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156 Guests at 4th Annual Banquet of Temple Lodge on Wednesday Evening

SPLENDID PROGRAM GIVEN

Caroline Masons with their wives and sweethearts met at the fourth annual banquet given by Temple Lodge, No. 198, F. & A. M. last evening in the hall of the Masonic Building here. Places were set for 156 at the four large and three small tables which filled the room. During the evening music was furished by the Denton orchestra, to the delight of the guests.

Shortly after eight o'clock, those who were to sit at the speakers' table were requested to take their places, following which the guests assembled in the lodge room marched to the tables which were laden with many good things.

The hall had been tastefully and appropriately decorated with bunting, flags, streamers and several good pictures of George Washington, the anniversary of whose birth was being celebrated.

Mr. Ferdinand Baynard, worshipful master of the lodge, called for order and requested the Rev. Mr. John J. Bunting to offer thanks, whereupon the guests did full justice to the excellent food before them. While the feast was progressing the orchestra furnished pleasing music bringing home to the listeners the fact that Denton has a good orchestra.

The menu was as follows:

Pickles

Olives — Celery
Cold Roast Turkey — Cranberry Sauce
Chicken Salad
Maryland Biscuits — Finger Rolls
Harlequin Blocks — Fancy Cakes
Salted Nuts — Mints

Coffee

Following the banquet, served by the ladies of the Denton Community Club, who had charge of that portion of the program, the toastmaster of the evening was presented by Mr. Baynard in the person of Dr. M. Bates Stephens. After a few remarks, Miss Florence Monk, of Greensboro, and Miss Jennie Bowman were presented and rendered their selections in charming manner.

In presenting the speaker of the evening, Dr. Stephens referred to the anniversary exercises of Washington College, which he had attended previously in the day, and at which an excellent address was delivered by Judge Alton B. Parker. Dr. Stephens said that the hall there was decorated with two large silk flags, those of the nation and state, but that the banquet hall here was better decorated for they had "Bunting" here.

Then Dr. Stehens introduced the speaker, the Rev. Mr. John J. Bunting of Berlin, Md., well known to many of those present by virtue of his having served two years recently as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ridgely. Mr. Bunting's address was patriotic in nature and presented as well several of the fundamental principles of the Masonic order. In part he spoke as follows:

"Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Fellow Masons:

"I am glad to be here. You expect me to say something like that. So often do speakers use that expression that it becomes as hollow as sounding brass. If I may I desire to re-vitalize every word of that phrase. When I realize what this company of people mean to Caroline County, their intellectuality, social standing and withal their integrity and moral worth, it is beyond any capacity of mine to express my appreciation of your invitation.

"There is a big, roomy place in my heart for Caroline County. The acquaintance began in my prep school days, intensified when I met a large number of Caroline boys at Carlisle, more from this county than all the rest of the Eastern Shore. Then I visited your camp meetings. One day to the surprise of my premeditated calculation, I was sent to preach in this county. For two years I lived with as patriotic and liberal people as may be round on all the earth. Then I resolved that I could not any more do without at least a part of Caroline. So having arrived single, I left double.

"In respect to your lodge. It was always a pleasure to be in your midst. A cordial welcome ever greets the visitor to this Masonic lodge. No longer do they meet in the valleys or on the hilltops but in a beautifully furnished room, equipped with all the tools and instruments of masonry which help to illuminate to the benighted candidate in all the parts, points and mysteries of masonry."

The speaker then called attention to the absence of one strong, loyal Masonic brother, J. Kemp Stevens, who was almost always to be found in his place at a lodge meeting or gathering.

"We gather here tonight that we might revel in good things," he went on. "Not only a satisfaction of gastronomical delight, but to relate and review some virtues of Masonry and its dreams.

"Outside of the Christian Church, what social agency makes for as much moral uplift and humane service. The church and this fraternity have one conception in common, that of God. 'Religion,' says Mr. Bryan, 'is that which determines the relation between God and man.' Tolstoy, the ideanist of Russia says that 'Morality is the outward expression of that inward relation.'

"How important this conception, and its interpretation are in the lives of people, we hardly realize. Its result is not limited by a pleasurable emotion, but determines everything of their existence. Because of their false understanding of God, the honest Chinese drown and burn their girl babies, woman is made a beast in the land of Mohammed, Ireland has reddened the soles of her feet in the blood of her brothers and children. Now, if life is to be what it ought to be, a real life—not a mere existence, a belief in a hereafter is fundamentally essential. So says a beloved philosopher that all wholesome morality trustworthy character and humanitarian service spring from religion. The 19th century made the world a neighborhood, the hope of the world for the 20th century is that it may be made one brotherhood. The Masonic lodge has long since taught us how to reach that delightful ideal. When all nations learn that there is only one God, and He made all men. 'We are His offspring'—therefore we must be brothers, for we inherit and have one Father in common.

"A man may be—in exception cases—a good citizen, honest in commercial conduct, loyal to wife and loving and true to family, without church membership, but he can never possess those virtues without God.

"Again may I ask, do we realize how important is God and his attributes in our lives? Two of the valuable virtues of our life are Truth and Mercy. Our enlargement on these properties will be from the words and lives of two great men. The two greatest Americans selected February for their birth month. Well, people do not know much about February before birth as they do afterwards. This month we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

"Washington's heart is best known in his 'Farewell Address.' He therein speaks 'Of all the disposition and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are inseparable supports.' 'The mean politician as well as the pious man ought to respect church there." Let it simply be asked where is the security for property, for reputation and life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oath. One of the reasons for the difficulty in dealing with the Japanese is that other matters may come ahead of truth. He has made several promises about leaving Korea and Shantung, but this far he has not asked for his hat.

"Lincoln's life is bathed in the qualities of mercy. A preacher in Paris wished to hang the picture of Jesus in his chapel as the representation of Mercy. The Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief, who carried the burden of government. The French laws prevented the representation of Diety. So he hung up the picture of Abraham Lincoln. Many people daily sought to see him. The doorkeeper must needs turn many aside, yet the president warned him never turn one aside who sought to save life. A widowed mother sought the presence of Lincoln to save her courtmarshaled son. She was told she would know him because he was the homeliest, ugliest man in all the world. Many, alas, have thought so. The old woman knew Lincoln when she saw him. She made her plea for her child's life. He gave her that child's pardon. As she went down the steps from that building, holding to her bosom the paper which meant the salvation of her son, she was heard to remark: 'They said he was ugly—why he is the prettiest man in all the world!'

"What made Lincoln the power that he was? See him on the morning of the battle of Gettysburg. That long body, gawky limbs, bent in prayer. Father, God, the Union cannot stand another defeat like Chancellorsville. Give us the victory at Gettysburg and I promise you the full service of my life.' It was the presence of God in his life that made him the power that he was.

"Mr. Bunting set forth that the ills of our country at the present time were: 1. Unemployment, about 6,000,000 bread earners. 2. Crime wave, not caused by prohibition, for England, still wet, has 120% more crime than this country. 3. Demoralization. 4. Tendency to Fatalism.

He went on to say, "No country has prospered that has driven out Masonry and certainly no country can hope to prosper that drives out those principles for which Masonry stands. The introduction of the virtues of truth and mercy on the part of our population will go far toward a happy solution of these many problems.

"It was Masonry that kept alive the conception of God in the semi-aetheistic days of the Revolution. George Washington was in the Worshipful Master's chair at Alexandria. Secretly like the hidden springs beneath Jerusalem, it kept alive the spiritual life of the nation.

"In the time of building King Solomon's Temple, Masonry had its beginning. At that time, Religion and Patriotism were one and the same thing. No man could be true to Israel without being true to God. To quote Washington again: 'In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars (religion and morality) of human happiness.' So the idea that prevailed in Solomon's day is literally true today.

"He said that all nations have a mission. Israel's duty was to teach religion, Greece showed the world that a 'thing of beauty is a joy forever,"

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BANQUET PROGRAM

Overture - - - - Orchestra
Address of Welcome - F. Baynard
Invocation - Rev. John J. Bunting
Music - - - - - Orchestra
Vocal Solo - - - Florence Monk
Un Doux Lien—Delbruck
Reading - - - Jennie Bowman
Aunt Ellen's Hero
Laddie
Address - - Rev. John J. Bunting
Vocal Solo - - - Florence Monk
Daphne's Love—Ronald
Reading - - - Jennie Bowman
Rebecca, of Sunnybrook Farm
Blest Be the Tie That Binds - All
Benediction - Rev. John J. Bunting

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Feb. 22

"This government, the offspring of our own choice, uninfluenced and unawed, has a just claim on your confidence and your support."

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"Respect for its authority, compliance with its laws, acquiescene in its measures, are duties enjoined by the fundamental maxims of Liberty."

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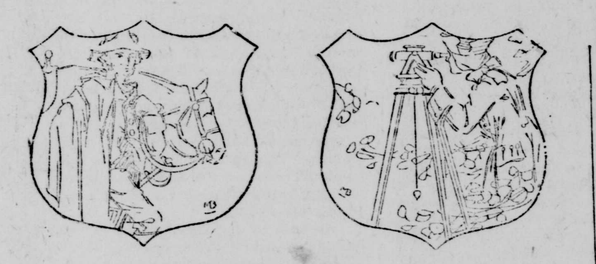
"Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct. And can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and at no distant period a great nation to give mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence. Who can doubt that in the course of time and things the fruits of such a plan would richly repay any temporary advantages which might be lost by steady adherence to it? Can it be that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a nation with its virtue? The experiment, at least, is recommended by every sentiment which ennobles human nature. Alas, is it rendered impossible by its vices?

"In the execution of such a plan nothing is more essential than that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations and passionate attachments for others should be excluded, and that in place of them just and amicable feelings toward all should be cultivated. The nation which indulges toward another an habitual hatred or an habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest. Antipathy in one nation against another disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury, to lay hold of slight causes of umbrage, and to be haughty and intractable when accidental or trifling occasions of dispute occur."

—George Washington in his Farewell Address.



DEL-MAR-VIA-PEN FAIRS MET AT SALISBURY TUES.

Dates for Fairs of Seven Circuits of Peninsula to be Same as Last Year

RE-ELECT CROCKETT PRES.

Representatives of all the fairs in the Del-Mar-Via-Pen circuit held their annual meeting in Salisbury last Tuesday afternoon. Before the meeting the visiting delegates were entertained by the Salisbury Fair at a luncheon given at the "Y." At the close of the luncheon the delegates adjourned to the Chamber of Commerce rooms where the meeting was held.

This meeting was called to order by the President, Jas. M. Crockett, of Pocomoke, at 2 P. M.

The different members of the Circuit were represented as follows: Wilmington, Del., Joseph H. Gould, and Joseph Davidson; West Chester, Pa., Norris G. Temple; Tasley, Va., T. Wright and D. Frank White; Pocomoke City, Md., R. V. Gladding; Harrington, Del., C. D. Murphy, Ernest Raughley, C. S. Warren, W. H. Cahall, B. I. Shaw, A. C. Creadick, Norman Collison and A. Raughley, Cambridge, Md., J. Fred Dunn and Edward S. Lake; Salisbury, Md., D. J. Ward, D. W. Perdue, W. C. Mitchell and Wm. M. Cooper.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The next order of business was the election of officers. Mr. James M. Crockett was elected president, and D. J. Ward, secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year.

Motion was made and seconded that the members of the circuit be assigned the same week as last year for their 1922 meetings which are as follows:

Harrington, Del.—July 26, 27, 28, and 29th.

Cambridge, Md.—August 1, 2, 3 and 4th.

Tasley, Va.—August 8, 9, 10 and 11th.

Pocomoke, Md.—August 22, 23, 24 and 25th.

West Chester, Pa.—August 30, 31, Sept. 1 and 2nd.

Wilmington, Del.—Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9th.

Motion was made that the Horse Review and Trotter and Pacer, turf journals, be used in publishing the dates of the different fairs. Ads. in each to run from May 1st to Sept. 1st, 1922. Ads also to be used in The Horseman, at Indianapolis, same to be continued for four issues.

Motion was carried that each association compelling the horseman to the National Trotting Association.

Resolution offered by Mr. Temple that the Del-Mar-Via-Pen Circuit approves the action of the Joint Rule Committee of the National Trotting Association as it has in the past. Same was passed and spread upon the minutes of which there is a copy attached.

Moved that no association of the circuit shall offer or pay a higher purse than $300.00 for each race; a fee of 3% to be collected from all starters and added to the purse, and no deductions to be made from the money winners. This not to apply to Wilmington.

Motion was passed to enforce the rule of the National Trotting Association compelling the horseman to name the horse on or before 5 o'clock the day preceding the race.

A request made by the secretaries of the Circuit that all secretaries of the different fairs submit a tentative race program to each member of the circuit on or before the 15th of March and each member to have their formal program in the hands of the secretaries of the circuit not later than April 15th.

Lucky Number Drawn

Who has number 114? This number wins the dozen photos from Bradley's Studios.

JR. O. U. A. M. TO ADMIT LARGE CLASS FEB. 27

Caroline Council, No. 175 Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Denton, will next Monday night admit a large class into their Council. There are twenty-four candidates to enter their ranks. Yesterday Caroline Council passed the quarter century mark of its existence, haing been instituted on February 22, 1897. It has passed through the vicissitudes incident to all newly organized fraternal bodies. It had a chartered membership of sixty, and many accessions were made during the first year, but suspensions were many for four or five years, due largely to the lack of knowledge of its benefits and principles. Since 1902, when it became connected with the Funeral Benefit Department of the National Council, and has a part in caring for and educating for a life of usefulness the children of those who have passed to their reward, the growth has been slow but steady, until now its true worth in and for the community is being recognized. The business of Caroline Council, as well as that of the National Council, has been conducted on conservative lines so faras finances are concerned. Mr. W. K. Scotton is the courteous and efficient financial secretary, who receives the money, and Mr. S. F. Cole is the accomodating treasurer, who might be termed the Judas of the Council in that he firmly holds the strings of the money bag.

A degree team from a sister Council may assist in work next Monday night. The Junior Order United American Mechanics is a fraternal, beneficial, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization, and is the largest and one of the oldest patriotic orders in America.

Family Reunion

Last Sunday the children of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hignutt gave them a pleasant surprise by having a family reunion. All the children were present except Mrs. Eber Ritchey, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Charlie Hignutt, of Seaford, Del.

At 3:30 o'clock the table was spread and Mr. and Mrs. Hignutt were invited out to the table where they were much surprised. All enjoyed the grand feast of ice cream and cake.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Bullock, Mr. John Hignutt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hignutt, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, and Miss Edith Hignutt. The grand children present were: Ernest, Addie, Roland, Francis, Lynnie and Billy Lord; Hary, Harry and Emory Hignutt; Ellwood and Louise Wright; also Mr. and Mrs. Earle White. Mrs. Earl White is the oldest and only grandchild married. Miss Ethel Ritchie was the only grand child not present.

TEACHERS' ASSO. MEETS IN RIDGELY FRIDAY P. M.

The Teachers' Association of Caroline County will hold their regular monthly meeting in Ridgely on Friday afternoon, February 24, at 1:45 p. m. Following is the program of the afternoon:

Methods by which aims are to be realized (a) French, (b) General Science—Miss Wetterman.

Terman Group Tests: (a) Uses to be made in grading of results of Terman Group Tests—Mr. Norstedt; (b) Comparison of results of tests in various high schools of county; (c) Discussion; (d) Conclusions reached.

New Business.

State Road Sign Placed

Maryland State Road Department is placing guide posts on all state highways. Last Friday one was placed at the corner of Main and 6th streets, the intersection of two state highways. On this sign post the following information is to be found: That Matthews is 9 miles away, Hillsboro is 7 miles away and the state road ends 2 miles to the west. Anthony is 3 miles to the east, while Federalsburg is 16 and Salisburg 55 miles to the south. Chestertown is 33 and Elkton 68 miles to the north.

The guide posts are about 8 feet high with two boards about 2 by 3 feet, showing the different directions.

Missionary Society Growing

In November the ladies of the M. P. Church organized a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and a good many of the ladies joined. At their last two meetings new members have been received, but more are needed. At the meeting held Monday evening much business was transacted and a social time was enjoyed afterwards. The society meets on the third Monday of each month in the lecture room of the church.

Mrs. Harry A. Roe Entertains

Mrs. Harry A. Roe entertained at luncheon on Saturday afternoon. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion. Her guests included: Mrs. Leslie Merrick, Mrs. W. W. Newcomer, Mrs. Harvey Cooper, Mrs. T. P. Fisher, Mrs. Fred R. Owens, Mrs. W. K. Scotton, Mrs. Henry Hughes, Mrs. T. Fred Towers, Mrs. R. W. Emerson, Miss Myrtle Dukes, and Miss Hattie Dukes.

Rummage Sale and Bake

All those who desire to get good things for their supper next Saturday are urged to attend the bake to be held at the Den-Mar Mobile Company sales rooms for the benefit of the Ladies Aid of the M. P. Church. A rummage sale will also be held at the same place both afternoon and evening.

Changes in Barber Shops

Several changes have taken place recently in the barber shops. Mr. Dukes Pepper and Mr. William Abbott, formerly with Mr. E. D. Kimmey, are now employed by Mr. Robert Pitts, while Mr. Harvey Cheezum has left Mr. Pitts and gone to Mr. Kimmey.

EASTERN SHORE SOC. FEASTS IN BALTO.

9th Annual Banquet Held at Hotel Rennert. Senator Pepper Guest of Honor

CO. WELL REPRESENTED

Sons of the land of milk and honey 'cross the bay who now tread sheet asphalt and ride in express elevators foregathered last night at the Hotel Rennert to pay whole-hearted tribute to the beat biscuits of Easton, the oysters of Crisfield and the chickens which roam that garden spot from the peninsula to the upper Susquehanna.

It was the ninth annual dinner of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore city. And it was all Eastern Shore. Gone from the punch bowl was the blush that came from an erstwhile and now lamented Pikesville. But the punch was the dryest thing about the dinner. For the speakers were George Wharton Pepper, the new United States Senator from Pennsylvania, and Bishop George W. Davenport, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Easton.

John H. K. Shannahan, president of the Southern Maryland Society, was a guest of honor. And then there was singing, led by Charles G. Woolsey, to the accompaniment of the rhythmic rattle of knife and fork against plate or drinking glass.

Senator Pepper, after a brief discussion into Maryland and Pennsylvania history, compared the idea of the League of Nations and the four-power treaty now pending before the Senate. The principle underlying the League was force, he declared. The principle upon which the treaty is based is an agreement to confer over difficulties, with no provision for the use of force to carry out any of the terms of the agreement, he maintained.

"In the case of the League of Nations," he continued, "we have decided once for all that we do not mean to pledge ourselves to an alliance with other nations to maintain peace by coercion, but if we are not willing to unite with Great Britain, France and Japan in an engagement to confer with one another in the event of a controversy in the region of the Pacific we might as well abandon all efforts to promote peace, arm ourselves to the teeth and glare angrily at our neighbor on the other side of No Man's Land.

"While I am whole-heartedly in favor of limitation of naval armaments, provided we also have the four-power treaty, yet I am absolutely convinced of the necessity of maintaining the personnel of our navy at 100 per cent efficiency for manning and operating the ships within our treaty limit."

The members present from Caroline County were: Webster S. Blades, Dr. Harry E. Wilson, J. C. Clark, Cornelius DeWeese, M. D., Fred R. Owens, H. A. B. Dunning, Luther H. Gadd, Enoch B. Garey, Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, R. Earle Greenlee, Alexander Hardcastle, Rev. G. A. Hubbert, D. D., Wilbur W. Hubbard, Robert Jarrel, Jr., James J. Colbert, J. Frank Lednum, LeRoy C. Longfellow, Clayton Engler, J. Alan Massey, B. K. Purdum, R. P. Melvin, Winfield T. Nichols, Henry O. Perry, George E. Saulsbury, H. E. Sewell, Willard C. Todd, Albert G. Towers, Lawrence B. Towers, Capt. C. W. Wright, S. Elbert Douglass, and Professor Hardesty.

CO. ELEMENTARY TEACHERS HOLD ALL-DAY SESSION

The elementary teachers of Caroline County met at the high school last Friday for instruction in teaching music by Mr. Thomas L. Gibson, state supervisor of music. The conference lasted all day.

Due to the severe weather, some of the upper county teachers were unable to reach Denton for this lecture.

PEANUTS SHOULD BE SHELLED BEFORE TIME OF PLANTING

Delay in planting peanuts after shelling the seed causes considerable loss in germination, it mas been learned during the course of investigations conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture. The investigations involved tests of shelled and unshelled peanuts and the effect of the time of shelling on the germination of the seed.

Peanuts planted after being shelled for different lengths of time showed great differences in germination. Those shelled 63 days before planting gave only 3.7 per cent germination and a yield of 3 1-3 bushels per acre; planted 10 days after shelling, the germination was 78 per cent and the yield 41 1-3 bushels per acre; planted 1 day after shelling, the germination was 94 per cent and the pield 64 2-3 bushels per acre. A delay of even 9 days after shelling gave appreciably lower results than those obtained by immediate planting. The germination was only 80 per cent, as compared with 94 per cent when there was a delay of but one day after shelling. The yield in the last case was only 55 1-3 bushels per acre.

Particular stress therefore has been laid by department specialists on the importance of holding the peanuts unshelled until just before the time they are to be planted.

Box Social at Thawley's

Two weeks ago a box social was planned to be held at Thawley's Hall, Tuckahoe Neck, but owing to the storm and the condition of the roads since then it was postponed, but will be held Friday evening at 8 p. m. Everybody is invited to come and bring a box with them, the proceeds to go to the benefit of the church.

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