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MASONIC BODIES HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

Ceremonies Require The Entire Evening Following Banquet; Felicitations General.

The joint installation of the officers of the local Masonic bodies on last Saturday night was one of the most pleasant and impressive ever held in Burns and was witnessed by some 200 people, members of the orders and visitors.

The program started with a banquet at 6:30 which included turkey, cranberries, salads, pickles, olives, cake, ice cream coffee and everything that goes with a real banquet. The tables were found inadequate to accommodate the large gathering, so some of the younger people who aided in serving together with members were served at a second table. The arrangements were well looked after by the committee in charge and the officers were all seated at one table.

Following the banquet the officers of Burns Lodge No. 97 were installed by C. Culver Page, the retiring Master, assisted by Sam Mothershead as Marshal. The officers for the ensuing Masonic year are: W. M., Geo. Shaw; S. W., Waldo Geer; J. W., H. A. Dillard; treasurer, Grover N. Jameson; secretary, Wm. Farre; S. L., John Gemberling; J. D., Robt. M. Lowe; S. S., Frank Homan; J. S., Darrell Howser; Tyler, C. C. Page; Marshal, Sam Mothershead.

At the close of this ceremony the Master called upon I. S. Geer who came forward and presenting the retiring Master, Culver Page, with a handsome lambskin apron, the gift of the lodge. It was a most attractive gift and one highly esteemed by Mr. Page, who responded with fitting remarks, telling of his pleasure of serving the lodge during the past year and expressing his appreciation of the loyalty and help of his officers.

Mrs. Neva Geer, retiring Matron of the Star installed the officers of the Star following, assisted by Mrs. Ella McGowan as Marshal. The officers installed are: W. M., Ella McGowan; S. W., Waldo Geer; Associate Matron, Tolley Williams; secretary, Ella Jones; treasurer, Frances Hanson; assistant, Helen Dillman; assistant, Grandmother, May Jameson; Marshal, Neva Geer; Chaplain, Alma Loggans; organist, Ruth Farre Adah; Clerk, Byrd; Ruth, Ruth Shaw; Eulogist, Mabel Gray; Martha, Cora Partridge; Elveta, Myra Weir; Eulogist; Warder, Goldie Shattuck; Sentinel, Geo. M. Shaw.

Owing to the lengthy ceremony installing the Star Mrs. Geer was relieved by the diversion of two vocal solos being rendered at intervals during the ceremony, the first by Mrs. Marjorie Byrd-Clark, the second by Mrs. Alfred C. Welcome. Both selections were well received and generously encored.

Mrs. Ella Mothershead was called to the East by the Worthy Matron at the close of the installation ceremony and in some well chosen remarks presented Mrs. Geer, the retiring Matron, with a beautiful Past Matron's Jewel, the gift of the lodge. Mrs. Geer responded at length in voicing her appreciation, giving great credit to her officers for the success of her administration, which she pronounced one of the most successful in the history of the lodge. Mrs. Mothershead stressed the officer of the retiring Matron and this sentiment was backed by the lodge membership.

Egan Chapter, No. 45, Royal Arch Masonic officers were installed by Past High Priest Wm. Farre assisted by Julian Byrd as Marshal. The officers for the coming year are: H. P., E. J. Musick; King, Grover N. Jameson; Scribe, John Gemberling; Captain of the Host, Waldo Geer; Principal Journeer, Geo. M. Shaw; Royal Arch Captain, H. A. Dillard; Master of Third Veil, Chas. W. Loggans; Master of Second Veil, Irvin B. Farre; Master of First Veil, Joe, R. Thompson; treasurer, Nollie F. Reed; secretary, Earl Graham; Sentinel, Win A. Gowan.

Capt. A. W. Gowan served as organist during the installation and close stepped forward and on behalf of the members of Egan Chapter presented Dr. B. F. Smith, regular High Priest, with an engraved well.

The installation of these officers took up the entire evening after the banquet had been served and the tables removed. The ceremonies are beautiful and quite impressive.

During the evening Mrs. Geer announced the award of the prize to the group putting on the best entertainment during the year just closed. There were several of these groups and a social evening was held once in each month during the active portion of the year. Mrs. Helen Dillman's group was awarded the prize which proved to be a 12 pound turkey all dressed and ready for the oven.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Among the passengers out on yesterday morning's train were several students who were returning to their respective places of learning following the Christmas vacation. Those going out included: Charles McConnell, Raymond Voegtly, Harry Loggan, Lillian Vulgamore, Lucile Brown, Teresa Foley, Jessie Drinkwater, Edward Brown, Jo Cook, Woodbridge Geary, Baxter Reed.

Some of the parents went down to the train with their children and were pleased to find the passenger coach was clean, well warmed and every comfort and consideration shown the departing students. The conductor gave his personal attention to their comfort, the station agent was courteous and everything was made pleasant. The parents were pleased with the evidence of service and did not fail to express their appreciation.

MOTHERS CLUB GIVES CHILDREN DANCING PARTY

The Mothers' Club gave a very enjoyable dancing party to the children of this community at the Odd Fellows Hall on Tuesday afternoon. There were a number of children present and all seemed to have a delightful time. Punch was served.

W. L. Lowe was in from his Silver creek home the other day.

RECOMMENDATIONS AT TAX BUDGET MEETING

Increases Suggested in Market Road Fund; Funds Provided For Rodent Control.

The meeting of taxpayers with the county court to discuss the tax budget on last Saturday was not attended by many. The budget was adopted as published with the following recommendations: \$600 additional for the county surveyor; \$750 for side walks; \$500 for rodents, such as ground squirrels, grasshoppers, etc.; increase the market road levy to secure a fund of \$14,000 instead of \$8,503.85 as published.

YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Miss Blanche Goodman and James L. McCulloch were married last Monday evening at the Presbyterian Manse by Rev. Samuel Harris. This came as a complete surprise to their friends and relatives, even the bride's mother was not in on the secret, she having been "bundled off" to lodge by the young people before they departed from the family home to the Manse to be married.

Both these young people are well and favorably known in this city where they both attended high school. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. W. A. Goodman and spent a portion of the time since her graduation from high school and a business college in Portland in the sheriff's office during the time her father held the position. Jim has been at work in this city ever since his school days, being at present in the employ of S. W. Olson in his trucking business between Burns and Crane.

The bride holds a position with the Weinstein store in this city.

The Times-Herald joins their many friends in extending best wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

AUTO OWNERS SHOULD OBSERVE LICENSE LAW

Peace Officers Advised That It Is Violation of Law to Permit Use of 1924 Tags.

Early in November, 1924, the Secretary of State mailed an application blank to each owner of a registered motor vehicle in Oregon together with printed instructions and other necessary information for use in making application for 1925 motor vehicle licenses. This action was with a view of facilitating the work of the motor vehicle division of the department and also of relieving the sheriffs of the counties of the state, authorized to issue temporary license tags, of unnecessary demands being made upon them around January 1, 1925.

In placing the application blanks in the hands of the motor vehicle owners such a long time prior to January 1, 1925, there should be no excuse for requests for temporary tags to cover the operation of vehicles which were duly licensed in 1924. All such requests should be refused by the sheriffs. Temporary tags should be issued by them for only such motor vehicles as may be purchased after January 1, 1925, and for which applications for licenses, therefore, are submitted through the statutory fees through the sheriffs for transmittal to the Secretary of State.

That there may be a uniform understanding among all peace officers it is requested that the use of the 1924 license plates be permitted until such time as the 1925 licenses are received by the car owners from the Secretary of State, but only in those cases where the owners of such motor vehicles shall produce satisfactory evidence of having submitted applications for 1925 license. Motor car owners who are found operating their cars after January

1, 1925, and who have not made application for 1925 licenses are doing so in open violation of the motor vehicle law of the state and subject themselves to the penalties imposed thereunder for violations of such laws.

Owners of motor vehicles licensed under the laws of other states and countries and heretofore granted Oregon visitor's permits which expire by limitation or otherwise December 31, 1924, should be required to secure 1925 Oregon licenses for such motor vehicles in all cases where it is evident that the motor car owner, during the life of such visitor's permit, has taken up residence in Oregon by the acceptance of gainful employment and the removal of his family into the state.

I am taking this opportunity to direct your attention to the several matters herein referred to in order that you may govern your actions accordingly in enforcing the provisions of the motor vehicle laws of this state, and especially those having to do with payment of the license fee.

Should you find it convenient to have on file a supply of the various blanks required in the registration of motor vehicles, etc., it will give me pleasure to provide you with these upon request, or if you have been keeping a supply of such blanks on hand for local convenience and need further supplies from time to time please call for them as your needs may require.

Thanking you for the cooperation given in the past as well as for your further cooperation in an observance of the motor vehicle laws of Oregon, with best wishes for a profitable and prosperous year, I remain,

Very truly yours,
SAM A. KOZER
Secretary of State

SWENEY SEVERELY BURNED

Dr. Ward reported upon his return from Andrews last Saturday, where he had been called on Christmas Day to see Lloyd Sweney, the man who was burned when the hotel at that place was destroyed by fire, stated that Mr. Sweney was severely burned about the face and hands but his condition was most encouraging. Dr. Ward said they were not sure what was responsible for the fire, either it was from defective wiring on the DeLoe light system or an overheated stove.

There were but two people in the building when it caught, one the little child of Mr. Sweney and the other a man. Mr. Sweney rushed into the building to rescue his child and was forced to go through a hall about 40 feet surrounded by smoke and flames. He was almost overcome by suffocation when he reached the room and fell where he was able to recover his breath and he broke the window to make his escape, coming off a second story porch backward in order that the child might fall upon him rather than under him. However Cecil Dixon ran under Mr. Sweney as he dropped and broke the fall.

Dr. Ward reports the citizens of the Andrews community were taking care of those who were left without proper housing following the fire and all were cheerful about the matter.

NEW YEAR USHERED IN AS USUAL

Watch parties were the order of the day on the last night of the old year. Many of the young people were at the Tonawama dancing. Several homes were the scene of congenial gatherings, one being at the W. M. Sutton home, another at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Holland where it has become a fixed custom for several of their neighbors to assemble each year to usher in the new year. It was appropriately welcomed this time as always with more or less noise and good cheer. The gathering at the Holland home was somewhat augmented just before midnight when several of the dancers joined the more sedate guests. The real supper served after the welcoming ceremony certainly started the new year right and if the writer is assured of as good fare for the entire year he's going to be mighty lucky.

Born—Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Olson, a son.

GOOD OLD SAINT NICK HAS SPONSOR HERE

The Happiness Surrounding The Christmas Observance Aided By Beautiful Legend.

The constitution of the United States guarantees to its citizens who obey her laws, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And what is happiness?

A man might say that happiness is embodied in a successful business career yielding him power and influence and the means to provide liberally for the comfort, pleasures, education and general well being of his family. A mother might say that happiness consist of possessing the love and confidence of her husband and children. A young lady would say that there is happiness in possession of pretty dresses and other ornaments to enhance her charms and many admirers to dance attendance on her whims. A young man might say—well, times have changed since I was a young man. So we see that happiness is a state of mind. If you were to ask the children, what is happiness they would not be able to tell you. But they can tell what it is that they like and after all it is the things that we like that make up the sum total of our happiness. Many are the sources of the simple pleasures of early childhood, not the least of which is the beautiful legend of Santa Claus. Who, that has seen the eager light in the eyes of a child when anticipating a visit from the mythical Saint, could doubt his place in the heart of that child or question the right or wrong of the innocent deception. But among the millions who annually invoke the aid of the Jolly Saint Nick, a misanthropic soul sometimes hobs up who feels called upon to remove the iniquitous deception. In the face of the enormous odds against them the wonder is that they have the temerity to destroy this beautiful illusion, the source of so much pleasure to countless thousands of little ones who are harmed not at all by it and who have few enough pleasures at best. Show me the parent who takes the same interest in the Christmas Eve—who enters with the same zest into the festivities of that blessed season of peace on earth, good will to men now that the children have all arrived at the age when Santa Claus has no meaning for them. Where is the child who having arrived at the age of sophistication feels any resentment toward those responsible for the deception. I have yet to know one.

So here's to good old Kris Kringle. Long may he live in the hearts of the little ones. May the tinkle of his sleigh bells and the clatter of his reindeer Comet and Teddy, Thunder and Blitzen color their night before Christmas dreams in the future as in the past.

F. H. S.

BURNS GETS ITS CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN TRAIN SERVICE

Burns and the upper end of Harney county got its finest Christmas present Tuesday when the first regular train from Ontario whistled into town, substituting a tri-weekly service. With the inauguration of this service the dream of years for Harney county came true.

The initial service to Burns will be a tri-weekly, the trains leaving Ontario on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will run through to Burns, the return trip starting at 7 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. The fare from Burns will be \$1.44 more than the fare to Crane.

Conductor H. G. Hobbie had charge of the first regular train, which was pulled by Engineer Fred Dodge. Relief Agent W. P. Jarvis accompanied six outfit cars to Burns and opened up the station there on Wednesday.—Ontario Argus.

William Griffin left Tuesday for Burns where he has accepted a position with the railroad similar to the one he has been holding near Vale. As soon as he is able to find a house Mrs. Griffin and the children will follow and the family is planning on making that city their home.—Vale Enterprise.

