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**BIG DATES**

*for you* **TO KEEP**





## WINNER READY FOR N. Y.; PLAN NEW TRIP

The biggest news of 1941 is that the order reached a new highwater mark in Junior production, exceeding all the previous years. At the time of going to press the exact figure was not ascertainable but there is no doubt about the record. Wildwood Assembly, of course, was the leader.

In all, something well over 250 trips to New York were achieved by the producers of the fraternity. This, also, is a matter for correction of figures and when the final results are in there will probably be a few more to add.

These were the outstanding achievements of 1941 when the order, by 200 or more, beat the figures for 1940, and was not so far behind the results in 1939, which was a good year. We feel sure that Noel Grover and other past most excellent masters were disappointed that 1941 wasn't the best year of the century.

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Producers of the order have an opportunity for one of the grandest week-end outings ever held. It will be a duplication of an outing held during the year when Past Most Excellent Master Russell Styers headed the order, but there will be improvements. Some of that Southwestern gang threaten that there won't be any sleep at all.

However, the incoming Most Excellent Master Artisan, Brother George H. Urwiler, has announced that, for the same point system as was operating during the last half of 1941, the producers will be taken to Hershey Park on a lark that will cause a spark to run through the entire order. The July trip to Hershey will set a flame which should make the last half of this year something to talk about for years.

Hershey need not be explained to the members of the fraternity, nor need a description of the attractions be given. The park golfhouse, where the University of Pennsylvania football team holds its fall conditioning trip, is one of the best equipped headquarters for a group of men in the entire country. It has everything, including dormitories, dining room, game rooms, lockers, showers, golf shop and attractive porches and lobby and in addition overlooks the largest swimming pool in the east.

Some of us have definite recollections, among them the rain which lasted until Sunday afternoon, the nights' enjoyment in the movies and other places, the lack of a night's sleep and the Good Samaritanism of Herbie Thompson, of Washington, and his well-laden car at the 14th hole. Also Al Stellwag's white suit, when the sun consented to put in an appearance. Also the Editor's achievement in sinking a golf ball in

the mud in the side of the rise facing the first tee. Also the applause (raspberries) which greeted said effort. (It's the only thing we ever held against Lou Rehberger. He was tall enough to stand out, across the creek, as one of the razzers).

Gentlemen, believe those who know, the Hershey outing on July 18 and 19—that is the reason for the big dates on the front page—will be a trip always remembered. The point system requires a candidate for a \$2000 certificate, and therefore 80 points, to qualify. The qualifying may be done by means of two candidates for \$1000 each, or 40 points apiece, and other certificates on the proportionate scale, 20 points for \$500; 30 points for \$750 and 60 points for \$1500. In addition, each Senior is credited with 10 points for a Junior member.

There's only one answer. Get your candidates early so that they in turn may produce to go along.

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Production results for the year 1941, and also for the second six months, offer many interesting figures. It is found, on perusal of the records, that Dr. Harry D. Conley, of Northwestern Assembly, retained his lead of the first six months and qualified, for the year, as the leading producer. He had 1060 points, made up by 18 Seniors and 50 Juniors. Wroughton M. Vickers, of Haddon Heights Assembly, was in second place with 480 points, or 12 Seniors and 9 Juniors and William A. Schwartz, of Collingswood, proved an old reliable by capturing third place for New Jersey with 460 points, 12 Seniors and 10 Juniors, the difference between Brother Vickers and him being in the certificates taken by candidates.

Fourth on the list of individual producers was Penrose Anderson, of Fidelity Assembly, who scored 430 points with 11 Seniors. Fifth place went to George W. Royston, of Germantown Assembly, 390 points with 10 Seniors and 6 Juniors. Next in order came Jack Deutscher, St. Johns, 380 points, 9 Seniors; Charles A. Kern, Wildwood, 340 points, 11 Seniors and 6 Juniors and Edwin A. Schmidt, Progressive, 330 points, 8 seniors and 7 Juniors.

Leaders in the last half of the year were Brothers Anderson, Vickers and Schmidt, with Frank Dewald, of Progressive, in fourth place with 10 Seniors and 5 Juniors. Next came Brother Deutscher and he was followed by Recorder C. Howard Topham, of Wildwood, with 5 Seniors and 6 Juniors. Brother Royston came next and following him was John F. Curl, of Gartram, with 23 Juniors. Stansbury M. Boston, Underdown, and Dr. Conley each scored more than 200 points.

St. Johns headed the order for the year, with 99 Senior members and 38

## ORDER SUFFERS FIRST LOSS IN WORLD WAR

Artisanship suffered its first loss in World War II in the death of Robert William Ernest, Seaman Second Class, somewhere in the Pacific during the treacherous attack by Japanese forces on American possessions on December 8. Brother Ernest was a member of Northwestern Assembly and his nearest of kin was his mother, Mrs. Clara Ernest, of 113 East Loudon Street.



R. W. Ernest

A telegram signed by Rear Admiral C. W. Nimitz, then chief of the Bureau of Navigation, said that Brother Ernest "was lost in action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country." The Admiral has since been placed in command in the Pacific.

Brother Ernest, who joined the assembly in 1938, was 23 years old. He enlisted in the navy in August, 1940 and was a student at Olney High School 1931-34. His father, William Charles Ernest, enlisted in the American Expeditionary Force in the first World War in October, 1917. He sailed for France the following March and returned April, 1919. He was a member of Hunting Park Post, No. 265, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was the first member of that post to pass away. He died February 17, 1937.

The Board of Directors of the fraternity have directed that formal sympathy be extended to Mrs. Ernest.

Juniors but Wildwood, second, was the most effective producer, with 82 Seniors and 99 Juniors. Third on the list came Passyunk, 72 Seniors and 66 Juniors. Germantown was fourth, 70 Seniors and 35 Juniors with Bartram fifth, 61 Seniors and 42 Juniors, Progressive sixth, 52 Seniors and 87 Juniors and Underdown seventh, 50 Seniors and 31 Juniors.

The leading assemblies for the last six months, in order, were Germantown, Progressive, Wildwood, St. Johns and Passyunk. Assemblies achieving membership quotas for the last six months included Northwestern and Wildwood, both Senior and Junior quotas; Germantown, Haddon Heights, Passyunk, Oaklyn, Oak Lane and Fox Chase, Senior quota; Progressive, Harrisburg, Watsontown, Bartram, Roxborough and Goodfellowship, Junior quota.

The winners of trips to New York, in the last ARTISAN, had reached 42 in the number of trips.

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Hats off to Most Excellent Master Artisan Louis A. Rehberger who lead us through a successful 1941.

Hats off to our producers who so gallantly supported our M.E.M.A.

Congratulations and best wishes to

our two baby Assemblies, Norristown No. 86 and Allentown No. 87.

We were glad to welcome at the REHBERGER ROUND UP Master Artisan John Russell, P. M. Charlie Norton and Hugh Willard, Inspector, of Washington Assembly.

Hats off to Cy Evans who has once again assumed the chairmanship of the Membership Committee for Northwestern Assembly. Watch No. 54.

Hats off to the N.J.A.B.A. for staging the REHBERGER ROUND UP. It was truly a "NIGHT OF NIGHTS" in Artisanship.

The N.J.A.B.A.'s Degree Team did a fine job on the occasion of the REHBERGER ROUND UP.

Brother Bud Jones of 69th Street Centre Assembly deserves congratulations for the very fine way he handled the entertainment feature for his Assembly last year.

Felicitations to P. M. Oscar A. Brackendorff of Adelphi Assembly who, in addition to being the Assembly's Senior Membership Chairman, is also President of the Greathead Artisan Association. Under Oscar's leadership, the G. A. A. has become a very important factor in the success of our Order.

We wish Brother Earl Godfrey, Jr., all the luck in the world in his new job in New York.

Congratulations are in order for P.M. George Gardner of Germantown Assembly who, we understand, has been promoted to assistant Chief Probation Officer of the Philadelphia Courts.

We are sorry to learn that Brother Karl Speich of Haddon Assembly could not assume his office as Master Artisan this year owing to the fact that his new job makes it necessary for him to move to New York State. Good luck, Karl, in your new undertaking.

Make a firm resolution and keep it that you will attend every meeting of your Assembly during 1942 and will secure at least one new member.

Please note changes in Assembly Directory:

Progressive Assembly will meet hereafter in the auditorium, Grand Fraternity Building, 1626 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Norristown Assembly will meet on the second Thursday of the month in Odd Fellows Hall, 228 West Main Street, Norristown, Pa.

Allentown Assembly will meet the third Wednesday of the month in The Owls Home, 130 North 9th Street, Allentown, Pa.

Friendship Assembly will meet hereafter in Redmen's Hall, 1523 Girard Avenue, Philadelphia.

Underdown Assembly will meet hereafter in the Whittier Hotel, 140 North 15th Street, Philadelphia.

P. M. Al Stellwag of St. Johns Assembly is vitally interested in two blind girls who are studying music in the Overbrook School for the Blind. He tells us that these girls are wonderful musicians and worth \$10.00 of anybody's money for a ladies' night or any other affair where talents which they possess would be appreciated. Al's telephone numbers are: HOME—DAVentonport 7460; BUSINESS—RITTENHOUSE 9455.

Dates to be remembered:

January 17-18—Most Excellent Master Artisan's New York city trip. Hope to see you all in our New York headquarters, Hotel Pennsylvania.

July 18-19—Most Excellent Master Artisan's Hershey Park Trip. Get your 80 points as soon as possible. Read THE ARTISAN and your Assembly notices for further details.

### GRANDFATHERS ON BOARD

In the November issue it was a privilege to announce the arrival of Frank George Treston, 3d, the first grandchild of Frank G. Treston, of Girard Assembly and the Board of Directors. Now there is an announcement not only of another grandchild to Brother Treston, but also, just to keep the record clear, the arrival of two grandchildren to Past Most Excellent Master John H. Flohr, of Union Assembly, also a member of the Board of Directors. It happens that the Flohr youngsters are twin girls and as such the Flohr family is declared to be unfair to Artisan Juniors.

Eugene William Treston, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Treston, was born November 18. The best part of the whole thing is that Brother Frank's Detroit family has moved back to this vicinity because young Bill was considered a vital necessity in his job here. Brother Flohr's grandchildren were born to his son Edgar, and his wife, also on November 18.



ASK A BOY A DAY

The big Junior news is the formation of a Junior Assembly in Harrisburg. The Most Excellent Master Artisan and the Membership Director attended. It was a worth while event. The members of Harrisburg Senior Assembly are a fine bunch of fellows and their Juniors will find plenty of support and interest.

Elsewhere it is stated that we have just completed the biggest Junior year in our history. One of the largest of the Christmas parties was given by Progressive Assembly on December 30, the night after the main party and in the same hall.

Bill Voorhees says, among other things

"Ask a Boy a Day" and continues:

Many of our Assemblies held very successful Junior Artisan Christmas parties. To all those responsible for the success of these affairs, may we say "Thanks" for taking an interest in the Senior Artisan of tomorrow.

Hats off to M. A. Russell Smith of Wildwood Assembly and his Junior Committee headed by Chairman Bill Kendrick. Wildwood had about 100 new Juniors during 1941.

Our Junior Artisan Christmas party held in Moose Hall on December 29, 1941, was the best ever. We are very happy to report that our Juniors expressed themselves as more than pleased with the features of the evening. A splendid show and a box of candy to every one present.

Our thanks to Bill Irwin, Recorder of

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IT IS in a spirit of thankfulness that this greeting to the new year is entered—thankfulness for the splendid record achieved by the fraternity during 1941, and gratitude, also, for the fact that all have met their RESPONSIBILITY and that we face the future with confidence. The first war clouds were observed, and provisions made. As the year closed more and greater threats were on the horizon. The fact remained, however, that Artisaniship is strong, willing and able. It will always be a fraternity.

Sixty-ninth Street Center—The initiation of three new members and a good show were features of the annual "Going Out Night" for the master artisan. Most Excellent Master Rehberger and Past Most Excellent Master Harry Kendig were among the visitors. Thirteen assemblies sent fifty-two visitors.

Oriental Assembly and the members of the Artisans Extension Committee for their very valuable service in keeping everything in order, including the boys, both young and old.

Mark this date down now. Our 1942 Junior Artisan Christmas party will be held in Moose Hall, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, December 29.

We have over 4000 boys in our Junior Department. We wish each and every one of them a Very Happy New Year.

## A LAST ACT

One of the last actions of Past Most Excellent Master Weston C. Boyd, who was called to his eternal reward on November 6, was to draw a check for his subscription to the Artisans Charity Ball, as a Past Most Excellent Master Artisan. Death invalidated the check but Brother Boyd's sister sent her own check to take its place.

## IMPORTANT DINNERS

While the Artisan is going through the throes of reaching the members of the fraternity, two important dinners are being held, the eighth anniversary banquet of the Artisan Aides on January 3, at McCallister's, and the annual producers' dinner of the New Jersey Artisans' Booster Association at Jack Downie's Old Mill Inn, near Palmyra, on January 5.

## GREATHEAD PRODUCERS

All Artisans, particularly members of the Greathead Artisan Association, are invited to attend the annual producers' dinner of the association at Carroll's, 1309 Walnut Street, on January 13. This will be one of the big events of the year for the association. Officers were to be elected at a meeting scheduled for January 6.

## TYPE YOUR BLOOD!

The Artisans need blood donors. Young, vigorous men are urged to have themselves typed and to list their names, with the type of blood, at the main office so that in the event of emergency they will be available. This is a humanitarian and fraternal service which many can perform with little inconvenience. When blood is needed the call is imperative.

## CHARITY BALL BEST

The annual charity ball of the Artisans Dining Club was the best ever held in the history of the organization. Hundreds of Artisans and their friends took part and all of the features were enjoyed as never before. Inasmuch as the ball is always held on the night before Thanksgiving, mark down November 25, now, for your attendance this year.

## ARTISAN DEFENDERS

Members of the fraternity participated in the defense day parade which was held on December 6. Quite a delegation was included, among them the Most Excellent Master Artisan and the Most Excellent Superintendent. Past Most Excellent Master Charles H. Crakelov was the general chairman for the week and Past Most Excellent Master Bertram Smith headed the parade committee.

## AUTO EMBLEMS GOOD

Those Artisan emblems work in lots of ways. Recently M. O'Brien, North Fourth Street, Camden, found a license

tag with Artisan emblem attached. He communicated with Most Excellent Recorder Kottler who learned that the license had been issued to Charles C. Robbins, Gibson Avenue, Rockledge.

## NO. 4 WILL DINE

Progressive Assembly is going to hold its annual banquet at McCallister's on January 22. Producers of one senior member or four juniors have been invited. All others, and their ladies, may attend by subscribing, at \$2.

Atlantic City—One candidate was initiated at the December meeting which was marked by the presence of Russell Smith, retiring master of Wildwood and the most successful Master Artisan in the history of the assembly. The new staff of officers of Wildwood, and Past Master Tommy Thompson, accompanied Brother Smith. They told of their efforts to obtain Juniors, efforts which added 99 to the roll during the year.

Watsonstown—This was another assembly which closed the year with a noted success. Five new members were initiated.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

The Fraternity suffered the loss of an excellent fraternalist, a gentleman and a wonderful worker in his day in the passing of Past Most Excellent Master Artisan Weston C. Boyd, of Progressive Assembly. Brother Boyd died November 6 in the Methodist Hospital. He was master artisan of Progressive in 1897 and was Most Excellent Master in 1901. He had been an Artisan for 48 years, having been initiated October 3, 1893.

Brother Joseph J. Cox, Jr., a brother of former Most Excellent Recorder Allen P. Cox, died on Christmas Day. He belonged to Keystone Assembly and had been a member of the order for 36 years.

Keystone Assembly also lost a member of 58 years' standing in the passing of Brother Charles F. Shertz, who was initiated August 27, 1883. Brother Shertz, who lived at 7201 Lincoln Drive, died December 10. Thomas Proctor, of Barrington, New Jersey, passed away November 20 after a membership in Southwestern Assembly of more than 50 years.

Included in the list of departed are the names of Samuel M. Turner, Progressive and William J. Matthews, of Holidaysburg Assembly, who had been members 45 years; William P. Roberts, St. Johns Assembly, 43 years; Henry S. Roberts, Spartan; Fred Schmalzriedt, St. Johns, and Harry A. McKelvey, Harrisburg, 42 years; William J. Paul, Jr., Fidelity, and Harry J. Koser, Harrisburg, 41 years, and William E. Hetzel, St. Johns, and Thomas J. Griffiths, Progressive, 40 years.

## DEATHS TO DECEMBER 24, 1941

Schmalzriedt, Frederick, St. John's Assembly.....	October 23
Lyons, Thomas, Pennsylvania.....	October 26
Sanders, Frank P., Dorian.....	October 30
McKelvey, Henry A., Harrisburg.....	October 31
Williams, Harold A., Lancaster.....	November 2
Unangst, Clarence U., Ideal.....	November 2
Roberts, Henry S., St. Johns Assembly.....	November 5
Boyd, Weston C., Progressive.....	November 6
Freed, Jacob, Friendship.....	November 7
Paul, William J. Jr., Fidelity.....	November 11
Turner, Samuel M., Progressive.....	November 11
Gower, George F., Paid Up.....	November 10
Matthews, William J., Holidaysburg.....	November 8
Syles, Harry H., Roxborough.....	November 12
O'Neill, John A., St. John's.....	November 1
Dierolf, Edwin, Conestoga.....	November 11
Welsh, Edwin F., Wildwood.....	November 14
Krula, Charles E., Dorian.....	November 14
McCreehy, Spencer D., Girard.....	November 15
Lindner, Raymond J., Greater New York.....	November 15
Yees, William C., St. John's.....	November 17
Breslin, William H., Progressive.....	November 17
Haines, Richard R., Atlantic City.....	November 17
Artman, William S., Bartram.....	November 17
Bell, William, Adelphi.....	November 19
Eppright, Harry M., Union.....	November 20
Callowhill, Ralph T., Harmony.....	November 17
Cleary, Francis P., Northwestern.....	November 21
Proctor, Thomas, Southwestern.....	November 20
Lewis, Lorenzo D. W., Northwestern.....	November 21
Livezey, Randolph M. J., Radiant Star.....	November 23
Ilday, Howard B., Adelphi.....	November 23
Hetzell, William E., St. John's.....	November 27
Myers, Clarence, St. John's.....	November 27
Hume, Charles A., Legion.....	November 27
Moody, Robert V., Keystone.....	December 1
Neilson, Russell W., Germantown.....	December 2
Griffiths, Thomas J., Progressive.....	November 30
Davis, Matthew J., I. C. Underdown.....	November 30
Nesbitt, Samuel H., Southwestern.....	December 2
Duff, Albert E. Jr., Larchwood.....	December 3
Fisher, Frank D., Harrisburg.....	November 29
Koser, Harry J., Harrisburg.....	December 4
Chapin, William C., Atlantic City.....	December 4
Creran, Charles F., Larchwood.....	December 5
Keys, William H., Frankford.....	December 6
Boyer, Morrie S., Northwestern.....	December 10
Shertz, Charles F., Collinswood.....	December 11
Power, Walter J., St. John's.....	December 14
Bryce, Wallace W., St. John's.....	December 15
Elzey, Robert B., Adelphi.....	December 13
Conlin, Matthew J., Progressive.....	December 17
Hamilton, Robert E., Southwestern.....	December 15
Harm, Harry G., I. C. Underdown.....	December 17
Gibbons, Edward J., Girard.....	December 20
Buckman, Alblon L., Haddon.....	December 18
Ernest, Robert, Northwestern.....	December 8
Jauss, Warren F., Union.....	December 22
Cox, Joseph V. Jr., Keystone.....	December 25
Brodbeck, Paul J., Linwood.....	December 23
Plant, William J., Atlantic City.....	December 24
Othoson, Howard, Passyunk.....	December 23
Williams, Alexander J., Progressive.....	December 24

## Get Ready For the Lark to Hershey Park

### TWO NEW ASSEMBLIES WELCOMED BY ORDER

Columns could be written on the institution of two new assemblies in the fraternity luring



Arthur MacDonal

December—Norristown No. 86, on Thursday, December 11, in Odd Fellows Hall, West Main Street, Norristown, and Allentown Assembly No. 87, in the Owls' Home in North Ninth Street, Allentown, on Wednesday night, December 17.

Much could be said of the gifts which were presented by other assemblies, including the right which Keystone assumes of presenting the Bibles for new assemblies, the gifts of officers' regalia and other paraphernalia by the Most Excellent Assembly, the altar cloths by the Artisans Extension Committee, the gavels and gavel block by the Artisans Dining Club and the gifts of aprons and other things by the assemblies interested.

Both events were outstanding as demonstrations of fraternity. The Norristown institution was, of course, better attended because the distance from Philadelphia was not so great, but there was a real thrill in the ceremonies, especially the one which came with the splendid initiatory work of the Philmont Artisans degree team, which performed on each occasion.

The most impressive thing, however, was the serious way in which the ceremonies were staged and in the very evident interest taken in the matter by the charter members.

If asked for the most outstanding single thing, it might be said that this was probably the attendance, at Allentown, of the Senior Past Most Excellent Master Artisan, the beloved veteran Joseph T. Taylor, of Fidelity Assembly. His arrival was a surprise but it certainly meant something to have an Artisan of such standing and of such duration of membership interested in the launching of a new enterprise.

The institution ceremonies were performed under the leadership of the Most Excellent Master Artisan Brother Louis A. Rehberger. At the Norristown affair Past Most Excellent Master Artisan Noel G. Grover was impressed into service as Most Excellent Superintendent. The Most Excellent Superintendent was present at Allentown. The Most Excellent Inspector, the Most Excellent Recorder and the Membership Director were among the helpers of the Most Excellent Master Artisan at both institutions. Past Most Excellent Master Harry Kendig acted as Chaplain on both occasions.

The Jersey Boosters, because Past Master Bill Morgan, of Camden, was to be the new Deputy of Norristown, were out in force for his installation. Many assemblies sent delegations, particularly those who were represented among the officers of the new assembly.

Progressive Assembly's Arthur MacDonal became the new Master Artisan.



ALLENTOWN'S OFFICERS

In the picture on the front row are Recorder Youngkins, Inspector Beers, Master Artisan Sillman and Superintendent Howett. In the back row are Chaplain Pond, Conductor Gale, Cashier Moser, Junior Master Laws and Senior Master Shivers.

He had just been made chairman of the Public Welfare Division of the Civilian Defense Commission of Norristown. Dorian Assembly's Harry C. Ebelhare became Recorder. D. Earl Blackman, of the Boosters, paid a tribute to Brother Morgan, and Ty Yonker, of Camden, presented the Deputy's regalia. Recorder Edward G. MacCracken, of Progressive, presented aprons.

Harry Irons, of Gateway Assembly, announced that he had signed up two candidates for the new assembly, one of them the grandson of one of the charter members.

Other elected officers included Herbert Stanley, Superintendent; James M. Love, Inspector and Owen F. Ulmer, Cashier.

The officers of Allentown Assembly include: M. Walter Sillman, Master Artisan; Amos R. Howett, Superintendent; Walter M. Beers, Inspector; Edward W. Pond, Chaplain; Edward J. Youngkins, Recorder; William M. Moser, Cashier; John B. Gale, Conductor; Preston F. Shivers, Senior Master of Ceremonies, and William C. Laws, one of the new members, Junior Master of Ceremonies.

Dr. Fred R. Bausch, 142 North Ninth Street, is to be the Medical Examiner. Reading, Sixty-ninth Street Center and Jenkintown Assemblies were among those represented.

### ASSEMBLY NOTES

Washington—One of the events of the year deserves special mention, even though it has ceased to be news. The assembly celebrated its 35th anniversary at its October meeting with the initiation of one candidate and the presence of Brothers W. A. Swenk and C. H. Brown, charter members. A visitor was Harry Cooper, of Adelphi. Altogether there are five living charter members of the assembly.

Brother Swenk is a regular but Brother Brown has been more or less an absent brother, therefore the delight of the members at seeing him. Brother Swenk has been an Artisan for 45 years and although 72 is credited with not looking a day over fifty. One of the features of the meeting was the reading of a synopsis of the history of the formation of the assembly, written by Brother William Patton, then Most Excellent Recorder. The first meeting, preliminary to the formation of the assembly, was held October 8, 1906 and the institution took place October 22. Brother Patton believed that the organization was accomplished in less time than for any other assembly in the fraternity.

Los Angeles—Very few assembly meetings are postponed at any time and therefore the postponement of the meeting of Los Angeles Assembly on December 18 takes on added significance. The assembly did not meet because of blackouts due to the country being at war and danger threatening the Pacific Coast. If everything is favorable, a meeting will be held in January.

Continental—Members of the assembly, and the entire order, sympathize deeply with Recorder Percy G. Gnau, who has been through another operation and has lost his other leg. Brother Gnau has been a patient sufferer and cheerful with all his troubles. The assembly, and brothers in Philadelphia, have been sending him flowers.

Germantown—The assembly initiated 27 new members in November and five in October, with one obligated. Three candidates for Fox Chase were initiated in November, also. John J. McDevitt, 3d, a member of City Council, was a speaker in November. Members of the assembly, and of the fraternity, have been glad for the improvement in Bill Wagner, who underwent an operation.

Goodfellowship—The assembly paid tribute to Cashier Walter Hess at its November meeting. Most Excellent Master Rehberger and Membership Director Voorhees were among the visitors, both bearing gifts on behalf of the subordinate bodies of the order. Wilbert H. Mick, a past president of the New Jersey Boosters, and Master Artisan and Recorder Heckroth were others who made presentations and there were a number of delegations of New Jersey assemblies. Seven past masters of the assembly were honored by Past President Bill Martin, of the Boosters. Brother Hess has been cashier for sixteen years.

# Keep Artisanship Rolling On With New Members

**Pennsylvania**—The November report of the entertainment committee was to the effect that a "Junior Artisan came to town today—seven pounds, 10 ounces." The telegram was signed Frank J. Mahoney, chairman. Frank is a past master.

**Enterprise**—Good attendance marked the December meeting as a forerunner of what the new master artisan hopes for in 1942. The members enjoyed the festivities a whole lot.

**Conestoga**—The assembly's annual Christmas party, held December 20, drew an attendance estimated at 400. Santa Claus performed and there was group singing.

**Southwestern**—The assembly has started to work on its 1942 banquet, which will be held October 10. Candy and cigarettes were sent to the members of the assembly who are in the service.

**Union**—Quite a meeting was held in December with seven candidates initiated. Installation and election were conducted expeditiously and a number of visitors received. One of those in attendance was Brother James G. Harvey, who was initiated in 1906.

**Bartram**—After conducting the usual December business, the assembly recessed until December 31 for the purpose of receiving any additional candidates. Six seniors were received and five juniors added. The Christmas tree was loaded with boxes of chocolates for the members.

**Merchantville**—The assembly has changed its meeting night and beginning in January will hold its sessions on the fourth Tuesday.

**Goodfellowship**—Two candidates were initiated at the December meeting with Oaklyn sending a delegation which included Bill Martin. A past master's ring was presented to Brother Heckroth, Recorder and retiring Master Artisan.

**Eureka**—Four members who qualified for the New York Round of Pleasure were congratulated on their success at the December meeting. Christmas gifts were presented to the members and all Juniors and service men were to be remembered by Santa Claus.

**Glenside**—Three candidates were initiated at the December meeting. Most Excellent Recorder Kottler was a visitor. A dinner will be held January 20.

**Oak Lane**—One new member, the presence of Membership Director Bill Voorhees in his own assembly, and Christmas gifts and candy for everyone, were among the December features.

**William Patton**—The assembly held a successful ladies' night at its December meeting, a bingo game being a feature. Joseph Brandschain, a Philadelphia lawyer, has been chosen as Master Artisan. Brother Brandschain is active in many civic movements, including the United Campaign, and the assembly should be in for a big year under his leadership. A dinner for members will precede the January meeting.

**Friendship**—The meeting place has been changed to Redmen's Hall, 1523 West Girard avenue. The December meeting, held in the new location, saw the initiation of a candidate

## COMING EVENTS

Jan. 22—Annual Banquet. Progressive Assembly. McCallister's; tickets \$2.

Jan. 26—Producers' dinner, Ward Assembly, Palumbo's.

Feb. 4—Annual Producers' Dinner. Phil-Mont Artisans. Cadillac Cafe, Broad Street and Hunting Park Ave.; tickets \$1.50.

Feb. 10—Annual Dinner. Germantown Assembly, Casa Conti, Glenside.

Feb. 12—Sixteenth Anniversary Banquet. St. John's Assembly, McCallister's.

Feb. 14—Annual Banquet, Union Assembly, Palumbo's.

Feb. 28—Annual Banquet, Gateway Assembly, Kenny's, 531 Market St., Camden. Tickets, \$1.75.

Mar. 2—Annual Dinner, Artisans Dining Club, Penn Athletic Club.

May 13—Annual Bowling Banquet, Kugler's, 15th Street above Chestnut.

who has been obligated in November. The assembly expects to have a big year with its own member, Brother George H. Urwiler, as most excellent master artisan.

**Atlantic City**—The seashore assembly is planning to hold a dinner on February 4 in Knights of Columbus Hotel to honor Brother Albert J. Crawford, the 1941 Master Artisan.

**Northwestern**—Dr. and Mrs. Harry D. Conley, both active in Artisan affairs as producer, Aide, Past Master, etc., will celebrate their 18th anniversary on Benjamin Franklin's birthday, January 17.

**Cumberland**—The first banquet of the assembly will be held February 17. The members are taking a lot of interest in the affair and it should be a good party.

**Spartan**—An event of unusual interest marked the December meeting when, for the first time in its history, a Past Master of the assembly had the pleasure of installing his son as Master Artisan. The new Master Artisan is Arnold Bowen, Jr. The installing officer, of course, was Arnold Bowen, well-known veteran member and one of the leaders of the fraternity. Past Master Bowen is one of the bulwarks of the assembly, is enthusiastic about everything it does and is always to be found on the firing line. The Most Excellent Recorder was a visitor and spoke on Artisanship. The assembly is planning for a banquet in April and will hold a card party at Frank & Seder's on February 11.

**Columbia**—The annual banquet of the assembly, held on December 12 in St. Johns Lutheran Church, was a most attractive affair with excellent entertainment and an excellent dinner. The Most Excellent Inspector had been invited to make a talk and another guest was Brother Mitchell B. Fury, of Dorian Assembly. The attendance was another excellent thing about the dinner. It certainly was a real party and when it is considered that Columbia ranks near the list as one of the oldest assemblies in the order, the activities in which it engages take on added significance. R. William Hollis, Jr., acted as master of ceremonies and the invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Rev. Charles A. Mathias, pastor of St. Johns Church. One matter for regret was the fact that Recorder Charlie Kraft had found it necessary to relinquish the office which he had held since April 1, 1929. He said farewell officially. The dinner was served by the Women's Missionary and Church Extension Society on St.

Johns and the entertainment was furnished by a very attractive group of young people.

**Apollo**—It certainly was "some party"—that annual dinner of Apollo, always held in the assembly room before the December meeting. If you don't believe it, look over the names of the guests. The list is made up of good fellows who have been there before, and they keep coming back because of the fun. Among them were the Most Excellent Officers of 1941 and Past Most Excellent Masters John H. Flohr, Samuel J. C. Greene, Noel G. Grover, Harry Irwin, Raymond K. Gillen, Elmer P. Cook, Russell Styers and Membership Director Bill Voorhees. Then there were Most Excellent Recorder Kottler, J. Bickley Jackson, of the Board of Directors, and Deputy Benny Landgrebe, the new Master Artisan of Union Assembly. Waverly sent a delegation which included Bob Schaefer, the recorder, Master Artisan Raymond A. Spurdens, and Morgan R. Engelman, chairman of the entertainment committee.

**Pennsylvania**—"Happy Days are Here Again" is the song in Pennsylvania Assembly. Past Most Excellent Master Sam Greene, under whose leadership the assembly made a lot of excellent progress several years ago, has been elected Master Artisan for 1942. Sam promises to get the ball rolling again in No. 8 and the entire order will be glad to see it. His installation was an event of the December meeting. The tumbling and rumbling noise you hear every morning in the neighborhood of Nineteenth and Spring Garden streets is Sam taking exercises to get down to the point where the Marine Corps will again take him as an officer. Meanwhile he continues as one of the editor's best basketball customers and advertisers.

**Larchwood**—One new member was initiated at the December meeting. The members have been interested in membership recently and are beginning to show results.

**Jenkintown**—The assembly added one new member at the December meeting.

**Isaac C. Underdown**—A new member was initiated in December. The Most Excellent Master Artisan was a visitor and speaker and talks were made by two other former heads of the order, Past Most Excellent Master Styers and Deputy Elmer P. Cook.

**Isaac C. Underdown**—The largest assembly party of the year was the anniversary banquet of Underdown on November 15. It was a splendid affair, well-arranged and well-conducted and the officers and members were the recipients of sincere congratulations. Past Master Joseph C. Bonsall, Jr., better known as "Colt," acted as toastmaster in a very acceptable manner. It was another of those things that made the dinner successful. Past Master Norman Smith, member of the Board of Directors of the fraternity, was chairman of the banquet committee. The most excellent officers were among the guests and there were the usual acts of entertainment and dancing. Several New Jersey assemblies sent large delegations and of course a number of prominent members attended.

**Dorian**—The assembly's 41st anniversary was celebrated with a dinner dance at McCallister's on December 6, with Past Master Joseph F. Griess doing his customary unusually good job as chairman. Past Most Excellent Master Charlie Grakelov, always in demand as Dorian's toastmaster, was conducting a defense meeting in Convention Hall and couldn't serve his assembly. The most excellent officers and a large group of visitors helped to make the affair one of the best of the year.

**Union**—The annual producers' dinner, which is really the annual banquet of the assembly and which has always been an attractive dinner dance, has been changed to Palumbo's and the date also has been set back a week. Now it will be a Valentine dance, February 14.

**Legion**—Recorder Edward G. MacCracken, of Progressive, acted as deputy and installed the officers at the December meeting.

**Reading**—Members of the assembly have been showing a lot of activity recently and not the least of their ventures were visits to Norristown and Allentown for the institution of the new assemblies. Most Excellent Master

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## Spread Fraternity. The World Needs It

Louis A. Rehberger attended the December meeting on December 10, two nights after a Reading group had visited Roxborough.

**Chester**—Membership Director Bill Voorhees was a visitor at the December meeting. Past Master Jacob Kunkel attended his first meeting in some months.

**Roxborough**—A number of visitors attended the December meeting, including the above-referred-to group of seven from Reading.

**Brandywine**—Because he had accepted a position in Reading, Recorder A. T. Lowrie resigned and was succeeded, temporarily, by John H. Willoughby. At the election at the December meeting Brother Willoughby was duly elected and installed. Most Excellent Superintendent Urwiler was a visitor at the last meeting of the year, as was Most Excellent Recorder Kottler.

**Woodbury**—One candidate was initiated at the December meeting.

**Wildwood**—The assembly ended the regular meetings for the year by initiating another candidate, presenting a beautiful desk to "Dynamite" Russell Smith, its retiring master artisan, and receiving a delegation from Atlantic City. It also paid tribute to Chairman Harry Gebhardt, of the entertainment committee.

**Continental**—The assembly received a new member, Donald E. Williams, at the December meeting with Deputy George Adams and Past Most Excellent Master John M. Ammon assisting in the ceremony.

**Keystone**—The assembly initiated two candidates at the December meeting and initiated a defense bond movement set forth elsewhere.

**Progressive**—A most excellent meeting ended the occupancy of the third floor in Benedict Hall on December 2. The assembly will move to Grand Fraternity Hall and beginning with this month will meet there in the future. Twelve candidates were initiated with Past Most Excellent Master William J. O'Donnell presenting the buttons. Past Master Dewald was the producer of eight of the candidates and made a talk on member getting. Deputy John H. Flohr was also a speaker.

**Media**—Members of the assembly, their wives and sweethearts went to dinner on December 1 at Palumbo's in one of the gayest, most delightful parties in the history of the assembly. Those who attend a certain number of meetings during the year are eligible. There are no speeches—nothing but enjoyment. It was the third annual affair of the kind.

**Lancaster**—The assembly planned a producers' dinner for January 7 at the Spanish Tavern at Quarryville. The Committee of 100 was to meet the same night, so there were a number of Philadelphia absentees.

**Isaac C. Underdown**—The assembly has changed its meeting place and hereafter will gather in the Whittier Hotel at 140 North Fifteenth street. The January meeting, because New Year's Day comes on Thursday, was set for January 8, but the first Thursday will be continued as the regular day. Passyunk Assembly planned its January meeting for the first Wednesday, January 7.

**Gateway**—February 28 has been set as the date, and Kenny's, at 531 Market street, Camden, as the place, for the assembly's eighth annual banquet.

**Southwestern**—The assembly, and members of the fraternity, join in extending sincere sympathy to Past Master Jim Keeley in the death of his wife.

**Adelphi**—Fifteen past masters, Past Most Excellent Master Bertram Smith and Most Excellent Recorder Kottler made short talks at the December meeting. Eight candidates were initiated.

**Trenton**—Underdown members and the Most Excellent Recorder were visitors at the December meeting. The officers were installed by the Most Excellent Recorder.

**Fidelity**—Most Excellent Master Rehberger and Most Excellent Recorder Kottler were

visitors in December. Two candidates were initiated.

**Palmyra**—The assembly is participating in defense and public spirited activities. At its December meeting a collection amounting to \$41.68 was received to be given to the First Aid Unit of the local defense council. The assembly will sponsor a movie benefit for the Red Cross. Three candidates were initiated at the December meeting with Past Master Ty Yonker, of Camden, as a visitor. Brother Yonker, who acts as Master Artisan on the New Jersey Booster's degree team, participated in the initiatory ceremony.

**Lansdowne**—The assembly's annual Christmas Party was a swell affair, with more than 100 members, wives and sweethearts in attendance and Most Excellent Superintendent Urwiler acting as master of ceremonies. He also led the singing of Christmas carols. One of the features of these gatherings is always a burlesque on a radio "quiz" program. This year's performance was very funny and unusually successful. Master Artisan George Padula welcomed the visitors. Santa Claus had gifts and chocolates for all the women, and the men received small toys.

**Columbia**—Recorder Sol Logan, of Conestoga, and Deputy V. Johnson Howett were speakers at the December meeting.

**Oriental**—Most Excellent Recorder Kottler and several members of Underdown Assembly were visitors at the December meeting.

**Haddon**—A most outstanding meeting marked the assembly's close for the year. The annual Christmas party was held with gifts brought by members. Brother Charles Flitcraft was home on leave from Fort Bragg. Past Master Daniel B. Harris, who some years ago was a very active and successful figure in the assembly, was elected Master Artisan for 1942.

**Lehigh**—It was quite a fraternal session in December. One of the features was the announcement that on December 26 Past Master J. William Paddison, the chaplain, and Mrs. Paddison would celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Brother Paddison has always been a most active member. He was master artisan in 1915, has been a trustee since 1910, a member of the executive committee since 1916 and chaplain since 1917. The assembly also decided, in view of the varying ages of its Juniors, to forego a Christmas party for the youngsters and instead present each with a book containing \$1 in defense stamps.

**Passyunk**—Right at the Christmas season came the distressing news that Past Master Howard Othson, who retired several years ago, had passed away. Howard was one of the most popular members of the assembly and had many friends in Philadelphia. His ready smile, and willingness to help, endeared him to hundreds. The assembly members had the pleasant recollection of having made him a visitation, at St. Georges, Del., last summer. Fourteen new members were initiated at the December meeting with Past Master Pete Amaroso urging increased production that the assembly may hold its own with the leaders in the order. Past Master John O'Donnell, of Goodfellowship, was a visitor and there were delegations from Fox Chase, Camden and Keystone.

### NOVEMBER NOTES

At its November meeting Progressive Assembly initiated one candidate. It happened that the meeting came on election night. . . . Oaklyn had three candidates. . . . Four new members were initiated in Sixty-ninth Street Center Assembly. . . . Watonsontown, doing a wonderful job on Juniors, received two young brothers and also two Seniors. . . . Past Master Bob McCart, a most popular Southwesterner, was welcomed by Eureka as its deputy for the balance of the year. Included in the welcoming features were four new candidates. . . . Bartram had another big night, with fourteen new members. There were also ten Junior applications from John Curl, Chairman of the Committee on Juniors. Brother Curl and his wife were celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary and received oceans of good wishes at the ladies' night entertainment which followed. . . . Oak Lane added five new members. . . . Trenton had a very successful anniversary dinner. . . . The Rev. Joseph Kenney, Chaplain at the Eastern State Penitentiary, was the speaker at William Patton. . . . Fidelity initiated two new members. . . . Jenkintown had a Phil-Mont night and the degree team of the association initiated two new members. . . . Nineteen past masters attended Haddon's Past Masters' Night. Chief interest centered in Past Master Walter Rulon, the assembly's only living charter member. . . . Friendship welcomed Walter E. Owens, Jr. . . . Columbia received a member. . . . Girard initiated seven for itself and three for Progressive. . . . Media had a swell card party and initiated a candidate. . . . Recorder Ed MacCracken, of Progressive, presented the insignia of the order to three candidates at Union. . . . Larchwood had two candidates. . . . Legion added one. . . . Wildwood had none. (That is news). Seven were initiated at the Rehberger Roundup. . . . Keystone initiated two new members and obligated two more. The Juniors demonstrated their ritual. . . . One new member joined Roxborough. . . . Lehigh's banquet was a splendid affair. . . . Passyunk initiated six new members. . . . Included in Underdown's three new members were William H. Welden and his son, William H. Welden, Jr., the latter formerly a Junior. . . . Kensington received three new members. . . . Washington held a memorial service, the first in the assembly, and will make it an annual affair. Master Artisan Russell was nominated for re-election. Three candidates were initiated. . . . St. Johns Assembly initiated twenty new members with Past Master Leon J. Fretz acting as deputy. . . . Superintendent Vickers, of Haddon Heights, presented five candidates. . . . Merchantville received one new member. . . . Adelphi initiated nine.

## PHIL-MONT ARTISANS TO DINE PRODUCERS

A large portion of Artisanhip is very much interested in an event which will be held February 4 at the Cadillac Tavern, Broad Street and Hunting Park Avenue. It is the sixth annual producers' dinner of the Phil-Mont Artisans Association.

The association, with its 14 member assemblies, will be a most effective organization in the fraternity. Its enlargement last year, and the plans on which it is proceeding, have been received with pleasure and the conviction that the members will perform valiantly for the fraternity.

Past Most Excellent Master Charles H. Grakelow will be the speaker at the dinner and there will be excellent entertainment, as is always the case. Admission will be \$1.60. It is the first formal activity of the new association.

Following are the duly elect delegates to the association:

**Enterprise**—August Wilson, B. Frank Gilbert Jr., Robert Rodgers.  
**Friendship**—Irvin Snyder, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Walter R. Strain.  
**Glenside**—Walter Hambrecht, Joseph Jasins, M. J. Lizzio.  
**Oriental**—William J. Irwin, Constantino Saracco, Ensor Boerner.  
**Oak Lane**—Sherman R. Beck, George G. Matera, George Doerr.  
**Roxborough**—Charles A. Ruby, John Conboy, Warren H. Koch.  
**Frankford**—Joseph Beternitz, Lewis B. Scheuerle, Christian E. Ott.  
**Wm. Patton**—Joseph Brandschain, Thomas Mason, John Creamy.  
**Jenkintown**—Charles R. Welchert, George W. Pietscher, E. Rex Biddle.  
**Kensington**—John J. Gilligan, Charles E. Lampe Sr., Adolph E. Lampe.  
**Fox Chase**—Harry Sonneborn, Raymond Blicke, J. Jack Weiss.

Permanent delegates, who have achieved that rank by service are:

**Enterprise**—Howard G. Shannon, David Humes, Stanley Reich, George F. Johnson, Walter Sigafos, Albert R. Lee.  
**Fox Chase**—John L. Shepherd, Thomas Macce, Robert Wilson, William Clements, David Clements, Ervin Stelgerwalt.  
**Glenside**—Harry T. Reeder, William Jacobs, Walter Butcher, Alexander Hayward, Vincent Bragonier, Joseph P. Villo.  
**Jenkintown**—C. Earle Willott, Robert W. Godfrey, Robert H. Mitchell, Earnest A. Holt, William J. Kennedy Jr., Wilbur Burkhardt, Franklin F. Bleacher.



#### CANDIDATES

Their assemblies are advocating the election of J. Jack Weiss, Fox Chase (left), and William A. Schwartz, Collingswood (right), as Most Excellent Inspector.

### OFFERED FOR CHOICE OF M. E. ASSEMBLY

Two candidates for the office of Most Excellent Inspector will be presented to the Most Excellent Assembly at its meeting on January 28. They are Past Master J. Jack Weiss, of Fox Chase Assembly, and William A. Schwartz, Senior, of Collingswood Assembly.

Brother Schwartz, in the last few years, has been a consistent producer and has been active in the New Jersey Artisans Booster Association. Brother Weiss, who served some time as Recorder of Fox Chase Assembly, has been a consistent producer during his entire membership. He is a member of the Artisans Extension Committee and has been active and enthusiastic in all of his contacts with the fraternity.

The same thing can be said of Brother Schwartz, who has never thrown down his assembly of the order. One of Brother Schwartz's contributions is his Deputyship to Wildwood. Each month finds him driving down to the seashore at least for the assembly meeting and he has appeared there on numerous occasions. He was the advisor to Wildwood during its big year of production. Brother Weiss has been holding the reins in Passyunk Assembly as Deputy.

Both are good fellows and enthusiastic Artisans.

Of Brother Schwartz his fellows in Collingswood say:

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#### ARTISANS BOWLING LEAGUE

The Artisans Bowling League had a holiday vacation as both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fell on a Wednesday. However, on January 7 they resume bowling and will continue without a break for 18 weeks. The season ends May 6.

The leagues have steadied down to a regular succession of close and exciting matches. Teams of Northwestern Assembly are leading both "A" and "B" Leagues. However, their leads are not so great that they cannot be passed before the end of the first half. Keystone and Eureka have been waging a nip and tuck battle for first place in the "C" Section with Keystone out in front at press time by two points. Fidelity had been leading the "D" Section since the start of the season until December 17 when Southwestern went ahead by one point. The Germantown "D" team, through many unfortunate circumstances, was forced to disband. Their place was taken by a team from Union Assembly. The first half of the season ends January 28. The League can still use two new teams for the second half, during which the team averages start from scratch. If you are interested contact the secretary at once.

In the last copy of the ARTISAN we decried the fact that none of our bowlers had received Philadelphia Record medals. However, we are happy to report that on November 19 two of our bowlers reached the goal of every follower of the sport, that of bowling three games over 200 on the same night. James Zincaro, of Oak Lane Assembly rolled games of 226, 212 and 213, and Albert Federle, of Linwood Assembly, scores of 204, 210 and 209. These performances were recognized in the Philadelphia Record Sport Pages and the men received medals for their achievements.

#### 60 YEARS FOR ST. JOHNS

St. Johns Assembly is going to hold its sixtieth anniversary banquet on Lincoln's Birthday at McCallister's. This is always a very attractive dinner and the fact that it celebrates such an advanced year makes it all the more interesting.

#### KEYSTONE'S BIG NIGHT

Keystone Assembly is to hold a fraternal patriotic night at its regular meeting on February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, at the Elks Club, 1320 Arch Street, and invites all Artisans to attend. A high government official will be the principal speaker and one of the events of the meeting will be the presentation of a \$5,000 defense bond which was purchased by unanimous action of the organization.

Many individual members have also subscribed for bonds and the assembly urges all Artisans to follow suit. A very excellent, patriotic program is being arranged and the affair will be an outstanding Artisan event. Any information can be obtained from Recorder William A. Corrie, who particularly desires to learn of other Artisan subscriptions for defense work.

### M. E. ASSEMBLY WILL FACE BIG PROBLEMS

Artisanship, with the country at war and most any emergency likely, is facing serious times with the rest of our country's organizations and institutions and therefore the session of the Most Excellent Assembly, to be held January 28 at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin, will be of utmost importance. Delegates have all been elected and preparations are now being completed for the session.

Several important actions and amendments to the laws of the order will be considered. Naturally the delegates realize the importance of their position. The entire order will be vitally interested.

Officers will be elected, reports of officers and organizations received and an impressive memorial service held.

Most Excellent Master Artisan Louis A. Rehberger, of Haddon Heights Assembly, will preside and will be the guest of honor, at a dinner dance to follow the session, in the ballroom of the hotel. All Artisans and their ladies are urged to attend. Delegates and members of the Most Excellent Assembly will be invited as guests. All others may subscribe at \$2.50 per plate. Reservations should be made immediately at the main office. The dinner dance will be under the auspices of the Artisans Extension Committee which has performed that service for a number of years.

#### A FINE OUTFIT

One of the biggest things that a Philadelphia string band does is to carry sunshine, by means of most attractive entertainment, to shuttins and children. Progressive's Strong Band is no exception. One of its recent ventures was at the United States Naval Hospital. The string band, by the way, has just obtained new uniforms. They made a demonstration in force at the Rehberger Roundup. Charlie O'Connor and his associates deserve the thanks of the order for their fine work. They already have the gratitude of those they have served.



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