken at tonight's conference remains to be seen.

William D. March, Jr., of Drexel-Park, No. 7, who has been elected secretary of the committee of executive men from the county headquarters, 1011 Chestnut street, has notified the absentees of this meeting that he is not able to carry on this work factor, and has requested that arrangements be perfected to assume the responsibility. The committee may consider the question of sufficient emergency to take action tonight will alleviate the condition of unemployed men who are suffering.

As soon as the county committee organization takes definite form it will be necessary to bring to the attention of the posts in proper way the legislation which the state executive committee decided shall be submitted by the Legion in the present session of the Legislature. This year, it is estimated that the Legislature will convene in the latter part of the month, and the state committee may take it up tonight.

An entertainment and reception have been planned for Oscar H. Grady Post, No. 122, at 130 North Fifteenth street, Friday evening. This post is under the leadership of Harry H. Baker and is entering into a contest, although it has a smaller membership than some of the other posts. Sergeant Harry Ireland Post, No. 218, of 218 N. 11th street, will give a benefit at the Adelphi Theatre January 23 and 25. Ladies' Post covers has been elected to represent the post in the county committee.

SHOT IN MONEY DISPUTE

Negro Seriously Injured Following Street Argument

As the result of an argument over money, Robert Grady, 729 Wood street, was seriously wounded in the Baltimore Hospital with gunshot wounds to the abdomen. The police are holding William Kibben, also of 729 Wood street, on the charge of doing the shooting. Both men are Negroes. The shooting occurred shortly after midnight in Wood street near Fourth. Kibben was arrested three hours later in a house on Olive street near Fourth by Detectives McCarthy, McCormack and Foy, of the Tenth and Belmont street station house. He was taken to the Central Station for a hearing.

Condition of Highways Throughout State Today

Enough highway (Trenton to Chambersburg)—Fair in Bucks and Lancaster counties; elsewhere good as far as Gettysburg. No information was received from the section between Gettysburg and Chambersburg. Wellton Penn highway (Eaton to Chambersburg)—Fair in Dauphin and Lebanon counties; elsewhere mostly good. Baltimore pike (Philadelphia, Media, King of Springs and Oxford)—All in good condition. Philadelphia and Reading pike—All in good condition. Lancaster and Harrisburg pike—Mostly fair.



Phillip C. Staples, Vice President of Telephone Company Rings the Bell With Last Line at Annual Frolic of Advertising Men

STAPLES PRIZE LIMERICKER AT POOR RICHARDS' DINNER

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Photographs of the frolic are on the back page. "The Poor Richard Club every year gives a banquet of wit, song and cheer, Ben Franklin, our saint, should be here—but he ain't—Which, all things considered, ain't queer."

For the last six words of the above masterly description of last night's sixteenth annual dinner of the Poor Richard Club at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Staples, vice president of the Bell Telephone Co., collected \$100 in American money and the priceless plaudits of the assembled advertisers of the city. It was a special Limericker contest just for the club.

Hardened seekers of space and publicity were amazed at the amount per word paid by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for the winning six sections of the native tongue, but hundreds of them took a shot at the reward and acknowledged with cheers that the best line won.

The infection of the great advertising dinner with the ever-growing "Limericker" was the surprise of a typical fast-moving, on-the-go Poor Richard evening. As soon as the contest was announced, the advertisers fell to on the limericker with a zeal and dispatch which showed that they must have been figuring on the tricky little five-liners during the last weeks of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER'S contest.

A sudden lurch of concentration and mental effort fell over the crowd of diners, the representative of the last thought in the way of snap and punch, as the men whipped out pens and pencils and jotted down their "last lines."

Karl Bloomingdale, president of the club, announced the winner at 11 o'clock, thus ending the suspense. Mr. Staples' closest competitors were E. D. Gibbs, whose last line was, "But he's closer than some beer that's near," and J. W. Magers, who came across with "God bless him, his spirit is here."

There were hundreds of also-rans who got almost as much fun out of the affair as the winner of the evening. A lot of people remarked on what good fillers limerickers would have been for "Poor Richard's Almanac," if the form had only been in vogue in Benjamin's time. He was such a wise bird on breezy lines and wise wheezes, when said, that he would probably have been the world's greatest limericker writer.

The program of the banquet, which started well and got stronger throughout its run, was regulation Poor Richard, which means that anything could be expected at any time, and all of it de luxe and special extra.

The dinner was something like the successful result of staging Zigfeld's Follies in the United States Senate chamber. It was a great lot of beauty, skillful foetry and melody efficiently staged for a crowd of men who spend their days planning almost everybody's advertising.

It had the kick and go and great geniality that only men who are wise enough to take time off for a good party once in a while know how to put into their amusements. It takes a lot of brains to have as good a time as the Poor Richardites have every year at dinner.

As Karl Bloomingdale, who seems peculiarly to embody the fine human spirit of his club, explained, the banquet was only a larger outburst of the everyday principles of the big little club on Canine street. A Poor Richard dinner is just about the sanest, most optimistic and spontaneously good-humored affair that can be put on in this rather cold world and the sixteenth annual of the series was possibly a shade more so than any of the others.

The banquet floor in the ballroom was surrounded by dazzling signs, which did their electrical best to distract some little attention from the gallery of beautifully gowned women who smiled down on the Poor Richardites from the boxes.

As the diners dined their way through the evening, the stage managers did their best to keep everybody's mind off the menu by the presentation of the best acts from "The Talk of the Town," the Mask and Wig show, the Charity Hall, the musical plays at the theatres and the cabarets of the city. Girls, music, comedians, dancers flashed before the crowd in a bright pageant of amusement. It was the best-timed of all Poor Richard dinners. The spirit of

Franklin was commemorated with its usual this year via E. J. Cattell and a copy of Ben's famous kite, whence came the voice of the first advertiser. In the midst of all this were speeches by distinguished guests of the evening, Toby Hsieh, "the Roosevelt of China"; Rowe Stewart, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World; Francis Harvey Greene and Rabbi Alexander Lyons.

In speaking of possible events on the Pacific, where difficulties with Japan are sometimes predicted, Toby Hsieh said, "If any trouble should arise with our neighborly nation, remember this—China is America's friend."

"Watch the Pacific," he advised, "and always remember that in idleness, China stands by the side of democracy."

America. The Chinese republic has come to stay. China is becoming Rooseveltized."

The names of the men to whom the Poor Richardites owed the great part of the success of their annual evening follow:

Karl Bloomingdale, director; J. B. Taft, manager; Harry Appleton, assistant manager; H. J. Doyle, J. M. Fogel,

Frank C. Godner, Joseph Green, Harry T. Jordan, E. L. Lewis, J. A. Lutz, Irvin F. Paschall, Joseph S. Potsdammer, Walter Mulhall, P. C. Staples, Rowe Stewart, Howard C. Story, Theodore Ash, M. H. Thomas, Frank Theobaldson, Ernest Axterman, S. H. Weiler, Lee E. Wood, Wayne Marshall, George Goldsmith, Jack Sims and Howard K. Mohr.

BISHOP SPEAKS ON AMERICA

Unrest of Present Day Due to War, Churchmen Assert

A community meeting of West Philadelphia men in St. Phillip's Church, at Forty-second and Pine streets, attracted an audience of several hundred men last night. Bishop Thomas F. Neely, of the Methodist Church, gave an address on "America and America."

Bishop Neely referred specifically to the condition of unrest prevalent, and attributed the causes to the effects of the war. He declared that bolshevism had no place in this country and never could have. He referred to the overwhelming protest of the people as registered against the League of Nations, at the last election.

The meeting was planned by the Young Men's Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, in honor of Benjamin Franklin.

LOST BOY FOUND IN RIVER

Body of Lad Missing a Month Is Recovered

The body of nine-year-old Henry Kowalsky, who disappeared from his home in the rear of 818 North Third street, December 7, was found floating in the Delaware river off Green street by several men in the launch Dauphin yesterday.

The men had started for the Jersey side when one of them noticed a pair of shoes protruding from the water, which at that point is very shallow. The police boat Ashbridge was called, and the body recovered by the crew, and sent to the morgue, where it was identified by the boy's mother.

Joseph S. Darlington & Co. INC. 1126-1128 Chestnut Street

Women's Knit Underwear at Much Less Than Former Prices

- The best-known makes—Underwear which will give long-continued satisfactory wear, and at prices which mean real savings: Kayser "Marvelfit" Combination Suits of wool; low neck, no sleeves, bodice tops; Regular Sizes—\$4.00, reduced from \$5.50; Extra Sizes—\$5.00, reduced from \$6.75; Kayser "Marvelfit" Combination Suits of all silk and merino; low neck, no sleeves, bodice tops; Regular Sizes—\$4.00, reduced from \$4.75; Extra Sizes—\$4.75, reduced from \$5.75; Merode Combination Suits of wool and cotton; low neck, no sleeves, knee or ankle length; low neck and short sleeves; high neck and long sleeves, bodice top; Regular Sizes—\$3.00, reduced from \$4.00; Extra Sizes—\$3.75, reduced from \$4.75; Merode Vests and Tights of wool and cotton; Vests have high necks and long sleeves; Tights are ankle length; \$1.75 each for all sizes, reduced from \$2.50

MICHELL'S 1921 SEED BOOK Contains 100 Pages It covers every phase of lawn, garden and farm activity. Illustrations describe the best in Flower, Vegetable and Grass Seeds, Bulbs and Plants. Also Seeds, Insecticides, Fertilizers, etc. \$2.00. Seed in total card or call for a copy. Bulbs for Growing in Water: Stunted Hyacinths, 25c each; dot \$2.25; with glass complete, 50c each; dot \$7.00. White Narcissus, 75c each; dot \$6.00; \$1.00 per doz. 10c per doz. 10c per doz. 10c per doz.

BLAUNER'S 835-837 MARKET STREET Continuing The Great Sale of New Spring Dresses cheap taffetas, lustrous satins and dresses of other wanted materials that we bought at a 50% price concession are offered you tomorrow at a like reduction. MATERIALS Taffeta Canton Crepe Georgette Satin Tricolette All Sizes 35 Every dress is newly styled in becoming models for every type of wearer. Dresses to wear right now under your coat and later on the street or any informal occasion. Dress Clearance Special! Satins, Tricolettes, Serges, Velveteens, Velours, Jersey Cloth, Poiret Twill. All formerly \$40 Dresses. \$15 SECOND FLOOR—WEDNESDAY SECOND FLOOR

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The Modern Source of Heat Supply for Any Modern Heating System— Herebefore there has been a wide difference of opinion as to the most satisfactory system of heating. The fact of the matter is there is no real difficulty with the systems themselves. Any of the modern systems, such as hot water, steam, vapor, etc., are correct in principle. The real weakness, which is peculiar to all systems, exists at the point of heat supply. You can't expect a modern heating system, to be a modern convenience if it depends on an antiquated source of heat supply to function properly. The old method of coal heating is inefficient at best. Dependent, as it is, on the high element for attention in buildings, fires, chafing coal, raking and taking care of the fire, it is an entirely old-fashioned source of heat supply. FULLY GUARANTEED THE "HOT WAVE" is made in steel and copper—the whole apparatus will stand up to a stronger truth. Gas Utilities Sales Co. of Phila. SPRUCE AT NINTH STREET PHILADELPHIA PHONE WALNUT 1316