

GRAND LODGE OF I. O. O. F. AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY ARE MEETING IN CITY THIS WEEK

Forty-Eighth Annual Session of Organization of Women Opened Sunday Night With Banquet at Claypool. COMMUNICATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY New Albany Man to Preside; Excursion Will Be Made by Members to Lodge's Home at Greensburg.

Ninety-sixth semi-annual communication of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., of Indiana will be held Wednesday and Thursday in the grand lodge hall in the Odd Fellow building.

The Rev. Golden A. Smith of New Albany, grand master of Indiana, will call the convocation to order at 9 Wednesday. The morning session will hear the reports of the grand officers.

Two Events Featured Delegates to the convention will go on an excursion to the Odd Fellows home at Greensburg at 12:15. They will be accompanied by delegates to the Rebekah assembly session. Two events will be featured on Wednesday night's program. Members of Shelbyville lodge will stage "The Birth of Odd Fellowship in America," a play written by the Rev. T. J. Wilson of Shelbyville, grand chaplain. Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., will offer the decoration of chivalry on candidates from all organizations within the Odd Fellows order.

Reports to Be Read Reports of committees, nomination of officers, and discussion of business will be on the floor of the convention Thursday morning. Election of officers will be held at the fall convocation of the grand lodge. Most important business to come before the session probably will be a discussion of whether the grand lodge should hold one or two meetings a year. Grand officers, besides Mr. Smith, are R. B. Kolthoff of Lafayette, grand patriarch, and George P. Bonwasser of Indianapolis, grand secretary and grand scribe.

TRAINS HIT BY AUTOS

Drivers Continue to Crash Into Motionless Cars.

By Times Special MONTREAL, May 16.—Despite safeguards and safety first campaigns, drivers of vehicles on the public highways continue to run into trains and to be run into by trains. Statistics issued by the operating department of the Canadian National railways for 1931 show that there were more than seven hundred highway crossing accidents on the lines of the company, including the Grand Trunk Western lines in the United States. Of this total, 199 accidents were caused by motorists and others running into the sides of trains that either were standing on or passing over crossings. On Canadian lines alone there were 138 such accidents, and of the full total those which happened in daylight numbered fifty-three and those at night fifty-three.

ROOSEVELT NO STUNTER

Ignores Whispering Campaign Regarding Physical Fitness. By United Press WARM SPRINGS, Ga., May 16.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt will not "do some kind of a stunt to convince the people he is physically qualified for the presidency," he told Ike B. Dunlap of Kansas City here Sunday. Dunlap told him a "whispering campaign based on the fact of his infirmity" was afoot to "stop Roosevelt." Roosevelt held that two terms as Governor of New York would be considered proof of his physical fitness.

INNOCENCE FOR NORMA

Miss Shearer Temporarily May Abandon Ultra-Sophisticated Roles. By United Press HOLLYWOOD, May 16.—A variation of character is reported to be in store for Norma Shearer, hitherto seen mostly in ultra-sophisticated parts. She may be seen in a romantic, sentimental role in "Smilin' Through." It was reported Miss Shearer was not enthusiastic over the prospective change.

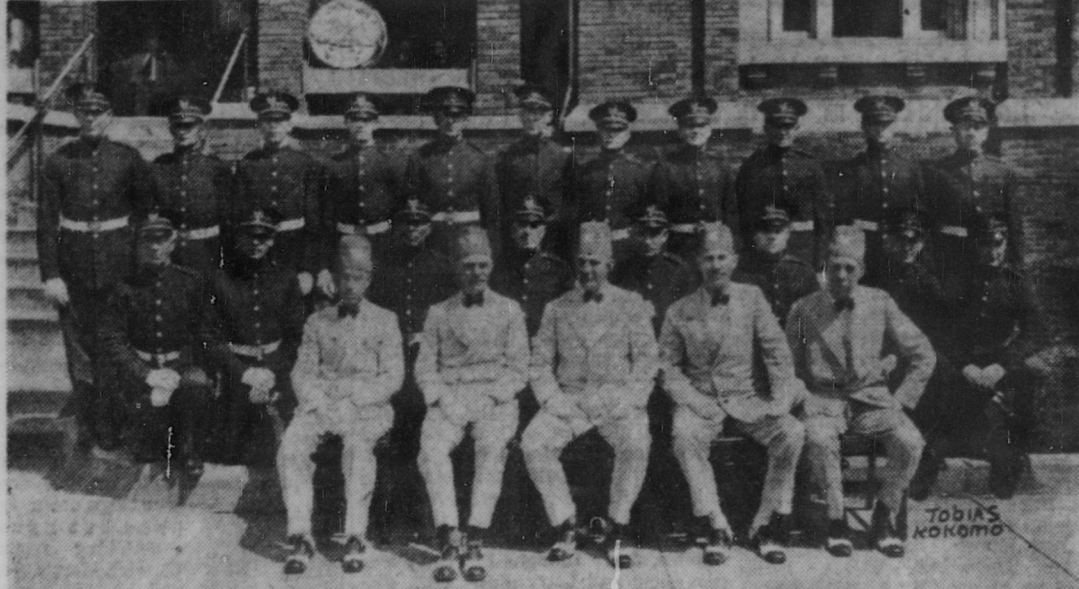
BROOMSTICK SAVES GIRL

Child, 11, Pushed From Live Rail on "L" Expected to Live. By United Press CHICAGO, May 16.—Physicians believed today that a broomstick had saved the life of Anna Mitnick, 11. The girl chased a ball on to the elevated tracks and fell on a live rail. G. A. Barkenas seized a broom and pushed her off the rail with the handle. Physicians believe she will live.

Huey's Right!

By United Press WASHINGTON, May 16.—Dignified Vice-President Curtis had to apologize to tempestuous Senator Huey Long. It was this way: Long and Senator Couzens both were on their feet in the senate debating on the tax bill. The chair recognized Couzens. "But the record will show, Mr. President..." Long began to protest. The gavel fell as Curtis boomed: "The chair has ruled!" Two hours later, Curtis apologized. Long was right. The record had shown that he was entitled to the floor.

Eagles' Prize Drill Team, Officers



PAST MATRONS PARLEY SLATED

Annual Banquet, Initiation to Be Held Saturday.

Annual banquet and initiation by the Past Matrons and Patrons Association of Marion county, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at 6:30 Saturday in the Severin. Honor guests will be Miss Mabel Carithers of Princeton, grand matron, and Albert Phillips of Hobart, grand patron.

Other guests will be Mrs. Rose Malcolm of Indianapolis, associate grand matron; Mrs. Hazel Coats of Veedersburg, grand conductor; Harry Emmons of Indianapolis, grand chaplain, and Alphonso Wood of Indianapolis, associate grand patron.

In addition, members of the Past Matrons and Patrons Associations of Johnson and Hendricks counties will attend.

Chairman of the committee in charge is Mrs. Lola R. Keenan. She is being assisted by Mrs. Rea Koehler, Mrs. Ethel Peyton, Mrs. Frances Kyle, Mrs. Mona Thomas, Mrs. Blanche Regatt and Harry Callon. President of the association is Mrs. Salome Binkley.

A memorial service will be given Friday night by Naoml chapter No. 131, O. E. S., in the Masonic temple, North and Illinois streets.

In charge of arrangements are Mrs. Goldie Gaden, Mrs. Marie Gilmore and William Gray. Mrs. Cora K. Welland is worthy matron and Leo James is worthy patron of the chapter.

7 DIE AT CROSSING

Widow and Six Children Killed Instantly.

By United Press LEROY, Ill., May 16.—Mrs. Mattie Reese, 55, widow, and her six children were instantly killed Sunday night when an Illinois Central passenger train struck their automobile at a grade crossing.

LEAVE FOR CONVENTION

Delegates of Tarum Court to Attend Philadelphia Sessions.

Delegates and uniform bodies of Tarum court No. 14, Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America, left Sunday afternoon for Philadelphia to attend the annual sessions of the grand council to be held there, May 15 to 20. Mrs. Hans L. E. Karstadt, high priestess, is one of the representatives of Tarum court.

Officers in the various uniformed bodies are: Mrs. W. L. Heinrichs, captain of Tarum patrol, and Mrs. Martin L. Birk, directress of the drum corps.

Arrange Card Party Temple Rebekah degree staff will give a card party Thursday afternoon at the Banner-Whitehill furniture store, 31 South Meridian street.

8-A Graduates of School 16



Top Row (left to right)—Roy McGowan, Willard Troutman, Harry Ewing, Emmitt Gaddis, Frances Ford, Wayne Brooking. Second Row—Joe Kish, Delmar Wilson, Charles Carl, Alexander Spratt, Charles Trostle, Walter Dickerson. Third Row—Amelia Hanna, Elizabeth Cox, Lenore Morgan, Mary Glenn, Mary Owens, Irene Linder. Fourth Row—Robert Hill, Hugh Akens, Rex Mary Midred Waters, Marie Dress, Helen Miller. Bottom Row—Kathryn Moling, Ruby Anderson, Mable Rike, Edith Bergman.

BEN HURS WILL OPEN MEETING HERE THURSDAY

Mayor Sullivan, Chief of City Court, to Make Welcome Addresses.

Ben-Hur state fraternal congress will open at 8 Thursday night with a dance and reception in the Denison.

Business sessions of the convocation will begin at 10 Friday with the ritualistic opening of the order. Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan and Louie H. Mills, chief of Aris court No. 5 of Indianapolis, will make addresses of welcome to the visiting delegates. Responses will be by John L. Snyder of Crawfordsville, national president, and Moses Hary of Evansville, state chief.

Business Session Friday

Opening of the general business session will be at 2 Friday. The meeting will be followed by a trip through the Hoosier knitting mills. Dr. J. F. Davidson of Crawfordsville, medical director and one of the founders of the organization, will speak at a special meeting at 7:30 Friday night. His talk will be followed by degree work by the team of Aris court and the state Melters' degree team.

Treasurer to Talk

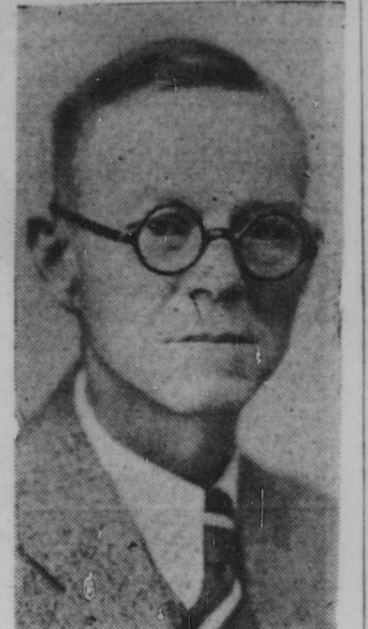
Addresses by Hary and W. W. Goltz of Crawfordsville, national treasurer, will be the high spots in Saturday morning's session. The session also will hear committee reports.

Opening the Saturday afternoon meeting will be nomination and election of officers. This will be followed by an address by Snyder. Installation of officers will close the session.

"The Washingtons at Home," a playlet, will be presented at 8 Saturday night by the Tirzah Club of Aris court. An exhibition by the fancy drill team of Aris court will follow. Closing the convocation will be a dance.

Approximately 400 members of the organization are expected to attend.

Red Men Will Pick Successor to S. L. Smith



S. L. Smith

S. L. Smith of South Bend, great senior saganore of the Improved Order of Red Men, died suddenly Thursday in his home. Death was attributed to heart disease.

He died shortly after having returned from a Red Men meeting at Mishawaka.

Mr. Smith was holder of the second ranking office in the order, and was in line to become great saganore, highest state officer, at the fall convocation of the organization.

The board of control, made up of the great chiefs of the great council of Indiana, will meet soon to name Mr. Smith's successor.

Funeral services were held at 2 Saturday. The rites were held in the home, and were in charge of the order. The Red Men also performed the ceremonies at the grave.

Mr. Smith was for many years head of the Smith Home for Children at South Bend. Besides his connection with the Red Men, he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows, and the Haymakers and Pocahontas. The last two are organizations within the Red Men.

K. C. LODGE TO CONFER THIRD DEGREE SUNDAY

James E. Deery Will Have Charge of City's Team.

Degree team of Indianapolis council No. 437, Knights of Columbus, will confer the third degree initiation of the order Sunday at Bloomington. The initiatory class will be from both Bloomington and Bedford.

In charge of the Indianapolis team will be James E. Deery, district deputy. Approximately fifty Indianapolis Knights are expected to attend the ceremony.

The degree work will be part of an all-day program, which will open at 11 in the morning with low mass.

The second degree will be conferred at 2 under direction of John P. O'Donnell of Bloomington, state deputy; J. M. Nurte of Bloomington, master of the fourth degree, and Joseph Naughton of Indianapolis, past state deputy.

The Indianapolis team will present the third degree at 3:30. Tim Galvin of Hammond, past state deputy, will be the principal speaker at a banquet at 6:30.

Deery has announced that the Indianapolis degree team will go to Richmond June 12 for another third degree initiation.

Red Men to Give Benefit

Minneva tribe No. 78, Improved Order of Red Men, will hold a benefit card party at 8:30 tonight in the wigwam, North street and Capitol avenue. John Smead and Alva Foster.

BLOW STRUCK AT 'UTILITY MILKING'

Public Service Commission Order Halts Draining of Water Firm.

Public service commissioners today had struck another blow at utility holding companies "milking" operations, when, in the case of the Logootee Water Company, they ordered a halt to the business of "attempting to operate a one-man water plant with a nation-wide organization."

Evidence in the case disclosed that the little Logootee water system was being drained by payment of tribute to a half dozen holding company set-ups all the way from Kentucky to New York.

Top of the heap is the huge Associated Gas and Electric Company, prominent factor in the so-called "power trust." Even this far-off parent company took \$75 a year from the small concern.

The "Milking Process"

Here is how the water company was "milked": The Kentucky-Tennessee Light and Power Company kept an open account with the Logootee company and charged to operating expenses the little company 6 per cent a year on all balances.

The Utilities Purchasing and Supply Corporation, New York City, charged 1 1/2 per cent of the cost of material as a purchasing fee.

The Utility Management Corporation of New York took 2 1/2 per cent of the gross revenues as an annual fee for managing the business.

General Office Salaries

W. S. Barstow & Co., Reading, Pa., charged a 7 1/2 per cent profit on the gross cost of all construction work of the company.

Then there were "general office salaries" and such other New York items as "general expense" to be paid for belonging to the big organization.

Logootee's city administration had appealed to the commission for a rate reduction and Commissioner Frank Singleton wrote the order passed today.

While the rate reductions were slight, due to a \$40,000 property valuation, the principles set out in the Singleton order will aid in lifting the holding company yoke, if carried out in other cases, it was pointed out.

Change Bookkeeping

For the order requires that the Logootee Water Company keep its own books. (They formerly were kept at Bowling Green, Ky., with the pro rating of costs) and do its own business without payment of the super-organization fees. No such charges will be considered a legitimate operation expense, the order states.

In addition it was required that the cost of common stock, purchased three years previously, be introduced as an item in determining the "fair value" upon which rates are based.

Minimum water cost was reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25 a month and hydrant rental for the city was cut from \$85 to \$75. Another investigation, with the idea of further decreases, will be held in one year on the commission's own motion.



Harry E. Argus

Drill team of Marion camp No. 3583, Modern Woodmen of America, will give a benefit card party at 8 Tuesday in Woodmen hall, 322 East New York street.

In charge of arrangements will be Harry E. Argus, captain of the drill team, assisted by H. D. Patterson and Earl Dillon.

Maple camp No. 5563 and Capital City camp No. 8743 will hold a joint meeting at 8 Friday in the hall of Capital City camp, 1025 Prospect street.

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