

Past Grands Hear Wilkes Professor Carl Carmer To Extol Virtues Of Odd Fellowship Be Local Guest

Fred R. Korman, grand master of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania was the Guest of honor at the monthly meeting of the I. O. O. F. Past Grands Association held with Kingston Lodge No. 709, on Wednesday evening, January 19th, at Kingston. Over one hundred Fellows filled the lodge hall representing seventeen lodges. Visitors were present from Slatington, Catasauqua, Berwick and Tunkhannock. The grand master was introduced by District Deputy grand master Torrence Naugle of Sweet Valley, John Strobel, president of the association, presided. A brief talk was given by the grand master.

The speaker of the evening was Prof. Dana H. Verry of Wilkes College who delivered an inspiring address on Odd Fellowship. He was introduced by Thomas J. Jones, district deputy grand master of Kingston. Mr. Verry was initiated in Daniel Boone Lodge No. 1, of Louisville, Kentucky. He recently transferred his membership to Thistle Lodge No. 512 at Pittston. Application for membership was received from Charles Birth of Kingston Lodge No. 709.

Invitation was received from Columbia and Montour County past grand Association during the month of August. Other meetings will be held with Walnut Lodge No. 953 at Luzerne during February and with Toby Creek Lodge No. 1078, Trucks-ville during March. Oakdale Lodge No. 695 and Askam Lodge No. 899.

The meeting was closed with benediction by Chaplain G. W. Knarr after refreshments were served by the committee of Kingston Lodge. Committee members were Roscoe Harden, J. W. Shepherd, D. R. Yeisley and Thomas J. Jones who acted as chairman of the evening's program.

Farm Bureau Is Now Nationwide

Announcement Made Over TV Hook-Up

Farm Bureau Insurance Companies are going "Nationwide" in more ways than one.

Via a closed-circuit telecast viewed Wednesday in 21 eastern cities by some 18,000 employees, agents, families, and friends of the companies, top officials announced that the three firms intend to:

- 1) Change the company name, effective September 1, 1955, to Nationwide Insurance, and
- 2) Begin planning immediately for a program of national expansion.

The Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company thus will be known as the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company; Farm Bureau Mutual Fire Insurance Company becomes Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and Farm Bureau Life becomes Nationwide Life Insurance Company.

Among the Back Mountain representatives of Farm Bureau who attended the regional telecast at the State Theatre in Harrisburg were: James Jones of Dallas, regional sales manager for twenty-three northeastern Pennsylvania counties, and Ernest Gay of Gay Insurance Agency, Lake Street, Dallas; District Manager and Mrs. Luther Carter of Shavertown; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cragle, agents, Hunlock's Creek; Charles Shankel and Arthur Augystine, claims adjusters, Carverton.

A former local man who took part in the program at Columbus, Ohio, was Clarence Boston, now in the personnel office. Mr. Boston was former principal of Lehman Schools.

The companies now operate in only thirteen eastern states and the District of Columbia. Even so, the auto company is the fourth largest insurer of cars in the nation.

Murray D. Lincoln, president, set the keynote of the program in his opening remarks when he said the time had come for the companies to take a "new look" at themselves.

National expansion, he said, presented a tremendous challenge to everyone connected with the companies.

"We can effectively meet this challenge," he asserted, "only if we continue to find out what people's needs are—and then help people meet those needs through our companies."

During the telecast, Executive Vice President Bowman Doss detailed some of the reasons behind the decision to expand.

The companies' rapid growth, he said, argued for expansion. He pointed out that in the last twenty-three years, policies in force had risen from 79,000 to 2,900,000. In the same period, assets jumped from \$2,633,000 to about \$210,000,000.

"The companies," he said, "have developed unique methods of operation which have been highly successful and should work equally as well in other parts of the country."

Buy New Digger

Dodson & Hudak, local contractors and excavators, have just purchased a new Sherman Ditchdigging Machine which they state will speed up their building operations in the spring.

The machine is powered by a Ford Tractor with a digging blade and shovel on the front.

Speaks Here Sunday



A. J. C. SELVARATNAM

Ceylon Chaplain To Speak Sunday

Community Invited To Shavertown Church

Rev. A. J. C. Selvaratnam of Ceylon will be the first speaker on the "Our World" series of programs which will be presented by Shavertown Methodist Church starting this Sunday evening at 7:30.

Object of the series is to acquaint members of the Church and community at large, with correct information concerning the religious, social, economic and political life of the countries involved in the series.

Sunday 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. J. H. Godtfriing will be chairman.

Rev. Selvaratnam is chaplain of Christian College, Colombo, Ceylon, former secretary of Jaffna Y.M.C.A., and president of Ceylon Youth Movement. He is now studying Religious Education at General Theological Seminary, New York City.

Special music will be by the quartet composed of Mrs. Joann Herron, Mrs. Sylvia Schooley, Joseph Geyer and Charles Nicol. They will sing "Peace I Leave With You," from Cantoria, Word of God. Janet Cornell will be guest organist.

Children's Program from 7:25 to closing includes movies, films and songs of interest to younger grade school children. Mrs. Walter Cook is chairman, Warner Cook, projectionist.

An invitation is extended to all families of the community and neighboring churches. No admission charge. A free will offering will be taken to help defray costs.

Dean On Program

George Ralston, Dean and Coach of Wilkes College will be the speaker at Dallas Rotary Club's Father Night next Thursday night at Irem Country Club.

Book Shop this coming Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Evans, Harveys Lake, owner of the Wide Awake located at 14 North Franklin Stret, Wilkes-Barre, invites the public to drop in, meet Mr. Carmer and enjoy a coffee hour.

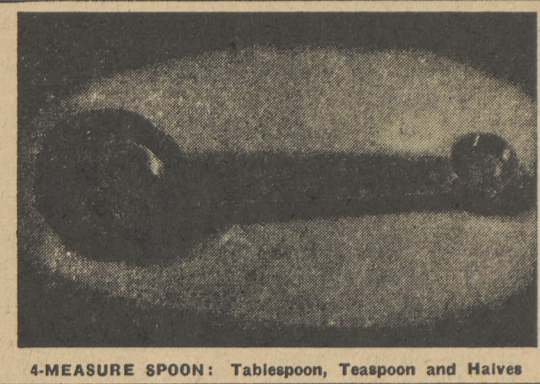
Adds Susquehanna To American River Series

Carl Carmer, author of "The Susquehanna," the forty-eighth volume in the series on the Rivers of America, will be the guest of Wide Awake

It is crammed with so many interesting incidents that we can forgive him for not paying more attention to those famous Indian towns, Meshoppen, Mehoopany, Tunkhannock, Nescopeck, Wapwallopen and Shickshinny.

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