

STREET PARADE TO BE FEATURE OF CEREMONIAL

Shriners' New Band of Fifty
Musicians to Make First
Public Appearance.

EVENT SET FOR APRIL 2

A street parade downtown will be one of the features of the Shriners' ceremonial which will be held at Murat Temple Saturday afternoon and evening, April 2. The parade will give opportunity for the first public appearance of Murat's "new and bigger" band, the organization of which has been under way for several weeks. The band has been recruited to fifty musicians and rehearsals are being held at the temple every Sunday morning, under the direction of Noble P. Howard.

With the increased instrumentation Murat's organization will be among the largest bands of the temples throughout North America, and the officers say that the increase will apply to quality as well as quantity. Murat Temple always has been famous for its band at meetings of the Imperial Council, and it was one of the first to attract attention at those meetings. It had its beginning way back in 1900, when Harry Klausmann and William S. Mitchell first joined the order. Both being musicians, they set about having a musical organization for the Shrine.

BAND GROWS FROM SMALL BEGINNING.

At first this was a "kazo" affair, principally for service at ceremonials, but as other musicians came in, the "phony" instruments were discarded and a real band was organized. Among the early members, in addition to Nobles Klausmann and Mitchell, were Henry Belsier, Paul B. Brown, Herman Goth and Joseph B. Cameron. Paul H. Krauss was the "maestro-itakoro," and his antics as director was a great factor in putting Murat "on the map" at Imperial Council meetings. The first trip as a real Shrine band was made to the meeting of the council at Niagara Falls in 1906 and since that time Murat's band has missed only one meeting.

Along with the growth of the order temples in some of the larger cities have made features of large bands, and for this reason the officers of Murat decided that it was up to the sixth temple in point of membership to keep up with the procession. Potentate Schoonover placed the matter before the members and the enlarging process was begun at once.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

The band has a permanent organization and the present officers are A. W. Kuert, president; Otto Krauss, vice president; Oscar H. Boecher, secretary; Palmer Laycock, treasurer; Charles H. Blume, properties; William S. Mitchell, orchestra leader; W. P. Hall, band leader, and Noble P. Howard, manager. A comfortable bandroom has been fitted up and furnished at the temple, with lockers for uniforms and conveniences for rehearsals and business meetings.

Not only will the new band be seen in the parade April 2, but it will give a short program in the temple auditorium in the afternoon before the ceremonial proper begins. The entertainment part of the ceremonial, the Shrine officers say, will be entirely new and different from any ever given.

A large crowd of nobles is expected to attend and special preparations are being made by Robert Zehleke, the steward, and the members of the banquet committee, for the "Masonic Feast" which will be spread at 3:30 o'clock in order that the candidates, of whom there are expected to be about 400, may be refreshed and strengthened for the "trials" ahead of them.

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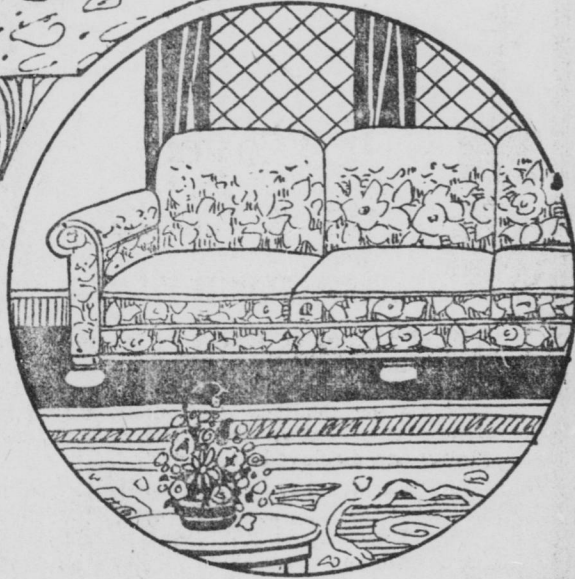
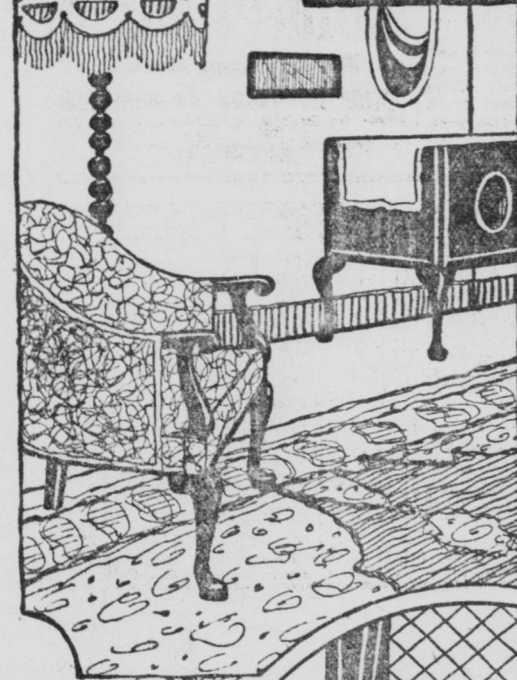
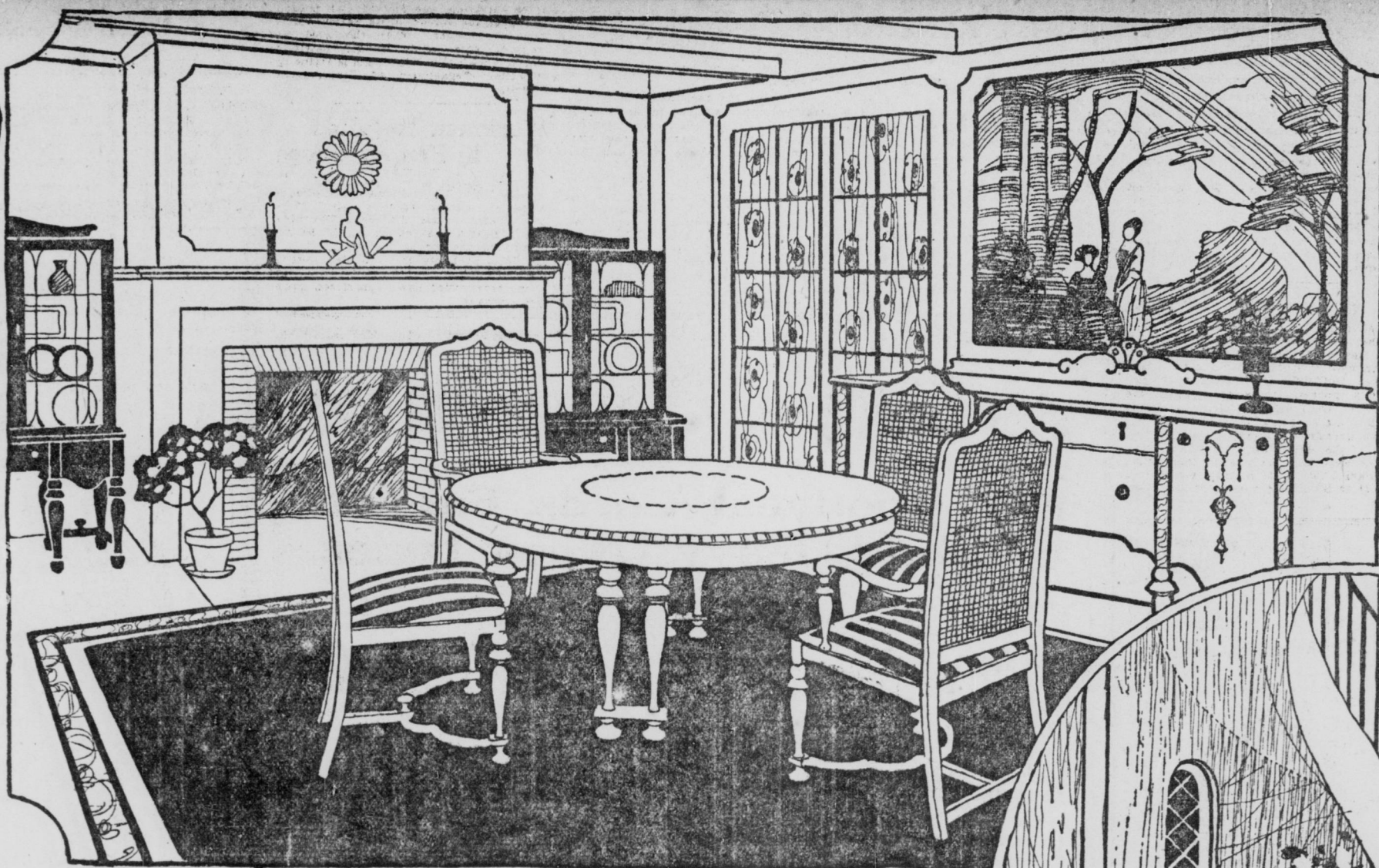
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