

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

St. Johns Community Club

The meeting of the St. Johns Community Club at the Portland Woolen Mills club rooms Tuesday evening was an interesting and entertaining affair. A fine dinner was served by the culinary department and thoroughly enjoyed. Pleasing music was rendered by the Club orchestra. Lieut. Crane rendered several fine vocal solos, and Miss Lola Murphy also delighted the audience with a couple of beautifully rendered vocal selections. Miss Alma Russell gave a reading that was highly entertaining and recited in inimitable manner. Hamilton Johnstone of Portland gave a very interesting talk on Community Chest and community affairs in general. He paid high tribute to the local community club and said that other clubs of the city were drawing inspiration from this club. He also took occasion to tell of the attention St. Johns is attracting in Portland and elsewhere on account of its peculiar adaptability for industrial plants as well as a fine residential locality. Mr. Johnstone also gave another reason for having a high regard for St. Johns—the fact that he secured his wife here.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. E. A. Blew, and duly approved. President Monahan told of the great work accomplished for the club and community by H. W. Bonham, who has not yet fully recovered from his recent illness, and a rising vote of thanks was tendered him in recognition of the same. His absence from the club meetings is keenly felt.

A letter of appreciation for flowers presented in the name of the club was received from Mrs. J. M. Shaw, another active member whose absence at the club meetings is a source of much regret. It was pleasing to all to learn that she had returned home

from the hospital where she had undergone an operation and was steadily recovering.

It was decided to launch a determined drive for larger membership, and the newly appointed chairman of the membership committee, Lieut. Crane, made a few remarks in the way of suggestions tending to reach this desired result.

President Monahan pointed out the desirability of a community house, and a committee consisting of C. B. Russell, chairman, J. O. Bailey, Lieut. Crane and C. J. Muek was appointed to work out ways and means for the construction of such an edifice.

The matter of single car street railway service was broached by the president and it was decided that a committee be appointed to take up the matter with the street car officials. After the meeting adjourned a social time was had. The next meeting will be held in the Y. W. C. A. building two weeks later.

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100
200
300
400
500
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700
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Abraham Lincoln

It's a big subject to attempt, with limited space. Mr. Lincoln needs no eulogium. His life from humble birth to tragic death, had a pathetic charm similar to that of any other distinguished man in history. His transcendent usefulness, unselfish service to his country form the bases of his high and deserved exaltation.

"Our children shall behold his fame, The patient, earnest, farseeing man; Sagacious, modest, fearing praise, not blame, New birth of new soil, The First American."

As Washington was called the Father of his country, so may we hail Lincoln as its Savior. Nature—God endowed him with distinctive qualities for the perplexing problems in which was involved the destiny of his country. Born into poverty the most forbidding, spending his childhood days in conditions the most obscure, he early rose to leadership. He had hardly reached his "teens" when he gave strong evidence of his rare natural talents. In his eleventh year his mother was stricken with a fatal malady which was afflicting the people of the whole region. She was buried upon a little knoll near their cabin, which spot she had chosen for sepulcher. "Abe," having been taught to write by his mother, the first letter he ever attempted was sent to an itinerant preacher whom they had known in Kentucky, beseeching him to come to Indiana to hold religious services over the grave. There being no mail service then, the letter was sent by private hand thru the trackless forest to its destination.

Nine months afterwards the preacher came and the obsequies were held in the presence of about 200 of trappers, hunters and settlers whom "Abe" had summoned. The solemn service which "Abe" had planned and procured undoubtedly made a lasting impression upon the boy as any other event of his whole eventful life. He was conscious of having discharged a sacred duty. It was the first important evidence of his devotion to duty and from his frequent reference to the event in after life, it is evident that no other left a more lasting impression or more effectually influenced him. Always did he attribute his success to the influence of his mother. How well she grounded in him the sterling qualities of honesty and fidelity his life's history demonstrates. He often said, "I remember my mother's prayers; they have followed me all my life" and "I owe all to my sainted mother."

Every salient feature of his life seems to have reflected those traits of character which his mother inculcated in him. From his early boyhood to the day of his tragic death no man, not even his bitterest enemy, accused him of dishonesty. When the shot of Wilkes Booth, which killed the great President, rang out in Ford's theater it sent a shock around the world, for at that time Mr. Lincoln had become a highly honored and respected world character.

In our own country the condition of grief beggars description. Never before nor since in this country has there been such a feeling of solemnity, helplessness and despair over loss of an indispensable leader. The people of the southern states were awakened to the fact that they had lost

their best friend; and while it is true there were a few who exulted over the appalling catastrophe, it is also true that those people were insignificant in number and negligible in influence. When the people had come to realize the enormity of the crime and its appalling effect upon the world and the irreparable loss to his country, the people of the South who had maligned, hated and abused Mr. Lincoln, began sincerely to deprecate and to mourn his loss. They admitted his magnanimity, they realized his honesty, they honored his unselfishness, they commended his manly firmness, they admired his transcendent genius, they wondered at the tactful and just manner in which he had met and disposed of every sensitive and vital question; they were free to acknowledge his common sense, and were next to unanimous in the verdict that his cowardly assassination was most unfortunate for the South.

Hundreds of incidents could be recounted of his wonderful characteristics. They would require a large volume. I can mention but few here. That he was the wittiest man in the world in the 19th century there is no question. A protest was made to Mr. Lincoln by a committee of ministers against the appointment of chaplain of a hospital who happened to be a Universalist minister. The President carefully listened to the spokesman and then asked, "Gentlemen, what's the matter with this man?" The spokesman replied that the candidate was unsound in his theological opinions. "Wherein is he unsound?" said the President. The spokesman vehemently came back, "Why, Mr. President, don't you know that man believes everybody is going to be saved; he believes that even the Rebels are

going to be saved!" "Well, good heavens, if he can save the Rebels, let him be appointed," rejoined the President—and he was.

There had arisen a dispute among several young men as to the proportionate lengths of a man's body and legs; no decision could be reached and it was agreed to submit the question to Abe Lincoln. When seen "Abe" was asked how long a man's legs ought to be. The answer was: "I don't know, but I suppose they should be long enough to reach the ground." A cherished officer came to President Lincoln to discuss his grievances. Mr. Lincoln was overwhelmed with important duties and said to the discharged officer that, "I can't be bothered with the details of such cases; I might as well attempt to bail out the Potomac with a teaspoon."

An old Irish woman had waited three days for an interview with the President. Her son had been sentenced to be shot that morning at headquarters near Washington. She told a very plausible and pitiful story. Knowing there wasn't a minute to be lost, a messenger was dispatched post haste with a card upon which was hastily written this message: "If you haven't shot Barney Ragen, don't.—A. Lincoln." To describe all his attributes there is but one English word to encompass them, and that is "Unique." "He was, he is the gentlest memory of the world."—J. B. Huntington.

Owassa Camp Fire Girls entertained at a costume party Friday evening, Feb. 3, at the home of Mrs. A. M. Stearns, 1003 S. Decatur. They delightfully surprised their former guardian, Miss Gretchen Cormany, who has recently returned from California. The rooms were decorated in red and white and the time passed quickly with dancing and games. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Elizabeth Schultze, Mary Harney, Kathrine Bonham, Helen Mellan, Dorothy Fluter, Margaret Wiggins, Edna Pullin, Margaret Moss, Helen Webster, Janice Gould, Mildred Erickson, Dorothea Pullin, Edna Rude and guardian, Mrs. Gabriel Pullin. Other guests were: Mrs. A. M. Stearns, Mrs. J. N. Harney, Mrs. H. W. Bonham and Mr. and Mrs. Ryder Cormany.

A 500 card party will be given by Neighbors of Woodcraft on Wednesday evening, February 15th at Bickner's hall. Three prizes will be given and refreshments served. Admission 25 cents.

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