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MASONIC CELEBRATION.

Orwell Lodge One Hundred Years Old. Noteworthy Observance Planned.

The annual meeting of the Third Masonic District of Vermont will be held in connection with the centennial celebration of Independence Lodge, No. 10 of Orwell next Tuesday, October 19th. Independence Lodge has issued an attractive invitation, inviting all Master Masons in good standing to attend. The gathering will assemble at 2:30 p. m. at which time Independence Lodge will open a lodge of Master Masons, J. C. Thomas, Worshipful Master. This will be followed by the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers. The Master Mason's degree will then be exemplified by Simonds Lodge, No. 59, of Shoreham, J. L. DeWitt, Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Grand Lecturer, Archie S. Harriman, will review the work and Grand Master, Charles H. Darling and other Grand Lodge officers will be called upon for remarks. At 6 p. m. a banquet will be served in the Ladies' Rooms.

The centennial exercises of Independence Lodge will be held at eight p. m. M. W. Charles H. Darling, Grand Master of Masons of Vermont, Judge Charles I. Button and others will deliver addresses. Music will be furnished through the evening by Vittum's Orchestra of six pieces. The committee in charge of the centennial celebration consists of A. R. Bush, D. L. Wells, R. S. Hall, O. B. Root and J. H. Thomas. There will undoubtedly be a large gathering of Masons of Addison County and adjacent towns to attend the meeting and celebration, which has been arranged by Otis S. Wisell, District Deputy Grand Master. The lodges participating are as follows:—Dorchester, No. 1, Vergennes, F. W. Flagg, W. M.; Union, No. 2, Middlebury, H. L. Cushman, W. M.; Morning Sun, No. 5, Bridport, H. W. Huestis, W. M.; Independence, No. 10, Orwell, J. C. Thomas, W. M.; Libanus, No. 47, Bristol, W. E. Morgan, W. M.; Simonds, No. 59, Shoreham, J. L. DeWitt, W. M.

PROGRESS ON BUILDINGS.

Work Advancing Rapidly on Chapel and Dormitory. New Spire a Landmark.

The new buildings in process of erection for the college have advanced to a stage which makes them objects of interest to all visitors to Middlebury and even to persons passing through on the trains. The exterior of the chapel is finished and the framework of the spire has reached the top. This is 140 feet from the ground, and as the building is on the highest point of the campus, several hundred feet above the village, it is a very prominent object for miles around. It can be seen from the railroad as far away as Salisbury.

The chapel can now be seen to be an extremely beautiful example of the best colonial architecture. Its lines and proportions are most graceful. The six stately marble columns and the massive architrave above are very imposing. The white marble of the walls is the most beautiful of any of the buildings on the campus, on which it is the sixth marble structure. The interior is spacious and will evidently be of great beauty and impressiveness.

The great size of the Hepburn dormitory and commons, rising about 60 feet south of the chapel, is now evident, but the proportions are so good that one is impressed rather by its gracefulness. The exterior walls have now reached the fourth story. The dark brown brick make a pleasing contrast to the chapel and do not seem at all out of harmony.

Visitors to Hepburn Hall are much interested in the floors now being laid by the Firestone Roofing company of New York, who have their own force of workmen. No wood is used in the construction of the floors, except for the temporary supports. A rough floor is laid just underneath where the finished floor is to be. On this temporary floor are placed steel rods, supported at each end by the brick walls, and also large hollow fire-proof tile. Over these concrete is poured, and when this has hardened, a finishing composition completes the floor. After a few days the wooden supports are removed, and the concrete floor ties the walls together in the most substantial manner. These floors will be sound proof. No wood is used in the building except for the doors and casings.

The good weather of the past weeks has been very favorable for building, and it is probable that no difficulty will be experienced in getting everything under cover before winter. Twenty-five masons, besides helpers, are at work every pleasant day. Contractors Rogers and Calhoun are very busy and are pushing the work as rapidly as possible.

The bell founder has written that the chime to be presented by ex-Governor Mead will be ready in December. Unless unforeseen delays occur, services will be held in the chapel in early winter and returning alumni will be quartered in Hepburn Hall next commencement.

CONTEST NEXT WEEK.

Secretary Morhous has been busy with preparations for the Agricultural Contest next week. There is good interest and everything points to a successful affair.

Thursday and Friday are the days, afternoon meetings each day. Thursday at 2:30 p. m. a canning demonstration will be conducted by Miss Thayer of the Extension Service, followed by a judging of exhibits. Friday the boys will have a corn judging contest, five schools and clubs competing.

At 2:30 p. m. Judge John E. Weeks will discuss the proposed Addison County Hospital. The program will close with an address by Governor Gates at 3 p. m.

Addison County always turns out to hear Governor Gates, and with the other speakers and the interest in the club contests and exhibits of vegetables and canned fruit there is sure to be a large attendance.

AUTOMOBILES.

Numerous complaints have come to the trustees of the village that the by-laws, limiting the speed of motor vehicles and forbidding the use of the cut-out, are continually violated. The police have therefore been instructed to arrest offenders without partiality.

It can hardly be claimed that due warning in this regard has not been given.

NO ATHLETIC CREDITS.

Under the reorganization of the Athletic association of Middlebury College it has been requested by the management that no merchant issue any credit to any one of the managers of the various athletic departments without written order from the director, Mr. E. N. Holmes.

BEQUESTS OF WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE.

At a session of the Probate court of the New Haven district held at Bristol Monday the will of the late William A. Lawrence of Bristol was read. Bequests of public interest were as follows:

To the Lawrence Memorial library, the land adjoining the site of the library building, known as the Truman Crane property, together with five tenement houses and blacksmith shop located thereon.

Mrs. Ella Bottum of New Haven. Mrs. Elizabeth Rider of Bristol and Mrs. Carrie E. Nash of Azusa, Calif., each \$300 in memory of his deceased wives, Mrs. Lockie (Partch) Lawrence and Mrs. Minnie (Peet) Lawrence.

Libanus lodge of Masons, No. 47, \$6000.

Bristol lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., \$3000.

Bristol Cemetery association, \$4000, Protestant cemetery, Shelburne, \$2000.

Monkton Ridge cemetery, income from his father's lot.

First Baptist, Advent and Catholic churches, Bristol, \$1000 each.

Arthur L. O'Bryan, Randolph, a nephew, \$1500.

G. D. Draper of Lincoln, Fd. Lutz of Los Angeles, L. Louise Gates of Shelburne and Mrs. Mary Mitchell of Bristol, \$1000 each.

A number of cousins and friends were remembered to the amount of \$200 each. After disposing of his personal property he wills all the balance in equal parts to the Lawrence Memorial library, Congregational and Methodist churches.

SUIT AGAINST SALISBURY.

Mrs. Nora Matot of Salisbury has sued the selectmen of that town for \$1000 damages alleged to have been caused by changes in the roadway in front of her home in Salisbury. Lawrence, Lawrence & Stafford of Rutland are counsel for the plaintiff. The case is returnable at the December term of Addison County court.

It is claimed that the three selectmen started operations in the spring of the year 1914 and that the grade of the highway in front of the Matot house was lowered about five feet and that by so doing the roots of the trees in front of the house were damaged so that the trees are in danger of being blown down it is also claimed that the damage done to the roots may kill the trees.

Another allegation is that the highway was lowered to such an extent that vehicles cannot enter the driveway. The new highway, it is also claimed, diverts a stream of water which fed the well which furnished water for the Matot home.

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