

School Holds Weekly Assembly Masons Elect and Instal Officers

Periods Are Changed in Second Term, Leaving One General Meeting Day.

THE assembly periods of the high school are being conducted on a different arrangement this term than in the past. In the first assembly period has been shifted from the school opening to the middle of the morning session.

PAGEANT HOLDS SCHOOL'S INTEREST

The historical pageant of the southwest to be given as the commencement exercises of the high school senior class this spring will be one of the chief features of the school for the next few weeks.

TWO WIN THREE GOLD STARS IN SPELLING

Spelling tests and weekly averages of daily work in spelling at the Lamar school have resulted in the names of a number of children being put on the board of gold stars.

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM ARRANGES PROGRAM

For its week's program, the high school forum society has a number of interesting topics. The commission term of government will be the subject of a speech by Ervin Schwartz.

MANY MAKE 100 IN SCHOOL TESTS

Lamar school pupils who made grades of 100 on weekly arithmetic tests were Reba Harris, Tom Morris, Melissa Soto and Henry Rhoades.

CHILDREN WILL DANCE MINUET ON FEB. 22

In the general school program which will be given by the Lamar school in its big assembly room to commemorate the birthday of Washington, a minuet will be danced in Colonial costumes by four little children from the low first grade.

NINE ARE AFTER TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP

The high school senior students who are going to try for the scholarship in the University of Texas, offered by the University Scholarship association, are Alfred Black, Karl Mae, Dave Verne Stearns, Steve Lattin, Katherine Glenn, Kathleen Faria, Alice Bishop, Edna Richardson and Antoinette Matkins.

SCIENCE AND COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENTS ARE CROWDED

Both the science and commercial departments of the high school have grown beyond their bounds since the beginning of the new term. There has been a great demand for the subjects in those two departments this year than ever before.

MABEL MARQUIS HAS BEST TWO WEEKS' SPELLING RECORD

In the first grade at the Lamar school, taught by Miss Lillian Cole, Mabel Marquis is at the head of the class, having had a perfect spelling lesson every day for the past two weeks.

SAM HOUSTON SOCIETY TO DEBATE CURRENCY

Governmental issues of currency as a promoter of bigger business will be debated by the Sam Houston society at its meeting next week. Thaddeus Keavlin and Fortunatus Magruder will be on the affirmative side and Walter Ponsford and Fred Hardie will debate the negative. Wayne Bennett will make a speech and Maurice Blumenthal will give a reading.

S. O. WELBY ILL.

Samuel O. Welby, teacher of public speaking at the high school, has been ill for several days and his place is being taken by A. K. Adams, formerly professor of mathematics at the University of Texas.

ALTA VISTA PLAYS FAIRY OPERETTA

'The Land of Nod' Will Be Given by the Pupils Shortly; Mrs. Eustice Payne Trains the Young Actors.

Alta Vista's school youngsters are making great preparations for a school operetta "The Land of Nod," which the school is planning to give some time soon. The scenery and properties for the play are being made by the boys in their manual training classes.

ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN OBSERVED

Lincoln's birthday was generally observed in the public schools of El Paso Thursday. Although there were no formal exercises commemorating the birth of the great statesman and martyr president was made the subject of both written and oral composition.

MANY PUPILS OF HIGH FIFTH GRADE MAKE GOOD RECORDS

In the Lamar high fifth grade, of which Miss Margaret Reaney will be the following pupils have made good grades in their spelling lessons for the past week: Cecil Centeno, Maria Alvarez, Ruth Reid, Bessie Mattick, Hector Brown, Robert Hubstetler, Jacob Strauss, Phyllis Nichols, Jodie Segall, Muriel Barr, Kenneth Brown, Reynolds, Ernestine Alarid, Abel Fisher, Theodore Strauss, Helen Wheeler, Ruth Pickels, Susan Alvarez, Ruby Russell, Roy Barge, Samp Miller, Kiby Amoret, Ernest Cox, Charles Tipton, Gustaf Hundahl, Melvin Donart, Mary Van Wagner and Estanislao Itiz.

PHILOMATHREANS GIVE LITERARY PROGRAM

A literary program was given by the Philomathean society Friday at its weekly meeting. Dorothy Congdon presided at a business meeting which preceded the program. The life and works of three prominent authors were discussed. Bessie Richardson spoke on the life of Robert Burns. Alice Bishop talked about the life of Robert Louis Stevenson. Kathleen Faria had the Irish poet, Thomas Moore for her topic, and Dorothy Congdon talked about Foster, the author of "Old Kentucky Home," and other American folk songs.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION DEBATE ENDS IN DRAW

The debate on compulsory education, held by the public speaking class of the high school Friday, resulted in a draw. Harry Weisich and Chris Jungmann took the negative, and Paul Masters and James Gorman the affirmative. Principal A. H. Hughes, Manuel Schwartz and Rupert Gillette were the judges.

LOWER SOPHOMORES ARE PLANNING TO GIVE PROGRAM

The lower sophomores of the high school are planning to give a program Monday at the assembly period. Speeches and declamations will be the principal numbers and these will be given by Billy Flato, Fred Hardie, Robert Wolff, George Newell and Gilbert Newsome.

TWO ROOMS IN ALTA VISTA SCHOOL HAVE NO TARDIES

Two rooms in the Alta Vista school gained a quarter holiday for having no tardies during the month. These were the third grade taught by Mrs. M. L. Dalton, and the fourth grade of which Miss Lucille Cowan is the teacher.

ARE STRIVING TO WIN TWO W. C. T. U. PRIZES

School children in the sixth grades of the city schools are interested in two prizes offered by the W. C. T. U. for the best essay on the effect of school on the human system. The sixth grade has this subject in its physiology work.

DEBATING SOCIETY ADDS NEW MEMBERS

Committee Will Be Revised and Constitution Is Amended to Prevent New Organic Law for Society.

The Sam Houston debating society of the high school held an interesting meeting Friday night, at which considerable business was transacted, besides an entertaining program given.

It was decided that the constitution needed revision and a committee consisting of Rupert Gillette, Fred Hunter and Walter Ponsford, was appointed to draft a new constitution.

In the debate on the resolution that the Panama canal toll bill should be repealed, the affirmative side won the decision. The debaters on this side were Harold Coldwell and Ralph C'Neil. Their opponents on the negative side were Rupert Gillette and Dave Verne Stearns. George Newell, Harry C'Neil and R. Jolly were the judges.

A declamation was given by A. Conrath, and Samuel Welday, the faculty critic of the society talked on methods in school teaching.

Rupert Gillette was the critic for the evening.

It was decided to hold the business meeting of the society next week at 7 o'clock instead of at 8 o'clock to enable the members of the society to attend the violin recital, to be given in the assembly hall that evening.

SHRINE BALL IS SOCIAL TRIUMPH

El Maida's First Annual Event Wins Place in Long With Other Brilliant Yearly Affairs.

El Maida's first annual Shrine ball was a complete success and the Shrine will be included in the future social calendars along with the regularity ball, the school's New Year's party and the other social features which are held.

The ball was liberally patronized by Masons, their wives and families and it was a good cause. The Shrine's fund-raising fund to send a patrol team to Atlanta in May and the ball is one of the ways which was adopted for this purpose.

With the proceeds of the ball the Shrine will pay a part of the expenses of sending a patrol to Atlanta. Eugene will also go along as the commander of the burlesque patrol composed of Villa's army.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES ACTIVE

El Paso Aerie No. 73 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles met in regular session in the lodge rooms in the Mundy building Wednesday night and there was a good attendance of members and visitors.

One new candidate was carried through the mysteries of Eaglesdom and several committees and officers' reports were received. Word was received from the worthy grand president that a special dispensation had been granted the El Paso lodge to take in new members at a reduced rate for a short time, and the membership committee contemplates getting busy at once.

All officers were present and they are not done talking about that recent roast pig smoker yet. The lodge meets every Wednesday evening and visitors are always welcome.

U. S. MAY SETTLE MORE SUITS OUT OF COURT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Two more suits under the Sherman anti-trust law, begun with the last year, have been out of court by attorney general McReynolds. Representatives of both the American Can company and the Corn Products Refining company have appeared at the department of justice and begun negotiations which may lead to agreements without further legal proceedings.

Past Week Proves a Busy One For Scottish Rite and Commandery.

ELECTION and installation of officers was the principal business at the meetings of Mount Franklin lodge of perfection, No. 8, at Scottish Rite hall Monday night. Following is the list of officers chosen:

William A. Doellittle, venerable master; Herbert O. Darnell, senior warden; John A. Gillett, junior warden; W. R. Taylor, orator; John Carpenter, almoner; Edgar W. Kayser, treasurer; W. H. McCullough, secretary; Rufus P. Buxton, expert; A. J. Carpenter, assistant expert; T. L. Perrine, captain of the host; Ormsbee, retiring master.

James J. Ormsbee, retiring master of the lodge, acted as installing officer and was assisted by Francis B. Stuntz, as acting grand marshal.

After the ceremonies lunch was served. Mr. Ormsbee presided as toastmaster and several of the officers and members made short talks.

Officers for the year to have charge of the affairs of El Paso commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, were installed Tuesday night at the commandery lodge in the Masonic temple. Harry A. Carpenter, of El Paso, past grand commander of the grand commandery of Texas, was the installing officer. Thaddeus Keavlin, of El Paso, acted as marshal. V. R. Stiles is the new eminent commander and George F. Morgan is recorder.

Next Thursday night the commandery will confer the red cross degree and the order of the temple on several candidates at a special convocation.

Royal Arch Masons Active. El Paso chapter No. 157, Royal Arch Masons, after its called convocation next Friday night will serve refreshments in the banquet room of the Masonic temple. Last Friday night the chapter put on the mark master's degree and next Wednesday night the program will include the mark and past master. On Thursday night, past and most excellent master degrees will be conferred.

Preparing for Rite Reunions. Some of the Masons of the Oasis chapter, Knights of Rose Croix, No. 5, of Rio Grande council No. 2, Knights of Kadosh and of the El Paso lodge No. 3 at their meetings next week will begin making preparations for the reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons, which will be held in El Paso the week of April 20. It is expected that this reunion will be attended by members from all parts of the southwest.

K. OF P.'S TO OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Lodges Throughout World Will Commemorate on February 22 Founding of This Secret Fraternal Order.

This coming Thursday will be observed by Knights of Pythias throughout the supreme domain to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the order. Beginning February 11, Knights of Pythias will gather in Washington, D. C. and observe the anniversary with a big celebration. Throughout all the lodges of the country the day will be observed with a uniform special ritualistic service on Thursday night. It was at first decided to have this service at the El Paso lodge on an open one, but later was limited to the members only.

The rank of esquire was conferred upon Ernest L. Price at the meeting of the Knights of Pythias this week. The D. O. K. K.'s are working hard upon rehearsals for their ceremonial which occurs on February 22, and will hold another rehearsal Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Castle hall.

GRAND OFFICER OF TEMPLARS A VISITOR

Arthur McArthur of Troy, New York, Grand Officer of El Paso Commandery No. 18, was on his way to Los Angeles.

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tomobile sightseeing trip. Port Bliss, the refugee camp and Juarez being visited. He was the guest at luncheon of the El Paso commandery at the Hotel Paso del Norte. On account of the funeral of Mrs. Neff, widow of a former commander of the Knights Templar, occurring at the same hour, the entertainment for Mr. McArthur was conducted in a quiet way. Mr. McArthur is enroute to California to arrange for the friendly convalescence of the order which will be held in 1914 at Los Angeles. He left for the coast on the same train that carried past grand master of the grand commandery, Moulton, who met Mr. McArthur here, but did not stop over.

MOOSE INITIATE CLASS OF FIVE

A class of five candidates were initiated into the El Paso lodge of the Order of Moose Friday night. The regular monthly dance of the order will be held on Thursday night, February 19, and a good time is anticipated by the members and their friends.

A. L. Lathrop, assistant to the vice president of the Passmore interests here is expected home this evening from San Francisco.

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