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HORNELL MEN FEATURE BANQUET

Fourth Annual Gathering of the Local Chamber of Commerce a Pleasing Occasion Well Attended

The fourth annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, held in Masonic Hall, last week Thursday evening, was, as in former occasions, a very enjoyable social event. At 8:30 the line of march was formed in the Masonic lodge room and the guests were escorted to the dining room by the president, B. S. Brundage and wife, to music furnished by the Blo-Ro-Ba Orchestra, who also played during the serving of the banquet. About one hundred were seated at the tables and served a very good four-course menu by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The tables and room were attractively decorated in yellow and white.

For the after-dinner program, Mr. Brundage introduced as speaker of the evening, Mr. A. J. Deer, president of A. J. Deer Manufacturing Co. of Hornell, N. Y. Mr. Deer is a practical business man "himself" and his address was just what might be expected with his wide business experience. Every word was enjoyed. Short talks were also given by Messrs. Martin Cameron and James Schwarzenbach of Hornell. Mr. Cameron, secretary of the Hornell Chamber of Commerce, centered his talk around that organization. Mr. Schwarzenbach spoke on good roads.

Ruth Hubert Duo and Donald Cash, of Buffalo, brought out by the committee as entertainers, were then introduced and presented their program of songs, impersonations and saxophone selections.

The Hornell Tribune Times says: "Several members of the Hornell Chamber of Commerce were guests in Andover last evening at the annual meeting and banquet held by the chamber of that village. Among the Hornell delegation were Martin A. Cameron, secretary of the local chamber; James E. Schwarzenbach and A. J. Deer, each of whom addressed the gathering."

"Mr. Cameron dwelt principally upon matters pertaining to chambers of commerce and the organization of new chambers in the southern tier. Inasmuch as Mr. Cameron himself is the executive officer of one of the most thriving organizations of the kind in this part of the state, his remarks were of particular interest to the organized Andover business men and his suggestions of how best to promote the success of chamber of commerce activities, were followed with keen interest."

"The remarks of Mr. Schwarzenbach were restricted mainly to matters concerning the Hornell Automobile Club and to the activities of auto clubs in general — their efforts in behalf of better motoring conditions and the furtherance of good roads construction. Mr. Schwarzenbach, who is known throughout the southern tier as a man who, probably, has done more than anybody else to secure for this neighborhood its full quota of road construction, was made to feel that his efforts were fully appreciated in Andover."

"Mr. Deer's remarks dealt with the growth of Boy Scout activities in this city and vicinity. He extended a hearty invitation to the Andover people."

MICKIE SAYS

ALL WE HAD TO DO TO PROVE HOW CLOSELY THIS NEWSPAPER IS BEING READ IS TO MAKE A FEW MISTAKES IN THEN WE FIND 'AT EVERYBODY IN TOWN HAS BEEN 'EM!



INSTALLATION SERVICE

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Steuben, Rev. Royal E. MacGowan was formerly installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. W. W. Stoddart of Prattburg, presided at the meeting and also gave the charge to the people. Rev. H. D. Bacon of Portville, a former pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church, gave the installation sermon. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. C. E. Gregory, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bath. Each of the speakers gave an inspiring address, and left a "worth-while" message with the large congregation that was present to welcome Mr. MacGowan to his field of labor.

TROPHIES OF WAR FOR LOCAL LEGION

Major E. E. Kemp Presented American Legion of Andover, Thru the News, Fine Specimens

The editor of the News was greatly surprised last week when the drayman came lugging in a huge box from Major Elmer E. Kemp, of Savannah, Ind. It proved to be a present from the American Legion of Andover.

In the box was found the following items:

- Silk powder bag, used in carrying the propelling charge for a 155 m. m. gun.
- Fuse for 155 m. m. shell.
- 37 m. m. shell.
- Hand grenade, offensive.
- Hand grenade, defensive.
- Part of machine gun belt, loaded.
- 3-inch Stokes French mortar shell.
- Bandolier and 60 rounds for a Springfield rifle.

Supplementary chamber for rifle for use in galley practice. The gift was immediately turned over to the officers of Thomas M. Lynch Post, American Legion, who were as much surprised as the News man. The fine specimens have attracted much attention the past week as they have been on display in the E. A. Richardson & Sons Store window on Main Street.

Major Kemp could have done nothing for the Legion boys that would have been more pleasing or more thoroughly enjoyed by them than this thoughtful gift presented in such a unique manner.

These trophies of the late World War will be lovingly prized and zealously guarded long after the young men who now compose the local American Legion Post, shall wear upon their brows the wrinkles of age and their heads crowned with the silver locks betokening that the weight of years is upon them.

NEW YORK PEOPLE WANT DIVORCES

Secretary of State Flooded With Requests for New Law. More Interested in Divorce Than Homes

Albany, May 11. — Spite fences and divorces — and there must be a whole lot of them scattered over New York State these days if one is to judge from the number of requests reaching Secretary of State Lyons for copies of these newest of laws. Not that they are running any neck to neck race, by any means, for as a law, the Swift divorce measure is in a class by itself if one judges popularity by demand.

Apparently there are more persons in New York State who are interested in getting a divorce than they are a home at a modern rental. In the number of requests the Swift divorce law holds first place with the housing bills running second, after which come the real estate brokers' bill, the pool and billiard room law, the spite fence law and the two laws pertaining to child welfare.

Some of those in writing in for a copy of the divorce law must take it for granted that Secretary Lyons is somewhat of a lawyer. Starting in by telling a story of abuse and desertion, the writers generally end up by asking legal advice of Mr. Lyons. Possibly a few of those who are seeking copies of the divorce law are just curious, but the tone of the great majority is that of a drowning man grasping for the straw that will save him.

ple to attend the Scout meeting and dinner at the Hotel Sherwood to-night.

"The Andover Chamber of Commerce has long been known as the most progressive organization in a village of that size in this end of the state."

A Home For Every American

BY EDGAR W. COOLEY

An Expert in the Agricultural Extension Service of International Harvester Co.; Writes Interestingly for the News.

PART III.

The only real home is that which is rooted in the soil. If we can help a man to own even a modest cottage and an acre of ground, we are doing a real service to the state.

If every family is to have a home, we must make it possible for the man with a small wage and a family of three or four children to buy a home and pay for it.

If we help such a man to get hold of some land where he can have a garden, some fruit and some chickens — where the children can help produce from one-third to one-half the family's food, and perhaps have some surplus to sell, we will be making him and his family an asset to the community and the state.

And this can be done. If we are willing to help these people as our citizenship demands that we should help them, we can make it possible for them to buy and pay for their homes as easily as they can pay rent.

Suppose a workman with a family of five has a salary of \$1,000 a year. He cannot rent rooms fit to live in for less than \$15 a month, or \$180 a year. Food for the family, all of which he must buy will cost him 40 per cent. of his wage, or \$400 a year. His rent and food cost him \$580.

Suppose we make it possible for him to buy a house and an acre, or even half an acre of ground for \$2,000 and allow him seven years in which to pay for it, at an interest rate of 5 per cent.

His annual payments on the principal will be \$226 and his maximum annual interest will be \$100. His garden, his chickens, his fruit, will reduce his expense for food one-half, or to \$200. This will make a total expense of \$586, practically the same as if he rented. And this is not counting the amounts saved in doctor bills, nor is it taking into consideration the reduction each year in the interest he pays.

He should be allowed 10 years, 20 years or even 30 years to pay for his home, both principal and interest to be met in equal monthly installments. Such a plan would make it much cheaper for him to buy than to rent.

This idea of a home for every family is the biggest idea any state or community can take up. It calls for service. We must do things that we are not paid for doing. Service is the price we pay for government and efficiency.

There are thousands of little towns in every state that should begin right now to think about this problem. If they follow a bad system of city building, it will be bad for all time.

Every organization, business and social, should get behind the movement. A plan should be worked out that would meet with the endorsement of every organization. Service, not selfishness, should be the motive.

How can every family have an acre of ground, you ask. There is no too far, you say.

Draw a circle seven miles in all directions from the center of your town. There will be 100,000 acres of land inside the circle. If your business district is two miles square it contains less than 3,000 acres. This leaves over 97,000 acres for homes — an acre apiece for 97,000 families. The average family consists of five people; this will provide homes for nearly a half million people. If each family has a half acre you can provide for a city of nearly a million inhabitants — all within seven miles of the business district.

The average tenement district has 200 families to an acre. Many have over 300. There have been cases of 100 families under one roof.

The economic thing is not to have a home with just a paved street in front and no ground — but a place big enough to produce something — to grow some of the necessities of life.

You can buy or build a house but that is not a home. It is only a house. If the workman wants a real home, one in which he can live cheaper than he can rent, he must go far enough out to have some land so he can grow a garden and reduce the cost of living.

In nearly every family there is a grandfather or grandmother, or children too young to work; perhaps there is some one in poor health. If there is a garden these will have something to do — something that will help support the family.

And then there is mother. Mother can work in the garden. It will keep

her away from the factory; keep her the home-maker. When mother works in a factory the home life disappears. A garden and some fruit will help feed the family. This will pay for father's transportation to and from work.

Such a home will be a real home. It will be a home the workman can buy and pay for. It will provide outdoor exercise and sunshine and pure air. It will keep the family in touch with growing things. It will improve their health; keep them vigorous and strong; make them god citizens.

No firm or corporation should be permitted to build a factory where it pressures the people should decide the location. It should not be in a congested district. It should be far enough out so the workmen and their families can have a home.

The workman cannot afford to buy a home where there is no ground. He must have a place where he can grow something, have some chickens, a garden, some fruit — a place where he can make a living.

In communities where factories are not so favorably located, the city must safeguard the home and provide transportation. In these days of automobiles and electric trains, of automobiles and motorcycles, the workman does not need to live close to the factory. Tenement houses adjoining mills are disgraceful, a shame. They should not be tolerated.

It is useless to preach home ownership so long as we make it hard, almost impossible, for men to buy homes.

We made it easy for those with even the smallest salary to buy Liberty Bonds. Millions now own a share in the Government, and for the first time in their lives they feel the pride of ownership.

It is natural for men to want to own something. The babe grabs at a sunbeam because of his desire to possess it.

The promise of free land turns homeless men into frenzied mobs. Unprincipled land owners understand this human desire for ownership, and capitalize it.

Every man craves a home of his own. If we make it easy for his craving to be realized, we will make this a nation of home-owners.

LINKS LIVING WITH THE DEAD

Henry Burket, of Chicago Claims to Have Invented Device in Radio That Does It

Chicago, May 8. — Radio communication with the land beyond the grave!

Henry E. Burket, Chicago electrical engineer, says he has accomplished it.

After a lifetime of work and the expenditure of thousands of dollars, Burket says he has perfected a high-power radio receiving apparatus by which he can talk with the dead.

And Colonel Emory S. West, member of the American Society for Psychic Research, has viewed the dead and the living," West says. "I am sure after a scientific test that his machine actually establishes spirit communication."

"I have seen Burket's apparatus in operation at a radio seance. It is a cumbersome, complex arrangement of bulbs, wires and batteries.

"We sat in a guarded chamber with all lights turned out save one intermittently flashing red bulb. "Five minutes of silence. Then from the 'trumpet' — a series of telescoping horns — issued a weird voice."

"I have come back to earth to tell you there is no death — that life goes on forever," it said.

Burket's "super radio" can amplify the slightest sound thousands of times. The passing of a street car, several blocks away, rumbled like thunder. A sneeze set up a reverberation that nearly burst the ear drums.

"I want one in every home so that those with loved ones who have passed over can talk with them and be solaced," he says. "My device will convert the whole world to spiritualism."

Is your town's cemetery one that looks as if it didn't believe in a resurrection?

DEACON A good healthy boy
MORRILL or girl can usually
MUSES: work thru college without help from home, but parents who don't put their children thru high school will probably have to prove to Saint Peter that they couldn't possibly afford to.

BOY SCOUTING IN STEUBEN CO.

Number of Andover Men Invited Guests at Boy Scout Banquet, at Hornell, Friday Night

By special invitation of A. J. Deer, who is the leader in the Boy Scout movement thru this district, a number of Andover men attended the Boy Scout banquet at Hotel Sherwood, Hornell, Friday evening, of last week.

The meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a County Boy Scout Association; nearly three hundred men were seated at the banquet table and were highly interested in the addresses given by Judge James C. Cropsey and Dr. George J. Fisher.

Judge Cropsey dwelt at length upon the present so-called crime wave calling the audience's attention to the fact that the greatest majority of crimes were committed by youths under twenty-five years of age and that sixty per cent. of these boys were American born. In ten years experience with the criminal courts of the city of Brooklyn handling over six thousand such cases only five boys who have appeared before him ever had any connection whatever with Scouting, he said.

Dr. Fisher's splendid address pleased the audience. It was everywhere apparent that Dr. Fisher knew boys and could paint pictures of boys' needs that filled men with a desire to be of more service to them.

Fine Work by Scouts

Seven troops of Scouts took part in the demonstrations. The judges were the speakers of the evening and they afterwards said that it was one of the hardest judging tasks they had ever attempted because of the uniform excellence of the work done by the Scouts. It was finally decided to divide first honors between Troop 3 of the Park M. E. Church, J. D. MacDonald, Scoutmaster, and Troop 6 of St. Ann's Church, Francis J. Kelly, Scoutmaster. Each of these troops will receive a handsome parade size American flag set, as a present from the Hornell Scout Council.

One of the most inspiring parts of the whole program was that of having all this great group of Scouts march in carrying banners which read: "We Are Boys Who Will Marry Your Daughters." The boys led the men in the salute to the flag and the Scout Oath.

Three Scouts received their highest honors, that of Eagle Scout. They were Claire Davis of Troop 9, of Corning, and Scouts Gordon McKenney and Edwin Zeigler, of Troop 2, Hornell.

Those from Andover attending the banquet were: Rev. E. E. MacGowan, Jesse Snyder, E. D. Baker, W. S. Calhoun, Raymond Snyder, A. A. Porter, A. D. Baker, W. F. O'Connell, Ed. Horan, A. D. Fuller and J. Harvey Backus.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted us in our recent sad bereavement, the many acts of kindness, words of sympathy, for the beautiful floral tributes.

MRS. CATHERINE HURST and FAMILY

TWO MINUTES OF OPTIMISM

"Let's Go!" Says Herman J. Stich, Speaking of the Red Course at Plattsburg Training Camp.

The bugles will soon be blowing and "America's Finest" as General Pershing knighted them, will soon be tramping the roads of the eight or nine civilian camps to be conducted this summer by Uncle Sam in convenient areas thruout the United States.

We were one of the eight hundred fortunate ones who last summer said "Let's Go!" and went thru the Red Course at Plattsburg.

We sweated on the march, swam in Lake Champlain, swore at the bugler at Reveille, thrilled to the sweet song of taps, growled at some of the meals, were too busy eating to talk at most of them, and learned to love the kick of a Springfield — (I wouldn't give a nickel for a Marksman's badge, and I wouldn't take a million for the one I won!).

We skirmished, scouted, sham-battled, boxed, golfed, danced, drilled, hiked, wrestled, ran and slept the sleep of a babe.

For the first time in our life, we kept our clothes orderly, made the bed, found a place for everything and put everything in its place.

Along with eight hundred odd others, we acquired an all-over coat of tan, replaced flabbiness with unyielding muscles, an imminent stoop with an erect carriage, a craving for palate ticklers with a desire for and appreciation of plain, wholesome food, a tendency to be sedentary with a healthy passion for the great outdoors.

Also, we added an inch or so to our chest expansion and achieved a deep debt where before had been a prize corporation.

And the training in discipline, cooperation, self-control and obedience that too did not come amiss.

Of course, things weren't always to the liking of some of our knocking and kicking, maybe a lot of both. But then, life wouldn't be natural if we couldn't occasionally get rid of some of our original cussedness, and after all, the proof of the pudding is in the eating — if we can possibly make it, and if Uncle Sam will have us, we are going back this August to take the "White Course" — and after that, if the good Lord permits, the "Blue Course."

It's a wonderful project Uncle Sam is engaged in, conducting these camps in spots conveniently situated for those of his nephews who qualify — and at no expense or obligation on the part of those who take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to become fit and to learn how to stay so.

If you can possibly make it this August, address a line right away to the commander of your Army Corps area asking for an application for the C. M. T. C. — and "Let's Go!"

If you're lucky enough to be chosen, you will never regret it; you will always be glad of it; and in a thousand ways and for a thousand reasons, you will be a thousand times better off for it.

NOTICE OF BOY SCOUT MEETING

The regular weekly meeting of the Boy Scout Troop will be held this Saturday morning, May 13th, at 9 o'clock. The boys will meet at the school grounds, prepared for a hike and lunch cooked out of doors. All the boys in the community over twelve years old are invited to come with us.

ROYAL E. MACGOWAN, Scoutmaster.

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