

### MILITARY FEDERAL TO EX-ADJUTANT

**Furman Bennicker Post Will Accompany Body of Sydney Sheets to Grave**

### HAD GLOWING WAR RECORD

The funeral of the late Adjutant Sydney Sheets, of Furman Bennicker Post, No. 188, was held this afternoon. Members of the post assembled and marched to an undertaking establishment near Broad and Poplar streets, accompanied by the band of the post on which the casket was to rest. After the services they followed the body to Frankford Cemetery. Sydney Sheets was one of the 114th Infantry. He participated in practically every major engagement of the American Army.

In the Church of the Saviour, on Chestnut street near Thirty-eighth, Sunday there will be a memorial service, which Howard McCall Post, No. 20, and several troops of Boy Scouts will attend in a body. There will be a sermon by the Rev. Z. B. T. Phillips, and the roll of men of the Twenty-seventh Ward who died in service will be read. Such members of McCall Post as have died since a few notes from "Taps" will be sounded at each name. The post will then march to Woodlands Cemetery for brief ceremonies at the grave of Captain McCall. The post commander will lay a wreath on the grave and a squad will fire three volleys.

It is announced that the cemeteries of Mount Sinai, Mount Carmel and Adath Jeshurun have been assigned to the Stern Price Post in the general Memorial Day ceremonies.

George H. Imhof Post, No. 153, will open Memorial Day by attending services at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Eighteenth and York streets. Sections of the American Ambulance Service will also attend, and to various women whose sons were killed in France. Lieutenant Jean Labat, military attaché of the French Embassy, will bestow the "Medal of Commemoration." The roll of honor will be called and "Taps" sounded.

In the afternoon the members of the post will visit the Mount Peace, Mount Vernon, South Laurel Hill and German Lutheran Cemeteries, placing on each soldier's grave appropriate memorials.

### CHORAL ART SOCIETY GIVES FIRST CONCERT

Organization Under H. Alexander Matthews Does Fine Singing

The Choral Art Society, a new singing organization made up of about sixty of the best solo and choir singers of Philadelphia, under the leadership of H. Alexander Matthews, made its first appearance at the Academy of Music last evening, and fully justified the anticipations which its personnel warranted.

The great advantage which the chorus has over every other one in this city is that every member of it is a trained singer. There is absolutely no "dead wood" in the organization and not only has each one received voice training, but they are accustomed to singing under leadership, and therefore the accomplishment of an ensemble of a high degree of perfection was the more easily possible.

The strength of the new chorus lies in its beautiful tone quality and color, things which no conductor can produce if the lines are not in the first place with which to work. The ensemble, a matter of training, has been brought to a very high point by Mr. Matthews, the diminutives, the most difficult effect to produce in music, being especially beautiful, the crescendo even and effective, and the dynamic effects well balanced. In the softer passages there was an exquisite tone color and quality resulting from the combination of fine voices, splendid tone production and careful attention to the direction of the conductor, and the mezzo portions of the compositions were sung with equally fine effect. It was in the fortissimo passages that the only weakness of the chorus developed, and there was at times a decided tendency to force the volume of tone beyond the limits of strictly musical sounds. This was more apparent in the basses and tenors than in the sopranos or altos. The hearer felt at these times as though the chorus felt that some effort must be made by a body so small as sixty singers to "fill" an auditorium the size of the Academy, and therefore a preceptible effort to do so. Outside of this one thing, the singing was faultless, one thing, the program was varied and included a Christmas carol of the Fifteenth Century, and religious works by Mozart, Leont and tenderly in the first group; three choral hymns for women's voices with harp accompaniment in the second; a five-part chorus of Bennett, and an eight-part one of Eiger, in the third section; songs by Deltus, de Vere and Lefevre in the fourth group and a lullaby of Palmgren, an eight-part chorus with harp, by Rimsky-Korsakoff, and "The Alps" by Franke, in the closing group. The harp accompaniments were finely played by Frank Nicoletta.

The soloist was William Bachus, pianist, whose work is well known in Philadelphia. He played the Brahms G minor rhapsody and a Schumann group at his first appearance, and a Chopin group at the second. Mr. Bachus is one of the foremost artists of the day and brought out beautifully the poetry that is the chief element of the compositions which he played. His Chopin was especially fine, as it was melancholic and tender without ever becoming over-sentimental. The stage was very beautifully decorated.

### TEACHERS TAKING VOTE

Constitution of Proposed Council Up for Ratification

Teachers of the public schools are taking a vote this afternoon on the constitution that has been drawn up for the proposed Teachers' Council. The voting will be done at group meetings. The teachers are classified in twenty-six groups.

The constitution was drafted by a convention to which the teachers sent delegates. It is intended that through the Teachers' Council there will be a closer co-operation between school employes and the opinions of all teachers, principals and employes co-ordinated.

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