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FIREMEN TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Desire To Educate Public In Fire Prevention Measure.—Chief Barnett To Address Meeting.

With a desire in their mind to not only educate the public how to prevent fires, but to give them a real knowledge how the majority of the fires occur, the members of the Ventnor City Volunteer Fire Company Number One, will give a public entertainment at City Hall on Friday evening, April 16th.

This entertainment will be given free of all cost, the fire company making arrangements to defray all of the expenses. Every citizen is urged to attend themselves, and they are also requested to bring their children, who are of an understandable age, as they not only should have the knowledge that will be obtainable from the entertainment now, but it will be of inestimable value to the future citizens of our beautiful city.

Moving pictures have been secured from the fire Commissioners of New York City, who were not only willing to lend the film entitled "The Locked Door", but made favorable comment on the progressiveness of this company of volunteers.

Fifty lantern slides on "Safety First" have been secured from Trenton, and they will also be shown by Thomas G. Sheen, president of the local Board of Trade.

Not being satisfied in giving the public the opportunity of seeing these two preventive measures, the company have made arrangements for Chief Engineer John Barnett, of the Atlantic City Fire Department, to give the citizens an instructive talk along the same line.

Members of the company deserve the thanks of every resident in their endeavor to better educate every person along these lines, and citizens should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them.

INTEREST SHOWN IN HIGH SCHOOL

Pupils From This City Would Probably Be Enrolled in Building Much Closer to Ventnor.

Local residents are very much interested in the new High School that will be erected shortly in Atlantic City, as graduates of the eighth grade of the local schools, and all other High School students from this city, undoubtedly would be enrolled in the new building.

"Whether the projected High School to be located near the Albany Avenue Park, will cost more than one million or less than one million, will be decided by the Board of School Estimates when the subject comes before it for decision," was the statement of W. Freedley MacDonald, member of the Atlantic City Board of Education.

"A bill is pending in the Legislature now to legalize the transfer by the City to the Board of Education of land the City owns in that locality as a site for the new school building.

"Generally the Board of Education favors a building of the best type of construction, an architectural ornament and large enough to meet the growth of the city's school population for some time to come.

"In the new school, I believe the intention is to provide a swimming pool, a gymnasium and also an auditorium. No plans have yet been drawn for it. The new High School has become a necessity. The growth in the number of school children makes its early erection compulsory. The High School is a certainty and the only question that remains is for the adoption of a design and the fixing of the sum that will be allotted. I am sure that the people want a High School that will be a credit in every way to the resort, and it is confidence in this belief that is influencing the Board of Education in the plans it is at present discussing for the bringing into the existence of a handsome new High School."

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REQUESTS COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE

Ralph G. Brooks Sends Communication To Solons Offering To Give Evidence Against Departments.

Ralph G. Brooks, who has taken an active part in political battles, in the second ward, and therefore should know something about politics, and its inner workings, sprung the sensation of the meeting of the councilmen last Monday evening when in a communication he demanded an investigation of both the police and fire departments, intimating without making any direct charges, that if a thorough investigation was made, some things would be found that would prove that the deed was warranted.

Councilmen refrained from making any comment whatsoever on the communication, simply referring it to Mayor Charles H. Godfrey and City Solicitor John S. Westcott, to report upon at the next regular meeting of council.

The few comments that have been heard since by citizens attribute the communication to two causes. One crowd seems to think that it has been brought about by the recent and present investigation of the Grand Jury into affairs in Atlantic City, while others think it has been prompted by the recent enactment of the ordinance creating a tax commission, making the tax assessors appointive instead of elective. Mr. Brooks was the incumbent of the office at the time of the enactment of the law, but was not appointed by the Mayor.

The following is a part of the letter of Mr. Brooks:

"From charges referred and before Council there is evidently something wrong in our police and fire departments and some one, it seems, is trying to straighten things out. If you are really anxious to give Ventnor City good government would it not be more befitting your dignity to hold a general investigation of these departments instead of picking out one or two men who have had charges preferred against them and the main witnesses being guilty of far greater breaches of duty than them and it is known to our city officials, or should be that other city employees do very much as they please to the detriment of the departments and discipline. Isn't it about time to stop petty political conspiracy and grandstand play and apply a little business sense to our civic affairs?"

"I feel it my duty to ask for general investigations of the police and fire departments and to lay such evidence as I have before your body, feeling that we can do more for Ventnor City settling these things at home and not before the grand jury, as some have threatened to do."

Personal Chat

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Manley, of Suffolk avenue, south, sailed last week from New York on the steamer Rockingham for an extended trip abroad. They will return to this city about the first of October.

Mrs. William R. Stobbe, who has been spending the winter months in Atlantic City, has opened her cottage at 16 Newark avenue, north, for the season.

Mr. Charles C. Beyer and family, of Philadelphia, have reopened their cottage at 104 Somerset avenue, south, for the season.

Mr. George Frings, who has been meeting with much success in the real estate field in New York City, spent the week-end with his father, Patrolman Harry Frings.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Hobart, son and daughter, who have been spending the winter months in Florida, expect to open their cottage on Little Rock avenue, south, for the Easter season.

Mr. George R. Stull, of Philadelphia, was a recent visitor to this city, looking after his cottage on Swarthmore avenue, south.

Miss Margaret Baker, who has been spending part of the winter months in Atlantic City, is now spending some time visiting friends in Trenton, N. J.

Mrs. C. S. Donner, and her young son, Chris, Jr., of 4504 Spruce street, West Philadelphia, arrived on Friday to spend a week at 105 Weymouth avenue, south.

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

After successfully conducting the grocery business at 922 Atlantic avenue, Atlantic City, for twenty years, I wish to announce the removal of my business to 4901 Ventnor avenue. Phone 7420.

H. MAULICK.

SCHOOL NOTES

There was a meeting of the Special Teachers of the County at Pleasantville on Thursday, March 25th. Ventnor School was represented by Miss Wright and Mr. Brown.

Miss Clark attended the National Conference of Supervisors of Music held in Philadelphia this week.

The Thriftometers are still keeping up the interest in the thrift campaign. Miss McNulty's fourth grade have started on the third thermometer, which means that over \$100 has been saved by that grade alone since Jan. 1, 1920. A report from the W. S. S. Committee shows that Atlantic County stands second in the counties of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Southern New Jersey, with an average sale of 63 cents per pupil in thrift stamps. The highest average was 65 cents per pupil, McKean County, Pa.

The following is from a pupil who attended the Ventnor City 7th grade until January:

"Dear _____

"Well I guess you will be rather surprised to hear I am in the eighth grade. I am going to school here in Philadelphia and it seems like home although I miss you very much. I cannot imagine where I would have been if it had not been for the Ventnor School's wonderful system and your training. When I started to school last Monday I was very much discouraged by being put back six months by the principal, Miss _____ She promised promotion into the 7B (we have 7A and B. B is the highest and we have semi-annual promotion, February and June) if after trial I proved fit, but after being there about 2 days my teacher went over my work and found I had all of the 7A work and the largest part of the 7B. She told the principal and I was transferred to the 8th A, which means, if all goes well, High School in February.

"My work is extremely easy, but they give you plenty of homework and no study periods. We have practically no physical training, which I miss very much.

"Kindly remember me to all of my class mates and teachers and accept the love of

"Your pupil,

NO POLITICS IN POLICE DEPT.

Chief Denies Charges Preferred Against Department Made By Local Taxpayer.

"No politics governs in the administration of the police and fire departments, in the sense which is intimated by Ralph Brooks, former Assessor, in his letter to City Council on Monday evening," commented Chief of Police William Sprague on Tuesday.

"A man is appointed to the police force or to the fire department because of his ability and he remains under the protection, safe from politicians, of the tenure of office State law," he continued.

"Maybe the members of the police force and the fire department have political opinions and at times express them, but as to being actively in politics, I am not aware of it. The men know that they cannot be fired, and would resent threats if made, and no orders are given them. They are free to express their political views without hindrance or instruction from the political leaders or city officials so far as I know of local conditions."

Another City official is reported to have stated to a representative of an Atlantic City newspaper that "the letter of former Assessor Brooks indicated that he was trying to force politics in the police and fire departments. He heads a faction which is 'out' and the faction are trying to embarrass the 'ins' so far as I can figure out Brooks' charges. But I believe the sentiment is general on the part of the public that politics in either of the city departments is frowned upon, and would be resented vigorously if introduced. It would not be wise of any political leader to try to issue orders to the firemen or the police. The answer would be I am inclined to think, emphatic and picturesque."

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CHAPTER FORMED LAST TUESDAY

Ladies of Absecon Form Delphian Chapter and Select Mrs. Thomson Temporary Chairman.

Absecon Island now has a Delphian Chapter, an organization for women which will democratize learning. On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Hotel Chelsea a meeting was held to organize the Atlantic City Chapter of the Delphian Society.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Estella Spotts, State director, who spoke of the purpose and possibilities of Delphian. Temporary officers were elected to act until the first regular meeting. President, Mrs. Joseph Thompson, of this city; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Faunce; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ferd Stadler. The first regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6th, at the Public Library at 3.30 o'clock.

It was voted to hold the charter open for 30 days to accommodate those who may wish to avail themselves of the charter privilege through nomination extended by present members or by personal application to Mrs. Spotts. The Delphian Society is a national educational plan which is democratizing learning, making a complete cultural college course possible in every community. It is an institution of service, organizing the members into chapters of which at present there are about 6,500, including 18 federated States. Current events are systematically followed in the chapter meetings by the aid of the consulting department directly connected with universities. The Delphian motto is "Social Progress." Higher education and personal improvement, and with this ideal and purpose it is gradually completing its national federation.

Among the many members already enrolled in the new chapter, quite a few of them are from this city, and the choice of a temporary president from our city was flattering.

DR. DAGER TO LECTURE FOR LOCAL BOY SCOUTS.

Dr. Forrest E. Dager will deliver his famous lecture, "Stung", at the St. John's-by-the-Sea Church on Thursday evening, April 29th, at eight o'clock. The lecture will be under the auspices of Troop 17, Boy Scouts, and will be for the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial.

Seen and Heard

Mrs. M. L. B. Mason and daughter, Miss Margaret Baker, will open their cottage at 6 Baltimore avenue, south, next week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Turnbull, of Hartford, Conn., have been the guests this week of their sister, Miss Mary C. Turnbull, at her home, 14 Baltimore avenue, south.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leves, of 103 Princeton avenue, south, and their two interesting children, Suzanne and David, will leave on Monday, for an extended sojourn in Jamaica.

Mr. W. P. Lewis has opened his attractive summer home, 5403 Boardwalk.

Mr. A. B. Longworth, of Philadelphia, is spending some time at his cottage, 5501 Winchester avenue.

Mrs. Matilda Morales has opened her cottage at 24 Baltimore avenue, south, and will spend the Easter season there.

Mr. F. H. Neale and family have moved from 12 Sacramento avenue, south, to 6506 Ventnor avenue.

Mr. Jas. O'Kane has opened his cottage at 21 Oakland avenue, south.

Mrs. A. C. Burns is convalescing from her recent illness at her home, 7209 Atlantic avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jones are now occupying their pretty summer bungalow in Margate.

Mr. Charles Delsinger has opened his cottage at 19 Tallahassee avenue, south.

Mr. Conrad Best will make Ventnor his permanent home, having purchased the cottage at 112 Oakland avenue, south.

Mr. H. H. Colehower has taken possession of his home at 4 Wissahickon avenue, north.

Mr. J. N. Reiber has taken possession of his new home at Atlantic avenue and Plaza place.

Mr. Wm. H. Smathers and family have moved to their newly purchased cottage, 6903 Ventnor avenue.

Mrs. David R. Lake, of 103 Portland avenue, south, recently spent a few days in Pitman, as the guest of friends.

Mr. Harry Kimmeler has opened his beachfront cottage on Derby avenue.

ELECTION WILL BE VERY ACTIVE

Mulford T. Rose Has Announced His Candidacy For Mayor.—Others Will Be In Fight.

Elections in this city are always active, and keen interest is taken not only by the candidates but by every voter. Each year a number of political battles are fought at the polls, but immediately forgotten by the participants as soon as the election is over.

Candidates get into the field as a rule several months before the time for the primary, and the early work and hustle has always been pronounced, but this year previous records are bound to be surpassed, as now, nearly six months before the date for the primary, candidates are beginning to announce their intention to get into the field and the usual keen rivalry will be pronounced.

Many prospective candidates have been mentioned, but not officially, neither have the men expressed themselves openly that they will be in the field for any particular office, but rumor already has flashed the names of three candidates in the field for the Mayoralty berth, including the present incumbent, but the time being so far distant, not a single one of them have given the assurance that they will be in the field.

The fourth candidate, Mulford T. Rose, has openly announced that he will seek the suffrage of the people when the time arrives, so undue activity will be in order from all prospective candidates from now on, and definite announcements may be expected.

The usual number of candidates are sure to be announced for all the other offices of the city, so voters may look forward to unforeseen activity in the campaign this year.

MEMBERS TO TRY CO-WORKER

Charges Against W. E. Sharp Referred By City Council to the Firemen Themselves.

At the meeting of the city solons held last Monday evening at City Hall, the trial of Fireman W. E. Sharp, who was accused of breach of discipline more than a month ago, and suspended at that time until he was given a hearing, Chairman of the Police and Fire committee, Councilman Carlton E. Adams, announced his willingness to again defer the trial.

The reason of the postponement was to adopt the suggestion made several weeks ago by Councilman George H. Barritt that the charges be referred to the paid firemen themselves for inquiry and recommendation.

Councilman A. H. Millman voiced his objection to this plan, stating that he had talked over the plan with the men themselves, and they did not care to take the responsibility of hearing charges that might be preferred by a coworker, neither did they care to recommend the form of punishment to the chairman of the committee.

On motion of Councilman Isaac B. Sweigart, the decision of the chairman of the committee was upheld, and the experiment of fellow workers holding the inquiry was accepted, and thus the necessity of a public trial will be avoided.

Mr. Sharp has been away from the department long enough and the public are of the opinion that the matter has been deferred too long now, and action should be taken one way or the other in the shortest possible time.

CITY OFFICIALS TO HAVE GIRL ASSISTANT.

Miss Lillian Twain, of Atlantic City, will become a city employee on the first of April, and will be assistant to both City Clerk James T. G. Hand and Tax Collector James G. Scull. The improvements at the Water Works and additional detail work of the same department of the city will require the City Clerk to do considerable more work, and in a very short time the office of the tax collector will be all bustle in his desire to speedily despatch the tax bills, so between the two offices Miss Twain will be kept quite busy.

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