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ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN

Well Arranged Program Keeps Crowd Jovial From 5:00 O'clock To Midnight

What is said to be perhaps the largest and finest social affair ever staged in Birmingham by a fraternal order took place last Saturday night when more than 700 Birmingham and nearby residents were guests of the local Masonic Order. Beginning at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon with a chicken supper, followed by entertainment and dancing until midnight, the affair was a whirlwind of enjoyment for those who entered the Masonic Temple on South Woodward avenue.

Although the gala event was planned and executed entirely by members of the Masonic fraternity, it was open to all and did attract several hundred folks who have no affiliation with the order. At times the hallway and stairs leading into the dining room were jammed practically solid with persons waiting to be served.

Following the splendid supper, an entertainment of about an hour's duration was staged in the lodge room which had been very tastily arranged as a huge lounging room. The recitation of three poems by Ellsworth Plumstead, well-known local entertainer, started the program. John Bloomfield Quartet, composed of D. K. Hall, W. S. McAlpine, F. J. Homberger and Percival Burnett, under the able direction of Mrs. J. Welch of the Birmingham School of Music, at the piano, rendered four pleasing vocal numbers. E. A. Edwards of Detroit, gave two piano solos. Miller's Orchestra of Detroit provided a musical selection and later played the dance music.

Unusual credit should be given to the ladies of the Eastern Star chapter who, by their splendid efforts in the kitchen and dining room played the little part in the great success of the occasion.

Robert K. McClellan, president of the Masonic Temple Association, was general chairman of the affair. He was assisted by C. A. Bingham, W. M. McCallum and Roy E. Brown as well as the miscellaneous services of other members of the local lodge.

LOCAL MAN WINS PRIZE FOR ESSAY

A. G. POTE OF CHESTER STREET, IS ONE OF TWO MICHIGANDERS TO WIN

In a national essay contest on "Nothing Takes The Place of Leather", recently concluded by the American Sole and Belting Leather Tanners of New York City, one of the two Michigan people to win a prize, was Alfred G. Pote, of Chester street. Miss Florence Baldwin, a nurse, of Flint, was the other Michigander to gain recognition. Among the prize winners were residents of 39 states and Santa Domingo, Panama, Hawaii and Canada. Altho 44,000 essays were contributed, only 118 awards, amounting to $5,000, were made.

Mr. Pote, who is a traveling man, wrote his essay on the virtues of a leather bag, which he carries with him on all his trips. According to its owner, said bag has been smashed up by baggagemen in nearly all parts of the world, has been "a staunch friend, even in times of stress, and has come to have a sentimental attachment for Mr. Pote. And, in spite of "hard knocks" it has suffered, the bag is still serviceable.

Judges in the contest were, Miss Martha E. Dodson, associate editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, Frederick C. Hicks, president of the University of Cincinnati, and Frazer M. Moffat, president of the Tanners' Council of America.

NOTED PLAYWRIGHT-ARTIST AT FORUM PROGRAM SUNDAY

Frank Gerow Tompkins, head of the English department of the City College of Detroit, and for a number of years, a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, will speak Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3:30 p.m. on "Ideas In Contemporary Drama" at the Community House.

Prof. Tompkins has for several years been actively identified with the Little Theatre movement in Detroit and is not only a discerning student of the drama, but a talented playwright. Among his best known plays are "Sham," which was produced at the Society of Arts and Crafts theatre a few years ago under the direction of Sam Hume and which is included in the best dramatic anthology, and "Fifty Contemporary One-Act Plays."

The address will be the second number on the Birmingham Forum program and is open to the public.

BISHOP TO PREACH AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday will be the occasion when Right Rev. Herman Page, the fifth Bishop of Michigan, will visit the St. James' Episcopal parish, delivering the sermon. Previous to the services the Rev. Page will confirm a class of young people and immediately following the church services he will be the guest of the Sunday school.

Instead of the regular Sunday school service, the Rev. Page will talk to the children and meet each one personally.

--And Now Comes A Weird Tale of What Will Happen To Woodward

LOCAL PARTY WILL VISIT KING TUTANKHAMEN'S TOMB

Under the escort of Miss Katherine A. Pantlind, who has crossed the Atlantic 42 times, Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Shaw and their daughter, Mrs. Loren Stauch, sailed for Europe on Wednesday, January 16. During the eleven weeks of their trip they will touch the Madeira Islands, Africa and Athens.

Two weeks will be spent in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, three days in Naples and three days in Rome, Venice, Milan and Florence, Italy. From Milan they will go to Switzerland, then to Paris for four days and a final week in London, arriving in New York April 1. Their stay in Egypt will include a six-day trip up the Nile on a house-boat and a visit to King Tutankhamen's tomb.

The party sailed on the Red Star liner Lapland and will leave Miss Pantlind and the remainder of the group in London. They will remain a week longer in England, returning on the Mauretania. This is Mrs. Stauch's second trip abroad. The first time, during the summer of 1921, she spent several months on the continent.

Picture, if you can, a 200 feet wide thoroughfare stretching from Toledo, Ohio, to Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, upon its surface are marching hundreds of thousands of American soldiers; motor trucks loaded with arms and ammunition, are thundering northward, while every now and then huge tanks and cannons are seen in the vast parade of armament; overhead, speeding on their errands of destructive flight, may be seen squadrons of aeroplanes.

For, according to Dame Rumor, sometime in the distant future the United States will be at war with England; England will have seized the great lakes and Uncle Sam will need Woodward avenue for a military highway.

Such is the picture that might be drawn as the result of the latest rumors relative to the widening of Woodward avenue, and which were discussed Monday night at the Village commission meeting.

"A man who is supposed to be quite high up in military circles told me that the federal government will come to the assistance of Governor Groesbeck in carrying out his program to widen Woodward avenue," explained President McBride. "Of course, I do not take the matter seriously, nor would I ask anyone else to. But the story goes that Uncle Sam thinks he needs a road that would allow for military transportation in case the great lakes are taken over by an enemy.

"I was informed that the government would take over the entire highway building program, making Woodward avenue, for a starter, 200 feet wide from Detroit to Pontiac. This would mean that Birmingham would have to lose some of its present business frontage. The rumor states that a hundred feet would be taken from the east side of this street which, added to its present widest width, would make it the widest artery of travel."

Such is one of dozens of rumors that have been created since the widening of "America's Most Dangerous Highway" was first announced.

PETITIONS STILL IN CIRCULATION

Lack Of Names Caused Commission To Postpone Acceptance To Tonight

HAD ONLY 107 NAMES

Because but 107 names out of a required total of not less than 200 were on the petitions submitted to the Village Commission for voting on changing Birmingham from a village to a city form of government, the local officials Monday night adjourned their meeting to tonight, during which time additional petitions were to have been circulated and presented to them.

The meeting was called for tonight so that enough time would be available to come within the legal time set between acceptance of such petitions and placing the proposition on the ballot. According to Village Attorney Frank L. Doty, the petitions must be accepted and laid on the table for 30 days before advertising the proposition for election day.

Nothing particularly new concerning the plan to change Birmingham from village to city form of government has developed during the past week. Members of the Commission Monday night reiterated their belief that the town would be materially benefited by the change.

"We all believe that it is a step in the right direction; the detailed working out of the plan will come after its acceptance by the people," they said.

Some activity by those opposed to the plan is mentioned in various places, but to date nothing official has asserted itself. It is believed, however, that the proposition will be fully thrashed out before March 10, the date of the annual village election.

Local Chapter To Celebrate 50th Birthday Monday

Big Time Promised Jan. 21; Ionic Chapter To Confer Mark Degree

THREE COURSE DINNER

Next Monday evening, Jan. 21, Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

For this occasion the local chapter has secured Ionic Chapter of Detroit to confer the Mark Degree. Invitations have been forwarded the Pontiac and Royal Oak Chapters to join them in celebrating this occasion.

Efforts are being made to have H. E. Van Iderstine, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan, present. John Clark, recently of Scotland, and a famous European worker in Masonry, will make the main address of the evening. Mr. Clark has been a Master, High Priest, Commandery Commander. He founded a Masonic lodge in Egypt. He will talk on his experiences in Masonic work.

The entertainment committee has worked diligently to provide the Brothers who attend on this occasion with something new, and have several surprises to offer.

At 7 o'clock sharp the ladies of the Eastern Star will serve a three-course dinner.

"THE SIGN OF THE ROSE" TO BE SCREENED HERE JAN. 21

"The Sign of the Rose" is the film obtained by the Third Division of the Presbyterian Ladies' Society to be presented in the Baldwin auditorium Jan. 21. This picture appeared at the Capitol Theater, Detroit, running for one week.

Due to the length of the picture, a comedy has been eliminated. However, the special music which has been arranged will include solos by Mrs. E. G. Potter and piano selections by Shanley Rosso.

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SOME TAX ROLL!

Six years ago, when Ferndale incorporated, the budget for carrying on the work of the village was fixed at $30,000.

This year the sinking fund alone, which takes care of our bonded indebtedness, is $91,000. This shows the efforts that have been made in a very few years to secure improvements that make it possible to live here with any degree of comfort.

Allowing for the sinking fund, and an effort to do away with the necessity for loans to pay the ordinary expenses of the village, the budget this year will have to approximate $300,000 in order to make both ends meet.—Ferndale Enterprise.

Woman Overcome By Varnish Fumes

Mrs. Rowena Goldsmith, mother of Harry Goldsmith of Smith avenue, Eco City, has just gone through the harrowing, though unique, experience of near-asphyxiation by varnish.

Moving into her new home last Tuesday, Mrs. Goldsmith got things ready for retirement to her bedroom. Too hot a fire in the furnace of the new house, coupled with the fact that the varnish was not thoroughly dry, nearly overcame the elderly lady.

She managed to carouse herself to enough consciousness at midnight to call to her son who, frantically rushing into his mother's room, opened the doors and windows, thus providing fresh air.

Mrs. Goldsmith, it is said, was unable to move her body for nearly a week, being paralyzed for the time. According to report, one other family in Eco City had a similar experience with varnish fumes recently.

Two Fires Within Twenty Minutes Occur Tuesday

About $600 Damage Done In Homes Of Finley And Hughes

FIREMEN KEPT BUSY

Two fires occurring within twenty minutes of each other Tuesday caused approximately $600 damage. Most disastrous results were eliminated by the alacrity of the firemen during the first fire. The first call came when it was discovered on the roof of the house at 311 Pierce street, the home of George Finley, and the alarm turned in by neighbors. The damage here was estimated at $100.

The second alarm sounded as the returning fire department arrived at Maple and Woodward avenues. This second blaze was in the lower apartment of the home of Mrs. J. R. Hughes on Merrill street, near Southfield avenue. Mrs. Clarence Brown, occupant of this apartment, did not discover the fire until it had burned through the floor in her parlor and had ignited the curtains. The firemen found this fire peculiarly difficult to extinguish, supposedly from electric wires around the cold air register, a part of the blaze coming through the register. The loss, which is also that of the house was estimated at $500, no furniture being destroyed.

These two fires, the first one occurring at 2:05 and the second at 2:25, have made a record for the local department. This is said to be the first case on record of the alarm taking them to the second fire before returning from the first.

ASKED TO LOCATE LOST ENGLISH KIN

TOWNSHIP CLERK MOORE SEEKS INFORMATION OF BAKER FAMILY

Robert Y. Moore, Bloomfield township clerk, has been asked to ascertain the whereabouts of relatives of one F. Gardner of Earlsdon county, England. The letter in part follows:

"W. Stranman locating in Birmingham some sixty years ago who had a fairly large farm; his wife's name before marriage was Mary Ann Warnick Baker, and a native of Worcesleighton in Northamptonshire. There were two daughters of the marriage, who since married, but whose names I do not know. There was also a family by the name of Douglas, a sister to M. A. Warnick Baker, who married a man by the name of Douglas. I have some interesting news for the party in question."

Mr. Moore is at a loss to know what the "interesting news" is, but ventured the opinion this week that, since the labor party has gained control of the British isles, there might be a castle or two to turn back to somebody.

MR. AND MRS. ED. LAMB GIVEN PURSE OF GOLD

A purse of thirty dollars in gold, the gift of those local residents who were invited to the fiftieth wedding anniversary reception of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lamb of Willetts street, held on December 23, was tendered to the happy couple. It was presented by W. D. Clube who, as spokesman for "The Old Gang," recalled instances of the unflagging efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb for the quiet, yet helpful, part they had played in the development of Birmingham.

SENIORS TO MAKE WASHINGTON TRIP

Baldwin High Pupils Will Visit Nation's Capitol In March

IS FIRST CLASS TO GO

The Senior Washington group of Baldwin high school have chosen Spring vacation, the week starting March 21, as the time for their trip to Washington. W. S. Toothacker, teacher of science in the high school, who has acted as advisor to the group, will accompany them and act as chaperone. They will leave Birmingham at night, arriving in Washington in the morning and will spend three days there. It has been planned to follow the general tourist route taken each year by E. G. Potter, who conducts the students of the Highland Park high school.

The party will go from Washington to New York City where they will spened two days, following there Mr. Potter's route, also stopping in Philadelphia on the return trip.

This group will be made up of members of the Senior class in the high school and was formed when they were in their sophomore year. During the past three years they have worked strenuously in an effort to furnish themselves with the necessary funds for the trip. Besides giving movies frequently, they have held candy and baked goods sales, sold weinies at football games, and on two occasions have served pancake breakfasts in the high school cafeteria. At the present date they have cleared enough to take care of about one-fourth of each member's ticket. Arrangements are now under way for a minstrel show on February 22 when they anticipate netting a sum of $200.

While Highland Park and Detroit high schools have been making these trips for several years, this class is a pioneer in the field here. Already the present freshman class is forming so that it may be prepared during the Senior year. The Junior class is well launched and express the belief that it will be able to do itself even more than this year's class was able to do.

Those who will make up this year's group are: John Thurber, Richard Haack, Homer Westerby, Edgar Sells, Rollin Smith, Closson Miller, Clinton George, Winfred Peck, Evelyn Lockwood, Bernice Vaughn, Stanley Gage, George Hammond, William Henry, Stuart Cobb, Priscilla Westcott, Marion Trumbull, Elouise Carnahan, Fred Young, William Plotkin, Irene Cook, Winnifred Huntoon, Grace Wiley, Florence Langerman, Maria Young, Louise May and Doris Groves.

"GOING UP" TO SHOW HERE ON FEBRUARY 1

He knew nothing at all about flying, but circumstances forced him to race with a French ace! Who? Douglas McLean, who starred in "The Hottentot." Are the thrills and action remembered? Someone has said, "Did you think 'The Hottentot' was a scream? Well, 'Going Up,' too, is a scream—only more so."

Although the film is not due in Birmingham till Feb. 1, which is two weeks away, it would be wise to save that Friday night for "Going Up" to the Baldwin auditorium. The Student Loan Committee, which is in charge of the play, has something good in store for everyone who attends, it is promised.

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Henry W. Booth, Noted Religious Writer, Tells of The Drink Evils

(Editor's Note: The Eccentric herewith begins a series of articles affecting the prohibition question in the United States. They were written by Henry Wood Booth of "Cranbrook," author of many splendid articles on religion, etc. Mr. Booth, whose pen name is "Laic," has been asked by U. S. Senator James Couzens to furnish information on the liquor traffic, using such information in his battle to restore light wines and beer to the citizens of this country. Although the Eccentric does not agree with Mr. Booth on the claim that restoration of light wines and beer would be a good thing, it does believe that the historical facts contained in the articles are worthy of being given its readers. It has been said that Mr. Booth probably owns the most extensive library in the country touching on this subject. Having passed his 87th birthday, it goes without saying that the author carries in his writings something of the wisdom that has given him the title, "The Sage of Cranbrook." He is the father of the Booths who conduct many newspapers in Michigan.)

HENRY WOOD BOOTH

We begin this introduction with a very brief chronological summary of all the principal happenings having to do with the alcoholic drink evil, and the various dealings with it, which have prevailed throughout the United States since the Constitution was adopted in 1787 and we then became a full-fledged nation. Population about 4,000,000.

As early as the year 1700, West India Rum was the principal intoxicating drink in this country, and every year it came in more plentifully. Flour, lumber and general produce could be furnished in exchange. And, soon after, when molasses was imported, the climate of New England being more suitable for distilling than that of the West Indies, rum became the chief article of manufacture in the State of Massachusetts.

But as rum made from refuse sugar and molasses dominated the Atlantic United States, so whiskey made from Indian corn, began to dominate the West. Pennsylvania is an example. The collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania at page 406 say this of Huntington county in that state:

"The chief practice of drinking whiskey prevailed among our whole community, among the judges of the courts, members of the bar, ministers of the gospel, physicians and patients, farmers and mechanics, and among laborers. It was used when we were born, when we were buried, when we rose in the morning, when we went to bed at night; before dinner and after dinner; when we had a raising and when we were hungry, when we were sick and when we were well, when we were cold and when we were hot; it was the universal panacea."

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Dr. Cora Best Gives Splendid Lecture

MINNEAPOLIS WOMAN PROVIDES ROYAL ENTERTAINMENT TUESDAY EVE.

Dr. Cora Johnson Best of Minneapolis, delighted a large audience Tuesday night in the Baldwin auditorium with her illustrated lecture on "Western Trails and Shining Peaks." Dr. Best is an easy and fluent talker and took her hearers far away from civilizazation in a realistic back-to-nature trip. Beautiful hand-colored photographs of flowers, birds, beasts and wonderful western scenery kept the audience alert while three reels of motion pictures with interesting headings afforded constant change. Perhaps the most unusual part of the lecture described her trip up and over a glacier with its marvelous ice caves, snow bridges and lofty pinnacles.

Dr. Best, during the past summer, made a motoring trip with a motion picture down the rapids of the Big Bend of the Columbia river, and the Y. M. C. A., under whose auspices the present free lecture was given, hopes to be able to secure Dr. Best for a return engagement next winter at which time the Big Bend pictures will be shown.

C. HOUSE TO HOLD BIG BRIDGE PARTY

PROCEEDS OF AFFAIR ON JANUARY 28 WILL GO TO HOUSE FUND

For the benefit of the Community House Fund the house board are arranging for a bridge party in the Community House on Monday, Jan. 28. The proceeds will be used especially for the cleaning and renovating of the House. Mrs. Arthur Hartwell, in charge of the tables, has planned for about 125 guests. The special hostesses for the occasion are: Mrs. George T. Hendrie, Mrs. T. R. Donovan, Mrs. Albert E. Peters and Mrs. W. C. Harris. Mrs. Charles J. Shain is the general chairman and Mrs. John H. Marlotte is in charge of refreshments. Tables may be reserved by calling Miss Martin at the House.

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WOODWARD TO BE 200 FEET WIDE THROUGH VILLAGE

Groesbeck Declares Entire Thoroughfare Will Be the Same Width

SUBMIT LOCAL PLAN

Village Commission Has Prepared Map Of Birmingham Woodward Frontage

"For all its phenomenal growth, its beautiful edifices, streets and parks, Detroit will have had nothing more noteworthy or monumental to its credit than the 200 foot highway which will connect this city with Pontiac," Governor Alex J. Groesbeck told members of the Greater Woodward Avenue Association at a luncheon in the Detroit Board of Commerce Building Monday.

"It will be altogether fitting when the Woodward avenue highway is completed, to dedicate it to the memory of Michigan's heroes who fought in the World war," Governor Groesbeck said, "I suggest that a suitable arch at each end of the highway be erected as a memorial to our soldiers."

The governor declared the Woodward highway would be the finest stretch of road in the world. He said it was hoped that the laying of concrete would be begun at either end of the highway in the spring, and announced that the state highway commission had definitely decided that the new road shall be 200 feet in width all the way.

Thad D. Seeley and Frank A. Aldrich, members of the highway commission, congratulated the association upon the aid it has given in obtaining the right-of-way for the road. The principal difficulties encountered in this work have been overcome, they said.

J. A. Walsh, president of the association, was chairman at the luncheon.

Commission Anxious

In view of the recent statement by Governor Groesbeck that Woodward avenue, between Detroit and Pontiac, should be yet less than 200 feet wide, members of the Village Commission Monday night resolved that President McBride write a letter to both the Governor and Thaddeus D. Seeley, stating that Birmingham would like to know officially just what would be done on Woodward avenue in the village.

"We have just completed a survey of Woodward avenue in Birmingham, and we would like to show it to members of the State highway department," declared President McBride Monday night. "This survey was made by W. S. McAlpine, local surveyor, and shows in detail where every piece of property and building fronting Woodward avenue is located. The map is 25 feet long."

The local commission is desirous of knowing as soon as possible just what Groesbeck intends to do in widening Woodward avenue through Birmingham. The receipt of a definite decision of the governor to make it 200 feet wide through Ferndale and Royal Oak leaves but Birmingham's status to be officially determined.

FAMOUS SKATERS SEEN NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Annual Carnival At Quarton Lake; Starts At 2:00 O'clock

TO BE JOINT AFFAIR

Henry Ford has been asked to be present at the races next Sunday, according to Chairman Lyman.

Everything is all set for the Fourth Annual Birmingham Winter Sports Carnival. If the weather holds good, promptly at two o'clock next Sunday afternoon Herbert S. Weber will fire the pistol that opens the program at Quarton Lake, West Maple avenue, Birmingham. According to Guy G. Lyman, local resident, who is general chairman of the event, the races will be held jointly for citizens of Royal Oak, Pontiac and Birmingham. A number of famous state record-holders will also enter.

Although it is planned to hold the affair at Hadsell's Lake, four miles north of Birmingham, Chairman Lyman, Wednesday of this week, changed the place to Quarton Lake.

The 1½-mile Michigan State championship will be the feature event of the meet, which will include a half mile for girls, 16 years or under; half mile for boys, 16 or under; half mile business men's race; fancy skating doubles contest and other events.

The following officials have been named for the meet: Referee, Herbert S. Weber; starter, Walter W. Osmun; announcer, A. B. Havenrich; judges, F. C. Miller, A. C. Codling, Ralph Wilson, Irene Gardner, R. G. Hartsing, John S. Haggerty, Andrew J. Crawford, H. S. Malcomson, Roy Hawthorne, George R. Averill, C. Klausaner, Vernon J. Lyle, Ora Class and George Bunting; scorers, Dr. F. W. Young, George A. Dondero, J. H. McBride, Jose Van Esley, Sheriff James S. Butler, Walter J. Prindle, W. L. Lockner, Leigh J. Prindle; timers, Lester Potter, C. S. Brewer, Rex Frye, George Anderson, Gordon L. Bailey.

Mrs. Walter J. Pringle, of Redford, Mich., will have charge of the girls' events.

All skaters in Michigan are eligible to compete in the 1½-mile championship event and it is likely that Ray Fritz, Victor Schenkan, August Burkheiser and others who have figured prominently in the title races of the past will compete.

The meet is under Michigan Skating Association sanction. The cleverest fancy skaters in the state will compete in the fancy doubles contest.

Campbell To Talk Against City Plan

PRESIDENT OF REAL ESTATE BOARD TO ADDRESS CIVIC LEAGUE

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Civic League next Monday, James Campbell, local realtor, will be the speaker. His subject will be "Why Birmingham Should Not Incorporate As a City." At the following regular meeting a speaker will be asked to talk to the women, taking the affirmative of the same question. Membership in the League is open to all who are in any way interested in philanthropic or civic affairs in our own community. An invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to talk on issues affecting the Village. The business session of the meeting will be brief, giving Mr. Campbell the remainder of the afternoon.

TAX COLLECTION TIME IS EXTENDED TO FEB. 1

Although the collection of the annual winter taxes in Bloomfield township has been better than in recent years, members of the township board have extended the date of closing under the one per cent penalty from January 12 to February 1. After February 1 the four per cent penalty will be instituted. Taxes are collectable at the township offices, Room 5, First State Savings Bank building.

ST. JAMES' PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

PETERS, WILMOT AND HOWARTH RETIRED; HENDRIE, GAFILL AND UTTER ELECTED

The annual Parish Meeting of St. James' Church was held in the church parlors Monday night, January 14, the Rev. C. E. McVey, rector, presiding. It was largely attended by the congregation and was preceded by a supper served by the ladies of the Parish.

After the reports for 1923 were read the election of vestrymen took place. Under the canons of the Diocese this parish has a vestry of nine men, three of whom retire each year and are not eligible for re-election for a year. This year Messrs. Peters, Wilmot and Howarth retired and Messrs. George Hendrie, John J. Gafill and A. J. Utter were elected to take their places. Also two vestrymen whose affairs have taken them from the village were replaced by Messrs. T. E. Irving and E. C. Fowler. The vestrymen holding over are Messrs. F. J. Miller, W. W. Carpenter, Harry S. Booth and John B. Williams.

This parish is forming an Executive Council consisting of representatives from each organization for conference purposes. J. B. Howarth was elected to represent the congregation on this Council.

PRESBYTERIANS WILL GIVE ANNUAL SUPPER

The supper to be served by the Ladies' Church Society of the First Presbyterian church, an annual event, has been set for Thursday, Jan. 24. The supper is divided in two sections, one serving at six o'clock and the other at seven o'clock. This has been the custom of this society for several years following the popularity of their suppers.

The supper will be served in the lecture room of the church with Mrs. W. H. Upthegraff as the general chairman. Preparations have been under way for several weeks and a most unusual menu is being prepared. Mrs. T. R. Navin is in charge of the sale of tickets which she states are proving very popular.

During the hours of dinner the big organ in the church will furnish the means for special music.