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WIDOWS' SOCIETY CELEBRATES ITS 70TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. George Comstock is Re-elected to Presidency Other Officers.

Members of the Bridgeport Protestant Widows' Society celebrated the 70th anniversary of the founding of the organization yesterday afternoon at the Sterling Widows' Home on Prospect street. Mrs. George Comstock was re-elected to the presidency...

President, Mrs. George Comstock; vice-presidents, Mrs. B. R. Ives, Miss Elizabeth Finch, Mrs. P. T. Staples; recording secretary, Miss Fannie L. Wordin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George H. Edwards; treasurer, Miss Charlotte A. Peck; assistant treasurer, Mrs. E. J. MacKenzie; collector, Mrs. A. W. Mosher.

Executive committee—Mrs. M. R. Beardsley, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. A. E. Sherman, Mrs. I. W. Birdseye, Miss Susan S. Sanford, Mrs. F. W. Read.

House Committee—Mrs. E. A. Jennings, Mrs. H. S. Wilnot, Mrs. Frederick S. Hawley.

Committee on Religious Meetings—Mrs. W. B. Bishop, Miss Estel Sterling, Mrs. M. K. Fones.

Advisory Committee—Mr. M. R. Beardsley, Mr. Charles G. Sanford, Mr. George Comstock.

Auditors—O. H. Brothwell, Mortimer Comstock. Trustees elected: Mrs. George M. Baldwin, Mrs. Edward D. Beach, Mrs. F. F. Beach, Mrs. E. Birdseye, Mrs. I. W. Birdseye, Mrs. W. B. Bishop, Mrs. Henry Blodgett, Mrs. George Comstock, Mrs. George H. Edwards, Miss Elizabeth J. Finch, Mrs. M. K. Fones, Mrs. S. E. Goodsell, Mrs. John Gough, Mrs. W. J. Grippin, Mrs. F. S. Hawley, Mrs. H. W. Hincks, Mrs. John J. Howland, Mrs. E. R. Ives, Mrs. G. W. Jackson, Mrs. E. A. Jennings, Mrs. K. J. MacKenzie, Mrs. W. B. Lashar, Mrs. A. W. Marsh, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. E. J. Moran, Mrs. A. W. Mosher, Mrs. C. E. Weeks, Mrs. W. J. Nichols, Mrs. S. A. Oles, Mrs. F. A. Parsons, Mrs. C. N. Payne, Mrs. A. Peck, Mrs. E. R. Plumb, Mrs. F. W. Read, Mrs. J. J. Ridge, Mrs. Charles G. Sanford, Mrs. Clover E. Sanford, Miss Susan S. Sanford, Mrs. J. C. Shaw, Mrs. A. E. Sherman, Mrs. E. R. Silliman, Mrs. F. T. Staples, Mrs. R. M. Sperry, Miss Ethel Sterling, Mrs. I. DeVer Warner, Mrs. C. E. Weeks, Mrs. Robert E. Wheeler, Mrs. H. S. Wilnot, Mrs. George Windsor, Miss Fannie L. Wordin.

Table with financial data: Feb. 11, 1919—Cash on hand \$ 993.31, Mary W. Beardsley Fund \$ 500.00, Legacy, Lucy A. \$ 3,000.00, Legacy, H. Adaline \$ 1,222.42, Adams Mortgage Loan paid, 3,000.00, Interest on Investments, 6,066.74, Annual Sale, 644.28, Membership Fees and Donations, 618.50, Home Receipts, 1,697.23, Miscellaneous, 842.12, Bridgeport Trust Co. Transferred from Sarah Marsh Improvement Fund, 454.27, 18,156.66, Total, 19,155.01

Table with financial data: Expenditures, Salaries, \$2,310.00, Electricity and Gas, 287.57, Coal, 1,405.75, Repairs, 1,162.54, Insurance, 24.00, Cash Donations, 1,956.00, House Expenses, 4,218.01, Miscellaneous, including building house, furnishing, telephone, water, medicine, removal of ashes and rubbish, etc., 843.24, Investments, 7,120.75, 18,428.54, Total, 19,155.01

CHARLOTTE A. PECK, Treasurer.

REV. EKINS INSTALLED.

Rev. G. Herbert Ekins was installed as secretary of the Church Federation of Bridgeport and vicinity at the First Presbyterian church last night. The address of welcome was made by Rev. William H. Day of the United Church.

Exercises were held to install Rev. Mr. Ekins as the executive secretary and representatives from most of the Protestant churches in the city were present. Rev. D. M. Lewis pronounced the invocation, while Rev. Hal T. Kearns read the Scripture lesson. William F. Severn as president of the federation made a few remarks.

Hand Sapolio - The Sapolio Toilet Soap Ideal for Toilet and Bath

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IS NOW ALARMING

There is in this country at the present time an alarming shortage of teachers with proper and adequate preparation for their work. The teaching profession should be safeguarded and dignified in all our colleges by endowments that put a premium on sound learning and educational genius; it should be upheld and strengthened by the yearly entrance into it of college graduates. Moreover, the colleges compete with private schools, the normal colleges with high school, the high schools with the grammar grades, for the best teachers. For the sake of the lower schools, where the children of the great majority of people are taught, the standard should be maintained at the top.

Several of the eastern colleges for women are about to make a public appeal for funds to carry on their work without loss of prestige. High schools, Mount Holyoke college, Smith College, Bryn Mawr, the Connecticut College for Women, must all immediately seek increased endowments to ensure continuance of the best type of teaching staffs, sufficient equipment and sufficient buildings.

The problem before these different institutions are many, but their problem as a whole is one and is linked up with the well-being of the country at large. It is not now a question of the higher education being a desirable ornament or pleasure for the individual women; it is a question of our need of hundreds of young women every year, graduating with a training for life, for service, and among other services, with a training which gives background for the career of teaching. In a country 90 per cent. of whose teachers are women, institutions which train women have a commanding appeal.

During the last quarter of the year 1919 the deposits in our Connecticut savings banks increased more than nine million dollars. An investment of some of this money in the colleges of our country will pay better returns in the future welfare of the country than savings banks' investments pay.

M. H. HOLCOMB, Governor.

RED CROSS IS REPULSED BY MEXICAN GOVT

Efforts to Aid Earthquake Sufferers Are Stopped.

Efforts of the American Red Cross and the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico to aid the earthquake sufferers in Mexico were rebuked by Gen. Carranza, an anti-lawyer. Carranza said that if they wanted to assist the sufferers, they could turn the donations over to the local government which would make the distribution. The committee stated that accordingly the donations they were to make to the distribution direct or return with the fund. In view of this stand, Excelsior says, the American Chamber of Commerce is returning the sums of money it had collected and has notified the American companies to discontinue receiving subscriptions to the 1,000,000 peso fund which it contemplated raising.

Offers of aid by the American Red Cross were also declined by the Mexican Government. Some \$11,000 was expended by the Red Cross through the American consul at Vera Cruz and the Red Cross contemplated sending a relief unit but were unofficially advised that such an act would not be received with any degree of cordiality by the Mexican authorities.

The already excessively high cost of living in Mexico is being still further increased by introduction by the government of fractional paper currency in which tradesmen and a majority of the people have no confidence. This fractional paper currency is supposedly secured by deposits collected in the national treasury, but of this the Mexican people are skeptical, according to the Mexican newspapers.

President Carranza signed the decree authorizing the issuance of \$25,000,000 of fractional currency in fifty cent denominations on Jan. 19, 1920. This money is known as "vales" and has resulted in two prices being posted for goods—one for hard money and one for fractional currency. Merchants generally accept the fractional currency at 18 centavos for the fifty cent denomination, or about one-third of their value.

Excelsior, one of the principal newspapers of the City of Mexico, states that President Carranza has determined that the country shall be pacified by the time of the national elections on the first Sunday in July. The article says President Carranza has sent a "circular telegram" to all the chiefs of military operations asking them to press the campaign without rest in an effort to eliminate all the bands of rebels and the bands of Chihuahua where there remains various groups of Villistas.

The article continues: "The cam-

CZECHOSLOVAKIA BADLY IN NEED OF RAW MATERIAL

The Republic of Czechoslovakia needs raw materials and not charity, according to the remarks of Charge d'Affaires Jan G. Masaryk of the Czechoslovak Republic at the meeting of the Contemporary Club held at the residence of Walter Lashar on Clinton avenue last night.

Mr. Masaryk told of the declaration of independence October 28, 1918, and the joy with which it was received. Professor Masaryk, the speaker's father, was chosen president of the new republic. "We thought then our troubles were over," he continued, "but we did not fully realize the tremendous and the dangers. Originally the Bohemians and the Slovaks were all one people, and spoke the same language, but for nearly 1,000 years the Slovaks were under the dominion of Hungary and he said the speaker's father, was chosen president of the new republic.

Some of the impressions of Hungary were related, especially in regard to schools. In all of Slavonia, he said, before the war there were but 145 schools, the language was proscribed, even for prayer. Now several hundred schools have been established. The labor problem in the new republic requires much attention, he said. They have adopted the eight hour day with stringent prohibition of strikes, recognize collective bargaining, and he said the miners had given their labor for the last three Sundays without charge to the government.

During the war, he said, Austria tried to destroy the economic life of the country. Cows were seized, meat was practically unknown, and millions of people were literally starved to death by the fact there was no milk for them or their mothers. "Our trouble today is that we are hungry," he said. "There is no starvation, although there is in some of the countries surrounding us, but there is undernourishment. We are not appealing for charity, however, but we need raw materials for our industries. To get it we must return to the system of barter owing to the rate of exchange."

GERMAN OPERA APPEARING ON ITALIAN STAGE

No Protest On Wagnerian Work Produced at Rome Theatre

Rome, Feb. 14.—Wagnerian opera has returned to the stage of the Costanzi Theatre in Rome without a protest. "Die Walkure" was advertised as the second offering in a season which opened with Mascagni's "Iris." No criticism of the plan to produce the German opera appears in the press. The theatre was crowded and no objections interfered with a performance which the press of Rome commended highly. In a strange coincidence that Richard Wagner again walked across the stage of the Costanzi at the same time Austrian children came into Italy by the thousands to escape the hunger and privations of their unhappy country, one of the Rome papers commented.

For many months Wagnerian music has been used at concerts in Rome and other Italian cities, especially in Milan and Bologna, without objections from the press or the public. Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Gertrude Lennon, former resident of this city, to William C. Canfield of New York city. The couple were married Jan. 24. Mrs. Canfield obtained a divorce from H. Eugene McCann about a month ago.

STEAMER PANAMA ALONGSIDE HELPLESS FREIGHTER MALDEN

New York, Feb. 14.—The Panama railroad steamship Panama announced in a wireless message today that she was alongside the helpless freighter William Henry Webb off Tucker's Beach, N. J., and was prepared to take her in tow when conditions became favorable. The Panama made no mention of fire reported on board the freighter last night and it was assumed in shipping circles here that the blaze had been extinguished. The freighter, en route from Philadelphia to New York on her maiden trip, sent out distress calls yesterday announcing that she will be unable to attend until about the middle of Lent. It has therefore been decided to postpone Rev. Smith's lecture until after Easter. During Lent many local speakers will be present at the weekly meetings.

Mrs. Winifred Stenson, who has been spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. John R. Farrell of Worth street, has returned to her home in Chicago.

In respect and reverence to their esteemed brother member and past president, John Edward Moran, whose death took place a short time ago, the Hinke Dee club postponed indefinitely the informal dance which was to have been held by the organization at Slocum's hall, last evening.

The next whist for the window fund for Sacred Heart church will

K. OF C. BALL AT 'STRATFIELD' MONDAY NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Flannagan to Lead the Grand March

One of the largest affairs of next week will be the Knights of Columbus annual ball which will take place at The Stratfield on Monday evening, Feb. 16. Because of the great influx of new members into Park City council during the past year it is thought that this will be the largest ball ever held. Probably from 250 to 300 couples will be present.

The grand march will start at 8:30. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Flannagan will lead. Intermission will take place at 11 o'clock during which time a supper will be served.

The ball committee is composed of William B. Flannagan, chairman; George T. Kelly, chairman ex-officio; John J. Ryan, secretary; George P. Farley, Jr., treasurer; Jesse C. Hamilton, James C. Shannon, Peter A. Clarke, John J. Solan, John J. Conway, J. J. Myers, D.D.S., and Daniel Quilty.

Edward H. Dillon is chairman of the reception committee upon which all members of Park City council will act.

Daniel C. Quilty is chairman of the floor committee. Others on this committee are John J. Ryan, George P. Farley, Jr., William B. Flannagan, Jesse C. Hamilton, James C. Shannon, Peter A. Clarke, John J. Solan, John J. Conway, J. J. Myers, D.D.S., J. R. Murphy, James Falvey, Stanley Greenwood, Thomas Devitt, Earl Carroll, George Ryder, John Hurley, John Hawkins, William H. Nolan, Jr., and James H. Broderick.

Murray's 15-piece orchestra will furnish the music for dancing.

CONTINUE LOAN DRIVE

Owing to the very bad weather of the past week the Irish loan drive will be continued in order to allow the workers to visit every one in the city. Thursday the sum of \$1,500 was collected notwithstanding the weather and it is felt that the total quota of \$100,000 will be subscribed in a short time if the workers are able to get around.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Contributions to this department are always welcome. Either Phone Barnum 1287, or mail news to editor.

Members of the American Draftsmen at the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. held their fourth annual dance last night at the Stratfield hotel. More than 75 couples were present. Lunch was served during intermission.

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The Young People's Chorus of the First Presbyterian church, held a leap year and valentine party in the church parlors Friday evening, when about 70 guests were present. Favors in the form of valentines and menu cards were provided. Arthur Parker, president and Rev. Alexander Allison, Jr., pastor of the church, gave short talks and the occasion proved to be a very merry one.

Miss Alice H. Sherman, 55 Rusing place, will be the hostess at the open meeting of the Mosaic club, at her home, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 17.

The members of the Black Rock Country club planning a whist to be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Bridge, whist and pinochia may be played and those desiring to make up tables may do so. Mrs. P. L. Wilder is chairman of the committee, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Booth, Mrs. C. H. Keller, Mrs. Ralph Hunter, Mrs. E. D. Goddard, Mrs. William Price, Mrs. Lacey Blackman and Mrs. J. F. Quinn.

Mrs. Howard Wheale of Rose street who has been seriously ill at her home, is reported as improving.

The Daughters of Israel will give their annual charity ball and concert at the Casino, State street, Sunday evening, Feb. 15.

Word has been received from Rev. John Talbot Smith of New York state, who was invited to speak at the meeting of the Newman club, stating that he will be unable to attend until about the middle of Lent. It has therefore been decided to postpone Rev. Smith's lecture until after Easter. During Lent many local speakers will be present at the weekly meetings.

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EXHIBITION OF JULES GUERIN'S COLOR PRINTS

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Flannagan to Lead the Grand March

The Bridgeport Art League will give an exhibition of colored prints of Jules Guerin Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the League rooms. Jules Guerin is an artist of note. He was born in 1868 and his famous prints have won him a place of prominence in art publication. They reveal a personal style, distinctive note, and exquisite color qualities. While these pictures are being shown, one of the members of the league will read a sketch written by the artist describing and explaining the works. Following the exhibit tea will be served and a social hour enjoyed.

FINE CONCERT AT LAURALTON HALL TODAY

A very fine concert was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Lauralton Hall, Milford. The accomplished artists who appeared were all from the Metropolitan Opera house in New York.

Miss Loretta C. O'Connell, the well known pianist, was assisted by Miss Adele Luis-Rankin, lyric coloratura soprano, and George Barchfeld, cellist.

- The program was as follows: Aria Con Variazioni (The Harmonious Blacksmith), Handel. Gavotte in E. Bach-Saint Saens. Scherzo, Mendelssohn--Loretta C. O'Connell. Caro Selve, Handel. "Ah, fors'è lui Traviata," Verdi. "Charmant Oiseau La Perle du Bresil," David--Adele Luis-Rankin. Sonata, Op. 5, No. 1, Beethoven. Adagio sostenuto. Allegro vivace--George Barchfeld. Intermission. Part two: Rhapsodie, Op. 79, No. 1, Brahms. Czardas, No. 2, Joseffy. Wagon Wheel, Joseph. Seconde Marche Hongroise, Liszt--Loretta C. O'Connell. Cradle Song, Kreisler. Robin, Robin, Sing Me a Song, S. W. Garlick. Ave Maria (with cello obbligato) Gounod--Adele Luis-Rankin. Steinyway piano used. The concert was for the benefit of Lauralton Hall.

Y. W. C. A. GOES AFTER ANNUAL BUDGET FEB. 7

That no organization has come out of the war with a better record in the public mind than that of the Young Women's Christian Association is evidenced by the fact that while the American people have been campaigning to death for funds for every-thing one could think of, the effort to raise funds for the Y. W. C. A. throughout the country during the past few months has met with tremendous success. City after city has exceeded the amount for which the public has been asked to subscribe and those who have watched the situation feel that it registers the opinion of the public based on service. The success of other cities has a tremendously important bearing on Bridgeport just now inasmuch as the local Y. W. C. A. goes out on Feb. 19 for its annual budget.

The amount to be raised this year is very much in excess of that of last year owing to the fact that the big hundred thousand dollar industrial center on Barnum avenue in East Bridgeport, which last year was operated by the National Board, has now become a local charge and is handled under the management of the local Association.

The Board of Directors, however, feel that Bridgeport will respond to the appeal because the work of the association has been so successful. This is due largely to the fact that the management locally is in the hands of a group of practical and thoughtful women. Last year these women asked the public for a certain amount of money and were given four thousand dollars more than they asked for; instead of spending it because they had it, they saved it to lessen the burden of the public this year.

This is a situation which is almost unique and worthy of a continued recognition of the efforts of this organization.

NO REDUCTION IN MEAT PRICES STATES ARMOUR

Price Not Dependent on Packers But on Those Who Sell Animals.

By J. Ogden Armour.) There is today a new relation between the meat packers and the public--now that the packers are no longer to be purveyors of general food lines and are to confine themselves to the slaughtering of live stock and to the manufacturing and distributing of meat and by-products and the so-called dairy products.

Instantly following the announcement of the attorney general came the news that the packers were to be on the price of meat and other foods. The answer is not an easy one because of the importance of factors other than those incident to the packing industry. Lowering the price of meat is not so simple a matter that it can be brought about by the stroke of a pen or through merely increasing the number of firms engaged in the business of slaughtering and distributing the raw material represents about 85 per cent of what the packers get for the finished product.

The future trend of meat prices cannot possibly be greatly affected by the change in the manner of conducting the packing industry. Inasmuch as some 85 per cent of the wholesale cost of the finished product is represented by the cost of the raw material purchased by the packers, it is evident that the price of meat lies the answer as to whether prices will go up or down. The cost of the live meat animal is dependent largely upon the cost of corn and other feeds and labor and such factors as taxes and freight rates. These factors are not affected by the arrangement brought about by the attorney general. If the farmer's cost of production drops through decrease in the price of corn or labor or other things which he must needs have in order to produce cattle, the price of meat will come down, but if these costs continue to climb as they have in the past several years, there will be no reason to expect cheaper meat.

INVENTS HELICOPTER. Joseph H. Armstrong, 107 Gilbert street, an employe of the Columbia Graphophone Co., declares he has invented an airplane which will rise vertically from the ground and descend in the same way. The Michelin Bros., noted French tire manufacturers, recently offered a prize of \$100,000 to the first person who invents such a plane. Armstrong will get into communication with this firm at once.

When putting lace on a round center-piece allow a quarter more lace than the center-piece measures. Roll lightly (the lace) and dip the upper edge in water and allow to dry in this shape; when thoroughly dry, unroll and you will have a circular lace edge all ready to sew on the center-piece.

WOMEN WANTED.

Experienced and inexperienced foot press operators wanted. Day work while learning. High piece prices for experienced operators. Easy to learn and steady work guaranteed.

THE WARNER BROS. CO. Employment Office, Seaside Institute.

JOLLY TIME AT MISS SLOCUM'S YESTERDAY

Original Fox Trots Given—Miss Chase and Miss Comer Dance

Holidays and holiday season always mean jolly times at dancing schools. Probably the prettiest and gayest of these parties was held yesterday when the pupils of Miss Benita Slocum's advanced classes met yesterday at the studio. To the onlookers it seemed a veritable story book ball for there were Old Mac, the fiddlers and Old King, Coles and Little Lord Fauntleroy, and so on all the way up the line even to the land of reality for present day actors and actresses graced the scene.

One of the most interesting events of the afternoon was the original fox trots arranged by six pupils, they were Miss Louise Haviland in boys' Tuxedo with John Anderson as a bell hop; Susan Jennings as a Spanish gypsy; and Philip Sherman as a French count, and Miss Elizabeth Pullman as a Puritan with Rob Roy Newman as Turk.

Miss Erma Chase and Miss Irene Comer the very well known to dancers favored with the Valentine dance The Rivals. The girls wore old fashioned costumes.

After the grand march and the Paul Jones the pupils were presented with Valentines.

Miss Grace Dudley arranged the musical program. A Valentine party for the beginners was held this afternoon.

FRATERNAL NEWS

FORESTERS OF AMERICA. Court Roma, No. 15, Foresters of America, have invited the noted Jesuit, Rev. J. Semeria to visit this city and receive the funds which have been collected here for the Italian orphans. All the local Italo-American societies and clubs have been invited to attend a mass-meeting which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Sons of Italy hall at Noble and East Washington avenue. At this meeting plans will be discussed for the reception to be given to the fighting chaplain.

ARAB PATROL DINES. The monthly meeting of Pyramid Arab Patrol last night in Masonic Temple was preceded by a supper, which was attended by 75 or more members. Judge Frederic A. Bartlett was toastmaster.

JOSEPH DOWDALL LODGE. At the meeting of Joseph Dowdall lodge, No. 40, Knights of Pythias, last night, the members organized the "49 Club" which will provide entertainments and stimulate the spirit of brotherhood within the organization.

THE LIBERO PENSIERO CLUB. The Libero Pensiero club held a banquet last night at which 75 members participated. The president, president of the organization, which is composed exclusively of the leading Italian young men of this city, presided. Nicola Di Fabio spoke on "Americanization."

The fact that the utmost desire of the local Italians is, that every member of the community should become a full fledged citizen.

The newest vanity box has a little hand mirror for a top. It is of satin and holds a little glass dish to contain both powder and puff.

PAINS NEARLY DOUBLED ME UP

Nothing Helped Me Until I Took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Wyandotte, Mich.—"For the last four years I have doctored off and on without help. I have had pains every month so bad that I would nearly double up. Sometimes I could not even get a room without stopping to rest, and everything I ate upset my stomach. Three years ago I lost a child and suffered so badly that I was out of my head at times. My bowels did not move for days and I could not eat without suffering. The doctor could not help me and one day I told my husband that I could not stand the pain any longer and sent him to the drug-store to get me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and threw the doctor's medicine away. After taking three bottles of Vegetable Compound and using two bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Sensitive Wash I could do my own housework. If it had not been for your medicine I don't know where I would be today and I am never without a bottle of it in the house. You may publish this if you like that it may help some other woman."—MRS. MARY STENDES, 120 Orange St., Wyandotte, Mich.

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