

MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL PROVES SUCCESS

More Than 6,000 Swedish-Americans Attend Event at Prospect Park.

PROGRAM IS IN SWEDISH

Professor Nyvall of Chicago in Principal Address—Urges Swedes to Honor Mother Country.

More than 6,000 Swedish-Americans thronged the Prospect park Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the third annual mid-summer festival held under auspices of the Swedish-American association of Moline to do honor to their mother country and to demonstrate their fealty to their adopted one. Every feature of the function was a decided success and should be gratifying to the officers who worked so hard to make the day one to be long remembered by those who participated.

"Honor your father and mother that you may live long in America," was the keynote of the day as interpreted by Professor David Nyvall, chief speaker of the afternoon. In other words, he demonstrated that according respect and honor to one's parents and to the land that gave him birth as well as the basis of good citizenship, and is the chief reason why Swedish-Americans are so welcome as adopted citizens in this country.

Fine Music Furnished.
The entire program was given to the Swedish language. Prof. J. Mauritzson acted as master of ceremonies. Music was furnished by the National Svea, Olive and Apollo choruses and the applause they received was so great that they were forced to give encore after encore. The program opened with the singing of a psalm, followed by prayer led by the Rev. C. J. Nelson. Address of welcome

was delivered by Clark G. Anderson, city commissioner, who surprised his hearers by addressing them in Swedish.

"It is not for one who was not born in Sweden to tell you about mid-summer day," declared the commissioner, "but I wish to welcome you to this city and this park on behalf of the city of Moline. We have expended \$10,000 on this playground to make a place to be enjoyed by you and your children."

The Rev. Karl Nilsson closed the program with prayer.

Resolutions Adopted.
Resolutions offered by the Rev. A. F. Bergstrom, chairman of the resolutions committee, were adopted as follows:

"Whereas, this association stands for and is in perfect harmony with American ideals and institutions to which the Swedish people of America have contributed a large part.
"Be it resolved, That we discountenance any and all efforts designed to lessen our love and respect for our native country and to demonstrate their fealty to their adopted one. Every feature of the function was a decided success and should be gratifying to the officers who worked so hard to make the day one to be long remembered by those who participated.

"Whereas, we or our fathers generations ago came from the land of the midnight sun, be it resolved that this association goes on record as favoring the study of the Swedish language, literature and customs in order to know whence we came, and learn to love and respect the mother who gave us birth. History proves that this relation to our mother country will in no wise lessen our love and respect for our native country or our adoption, but instead make that love purer and deeper and more lasting.

"And be it therefore further resolved, that we most heartily approve of the course taken by the board of education of Moline in making room for the study of Swedish in the high school and by the board of the city library of Moline in purchasing 163 Swedish books which had a circulation of 1304 during the past year.

Commend Hospital.
"We also wish to take notice of the fact that for the care of the sick and suffering a Protestant hospital, owned and controlled mainly by the Swedish people of Rock Island and adjacent counties, will in the near future be erected in Moline along Fifth avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets, where a very suitable site has been secured at a cost of \$18,000. A building fund of \$100,000 is now being raised, \$15,000 of which has already been pledged. Individuals, churches and societies of Moline have already responded nobly to the cause and by their action thus approved of the great work undertaken for the amelioration of human suffering and the support of health and life thus spreading sunshine, happiness and joy into thousands of homes.

"Whereas, religious instruction is the main pillar upon which our present civilization is built and whereas the Sunday school is not sufficient for the religious training of the young, and since religious instruction can not be imparted in the public schools,
"Be it resolved, That we concur in the petition of the Ministerial union of Moline to the board of education of said city, requesting that body to set aside one afternoon each week of the school year, when the children shall

KING ALFONSO'S CHILDREN INHERIT DAD'S FONDNESS FOR AUTOS



Left to right: Prince Jaime, Princess Marie Christina, Princess Beatrice and Crown Prince Alfonso. The children of the King and Queen of Spain have inherited from their father his love for automobiles. In the accompanying photograph the four oldest children of the Spanish ruler are seen with their small white auto.

be free to attend religious instruction in the churches of their choice.

"Finally, the association is pleased to know that a plan is under way for the establishment of a direct Swedish-American Steamship line from Gothenburg to New York or Boston. Persuaded as we are that such a line will be of mutual benefit to the two countries, we pledge our support in the sincere hope that the project may soon become an accomplished fact."

May Pole Dance Features.
The May pole dance executed by 24 young ladies at the opening of on and received great applause. This the evening festivities was well put was followed by a Swedish folk dance by the same ladies. The Crescent band furnished the music during the evening and kept the crowd in good humor after the storm broke. Many started home when the storm came and many were drenched. Those who stayed in the large hall amused themselves by playing games and getting acquainted.

Tourney Planned at Playgrounds
Men, Women and Children Have Chance to Show Skill as Tennis Players.

Plans for organized play at Stephens park playgrounds now include adults as well as children. Supervisor H. R. Stuart has outlined a tennis tournament in which both men and women will have opportunity to enter and compete for pennants. The tourney will start Monday, July 6, with the singles for men first on the program. Men's doubles, women's singles and doubles, mixed doubles, singles for boys 15 to 18 years of age and for boys 12 and 15 will follow. Singles for girls will also be held, if the demand arises. All matches are to be played evenings with the exception of Saturdays, when the competitors will meet in the afternoon. Prospective entrants are requested to send in their names by July 3, either at the Y. M. C. A. or with Supervisor Stuart on the playgrounds. A small entrance fee to defray upkeep expenses will be charged. In spite of the fact that only a small part of the proposed apparatus for the Stephens play ground has been installed, from 50 to 60 children are daily taking advantage of the facilities for lay offered there, according to the supervisor's report. It is expected that many more will come when the additional equipment has been installed. The new apparatus will include two teeter boards, a giant stride and numerous slides. Miss Hilda Forsberg, in charge of the kindergarten children, reports many taking advantage of the playing facilities of the park.

QUICK WORK OF POLICE BRINGS MAN TO JUSTICE

Quick and efficient work by the local police Wednesday night, resulted in the recovery of a stolen bicycle and the capture of the alleged thief, a 19-year-old Davenport boy who gave the name of Charles Frederick. The wheel was stolen in Davenport and word of the theft telephoned to the Moline police. Frederick was captured while trying to sell the stolen property and placed in a cell in the city jail. Today he was sent to Davenport where he will have to face trial on the larceny charge.

STORM KEEPS CHICAGO PARTY AWAY FROM CITY

The Chicago members of the Commerce association, in whose honor a reception had been planned at the local commercial club rooms by the Greater Moline committee, were unable to get here last night owing to the heavy storm which broke shortly before 7 o'clock and the reception had to be postponed. It was planned to hold it this afternoon at the same place, but fate again interfered, and the Commerce men will not be in Moline, this trip at any rate.

WATERWORKS IS \$70,000 TO GOOD

Considerable Sum Has Been Expended Since Ending of City's Fiscal Year.

PATRONS MORE CAREFUL

Meter Installation Results in Investigation and Many Leaks Are Discovered in Piping.

According to figures made public today by Commissioner C. V. Johnson, approximately \$70,000 remains of the city waterworks extension fund, the largest slice to be taken off when the new 10,000,000 gallon Epping-Carpenter pump is paid for. The pump will cost \$23,000. The appropriation ordinance figures showed \$1,080.82 in the waterworks fund April 1, which was the end of the city's fiscal year, but since that time a considerable amount has been spent for improvements and \$70,000 is left.

Commissioner L. C. Johns said today that during the month of June the demand for water had not been nearly as great as the same month a year ago, attributable perhaps to two important reasons: the first is that recent rainfalls have reduced the need of city water for sprinkling lawns and other such uses, and the installation of meters is the cause of further reduction. Not only have the 200 new meters installed, representing one-half the number that has been purchased and will ultimately be installed, reduced the amount of water consumed through the desire of users to be economical now that they are paying for quantity, but also through the elimination of leaks due to defective plumbing.

Many Leaks Discovered.

The number of leaks which have been discovered in mains of late is surprising, say the commissioners. Under the old time system when the people paid for water by the year and without any discrimination on the amount used, they were not so careful to investigate the piping and find out whether leaks occurred or not. Now, however, when every leak means increased water rent, citizens and firms using the meters are investigating their piping in all parts of the city. This has resulted in the discovery of a large number of leaks due to rusting of pipes in places and defective plumbing in other places.

Harry Lindquist, who has charge of the meter installation, has reported one leak where 10 gallons of water were escaping every minute; in another two gallons and in a third about a half gallon.

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LOCAL KNIGHTS TO HONOR DEAD

Riverside Cemetery Scene of Memorial Services Next Sunday Morning.

St. George lodge No. 28, Knights of Pythias, and St. George temple No. 87, Pythian Sisters, will hold memorial services Sunday morning, June 28, in Riverside cemetery. The members will meet in their hall at 9 and march to the cemetery. Past Chancellor C. V. Johnson will preside at the exercises. Singing will be by a trio composed of Mrs. Sadie Miller, Mrs. Harriet Thompson and Charles Trevor. Officers of the lodge will conduct the ritualistic service of the order. Grand Freelan Emil Silberstein of Davenport will deliver the memorial address. The committee on arrangements is composed of C. B. Truxell, R. B. Kelly and G. F. Stoltenberg.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATOR LANDS IN CITY JAIL

A birthday celebration held Wednesday evening at 1523 Seventh avenue, ended in police court this morning when Todus Norgrocki was arraigned before Magistrate Frank Gustafson and assessed a fine of \$4.80 on a charge of disorderly conduct. Norgrocki partook of too much liquor in the course of the celebration and the other members of the party sent him to bed. He refused to keep quiet, however, and yelled and sang until neighbors sent for the police and had him arrested.

LARGE RETAINING WALL UNDERMINED BY WATER

Wednesday night's heavy rain undermined the large retaining wall at the curb line of the new Berglund building on Fifth avenue, and today it was decided that for safety the wall will have to be entirely removed and another one erected. Rain has interfered with the progress on the new building considerably of late and the workmen have frequently been forced to use the pumps for the purpose of clearing the basement of water, so that work could proceed.

LODGE NOTES

Nobel lodge, No. 288, Order of Vasa, held semi-annual election of officers, the following being named: President—Hjalmar Widehl. Vice president—John Freed. Recording secretary—Oscar Bjurstrom. Assistant secretary—Oscar Ring. Financial secretary—J. A. Wrotman. Treasurer—J. A. Swanson. Chaplains—Axel Swanson. Master of ceremonies—Walfrid Gustafson. Conductor—Gust Falk. Inner guard—Miss Thille Johnson. Outer guard—John Anderson. Trustees—Adolph Lind, 18 months; N. E. Munson, 12 months; Gust Johnson, six months.

LOCAL MERCHANTS PLAN TO CLOSE ON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday night closing for Moline stores and merchants is again being considered, a petition having been circulated among Moline clothing and shoe merchants. It is reported that all have signed with one exception. The proposition is to close each Wednesday evening during July and August, at 6 o'clock, and starting July 8.

URGE NEW IRISH CREDIT

Members of Committee Plan to Oust Money Lenders. London, June 25. — A departmental committee which has been going into the conditions of agricultural credit in Ireland finds that the indebtedness of Irish farmers has been increasing at the rate of \$5,000,000 a year since under the Wyndham land act they commenced to settle on their own land.

The opinion is given in the report that facilities for supplying credit on sound lines to the smaller and medium rural classes in Ireland are inadequate. The professional money lenders have made an invasion of the island and nearly have driven out the "gombeen men," who are saloon-keepers and shop-keepers serving as money lenders.

As a solution of the credit problem the committee suggests that rural Ireland might itself supply the money it needs, since the rural community has \$65,000,000 on deposit in the postoffice savings banks, a huge sum which is transferred to London for investment in government securities when it might be employed at home. The committee recommends the establishment of a sound system of co-operative credit to safeguard the farmers from money lenders.

mittie will meet in the Swedish Olive clubrooms Friday evening to make arrangements for the annual county picnic. The event will be held some time in July on a date to be set by the committee at the coming meeting.

Degree staff of Moline hive, No. 119, Maccabees of the World, will leave for Peoria Friday morning to attend the Maccabee rally. While there the members will put on the drill that has won them so much praise in this city. The ladies have worked hard to protect themselves in the work and are keeping up with the other famous staffs of the city.

Moline aerie, No. 1112, F. O. E., at a meeting held Tuesday evening disposed of convention bills and transacted business pertaining to the state convention. The aerie donated \$25 to the Fourth of July association and the degree staff of the aerie, under the captaincy of Joel W. Carlson, will participate in the parade. Many congratulations are being received by the committee on the manner in which the state convention was conducted.

Members of the Svitholds who have in charge the preparations for the encampment to be held in this city in July are now planning to raise the money to secure the band of the Chicago camp of Svitholds for the encampment. Committees for the encampment were named as follows: Arrangements—Charles Erickson, Charles Tambur, Oscar Lindquist, Sigfrid Anderson, Hugo Nelson. Reception—All of the 18 members of the local company.

Refreshments—Charles Nordholm, Nels Johnson, Knute Stromberg, Nels Westin, Ture Lofgren. Parade—Robert Bylund, B. O. Skantz, Nels Johnson. Charles Almqvist of Chicago, grand commander was in the city to assist the local Svitholds in their plans for the encampment.

Myrtle Rebeka lodge, No. 256, I. O. O. F., met Wednesday evening and held semi-annual election of officers, the following being named: Noble grand—Mrs. Amanda Hanson. Vice grand—Mrs. Bertha Bomberg. Recording secretary—Mrs. Millie Arnold.

Ivan lodge, No. 13, Ladies of Svithold, met Wednesday evening and there was a fairly good attendance in spite of the rain. Arrangements for taking part in the Fourth of July parade were made, and the lodge will do its share to make the event a success.

FEDERAL BUILDING IS TO BE ENLARGED

Bids are being received at the Moline postoffice on the construction of an enclosed mailing platform at the southeast corner of the building. Proposals will be opened at 3 p. m., June 26, 1914.

The proposed improvement constitutes the first enlargement to be undertaken at the new federal building, and is made necessary to take care of the growth in volume of mail coming and going at the local office. The present platform is limited in area and is not enclosed. The new platform will have an area of 10x21 feet, more than double the size of the present platform. It will be enclosed on all sides and will be covered. There will be double doors for loading and unloading of mail and doors will be placed at either end for the use of employees in leaving and entering the building. Heat will be provided and a scale will be sunk in the floor for the weighing of mail. Outgoing mail will be stored in this vestibule, thereby affording considerable extra room within the building which is now taken up more or less constantly for storage pending the schedule of teams to which the mail is dispatched.

MAN IS CRUSHED BY HEAVY BOARD

Anton Peterson Suffers Serious Injuries While Working at Union Electrical Plant.

Anton W. Peterson, who resides at 2925 Nineteenth street, had a narrow escape from death when he was crushed beneath a 1,000 pound electrical switchboard frame at the rear of the Union Electric building on Sixth avenue. Peterson suffered the fracture of three ribs, his collar bone and a serious bruising of the head and body. It is feared also that internal injuries resulted.

Peterson, in company with three other men, was assisting in removing the old board from the building through a rear door. Skids were placed over the steps and the board brought out on rollers. The skids were not of sufficient strength to hold the heavy weight and broke, the board plunging to the ground and pinning the victim beneath it before he could get out of the way. The man's escape from instant death was almost a miracle.

He was removed to the city hospital and it is reported that his injuries will not prove fatal.

TRINITY LUTHERANS BUILD NEW EDIFICE

Members of the Trinity Lutheran church of this city are looking for a site on which to erect their proposed new church edifice, and at a recent meeting the committee in charge considered several sites but no final decision was made. None of the sites, it seems, was considered satisfactory to all concerned. A location somewhere south of Twelfth avenue is being sought, and bluff property owners are solicited to show what they have for sale.

HENRY SKANTZE ARRIVES TOO LATE FOR ADDRESS

Henry Skantze, one of the organizers of the new Swedish-American Steamship company, arrived in the city Wednesday night. He was supposed to have delivered an address at the annual midsummer day festival of the local Swedish-Americans, but reached here too late owing to the storm. A meeting of those interested in the proposed line is to be held tonight in the offices of Frank J. Landee in the People's bank building.

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