

History of Chapter Reviewed on 75th Anniversary

Jacksonville—The history of Adare Social club, Order of Eastern Star, was reviewed by three members during a program Saturday, July 23, which celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding. The event was in the gymnasium of Jacksonville school.

Mrs. Fred Fick, a past matron, opened the history by telling of the chapter's institution on July 23, 1880, in the historic Masonic temple in Jacksonville, which had been constructed five years earlier. Deputy Worthy Grand Patron W. H. Atkinson instituted the chapter, assisted by Mrs. E. D. Dagger, grand marshal, and officers and members of Alpha chapter, Ashland, which had been chartered several months earlier as the state's first chapter.

Twenty-one charter members were initiated. These charter members were Mrs. B. A. Miller, Hattie Jackson, Jennie E. Reames, Rachel Fisher, Louise Muller, Lucinda Reames, Julia E. Beekman, Mary Miller, Annie Miller, Miss Alice Berry, Miss Sarah Berry, Mrs. M. A. Berry, Anna Linn, David Linn, Max Muller, Thomas Reames, Evan R. Reames, C. C. Beekman, A. M. Berry, R. S. Dunlap and William Jackson. The Reames family was to become widely known. Thomas and Lucinda Reames were the parents of Charles Reames, Medford attorney, and Evan R. and Jennie Reames were his uncle and aunt. C. C. Beekman was a pioneer Jackson county banker, and the Beekman building still stands in Jacksonville.

Installed Officers installed were Mrs. B. A. Miller, worthy matron; David Linn, worthy patron; Mrs. Hattie Jackson, associate matron; Mrs. Jennie Reames, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Muller, secretary; Miss Annie Miller, who was the daughter of the matron, conductress; Miss Alice Berry, associate conductress; Miss Sarah Berry, Adah; Miss Rachel Fisher, Ruth; Mrs. Julia Beekman, Esther; Mrs. Lucinda Reames, Mary Miller, Electa; Mr. Beekman, chaplain; Thomas Reames, organist; Mr. Jackson, warder and Mr. Dunlap, sentinel.

The first matron, Mrs. Miller, was given the honor of naming the chapter and selected Adare. There was no explanation of the name in the minutes, but some have said that it is Indian for "warmth" and others that Adare was a Greek goddess of fire.

Ship was presented by Cora Linn on August 3 of 1880, and Theodore Cameron was the first man to be initiated into the chapter.

Organ Presented

It is recorded in the minutes that Todd Cameron and Frank Ennis, who had demitted from a Washington chapter, soon presented the new chapter with an organ which had been shipped to Crescent City by water and was carried over the mountain trails to Jacksonville. It was placed in the hall September 1, 1880, and was used at the 75th celebration. Mr. Cameron was an uncle of Anna Cater and Bernice Cameron, who are identified with the history of the chapter. Their mother, Mrs. Esther Cameron, assisted in organizing the grand chapter of Oregon on October 4, 1899, in Roseburg.

Mrs. McCall, a member of Alpha chapter, was first worthy grand matron in Oregon and Robert Miller of Adare was the first worthy grand patron.

On April 26, 1900, members of Adare chapter helped to institute Reames chapter in Medford.

Mrs. Bernice Cameron, Mrs. Marion Lance and Mrs. Anna Langley, initiated in 1897, 1900 and 1905 respectively, still attend chapter meetings occasionally.

During the first 25 years it is also recorded that Mrs. Hattie White was named Grand Marsha in 1900 and Miss Alice Hanley, grand Esther in 1904.

Small Membership

Due to the small membership of the chapter in its early days, some of the members held office almost every term. Mrs. Issie McCully served as worthy matron and also as secretary for several years; Miss Mollie Britt of the widely known Britt family held office every year for 50 consecutive years and Miss Hanley was also a continuous office holder, serving many times as Esther.

Menno Bachmann, in presenting the history of the chapter between 1905 and 1930, pointed out some of the difficulties experienced by the group during these years. Membership fluctuated greatly, and sometimes meetings could not be held because a quorum would not be present.

Mr. Bachmann mentioned an amusing entry in the minutes for June of 1907 when it was noted that Brother Dunn, Ashland, worthy grand patron of the order, had visited Adare and

that a bill of \$1.40 had been allowed for his "entertainment."

Records Show

A short time later records show that a bill of \$2 was allowed to pay for entertainment of the worthy grand matron. In April, 1916, the worthy matron suggested that a penny collection be taken at each meeting for a flower fund, and the first collection netted 32 cents.

Mr. Bachmann also found interesting the fact that when the chapter was given a quota of \$215 by the grand chapter towards a building fund for a Masonic and Eastern Star home, Adare seemed to feel a bit rebellious and voted to pay \$1 annually. The obligation was met eventually through personal donations of members.

The chapter suffered the loss of more than \$200 when the Jacksonville bank closed its doors in June, 1920, the minutes show.

Mrs. W. R. Peabody summarized events of the chapter during the last 25 years. She spoke

of Adare Social club, organized in 1930, and of its projects in years following. During the depression years the chapter suffered loss of membership and attendance, she noted, with the minutes showing few meetings with a full roster of officers.

Initiation fees, dues and "penny drills" all showed the scarcity of money, with the drills netting as little as 22 cents at some meetings. One year the chapter assumed a medical bill of more than \$100 on behalf of a member.

Mention was made of the

chapter's celebration of its 60th anniversary in 1940, the event being held on the lawn of the old courthouse in Jacksonville with hundreds attending. She closed the review with a quotation from a speech by Mrs. Jeanette Spencer, a past worthy matron, for homecoming in 1938 who had said in part "Traditions are among the integral assets of a nation or a chapter. This night we . . . sit at the feet at those of longer standing and listen to the interesting . . . tales of long ago."



Hundreds of visitors attended the 75th anniversary celebration of Adare chapter, Order of Eastern Star, held July 23 in Jacksonville. Pictured above during the event are (left to right) Mrs. Charles Coggins, worthy matron of the chapter; Miss Carlotta Wiseman, Grants Pass, grand worthy matron; A.

Ray Martin, Eugene, grand worthy patron, and Fred Gardner, Adare patron. Pictured below is the big birthday cake which was cut by Mrs. Ed Pease, grand representative, Mrs. Marion Lance, 55-year Adare member and Mrs. John Pond, grand representative.

—(Brainard photos)

CALENDAR

Monday
6 p.m.—Christian Business and Professional Women, Jackson hotel.
6:30 p.m.—Westminster Guild picnic, Mrs. Eloise Winkelbleck, 940 Whitman ave.
8 p.m.—Lecture by Chieftain Whitefeather, Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesday
1 p.m.—Rogue Valley Navy Mothers club, home of Mrs. James Wicker; picnic, 6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.—FOE auxiliary of officers, Eagles hall.
7:45 p.m.—Women's guild of Zion Lutheran church, at church.
8 p.m.—Medford Truth center, Unity, Room 203, Holly Theater bldg.

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.—Christian Women's fellowship of First Christian church, general business; lunch, 12 noon; program, 1:30 p.m. (executive group, 9:45 a.m.), at church.
10:30 a.m.—Women's Missionary council of the Assembly of God church, annex.
12:30 p.m.—Eagle Point Garden club, picnic, Ashland park.
6:30 p.m.—Past Chiefs club, Pythian Sisters, picnic, Jackson Hot Springs.
8 p.m.—Roxy Ann HEC, Myhre home, 1070 Spring st.

Thursday
8 p.m.—FOE auxiliary, lodge hall.

Friday
10:30 a.m.—Presidents and secretaries of Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, Hawthorne park.
11 a.m.—Medford Truth center, Unity, Room 203, Holly Theater bldg.
Saturday
8 p.m.—Dance, Rogue Valley Country club.

To Arrive
Jacksonville — Mrs. Blanche Reay and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Drummond, both of Oakland, Calif., are to arrive Wednesday to visit Mrs. Reay's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanenkrat, and daughters, Twilla and Violet, Jacksonville. The visitors will accompany Mrs. Hanenkrat and the girls to Lake O' Woods where the group will camp.

Californians Here
Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis and daughter, Marjorie, arrived Saturday from their home in San Pedro, Calif., to visit for several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dwyer Jr., 1216 Winchester avenue. While here the visitors will spend some time at Lake O' Woods with the Dwyers at their camp.



Edwin Barron
Actor Playing
In Virginia City

Ashland—Edwin Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Barron, again is participating in summer theater productions of the Virginia City players in Virginia City, Mont.

Mr. Barron formerly was publicity director for the players and in 1933 was in charge of their gay 90's vaudeville.

This year he has moved from his usual role of hero to comedy and will play Sample Swichel in the present production of "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," which opened there Friday, July 29. He also did a comedy role in the latest production, "No Mother To Guide Her."

During the seasons he spent away from the Virginia City players he has appeared in eastern summer stock and off-Broadway productions in New York City where he now makes his home.

Mr. Barron is known here for his work in the Oregon Shakespearean festival and the Vining repertory company.

Family Now Home From California
The Allan family, Jacksonville highway, returned last week from a trip to Long Beach and San Diego, Calif., where they visited relatives.

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