

## SCALING DOWN OF POLICIES IS NOT IN GREAT FAVOR

Royal Neighbors Fail to Indicate Much Enthusiasm Over the Matter.

### IS SUGGESTION OF ORACLE

Increase of Period Between Camps to Four Years and Salary Advance May Come Up.



THE matter of scaling down policies, which was suggested by Mrs. Myra R. Enright, supreme oracle, in her annual report which she read at the supreme camp of the Royal Neighbors this morning, did not meet with the favor of the majority of the delegates, judging by the very moderate applause given.

Mrs. Enright discussed the scaling plan at some length and in a favorable manner, although she did not urge it upon the delegates.

The scaling plan as advocated by the supreme oracle, provides for the full payment of the benefit after the holder has been in the society for three years, but in the event that death occurs before the three years has elapsed, a percentage based on the length of time the holder has been in the society is paid. This was suggested as a means of avoiding the ultimate necessity of increasing the number of assessments.

It is understood that the matter will not be urged upon the delegates for consideration. If taken up at all it will be done in the report of the committee on supreme officers' reports, which was appointed at the close of the meeting yesterday afternoon, and is composed of Mrs. Clara Hoyt of Ankeny, Wis., Mrs. Rachel Aikens, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Minnie Scott of Columbus, Ohio.

**Other Committees Named.**  
Other committees appointed at the same time were those on resolutions and supreme officers' salaries. The committee on resolutions is composed of Mrs. Amanda Wilson of Chicago, Mrs. Gertrude Frazier, Austin, Minn., and Mrs. Anna Stafford, Kiefer, Okla.

The committee on supreme officers' salaries is: Mrs. Lizzie Fischer, Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Jessie Mitchell, Iowa, Mich., and Mrs. Nanna Hart, East Newton, Iowa.

Preceding the close of the session yesterday afternoon the committees on credentials and the one on rules reported. The remainder of the time was spent in hearing reports.

The session this morning opened with a song and Supreme Chancellor Clara J. Greget of Dowling, S. D., offered the invocation. Immediately following Mrs. Enright took up the reading of her report, and it lasted throughout the morning.

The session this afternoon, during its early part, was devoted to hearing of further reports until the matter of nomination of officers came up.

**Camp Every Four Years?**  
A number of changes are being talked of by the delegates. Principal among these is holding the supreme camp meeting every four years, instead of every three, as is now the custom. The supreme conventions at first were held every year, and then the system was changed to biennial and triennial.

Raising of the salaries of supreme officers is also a topic of discussion among the delegates, and is being considered by the committee on salaries. The report will be made soon.

The delegates participated in a big demonstration this morning when several telegrams were opened and read. One was directed to Mrs. Enright, and was signed by 125 members of her home camp in Kansas City, Kan. Good wishes were extended to herself and the delegates. A. R. Talbot, supreme consul of the Modern Woodmen, also extended his greeting to Mrs. Enright and delegates in the form of a telegram.

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composed the committee and sought out Mrs. Laura B. Holt, captain of the team. After some persuasion, she consented to stage the drill and the 12 women presented the various maneuvers in a most pleasing manner.

Captain Holt directed the ladies in their steps with the aid of a bell. The exhibition lasted about 25 minutes and during its course much applause was given.

The team came to Rock Island to boost the cause of Mrs. Alice Stevenson of Broken Bow, Neb., who is candidate for supreme receiver. Mrs. Stevenson was endorsed at the Nebraska state camp.

Besides Captain Holt the following members of the team are here: Mrs. August Waage of Florence, Neb., and Mrs. Walter Anderson, Mrs. Guy E. Thomson, Mrs. J. W. Willey, Mrs. A. P. Brady, Mrs. L. R. Clarke, Mrs. Gust Martig, Mrs. J. M. Bannish, Mrs. Clarke Barlow, Mrs. Henry Good, Mrs. J. M. Watson, and Mrs. F. C. Sampson, all of Omaha.

## NOMINATE TICKET THIS AFTERNOON

Whether There Would Be Any Rivalry in Election Still Matter of Doubt.

### MRS. SCHOESSEL IN FIELD

Not Known, However, That There Was to Be Any Competition on Part of Others.

Nominations for the 23 supreme officers of the Royal Neighbors of America for the ensuing three years were scheduled to have been made just previous to the recess this afternoon of the supreme camp. The election will take place at the meeting tomorrow morning.

One of the contests which is attracting much local interest is that made by Mrs. Myrtle Dade Schoessel, of this city, for the office of member of the supreme board of managers. This afternoon the members of the Illinois delegation circulated among the delegates cards bearing a detailed statement of the vote taken at the state camp meeting at Bloomington when Mrs. Alice Gilliland of Springfield received the endorsement of the Illinois delegates over the Rock Island woman.

Whether or not there would be a rival ticket presented to the meeting tomorrow was said to depend upon certain developments in the session this afternoon. What developments might possibly take place was not stated. It was intimated in certain quarters that friends of Mrs. Schoessel were in position to spring a full ticket if they desired to do so.

**Expect But One Contest.**  
According to the information given out by the supreme officers, there will be but one contest, that by Mrs. Schoessel. It is claimed that Mrs. Alice Stevenson of Broken Bow, Neb., will withdraw from the race for supreme receiver in favor of Mrs. Alice C. Nash of Minneapolis.

However, this morning the degree team of Pansy camp No. 10, Omaha, Neb., were busy at work boosting for Mrs. Stevenson and according to statements made by them, Mrs. Stevenson was still in the race.

Minneapolis still appears to be leading the other cities for the next supreme camp meeting in 1917. Albany, N. Y., is running a close second, and Jacksonville, Fla., and Cleveland, Ohio, are also after the meeting.

A trolley ride for the visitors and delegates to the supreme camp will take place tomorrow afternoon. At first it was planned to provide automobiles for the delegates, but as not a sufficient number of machines could be secured, a trolley ride is to be substituted.

## SUPREME OFFICE WAITS ON COURT

Question of Building Home Here for R.N.A. Not Before Present Camp.

### IS ALREADY AUTHORIZED

However, if Fraternal Organizations' Funds Are Held Taxable Society May Leave State.

The matter of the erection of the new head offices of the Royal Neighbors of America, for which \$80,000 was appropriated three years ago, will not likely be considered at this meeting of the supreme camp, according to statements made by an official of the society.

Whether or not this new building will be constructed in this city, it is said, is a matter which will be decided after the supreme court of the state of Illinois passes on the test case against the Modern Woodmen of America as to the taxation of fraternal insurance funds.

The \$80,000 for a new home for the supreme offices was appropriated at the last triennial supreme camp at Denver. At that time plans were drawn up by an architect and everything was in readiness for the erection of the building.

However, the readjustment of rates by the Modern Woodmen had become an issue and there was some doubt as to the effect it would have upon the affairs of the auxiliary society, and so it was decided to wait till the outcome of the Woodmen's contest was known before investing money in a building.

Then the issue of taxation of fraternal insurance societies' funds in this state was raised here, the action being directed against the Woodmen. The question was finally carried before the board of review of Livingston county, the home of the head banker, and the reserve fund was assessed.

A test case was made of the law by the Woodmen which appealed to the supreme court where the question is still pending. The contention of the Woodmen is that their funds, and of course those of all other societies of the same kind, are exempt from taxation.

The question meant about \$300,000 a year to the Modern Woodmen and at the time that it was brought up, the head officers threatened to leave the state if the funds were assessed.

**May Leave State.**  
While it will not mean as much to the Royal Neighbors as to the Woodmen, yet the taxation of the funds of

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the former society will reach high in the thousands. Should the supreme court, therefore, hold the law valid, it is said by the supreme officers that the society will remove its headquarters to some other state.

Royal Neighbors claim to have received offers from several big cities of strong inducements to remove from this city. Detroit, which is seeking both the Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors, offers the latter organization a building, and as insurance funds are exempt from taxation in Michigan the officers are looking with a kindly eye upon the offer.

Indianapolis is also seeking the head offices of both organization and has made offers.

However, should the decision of the supreme court be favorable to fraternal societies, it is probable that work will immediately be commenced upon the erection of the head offices in this city. The supreme officers of the society have been authorized to proceed with the work on the building when they see fit.

## BUY CYRUS DART PLACE AS A SITE FOR NEW CHURCH

Christian Scientists Close Deal for Purchase of Fine Property.

### SOON TO START BUILDING

Intention to Put Up \$60,000 Structure Which Will Be One of Best in the State.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, today purchased the old Cyrus Dart homestead at the corner of Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue, as a site for the proposed new edifice. The location is one of the best in the city for a church. The tract has a frontage of 334 feet on Twenty-second street and 150 feet on Seventh avenue. C. B. Marshall managed the deal for the owners. The price paid was \$14,500.

It is the intention to begin work on the new church as soon as possible. It will cost \$60,000, will be of either stone or brick and will face Twenty-second street, standing in the center of the lot. The old Dart homestead will be demolished. It was built 28 years ago and was at that time one of the finest in the city.

**Made Possible by Offer.**

The building of the new church is the result of the offer by F. C. Denkmann to give up to \$30,000 for the purpose provided the congregation should raise a like sum. A campaign was undertaken and \$25,000 subscribed in a short time. The new church will be one of the best appointed built by Christian Scientists in this state.

The old church of the Christian Scientists on Twenty-third street will be sold. It was erected in 1896 and was the first of its kind in Illinois. The proceeds from the sale are expected to increase the building fund to nearly \$60,000.

**Plead in County Court.**

This morning in county court in the case of J. P. Enwright and Calvin Messenger, assault with battery, the latter plead guilty and was fined \$2 and costs. The case against the former was dismissed.

Julius Overbeck, indicted for an assault with a deadly weapon on Bert Crockett, April 6, 1914, plead guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

Russell Stratford, obtaining money by false pretenses, plead guilty and was fined \$25 and costs and given a day in jail.

Harry Williams, charged with stealing a pair of shoes from Young & McCombs, valued at \$1.39, plead guilty and was given a fine of \$1 and five days in county jail. He has already served 30 days.

## CLASH OVER THE OFFICIAL DRINK

Sectional Lines Drawn in Informal Discussion of Subject by Neighbors.

Grape juice, orange juice, mineral water and sundry other beverages of like nature are running a close race for the favor of the Royal Neighbor visitors. Each has its votaries and should the question of adopting an official beverage ever be brought to the floor of the camp the harmony which has up till now been prevalent so conspicuously might suffer.

Yesterday following the report of the committee on rules and order of business there came a slight intermission during which a number of delegates adjourned to the lobby seeking a drink of water. While they were getting it the question of adopting an official beverage was broached and instantly a pronounced difference of views on the subject became apparent.

"O, by the way, girls," said one sprightly little member "what is the official drink of the convention?"

There was a brief silence as all in the group pondered and then some one responded that there was as yet no official beverage.

Mrs. Jessie L. Mitchell, of Ionia, Mich., formerly member of the supreme managers, one of the delegates in the gathering, next spoke up: "While none has been chosen, yet I am sure that there is nothing more appropriate than grape juice. Michigan is seeking but little honor in this convention, and as we manufacture great quantities of the purple beverage, I see no reason why grape juice should not be made the official drink. Besides it is quite healthy and refreshing."

"All of which is true, Jessie," responded Mrs. Lulu Hawley Smith, of Santa Rosa, Cal., "but as a representative of the Golden state and having traveled so far to this convention, farther than any other delegate, I claim orange juice as the official beverage and move its adoption as such. It has all the good qualities of grape juice and many others, too. As a courtesy and honor to my state and city, I believe it should be Santa Rosa orange juice."

Miss Alice Barrett, of Baraboo, Wis., which place is the famous winter home of the Ringling Bros' circus, then claimed for Wisconsin the right of furnishing the official drink. "Waukesha mineral water is excellent, girls," she said, "and I am sure that should you drink but one glass of it you would join me in proclaiming it the official beverage."

"Part of what you said, Alice, is true," spoke up Mrs. Elizabeth Fleming of Milwaukee, Wis. "I agree with you in that Wisconsin should have the honor of the production of the official drink of the society. I am with Wisconsin in any of its claims, but I think that Milwaukee produces by far the best beverage and I move—"

But at this moment the gavel was heard sharply rapping for order and the session was broken up without the question being put to a vote.

### Neighbors' Gossip

Mrs. Jessie L. Mitchell, of Ionia, Mich., is one of the most popular and sought after delegates at the convention. She is the wife of General Mitchell who has charge of the M. W. A. encampment.

Suffrage ice cream has come to be the popular thing among the delegates. One of the emporiums of the city is making a specialty of this dish this week and is being rewarded for the effort by a large patronage.

Mrs. Julia Dempsey of Minneapolis is a charming widow who has come to the convention to look over Illinois bachelors. She would, of course, be

willing to smile on some good looking widower. Mayor Schriver please take note.

Mrs. Mary H. Fortune, a delegate from Oregon City, Ore., is quite a proud woman as a result of the complimentary remarks passed upon the Indian blankets which were presented to the supreme officers at the Empire theatre yesterday morning. Mrs. Fortune comes from a city in which the largest woolen mills in the west are located and the factory there manufactured a number of the blankets.

**Committee Formed on Roads.**

A joint meeting of the board of supervisors and the Rock Island County Highway Improvement association was held yesterday in the directors' room of the State bank. The meeting was for organization and discussion relative to financing the \$1,000,000 hard roads proposition. George H. Richmond was selected chairman and E. W. Woodcock, secretary. The members of the joint committee are as follows:

Supervisors—L. Ohlweiler, Rock Island; Ed Cool, Cordova; Leslie Hanna, Zuma; W. J. Stoelting, Moline; M. A. Titterton, Edgington.

\* Highway association—H. E. Casteel.

Rock Island: H. J. Gripp, Moline: Dr. G. A. Wiggins, Milan; Rev. G. A. Stewart, Edgington; W. F. Garrett, Port Byron.

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