

CHAPTER OF EASTERN STAR INSTITUTED AT BELLEVILLE

Women's Branch of Masonry Organised and New Officers Installed - Seventy-five Charter Members Enrolled - Proceedings Closed With Grand Banquet

The women of Belleville have organized a Chapter of the Eastern Star, the ladies' branch of the great Masonic order. Mere men are admitted to membership but they are assigned to very subordinate roles and must not become too obtrusive or too talkative. Yesterday the work of institution of the new chapter and the installation of the officers-elect took place. The following representatives of the Grand Chapter of Ontario were present and performed the impressive ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Robina Mains, Toronto. Worthy Grand Patron, J. A. Hallman, Kitchener. Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. May Ralston, Toronto. Grand Marshal, Mrs. Emma Furness, Toronto. Assisting in the ceremony of installation were Mrs. Annie Johnson and Mrs. Alice Commerford, respectively Past Wor. Matron and Worthy Matron of High Park Chapter, No. 24, Toronto, and Mrs. Bell Wor. Matron of Brockville Chapter. After the lodge had been instituted with fitting ceremony, in the afternoon, fifty-four candidates took the obligation of membership and were duly enrolled as charter members. The following officers were then elected to preside for the coming year over the destinies of Belleville Chapter No. 55, as the new lodge will be called. Wor. Matron, Mrs. Louisa Modeland. Wor. Patron - Mr. John McIntosh. Asso. Matron, Mrs. Mary Barlow. Sec. - Mrs. Margaret Boyes. Treas. - Mrs. Lydia Thompson. Chaplain, Mrs. Jessie Swayne. Marshal - Mrs. Mildred Morgan. Conductress, Mrs. Elizabeth Reid. Asso. Cond., Mrs. Virginia Nugent. Organist, Miss Bessie Duckworth. Star Points - Sister Adah - Miss Adelaide Modeland, Sister Ruth - Mrs. Violet McGregor, Sister Esther - Mrs. Gladys Ketcheson, Sister Martha - Mrs. Georgina Walmesley, Sister Electa - Mrs. Mattie Butchart, Sister Warder, Mrs. Elbertina Carter.

Problems of Repatriation

Mr. W. Boulter, of Detroit, is in the county for a few days. Mr. Boulter was called here by the severe illness of his only daughter, Mrs. W. R. Dempsey, of Albany, who was stricken with apoplexy last week. He will remain in Picton for a few days.

Miss Reta Wright, Sec. Treas. of the East and West Lake Women's Institute, when in town last Monday called on the Sec. Treas. of the Prince Edward County Hospital and counted out to him \$138.00 as the above named Institute's contribution to the Hospital Fund. The donation comes at a most opportune time, as the directors are now starting to furnish the hospital, and the need of funds is great and they tender their most grateful thanks to the East and West Lake Institute for their splendid contribution to the fund - Gazette.

Miss Lizzie Ferris is in Toronto. Mrs. M. Tierney is visiting her son and daughter in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Branscombe, Bloomfield are away on a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Toppings of Shanownville spent the week end at N. Allison's, Doxey's. Mr. and Mrs. Seburn Smith of Picton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Henry, East Lake, on Sunday last.

Mr. Everett Morden is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morden Lake street. Mrs. A. W. Hepburn has gone to Ottawa to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ackerman and Major Chas. Ackerman.

Mr. Jerry Hefferman and sister, Mrs. Barr, of East Chicago, are visiting their uncle Mr. Andrew Hefferman. Gunner William McCaw returned from overseas on Tuesday. Gunner McCaw went over with Cobourg Heavy Battery two years ago. He was wounded in the big drive in August and has been in hospital in England.

Mrs. Raymond Preston of Frankford, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Leavitt, of Woodrous. Mrs. Manley Martin of Toronto, is in town, visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Browne Main street. She will also visit her sister, Mrs. Anson Farthington, Milford, and other friends before returning to Toronto.

Raymond Webb came over from Syracuse last week and will remain in Picton for the present with his mother, Mrs. Owen Hammel. He was accompanied by Mrs. Webb who returned to Syracuse. Raymond will attend the Picton Collegiate.

Mr. W. H. Selley of Kapuskasing, Ont., is spending a short time in Picton. Mr. and Mrs. Selley and family have established a home in the Soldiers' Settlement and have ten acres cleared, house and barn erected and horses, cows, etc. This year they expect to crop ten acres. There are eighty soldiers homesteaded in the new settlement and getting along very comfortably. Mr. Selley reports the soldiers' settlement plan at Kapuskasing a good proposition for a man who is willing to work and establish a home - Times.

MORE "FLU"

Hamilton, Feb. 18 - A number of new cases of "flu" have been reported to the health department during the past few days. The officials of the department stated this morning that the cases caused no surprise. They anticipate that there will be some cropping up every day or two for the next few months. No fear is entertained of a recurrence of the epidemic. The health department is in readiness to cope with an epidemic. The Jockey Club hospital has been closed but all hospital equipment is stored in the building and, according to Dr. Roberts, the place would be in readiness for "flu" patients within a few hours if necessary - Herald.

Stole Kaiser's Yacht

Private in U.S. Army Tells of Going on Trip to the Rhine. New York, Feb. 18 - Private Joe W. Held, of Company F, 37th Engineers, was an ice cutter for the Bay Side Ice Company in Brooklyn before he enlisted. In a letter to his old boss he describes how he and some of his "buddies" pilfered the ex-Kaiser's private yacht and sailed it down the Rhine amid much revelry. The letter dated January 18th, in part, follows: "Dear Friend and Chief - We have been over on the Rhine, stole the Kaiser's private yacht and cruised down the Rhine and up the Moselle river a wee bit. This bit of fun cost seventeen of us up for court-martial, but they did not find us guilty."

Problems of Repatriation

Mr. Harry Bragg Addressed Assembly in City Hall - Labor Bureau Wanted in Belleville

The problems of Repatriation and Reconstruction were placed before the public of Belleville last evening at a meeting at the city hall, held under the auspices of the Great War Veterans' Association. The veterans were more largely represented than the citizens, owing to the many rival attractions. Major D. Ponton, president of the local branch of the G.W.V.A. occupied the chair.

Mr. Harry Bragg, Municipal representative of the Committee on Repatriation, before describing the aims and activities of the committee emphasized the critical time that was before the nation bringing with it questions that were more difficult than while the war was being waged. Then, he said, it was easy to secure the loyal cooperation of every citizen, for everyone felt that the winning of the war was an absolute and immediate necessity.

Now as was recently said in "Punch," "The war's over but another has yet to be waged against poverty and sordid environment; against the disability of birth; against the abuse of wealth; against the mutual suspicions of Capital and Labor; against sloth, indifference, self-complacency, short memories."

It was to carry on the first phase of this new war, that is the return of the soldiers to civilian life, said Mr. Bragg, that the Repatriation Committee has been created. It was to see that all branches of the Government directly interested in the returning soldiers as well as all the organizations, who co-operation was advisable worked together harmoniously to the common end.

The committee comprised Hon. J. A. Calder, who was chairman; Hon. Sir James Loughheed, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment; Hon. N. W. Rowell, Minister of Public Information; Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior; Hon. T. A. Cramer, Minister of Agriculture and Hon. Senator Robinson, Minister of Labor.

The committee's work has been organized by Mr. H. J. Daly, whose services had been most valuable. He had now left but was succeeded by Mr. Vincent Massey.

The committee had been able to complete the work of the different voluntary organizations, so as to secure splendid help for not only the soldiers but their wives and families from the time they left France and England, until they reached their homes. This was under Rev. Capt. Thackeray, a returned Chaplain.

Mr. Bragg described the work of the different branches of the committee and gave some details of his own which was responsible for the 3,670 municipalities of different names all over the Dominion being reached. He quoted from a circular he had sent out, asking if the reception committees were formed and urging their organization. In support he gave interesting stories of the replies received, showing that some of the places had given gold watches, gold medals, or sums of money up to \$50.00, to each soldier. Some tragic cases, where every boy from a small village had been killed, were given.

He quoted from a circular now being issued, asking what public work each municipality will undertake in order to furnish employment. The circular asked each municipality to give statements regarding reception of returned men and their dependents. The committee is to receive any complaints from returned soldiers, to help returned men to find employment, and so forth.

Mr. Bragg closed by appealing to every individual to "do his bit" in the great work of "Reconstruction," for it was a problem not only for the government, and the Repatriation Committee, but for every loyal citizen in the Dominion.

Major Ponton, the chairman, declared that Belleville should get one of the labor agencies. Belleville and Hastings sent 3000 men across and these municipalities must do their best to keep the returned men here and not let them drift away to other centres or to the west, Peterborough and Kingston have agencies but etc. The numerous illustrations were startling and surely show the women a scope for their activity. Also the censoring of amusements, literature in the libraries, care of the feeble-minded, mothers' pensions, race suicide, etc., were all graphically pointed out.

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The F. Willard Memorial

W. C. T. U. and Y's on the Cigarette Menace

The Francis Willard memorial meeting held yesterday in the Y.M.C.A. by the Women's Christian Temperance Union and "Y" was most inspiring, not only by reason of the well-filled auditorium but also in the interest and spirit of the meeting which was most enthusiastic and must be productive of far-reaching results.

The devotional exercise led by the "Crusade Hymn" followed by Mrs. (Rev.) Wallace's Bible reading on "service" and assisted by Mrs. L. McCauley and Mrs. W. S. Caruthers struck the keynote of inspiration that prevailed throughout.

The president, Mrs. Gibson in a few well chosen words outlined what we commemorate the 17th of Feb. it being 21 years since Francis Willard, the inspirer and founder of the W.C.T.U. had "passed on."

Mrs. D. V. Sinclair in a paper on the "Cigarette Menace" brought before the women a startling array of facts from the professional investigation of Dr. D. H. Kress unmasking the "Cigarette Peril." She said in part scientific investigation in Britain, Europe, Australia and other countries shows "the cigarette is becoming as great a national menace as alcohol."

"It is high time we were making a desperate effort to protect our growing boys - eye and girls too." "In Canada the increase in consumption is 100 millions a year." The physical efficiency of our young men is being very much lowered. "In the American army less than one-quarter of the boys were able to pass the tests largely due to cigarettes. In Canada 30 per cent were unfit because of disease and illness attributable to cigarettes."

"On the shame and pity of it that it should include girls too. The children of today, these will be the parents of the next generation." "Are we going to let this little white slaver of a cigarette continue to dominate striking as it does right at the mental, moral and physical vitality of our nation."

The address of the hour was given by Rev. Dr. Scott. He paid great homage to the work accomplished by the W.C.T.U. in the past and gave a vision of still greater things to do in the future. "He cited Japan as an instance of the 'all round the world' effort of the Union and its crystallizing into the advanced stand that Japan is taking not alone on alcohol but tobacco as well which is so deleterious to the immature and adult. Women are the conservators of the race, the protector of the home and as such the franchise gave them an opportunity to fight against impurity and other perils, that heretofore they have neglected. This coming generation will curse them if they do not see their duty and work for the abolition of these evils. The women using the franchise can make their influence felt and can speedily affect a change. "Do not be partisans." He pointed out the present criminal code. The penalty for crime was inadequate. The material penalties far exceeding the moral he felt the age of consent much lower than it ought to be. The penalty for seduction of a young girl, two years imprisonment, for damaging a tree for immoral purposes, 2 years, for maiming cattle 14 years, etc. The numerous illustrations were startling and surely show the women a scope for their activity. Also the censoring of amusements, literature in the libraries, care of the feeble-minded, mothers' pensions, race suicide, etc., were all graphically pointed out.

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OAK HALL MEN'S BLUE SUITS FOR \$25 We are showing a splendid line of Men's and Young Men's Suits, in Blue Serge at the above price. They could not be bought wholesale to-day for the money. We guarantee them pure Wool and Fast Colors. All sizes in stock. OAK HALL

Two very much appreciated quarters added to the interest of this successful meeting which was the culmination of crusade week when the majority of the women of the city were invited to join the organization resulting in over 200 added and more to be heard from. The aim was to visit each home but so many were away. We trust these will come to the station and join with us in our crusade work in the immediate future. After the meeting, new members light refreshments were served by the W.C.T.U. or "Y's" for short. One pleasing feature was the eager desire of the membership to get their white bow, the badge of the organization and we trust every one will wear it on every and all occasions that it may be a silent witness of our principles.

NAPANEE

Mr. Percy Laidley is spending a few days in Napanee. Mr. and Mrs. W. Daly spent a few days this week in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wallace, spent a few days this week in Toronto. Mrs. A. N. Philips, and Mrs. Harry Marvin, St. John's N.B., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Miller. On account of the illness of Mr. W. T. Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Gibbard returned on Tuesday from their trip to Florida. Mr. Henry Gard, Centreville, returned from California on Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vandebogart entertained a party of friends on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Robt. Kirkpatrick has been spending a week with Mrs. Eliza McQuig, Selby. Mr. Morley T. Jones and wife from Shepherdston, Vir., arrived on the early train Saturday last to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Jones, after an absence of several years. Mrs. Lewis, Belleville, is the guest of Mrs. Herbert Daly. Mrs. Charles Rendall, of Michigan and her sister from Chaumont, N.Y., are visiting Mrs. W. N. Dean, South Napanee. Miss Myrtle McCaul returned last week from visiting her sister, Mrs. Amy, Buffalo, N.Y. Miss Gandler, Newburgh, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Thompson. Miss Frankie Vandusen, formerly of Napanee, met with a serious accident in Toronto one day last week by being struck by a C.P.R. engine. She is at present in a Toronto Hospital.

Madoc Prohibition League Reorganized

Madoc, Feb. 17 - The Madoc Prohibition League has just been reorganized with Dr. W. A. Dufosse as President and Mr. Archibald Kincaid as Secretary, and an Executive Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. B. Tucker, W. S. MacTavish, T. H. Hall and H. D. Raymond. Petitions will be circulated immediately requesting the Dominion Government to embody in legislation the order in Council abolishing the liquor traffic. The league has also commanded Premier Hearst for refusing to increase the alcoholic content of beer, and has asked him to maintain that stand. Assistance will be given by the league to the local constables in enforcing the Ontario Temperance Act, violations of which have been rather numerous of late.

Drowned at Kingston

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 18 - Borden Friend, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Friend of Wolfe Island, was drowned while crossing the ice on his way to school. He was missed at two o'clock in the afternoon yesterday and the body was recovered at nine o'clock last evening.

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