

present enjoyed a cake walk. Mr. Skelley and his lady "took the cake." The H. Sec. was present and acted as one of the judges. What he don't know about cake walks would "fill a book," and what he ate would fill any man except the Treasurer of this court.

### Ohio.

Several new Courts are in process of organization. The field is fertile and all we need is workers.

By the way, Ohio never has a dull occasion at any of these ceremonies. They never seem to lose their interest for us Buckeyes.

Public installations were held by the Columbus brethren, who welcomed P.H.C.R. Clark and H. T. Prentiss. Bro. Prentiss also installed at Circleville and Bro. Clark at Toledo. Splendid results are anticipated from all of these exercises.

The third and last occasion was at Court Harvard, where, after a programme of song and recitations, the High Chief Ranger, assisted by the High Secretary and P.H.C.R. Philip, installed the officers. No more enthusiastic Court can be found than Court Harvard, and she promises great results for the present Forestric year.

We have cancelled our financial obligations to the Supreme Court, and at the present writing owe no man anything but good will of which we have an abundant supply. Let all in need of this latter item apply to our worthy High Secretary, who keeps it locked up for special occasions and deals it out on orders from our H.C.R.

In talking with Bro.—— the other day he expressed his conviction that he is sure to live through the present year. When we asked him the basis of his belief, he replied that he had observed during all the forty-eight years of his life that if he survived "ground-hog" day he invariably lived through the remainder of the year. So mote it be.

We find ourselves looking forward to our next High Court session, to be held at Hamilton in September. It will no doubt be the best in our history. Every one has been up-to-date and we see no reason why the coming session may not keep the pace. Candidates for the various offices are announcing in their modest way a willingness to be dragged before the High Court for honors.

Cleveland had three "large" occasions last month. Court Fremont led off with a public installation at which the High Chief Ranger, the High Secretary, P. H. C. R. Philip and D. S. C. R. Gleason were present and took part. After the feast of reason and flow of eloquence was exhausted, the company tripped the light fantastic toe until the wee small hours, and left wishing to see many more such occasions.

The public gathering at Army and Navy Hall to welcome the Supreme Secretary and the H.C.R., Bro. Rogers, was next in point of time, and with a rousing address from Bro. McGillivray and the public installation of the officers of five different Courts, under his direction, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Royals were at their best and created a favorable appearance, and were the recipients of many flattering remarks. Bro. Knight, our first High Chief Ranger, was with us and occupied a seat upon the platform with the other dignitaries.

### High Court of Minnesota.

January, as is usually the case, has been a very busy month for both the courts and the members of the High Standing Committee on account of entertainments, balls and public installations.

Court Delhi, No. 1108, reports a very successful public installation and entertainment on Jan. 27th. The installation was conducted by H. L. Chadwick, D.S.C.R.

Court Jordan, No. 1826, had a public installation, followed by a ball, on Jan. 21st. About 300 people were present. The High Standing Committee was represented by J. C. O'Keeffe, P.H.C.R., F. C. Irwin, H.V.C.R., and E. N. Young, H. Treas.

The High Chief Ranger publicly installed the officers of Court Owatonna, No. 1238, on Jan. 14th. Addresses upon the features of the Order were made by Rev. Ellery, Court Chaplain, and the High Chief Ranger, a musical programme following.

Court Duluth, No. 724, has in Bro. A. R. McDonald a Chief Ranger that appreciates the responsibilities and duties of his office. He has addressed an admirable letter to his brethren of the court, and if great work is not done, it will not be the fault of the C.R. Every member will unite in helping him.

Court Century, No. 1257, held a public installation, followed by an entertainment and smoke social, on Jan. 5th. The members of the High Standing Committee were present and performed the work. E. N. Young, H. Treas., who has been Chief Ranger of this Court from its institution, retires and is succeeded by D. M. Sullivan.

On Jan. 12th, Court Stillwater, No. 1035, held a public installation which was conducted by O. H. O'Neill, H.C.R., A. E. Reuillard, H.S., and E. N. Young, H. Treas., assisted by members of the Court. The High Chief Ranger delivered an address on the principles and benefits of the Order. A dance and supper followed. Court Stillwater is aiming for first place in this jurisdiction and at present has a membership of 170.

Court Lumber Heights, No. 1963, had a most successful public installation and entertainment on Jan. 10th. Their magnificent hall, dedicated by the Supreme Chief Ranger a year ago, was packed to overflowing. In the absence of the High Chief Ranger the installation ceremonies were conducted by J. C. O'Keeffe, P.H.C.R., who also delivered a comprehensive address on "Forestry." H. H. Gillen, P.H.V.C.R., of Stillwater, made an eloquent oration on "Our Fraternity." A choice programme of instrumental and vocal music, readings and recitations was rendered by the members of the Court and their friends.

Court Belle Plaine, No. 1605, gave a public installation and dance on Wednesday night last which brought out one of the largest crowds ever seen in Weibeler's Hall, there being 215 couples present by invitation. Landlord Werrick, of the Belle Plaine Hotel, got up a most elaborate supper for the occasion which is deserving of special mention. The installation was conducted by O. H. O'Neill, High Chief Ranger, of St. Paul, assisted by A. E. Ruillard, H.S., A. C. Young, H.T., and J. Ranger, of Minneapolis, and F. C. Irwin, H.V.C.R., of Belle Plaine, at the conclusion of which Mr. O'Neill spoke upon the many benefits to be derived by becoming a member of the Order and the necessity of carrying life insurance. He was followed