CAL ODD FELLOWS OLD DISTRICT RALLY

Effo Gr Being Put Forth by Officers to Awaken Greater Interest

All of the local lodges are manifesting an interest in the big rally planned by the district deputy grand master to be held Wednesday evening next in Parkway Building, Broad and Cherry streets.

The meeting has been arranged for the purpose of awakening a greater interest in the work of the order, its general institutions and to stimulate more general efforts looking to membership increase. An interesting program has been prepared, tickets of invitation have been widely distributed and a large attendance is confidently expected. Addresses will be delivered by Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins, Grand Representative Wilson K. Mohr and other prominent fraters conversant with the principles of the organization and the scope of its operations.

Thursday evening next the grand master of the State and the full board of grand officers will make an official visitation to the lodges of the seventh district, located north of Girard avenue and east of Broad street. The meeting will be held in the hall of Columbian Lodge, No. 26, corner of Girard avenue and Hutchinson street, and is expected to arouse greater interest in lodge work and prove of material interest to the order in that section of the city.

The religious services held Sunday afternoon at the Odd Fellows' Home were in charge of Philomathean Lodge, No. 10, of Germantown. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Mackay, pastor of Chelten Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and a brief address was made by Thomas Sipps, president of the Home. Miss Carrie Rhodes presided at the piano.

The lodges of the 10th Philadelphia District supervised the religious services held at the Home for Orphans Sunday afternoon. Brief addresses were delivered by District Deputy W. S. Weaver, George Hill, Robert Love and Charles B. D. Richardson, president of the Home. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel R. Williams, pastor of Nicetown Baptist Church. The musical features included selections by the orchestra of the Home, under the direction of Mrs. F. L. Foote; violin solo by Charles Stoeckle and vocal solos by Miss Mary Tuson, Miss Mary Allison, Albert Steckerman and Daniel Burton.

Through the activities of W. A. W. Shaney, president, and Joshua N. Litchfield, manager, of the I. O. O. F. Employment Bureau, and the courtesies of Freeland Kendrick, the 60 children of the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania were entertained last Monday afternoon at the Convention Hall, where they witnessed Frank P. Spellman's New York Hippodrome Winter Circus. Thirty-five boxes of candy were also distributed among the children. It was a wonderful treat to the little ones from the home.

Thespian Lodge, No. 1167, at its last meeting tried the experiment of holding a "Ladies' Night." The attendance was so satisfactory and the event so thoroughly enjoyed that the Welfare Committee will arrange for another entertainment of a similar character in the near future. A program of music, song and story, versatile and entertaining, delighted the members and their ladies.

Degree Master Charles E. Schaefer has succeeded in developing a degree team of exceptional merit from the members of Fame Lodge, No. 778. In precision of floor movements and the accuracy and impressive rendition of the ritualistic features, the team ranks among the best in the city. At the last meeting of the lodge six candidates were initiated, and tomorrow night the degree of friendship will be elaborately presented with many new and novel features.

The third degree, in long form, by the degree team was an attraction which drew a large attendance of members and visitors to the hall of Merchants' Lodge, No. 283, on Friday evening. Among the visitors were representatives of lodges at Martin's Creek, Pa., and Atco, N. J. Announcement was made that the Entertainment Committee has under way a plan for an evening's entertainment in the lodge room during the present month.

At its meeting Tuesday night Temple Encampment, No. 100, initiated a class of candidates and will confer the several degrees upon successive Tuesday nights in its hall in the Parkway Building. A big class initiation has been arranged for Saturday, April 15. All local encampments will be invited to unite and contribute candidates. The degree staff of Temple Encampment will exemplify all three degrees, the work being placed on the floor in the large auditorium of the Parkway Building.

Tomorrow evening a big rally will be held of the lodges of the 9th District in the hall of Arcturus Lodge, of West Philadelphia. Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins and other grand lodge officers will attend and speak upon the work of the fraternity and the importance of active co-operation on the part of the lodges west of the Schuylkill in the general progressive campaign being conducted throughout the jurisdiction.

Mille Lodge tonight will confer the initiatory degree upon a class of 28 candidates. At the last meeting in the presence of nearly 200 members and visitors the degree team of Oxford Lodge, of Frankford, exemplified the degree work upon a number of Mille Lodge candidates.

Monday evening at the meeting of Canton Reliance, No. 38, Patriarchs Militant, the following officers were duly installed by Captain William Gross and staff of Canton Philadelphia, No. 1: Captain, Harry Tarbottom; lieutenant, William Johnson; ensign, George C. Bradley; clerk, Joseph Hallos, Jr., and accountant, William Heppard. Following the installation the chevaliers were inspected by Brigadier General J. S. Ilatroff, assisted by Captain William Gross.

Tomorrow night Grand Master J. P. Hale Jenkins, accompanied by other Grand Lodge officers, will make an official visit to the lodges of the 9th District, located in West Philadelphia. The meeting will be held in the hall of Arcturus Lodge, No. 35, at 249 South 60th street, and a large turnout of followers of "the Triple Links" is assured.

At the session of Kenderton Lodge Tuesday evening District Deputy Grand Master Weaver and Past Deputy George R. J. Burgent delivered addresses and urged the hearty co-operation of the lodge in the rally to be held in the Parkway Building Wednesday evening next. This lodge will visit the Odd Fellows Home on the annual donation day, February 22.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA

Plans Suggested for Increasing Benefits Without Material Increase of Dues

Court Pontiac, No. 144, Friday last, in its hall, 1208 South 23d street, convened the Woodchoppers, the merry men, after its regular routine session. The innocent hilarity and good cheer were in striking contrast to the sage solons who an hour before were in solemn conclave pondering weighty questions. Yet it was the same men in dual characteristics, exemplifying a lesson in life—do the work as it should be done, and when it is so done, then recuperate in pleasant recreations, work and pleasure. The questions of the hour were duly considered, and P. G. C. R. C. P. Bradley answered the submitted queries. The topic, "How to Increase the Sick Benefits?" a counterpart of the other phase of last month, "Augmented Death Benefits," was the subject of the symposium. What will an added penny to the weekly dues give additionally to a 100 per cent. increase in mortuary benefits?

The 13 cents left, out of the 18 cents dues, 5 cents going for death claim to the supreme fund, allows sick benefits 13 weeks at $7 each, 13 at $2.50, 26 at $1, or $149.50 a year. It rearranges the now 13 at $5, 13 at $2.50, 26 at $2, a total of $140.50, just the same amount, but gives more to the more frequent cases, the sick, for a limited period. Then with doctor and druggist service without limitation, the benefits will attract more recruits than the present schedule. With no death claims to be liable for by the local court, that saving will permit the social fund to increase, the widows and orphans' fund become more ample, and the general exchequer expands and no assessments will be needed for any fund. A level 18 cents will be fixed and become permanent. Figures so proving were adduced and are available for reference, and even extraordinary contingencies, short of a general calamity, can be met by any court of 200 good members. If additional features are wanted by the courts in Pennsylvania, then for one more penny a week, or dues of 19 cents, it will be shown what it can do at the next session of the class. The consideration of these questions is apart from acts of benevolence, only benefits legally due are under debate.

The Past Chief Rangers' Association is engaged in the vigorous movement now in operation and to be carried on this year to make the financial and numerical standing of the order in Philadelphia show greater strides. While aiding every endeavor to effect that object, a special feature espoused by the association is to prevent suspensions, thus retaining those already enrolled, who might otherwise lapse. It is a work peculiarly fitted to past chief rangers, who attain that honor only after a service of three years generally, and their acquired experience in the preceding offices should qualify them to secure adequate means to avert such losses, as their right into actual course gives them a practical knowledge that should lead to the courts' material benefit. All past chief rangers are solicited to join the movement, and regular monthly meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 3d and Buttonwood streets, where means and methods are outlined and suggestions received to advance the cause. In the social session a pleasant time is afforded and a general therapeutic of song and welfare held. Next Wednesday the regular session for February will be held.

Court St. Albans, No. 85, at American Star Hall, 21st and Reese streets, initiated five candidates at its last meeting and received seven applications for membership. This court offers its prizes as inducements, carrying out a long-established custom. Proposers of applicants do so as a duty solely.

For 25 years the court has been foremost in every movement tending to the general welfare. There is in progress a series of informal practical talks, inaugurated some time ago, the topics being "Preparedness" and the speakers exclusively members of the court who have served Uncle Sam. This relation of personal experience and the knowledge imparted is an incentive to the younger members to be patriotic citizens.

Those who have spoken are Brother Samuel Wilson, a G. A. R. veteran, "The Rebellion and Its Lessons for Today"; Brother John Devenny, a medal of honor man for service in the Indian uprising, "The Massacre of Custer and the Subjugation of the Redman"; Brother M. J. Toner, Spanish-American veteran, "Incidents We Went Through"; Brother J. Grady, formerly of the British army, now a retired United States regular, "Reminiscences of Service in Two Great Armies"; Brother J. Oliver, "The Philippines and Vera Cruz"; Brother H. Mayhury, late of the Massachusetts, "Aboard a Battleship"; Brother T. Campbell, formerly of the Texas, "The Marine and the Sailor." Others will follow by brothers of the State militia and retired regulars of the army and navy. The series has been interesting and instructive, due to the narratives being direct personal experiences and practical in lessons. Something worth while is done at every Thursday session.

Court Schuylkill, No. 108, Tuesday evening, after a brief routine session, formed in parade, headed by its accordion band, and proceeded to its clubhouse, northwest corner 18th and Hamilton streets, where an open-house rally was held. It was a boom meeting for the "All-Together-for-Court-Schuylkill" Committee engaged in increasing the membership. Addresses were made by D. G. C. R. Max Laib, "It Can Be Done, If You Are Determined That It Shall Be Done." It was in his usual epigrammatic style, pointed and to the point. Brother Kinsley, of Fairmount, No. 41, gave selections of Scotch dialect songs.

Other addresses were made by P. G. C. R. J. H. Kirk, Dr. W. J. Daley and Brother Lawler. Others who participated in the general entertainment by rendition of song or story were Brothers J. Rodden, Ganly, Kane, Magee, Farren, McNamee, McKnight, Little, Mullaney, Street, Thorpe and Pettit.

Court General Phil Sheridan, No. 141, held an open meeting and smoker Friday evening. An excellent program was rendered. The object of the officers is to increase the membership. The court, though but 19 years old, has a treasury of available cash of some $8000 and investments of $18,000, with 258 members. The need of a normal addition to the roster is acknowledged to be the duty of the true fraternalist, who looks beyond the mere exchequer to the better view of the good that can be done to the fellowman, and this court keeps that end in prominence. Brother Heil and his efficient co-laborers of the Ways and Means Committee provide suitable social attractions to keep the objects of the order uppermost in the minds of the brethren. P. G. C. R. C. P. Bradley, the speaker of the evening, directed the thoughts of the audience to "Preparedness Through Fraternal Home Protection," and the surroundings of the J. A. Koltes G. A. R. Hall, in which the meeting was held, formed a setting, impressing the needs of preparedness to maintain peace as honor demands. A large number of applicants for membership were received as an outcome of the occasion.

Court Mount Pleasant, No. 342, held its seventh anniversary at Lowber's Hall, 5219 Market street, last week. A banquet and musicale were the attractive features, supplemented with several novelties. Supreme Trustee J. P. Donohue gave a practical talk on the order, especially the record of this court. Deputy Joseph Kelly spoke on the benefits of the order. P. C. C. R. Bradley outlined a topic the members were asked to develop for themselves: "Things are not always what they seem to be." Secretary Edwards rendered some of Robbie Burns' poems with the real Scot accent, he being from Bonnie Scotland. The vocal and instrumental numbers were rendered by talent of more than the usual merit.

The captains of the competing teams on membership increase are producing results of a satisfactory character. The orchestral accompaniment to the chorus strains of the "Star-spangled Banner" closed the exercises of an eventful night, and each participant carried home a reminder of duty in a poem by the court's muse: "What Is the Spirit That Actuates Forestry?"

SONS OF AMERICA

Patriotic Members of This Order Plan for Midsummer Demonstration

Camp No. 53, which meets Monday evenings in American Hall, 1639 North 27th street, is one of the more active and progressive of the local camps of this large and growing patriotic fraternity.

In order to be creditably represented in the parade to be held in August, in connection with the State Camp sessions and the celebration of the golden anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Camp, a committee of 10 members has been appointed to devise ways and means for raising the funds necessary to carry out the project.

The following brothers were appointed to serve: Daniel S. Wells, chairman; Harry W. Dunkelberger, secretary; Charles B. Clarke, David Highland, Charles J. Wendt, George G. Dunkelberger, Martin L. Cramer, Harry Highland, Frank H. Schroeder, Jr., and Albert Hanafy. The first meeting was held immediately after the camp session, and the first affair definitely decided upon was a sour krout supper and package party on Monday evening, February 21, in connection with the commemoration of Washington's Birthday.

Other interesting events for raising funds were considered and will be settled as to details at later meetings of this committee. The camp admitted its first new member for this year by initiating Brother Charles J. Wendt, who was proposed by his own brother, William Wendt. The following brothers are the new officers for the ensuing year: Charles M. Solly, president; Thomas G. Thomson, vice president; George Schmidt, master of forms; George Kidd, conductor; W. H. Montelius Brown, inspector; Horace E. Crimmins, guard; Harry W. Dunkelberger, recording secretary; Daniel S. Wells, financial secretary; Herbert R. Flemming, treasurer; Horace E. Crimmins, Walter A. Snyder and Charles B. Clarke, trustees.

Girls' High Alumnae Ask Charter

Seven thousand alumnae of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, 17th and Spring Garden streets, are anxiously awaiting the granting of a charter for their Alumnae Association. Application was made several months ago, but the plans met with some opposition.

RED MEN KINDLE MANY COUNCIL FIRES

Adoption Ceremonies and Visits of Great Chiefs Bring Warriors to Local Wigwams

The meeting of Minonk Tribe, No. 451, held Friday evening, was one of the largest meetings held by this tribe since its removal from the old hall to its present wigwam. Following tribal work, the Haymakers made merry for a season, after which a luncheon was served.

Tomorrow night will be a specially interesting occasion, for following routine business, which will be quickly dispatched, the wigwam at 3849 Lancaster avenue will be opened to the public to witness a game of quoits between members of Mohave Tribe, No. 320, and Minonk Tribe, No. 451. This will be followed by a game of indoor soccer between Minonk team and the West Philadelphia soccer club. A large attendance is expected of tribal members and their friends.

The degree team of Dakota Association will confer the warrior's and chief's degrees in the wigwam of Paconta Tribe, No. 31, Friday, February 11, and in the wigwam of Passyunk Tribe Friday, February 18.

At the last meeting of Mingo Tribe, No. 124, on the 28th sun of cold moon, the resignation of the junior sagamore was received. After the stump had been declared vacant, a special election was held and Brother Max Price was chosen to fill the vacancy. The adoption ceremony was performed by the degree team, after which, at the invitation of Sachem Melvin Perlish, brief addresses were made by District Deputy Malone and several visiting warriors. An interesting meeting will be held tomorrow night, to which all Red Men are cordially invited.

The 20th anniversary of Wingo Tribe was celebrated with a banquet and dance, held at Mosebach's Casino, 13th street and Girard avenue. Much credit is due Chairman Henry and his committee for the able manner in which this affair was conducted. Among those present who delivered short addresses were P. G. S. Donnelly, G. S. S. Combs, G. J. S. Besurik, G. K. W. Farrar and D. G. S. Malone. P. S. Hiedenthal was presented with an emblem ring in appreciation of the valuable services rendered since becoming a member of the tribe.

Paconta Tribe, No. 31, had a well-attended meeting on last Friday's sleep, and Brother White, sachem, in the chair, extended a hearty welcome to a number of brothers who have been away for some time. After routine work, Brother Lewis Donohue assumed charge at the piano, while an impromptu entertainment was given, which was followed by refreshments. This tribe is arranging for a banquet and smoker, in celebration of its ninth anniversary.

Montezuma Council, Rainmakers of America, at its last meeting had an old-time revival. The older members were out in full force. Comrades Boucher, Zelner, Kirby and Herbst singing old-time songs. Treasurer J. S. Esher added materially to the enjoyment of the evening with some recitations. The stewards had a luncheon prepared. The new officers took charge, with Comrade W. Miller as chief Rainmaker and Comrade O. Anton Ehart filling the late G. W. Farrel's post of secretary. The council is growing rapidly. The deputies' team will try to be with Montezuma at the next meeting of the council to perform the unwritten work of this degree on five candidates.

Last night Osage Tribe, No. 113, held a well attended and enjoyable monthly smoker. The program presented was a versatile one, embracing many pleasing features, which elicited much applause. One of the notable speakers of the evening was ex-Governor John Perkins, of Texas.

The 46th annual ball of this tribe will be held Tuesday evening next, in Horticultural Hall. George Trainer will officiate as grand conductor, assisted by Brothers Boyd and Schnitzer.

Watahtunk Tribe, No. 405, of Llanerch, enjoyed a visit from Deputy Great Sachem Thomas S. McKee on last Thursday's sleep. Brother McKee gave an interesting talk and congratulated the members when he was informed that they had captured three palefaces during the past moons. He was informed that what had been done was small compared with what they would do before the end of the term.

Watahtunk Tribe is making preparations to raise the chiefs of Lenni Tribe, of Glen Riddle, early in Plant Moon.

The Deputy Great Sachems' Association of Philadelphia and vicinity held a social session and banquet Monday evening at 1629 North Broad street. This session was one of the best attended by any given by this association in years. The great chiefs as constituted today were invited, and with a few exceptions all attended. Some sterling addresses were made by the great chiefs, especially that of the great sachem, Samuel H. Walker, which brought forth a great demonstration of enthusiasm from the members and guests present. Dr. Walter R. Rogers paid the great sachem a tribute in the course of his address by stating that never in all his career as a Red Man did he know of a great sachem who was more honest or fearless in his administration than Samuel H. Walker. Among the prominent chiefs present were: Samuel H. Walker, great sachem; John Coombes, great senior sagamore; Dr. T. C. Reawick, great junior sagamore, Dr. Walter R. Rogers and others.

The smoker given by Penobscot Tribe, No. 70, on last Thursday's sleep was well attended by members and their friends. All enjoyed a pleasant evening. One new member was admitted by card. Brother Pinkerton, of this tribe, who is an ardent worker, is suffering with a broken wrist, but will be able shortly to resume his fraternal activities.

The Dakota Association's degree team visited Yuba Tribe, No. 278, at Broad and Federal streets on Wednesday evening and exemplified the warriors and chiefs' degree on a number of palefaces.

Temple Tribe, No. 416, of Reading, last week celebrated its 13th anniversary in Red Men's Hall, by a unique minstrel performance, in which all the participants were talented members of local tribes. Nearly 300 members and their wives witnessed the performance, which was of an exceptionally meritorious character. Later a banquet was served and addresses delivered by Great Sachem Samuel H. Walker and Grand Representative Charles Davis.

Saturday evening the membership club of Ponemah Tribe celebrated its 12th anniversary by a banquet given in the wigwam at Broad and Butler streets. Short talks were made by Great Sachem S. H. Walker and other local representative Red Men. This membership club is unique in that it was formed with a definite fixed purpose of keeping the membership of the tribe up to the 500 mark, a purpose it has capably performed during the 12 years of its existence.

Tuesday evening a largely attended district meeting was held in Norristown of the tribes of Conshohocken, Norristown and nearby points in Montgomery County. Addresses were made by the district deputies, Great Senior Sagamore John Coombs and Great Junior Sagamore Dr. T. C. Beswick and other warriors and chiefs, all breathing of the progressive spirit now permeating the entire brotherhood in this jurisdiction.

Last week Tecca Tribe, No. 343, held what was known as a "Get Together Session" in the new wigwam, 59th street and Woodland avenue. The purpose of the meeting was well expressed in the entertainment accorded the three sister tribes in that section of the city, and expressed thought that co-operative tribal work was essential to practical results and permanent prosperity.

Friday's sleep the warriors and braves of Ongwe Hongwe Tribe, No. 200, assembled in goodly numbers in Lithuanian Hall, Richmond street and Allegheny avenue, for the purpose of appropriately celebrating the seventh anniversary of this prosperous tribe. An excellent entertainment was given and addresses were delivered by several of the great chiefs of the jurisdiction.

PATRIOTIC AMERICANS

Subordinate Councils Hold Union Meeting to Kindle Active Interest

One of the most successful union meetings ever held by a subordinate body was that of the 65th District last Friday evening at Diligent Council, No. 4. The celebrated guards of No. 4 escorted Rescue Council, No. 15, and Grace Council, No. 631, to the hall, which was filled by members to overflowing. Past State Councilors McKelvey and Wobensmith were in attendance, as well as many of the deputies and active workers of the order. The union meeting was planned and successfully arranged by the deputy of the district, Brother Elton M. Baldwin, of No. 4. Brother Samuel A. Wilson, of No. 631, president of the Philadelphia County Federation, delivered a patriotic address. Remarks were also made by State Councilor Shenahan, State Council Secretary Ford, Brother Francis Airey, president of the Good of the Order Association Brother Banks, of No. 15, and a host of others.

State Vice Councilor Miller and State Council Secretary Ford paid an official visit Saturday evening to Bowmans Council, No. 440, and were highly pleased with the large attendance and interest shown by the members.

Frankford Council, No. 176, held a successful smoker Monday evening, at which time State Councilor Sheneman and State Council Secretary Ford addressed a large attendance. No. 176 is working hard to secure its large quota of candidates for the coming class initiation.

John R. Murphy Council, No. 16, held an interesting meeting last Tuesday evening. The members are working hard for a large number of candidates. Brother Victor C. Peters, of No. 15, is an important and useful member to State Councilor Sheneman in the work of the class initiation.

Rescue Council, No. 15, celebrated its past councilors' night last evening, at which council. Addresses were made by all past councilors, chief of whom were Brothers Rapp, Councilor Sheneman and State Council Secretary Ford congratulated the council upon its long existence and the proud record it has at Order Association will be held next Tuesday evening at Lexington Council, No. 459, at 1611 Columbia avenue. All councils should be represented.

State Councilor Sheneman and State Council Secretary Ford will visit Colonel D. F. Houston Council, No. 730, tomorrow evening, when a class initiation will take place. No. 730 is doing good work and the members are exerting every effort to increase its membership and influence.

The monthly meeting of the Good of the Order Association will be held next Tuesday evening at Lexington Council, No. 459, at 1611 Columbia avenue. All councils should be represented.

JUNIOR MECHANICS

Class Initiations Continue to Record Membership Gains in Local Councils

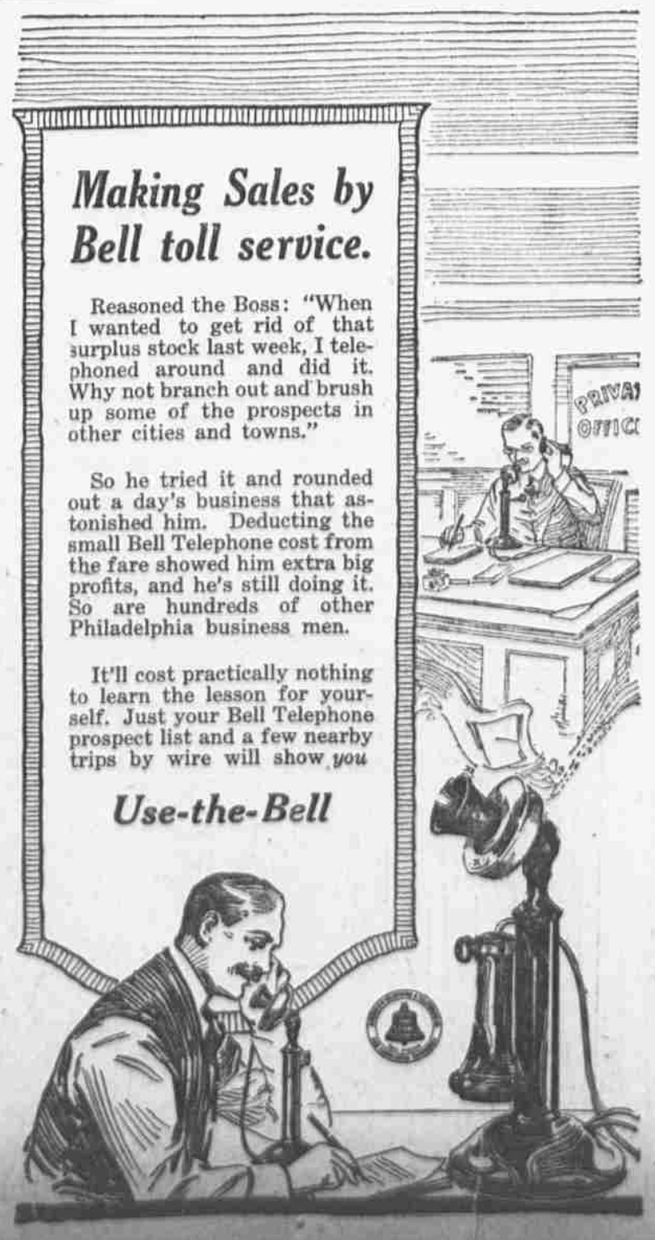
Reports were heard from all the officers of John R. Martin Council, No. 20, Thursday evening, at the regular meeting of the council. The following plans were submitted and adopted by the council: That class initiation be held on February 5 and April 22; that social evening be provided once a month; that a progressive card party be held April 14, and a theatre party some time in March. From present indications, there will be about 30 candidates for the class initiation, to be held this Saturday evening. The degree team has been practicing, and is prepared to show the members of the eastern district some of the best degree work that has ever been witnessed in this section of the State. The guards have been holding numerous meetings lately, and from reports have a surprise for the membership. Every council in the district is invited to be present.

The council's Oriental court held a meeting Saturday evening and conferred the degree on several candidates. A committee was appointed to arrange for a suitable uniform for the members of the court. The court will hold a monthly meeting on every fourth Friday of the month. Councils are urged to have a representation present, and the members of the court are invited to have a friend present with them next month.

Stephen Girard Council, No. 144, postponed its class initiation from last Thursday until tonight to allow the degree team to get in better shape. At the last meeting of the council there were about 50 propositions approved, and indications point to a still further increase tonight.

Franklinville Council, No. 73, is taking in new members every meeting night, showing that the council is in the progressive class. The council is contemplating changing its meeting place from 5th and Venango streets to the new hall that is to be erected at 5th street and Erie avenue.

Ione Council, No. 765, is busy arranging for a class initiation and a union meeting. The members expect this class to excel all others ever held by the council. Twenty-five candidates are expected to be present. Degree Master George White has the degree team in good working order.



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