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JOINT INSTALLATION OF MASONIC OFFICERS HELD

Royal Arch, Blue Lodge and Eastern Star Gather at Annual Reunion.

Thursday night the Masonic organizations of this city held joint installation of officers for the coming year at the lodge rooms. It was one of the largest gatherings of members assembled in several years and proved most enjoyable as the affair was in the nature of "home coming" and everybody was in the best of spirits. The ceremony of installation is impressive and instructive, giving one an insight of Masonry in a scope seldom brought so forcefully to the attention at one time.

The Royal Arch Chapter installed officers first and as this is the first public installation of this branch of Masonry in Burns it added much to the interest of the occasion. The ceremony is most impressive and the investment of the robes of the officers, which are of striking colorings, gave the affair an aspect of splendor.

Wm. Farre, retiring High Priest, acted as installation officer, assisted by I. S. Geer as Captain of the Host, Wm. Gowan as Royal Arch Captain, Julian Byrd as Principal Sojourner and A. W. Gowan as Chaplain.

Dr. B. F. Smith was installed High Priest; Ernest Musick, King; Grover Jameson, Scribe; John Gemberling, Captain of the Host; I. Waldo Geer, Principal Sojourner; Geo. Shaw, Royal Arch Captain; Horace A. Dillard, Master of the Third Veil; Charles W. Loggan, Master of the Second Veil; Newton Hotchkiss, Master of the First Veil; Nellie F. Reed; treasurer; Earl A. Graham, secretary; Ernest Barclay, Sentinel.

Following the installation Capt. A. W. Gowan very graciously presented a Past High Priest Jewel to Wm. Farre as a token of esteem of his Companions. Mr. Farre responded in a few remarks voicing his appreciation of the gift.

Grover Jameson acted as installing officer for the Blue Lodge with Sam Mothershead as marshal. The officers installed were:

C. Culver Page, Worshipful Master; Geo. M. Shaw, Senior Warden; I. Waldo Geer, Junior Warden; Grover Jameson, treasurer; Wm. Farre, secretary; Horace A. Dillard, Senior Deacon; John Gemberling, Junior Deacon; Sam Mothershead, chaplain; Irwin S. Geer, Marshal; Earl A. Graham, Senior Steward; Robt. C. Lowe, Junior Steward; J. R. Thompson, Tyler.

At the close of this ceremony Patron Geo. Shaw of the Eastern Star took his station and instructed the Marshal, Mrs. Archie McGowan, to invite Mrs. Allen Jones to the East to officiate at the installation of the Eastern Star Chapter installation. Mrs. Jones has acted in this capacity in former years and delivers the work most admirably. She was assisted by Mrs. McGowan as Marshal and Mrs. C. H. Voegtly as Chaplain.

The officers elect presented a most striking appearance as all were dressed in white and the floor work was very attractive, using a different form than in former years. The Star always excels in its work and the Masonic brethren have to admit their efficiency.

The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Neva M. Geer; Worthy Patron, I. Waldo Geer; Associate Matron, Enid Gowan; secretary, Etta A. Jones; treasurer, Helen Dillman; Conductress, Florence Dalton; Marshal, Nite McGowan; Organist, Sarah Farre; Adah, Clara Byrd; Ruth, Floy Jameson; Esther, Frances Huston; Martha, Ruth Shaw; Electa, Myra Weitenhiller; Warder, Alma Loggan; Sentinel, Chas. W. Loggan.

A pretty ceremony that proved quite a surprise to those present followed the installation of the Star officers when Sam Mothershead, as a representative of the Blue Lodge, and Leon M. Brown, a representative of the Royal Arch, appeared from the anti-room with a large bouquet of beautiful flowers which they conveyed to the station of the Worthy Matron and there Mr. Mothershead expressed the sincere regard, fraternal affection and good will of the

other branches of the Order toward the Star and wished even a closer relationship with good wishes for the coming year. Mr. Brown presented the floral offering to Mrs. Geer who responded in a spirit that left no doubt as to the hopes and aspirations of the Star during the coming year and its relationship to the Masonic brethren.

Upon making her proclamation of the installation of the officers of the Star Mrs. McGowan remained standing and gave Mrs. Jones a very pleasing surprise by presenting her with a handsome silk umbrella, the gift of the lodge, as a token of the appreciation of the members of her long service as secretary. Mrs. McGowan explained that Mrs. Jones was leaving in a few days for an extended visit to her former home in California and that she would likely need the present. Mrs. Jones was equal to the occasion and responded in a happy way, thanking the members for their thoughtfulness and evidence of appreciation.

There was a banquet following the installation. It was just the kind that always follows such a ceremony except, perhaps, more so. The tables were laden with good things with turkey taking the first place on the menu. There were so many guests that it was necessary to serve a second table.

Some of the younger people (and old ones too) danced while others were being served.

BUSINESS REPORTED VERY SATISFACTORY IN 1923

In discussing business conditions with a few of the local business men of Burns The Times-Herald learns that in general the year just closing has been a very satisfactory one. Though the volume of business, in some instances, has not been up to expectations, everything considered the year just past has been quite successful.

Burns expects a much greater volume of business during the coming year with the extension of the railroad and timber activities. It is even expected that the irrigation projects will begin to improve and additional business will be derived from this source. Real estate has not been moving in this vicinity to any great extent for the past year or more, but with the opening of spring it is hoped considerable activity will be manifested in the transfer of land.

1923 also brought better live stock conditions and added much to the prosperity of men engaged in that line of business. Sheep and wool, especially, brought a greater return than had been expected and cattle are demanding a better price.

The establishment of the creamery has given the dairyman a market for his product at home and with the coming year this industry will more than double. With this will go a larger number of hogs and chickens raised. The creamery is one of the best assets to this community and it is gratifying to note that the product of the home concern is becoming more popular as time goes on. With the facilities to handle all the cream produced in this section the prosperity of the community is that much enriched.

There are bright prospects for the local packing plant being taken over by capital sufficient to make it one of the big assets of this section, which will be another boon to the stock men. With facilities to take care of a large volume of business more hogs will be raised and the local cattle and mutton grower may have a home market for their finished product, thus saving them the expense and uncertainty of shipping to an outside market.

The people of Harney county may well look to 1924 as the biggest in the history of the country.

LARGE FUR SALE

The A. L. Hackney Fur and Hide Company completed the arrangements today for the largest sale of furs ever made in this part of the state when they sold the furs to Herzig and Hart, of New York City. The sale amounted to over \$14,000 and means a lot to this section of the country.—Caldwell Exchange.

Dr. Ward was called to the J. E. Sizemore ranch yesterday morning to give aid to Mr. Larsen who was the victim of a run-away. At the time this is written it is not known how seriously the man was injured, as the doctor had not returned.



Once more we hang up a new calendar. An old year dies and a new year is born. It is invoice time. It is time to measure profit and loss, failure and success. All check up accounts. What has been gained or lost in the material things of the world. Have we enriched or impoverished our spiritual resources? Whatever we have done with the closing year is done. None of us can rewrite the story. But a new chance is given to all to make the story of the new year what they will.

We live in a country that was built upon the principle that all men are created equal. The dyspeptic mind has been disposed to repudiate that doctrine, contending that education and opportunity are after all for a privileged class. However this may seem, the makers of our government denied no man the right to initiative and enthusiasm. Whoever shall use these tools can pack his way into any privileged class if there be such.

Begin the New Year by warming up to an idea or an ideal. Light the wick of enthusiasm.

Emerson says that enthusiasm is the passing from the human to the divine. The Greek word for enthusiasm signifies God within us.

Go to it. Let our resolves be DO rather than don't. The fulfillment of resolutions will save disappointment, regret and remorse.

J. E. Loggan and family were over from Crane for a short stay during the week, attending the Masonic installation and visiting with relatives and friends.

The Mothers Club will meet Thursday, January 3, at the home of Mrs. John Caldwell. This is the first meeting following the Christmas holiday vacation.

Harney Valley Irrigation Bonds Are Upheld

A press dispatch dated at Salem, Dec. 27, says: An opinion by Justice Brown, handed down by the state supreme court today, upholds the validity of the \$2,200,000 bond issue of the Harney Valley Irrigation District, the regularity of which had been attacked by S. N. Bolton. The proceeding was entirely friendly in an effort to establish the validity of the bond issue.

Returns Special Election Are Almost Unanimous.

The special election held in Burns Thursday to authorize an additional tax for the purpose of paying for the railroad right of way, depot and terminal grounds was another indication of how the property owners feel in respect to the depot site. The vote was practically unanimous there being but two negative votes cast.

The voting was restricted, to property owners only in conformity with the provisions of the present charter, therefore the vote was not heavy but indicative of the feeling of the people who have property interests in Burns.

MRS. ALLEN MUST BE DECLINING

The writer had the privilege of reading a very new year letter from an old friend the other day in which she said she wasn't "hankerin'" for the class of weather that Julian Byrd and Harney county dished out. It was from Mrs. Tom Allen, who has had the good fortune to be able to have a home in Southern California where the climate is so mild she is picking strawberries and string beans the year round. Just because she has that advantage she sees fit to "rub it in" on we poor less fortunate who have to remain on the job and see that old Harney county is put in shape to welcome back the Tom Allens and others who have seen fit to forsake her temporarily—for they all come back.

One item in Mrs. Allen's letter is of considerable interest to readers of The Times-Herald as it is to the effect that their son Fred had been given an excellent position with a new newspaper venture recently launched in San Francisco with unlimited capital that assures its success and permanency. We all congratulate Fred and also Mrs. Allen for that matter, in being able to avoid our cold weather.

CHRISTMAS CHEER PREVAILS HERE THIS WEEK

Community Tree Program is Success; Homes Gay; The Churches Observe.

Christmas was fittingly observed in this city. Home gatherings with Christmas trees were in order and this was extended to every fireside in Burns through the foresight and generosity of some of the best people.

The community tree and program on the lot adjoining the Levens hotel was an enjoyable diversion from the usual observation as it had been the usual observation as it had been years since a community tree and exercises had been given a place in Burns. The tree was nicely decorated and illuminated by electric lights. The carols were sung by a large chorus and a prayer offered by Rev. C. A. Waterhouse of the Baptist church who followed it with some well chosen remarks on the significance of the day and what it stood for. Santa Claus then appeared in a car, explaining that he had to resort to this mode of travel owing to the scarcity of snow. He made the little ones happy by distributing sweets to every child present. Later visiting several homes where he would not have appeared had not the good people of the Elks committee, the American Legion and the churches given him a tip. As a result every child in Burns was remembered at Christmas time.

Later suitable exercises were held in the several churches of the town where the Sunday school children put on a program. Each church was filled to overflowing by children and parents who were disposed to take part in the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. James Girard was hostess at a very delightful Christmas tree at her home Saturday afternoon given to her Sunday school class. This is composed of the kindergarten age and the little ones certainly had a lovely time and their hostess seemed to have just as good a time in having the children with her. The tree was a beautiful one and the house took on a holiday appearance with its overgreen decorations and bright wreaths. Each little guest was remembered with gifts of toys and sweets.

Miss Anna McKenzie gave her kindergarten class a Christmas tree at her home on Monday forenoon. This was another most enjoyable affair that brought delight to her young charges. The decorations were in the nature of kindergarten designs and brought expressions of joy from the lips of the children. Santa Claus appeared for them and distributed sweets.

Other festivities were attended during the following day and evening. In fact the entire week has been given over to one of joy and good cheer. There was dancing, home parties, family dinners and exchange of the season's greetings in general.

The schools will not resume sessions for another week, thus giving the children a longer vacation than they have had for many a Christmas time. Two weeks of play for the children and a rest for the instructors is much appreciated.



To Command "Around the World" Flight



Major F. L. Martin will command the four U. S. planes which hop-off at Seattle April 1 in an attempt to fly around the world.