

CAPTAIN PARKER HONORED BY U. S. INDIAN SOCIETY

Made One of Committee of Five to Organize Nationally for Protection of "Red Skins"

Capt. R. D. Parker, of Gilbert avenue, was signally honored at a convention of American Indians held at St. Louis, Mo., November 16-20.

He was made a member of a committee of five to organize the Indians of the United States and their friends into a national body for the betterment and protection of the race, the original inhabitants of the North American continent.

The other members of the committee are, Thomas L. Sloan, of Washington, D. C., George E. Tucker, of Powhatan, Okla., M. H. Wolf, of St. Louis, Mo., and Rev. Sherman Coalidge, of Denver, Colo.

The captain introduced the following resolution which was carried by the convention without a dissenting vote.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS a calm, dispassionate, unbiased non-partisan survey of actual conditions obtaining among American Indians, both Reservation and non-Reservation; conditions brought about by past and present governmental policy and administration, results in disclosures and revelation of a most shocking nature, full of pathos and sad tragedy, injustice and inhumanity, and—

WHEREAS, there appears to be utmost determination in the institution and branch of the United States government known as the "Indian Office," consisting of 7,000 employees, and responsible for the abject and pitiable condition of Indians to continue and perpetuate itself ostensibly for the betterment of the deplorable Indian situation, but in reality and effect to the utter degeneracy and final extinction of a noble race of people, and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn conviction of the assembled members of the Society of American Indians and their devoted friends that the further continuation of the Indian Office—MISERY, MISUSE and cruel oppression, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the unhampered and unrestricted by special supervision complete abolishment of the Indian Bureau be immediately urged upon the members of the National Congress to the end that the Indians be given full and effective citizenship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the individual members of the House and Senate Committees on Indian Affairs and the American Press.

Commenting on the resolution, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of November 19th, said in part: "It is believed that this is the first great stride toward the admission of the Indians to complete and unrestricted citizenship."

Capt. Parker, unassisted by any other delegate to the convention, wrote the resolution. He is acting as national organizer and has already made application to Secretary of State Emerson for a charter from Illinois. Charters will be applied for in every state and the many smaller organizations of Indians throughout the United States will be taken into the larger organization. With these thousands of members it is expected that real work will be done for and by the remaining members of the many tribes which once held sway from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Two other resolutions were also adopted relating to the conversion of Indian land into reservoirs for water power projects against their will and calling upon the government to administer Indian affairs promptly in order that the case of starvation on the reservations might not be repeated. This resolution refers to conditions of four years ago when drought caused untold suffering and privation among the Indians of the Blackfoot reservation.

These resolutions follow:

RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS, there has come to the attention of this conference continual and persistent pleas for fundamental fair-play and justice in the matter of the arbitrary removal of Indians from their long established homes or the taking of these homes for the establishment of water power projects and reservoirs and in every instance without the consent, and against the wishes, of the Indians concerned, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That an urgent protest be immediately sent to the committees of Congress to the Chairman of the Water Power Commission and to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to the end that the interest of the Indians be considered.

RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS, Conditions on the following Reservations, among others,

by reports made by the respective delegates of these Reservations indicate that there will be destitution and distress this coming Winter, following the past season of extreme drought,

Blackfeet of Montana. Crow of Montana. San Carlos of Arizona. Fort Belknap of Montana. Pimas and Maricopas of Arizona. therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Society urge the administration of Indian Affairs prompt and utmost attention to the end that the history of four years ago, with its record of starving and diseased Indians dying in this land of plenty on the Blackfoot Reservation be not again repeated.

The committee of five was also instructed to formulate a new policy for the official publication of the Society, "The American Indian Magazine."

The society has for its main object, while from the desire to see every Indian living in better circumstances, the adoption by this country of a law allowing full rights of citizenship, which are now denied them.

Capt. Parker was sent to the convention as a delegate from the Real Indian Fellowship League of Chicago. He is secretary and one of the organizers of this league. It was through his efforts that the convention at St. Louis decided to create the parent body which would bring together the many societies and clubs of the U. S. having for their object the betterment of conditions under which the Indian is compelled to live.

K. OF P. ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

Make Plans to Increase Membership —Luncheon Was Greatly Enjoyed.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Knights of Pythias, Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for six months beginning January 1st, 1921.

- Chancellor Commander—C. E. Anderson
- Vice Chancellor—E. G. Barrett
- Master of Work—C. V. Wolf
- Keeper of Records and Seal—H. F. Legenhausen
- Master of Finance—D. J. Miley
- Master of Exchequer—Levi Mertz
- Master at Arms—F. Leibenguth
- Inner Guard—W. V. Moberg
- Outer Guard—Sam Hoffert
- Trustee—C. R. Hannum

After disposing of the regular routine of business, plans were discussed for materially enlarging the membership of the order in this community during the winter. Stirring talks were made by members, some of whom have been in the order for twenty years or more, displaying enthusiasm that is bound to react favorably to the lodge during the next year.

Luncheon was served which was greatly enjoyed by all.

HOGREFE — VIX

Miss Matilda Hogrefe, daughter of Mr. Henry Hogrefe of Highland avenue and Mr. Roy E. Vix, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vix of Rogers street, were married Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schultz, sister of the bride, west of the village.

The Rev. Walter Burmeister, pastor of the Lace Lutheran church, performed the ceremony. The attendants were Miss Lydia Hogrefe and Mr. Paul Vix, cousins of the bride and groom.

After the ceremony, in a dining room beautifully decorated in pink and white, a Thanksgiving-wedding dinner was served to forty-five guests, members of the immediate families of the bride and groom and a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vix are spending their honeymoon in Minnesota and will make their home with the bride's father.

NORMAN BANKS

Norman John, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banks, whose home is at Prince avenue and the Plank Road, died Thanksgiving Day afternoon from scarlet fever and complications.

The little lad had been sick only a few days, when he took a turn for the worse and passed away.

Short funeral services were held at the home and at the grave last Saturday, the Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin of St. Joseph's Catholic Church officiating and burial was made at St. Joseph's cemetery south of the village.

The other children in the Banks family were ill with the same disease but are progressing nicely.

GOVERNOR LOWDEN ADDRESSED OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE

Downers Grove Delegates Among Those Who Met Chief Executive at Church.

The fellows from the Grove sent as delegates from their respective Sunday Schools came back from the State capitol Monday morning very enthusiastic over the wonderful time they had had at the big convention of Older Boys from all over the State.

John Lehman, Jr., Homer Bolden, Gardiner Barr, and Merrill Morton were among the fortunate ones to be registered in time and be among the 1181 delegates. Those who attended the Presbyterian church with their hosts on Sunday morning had the pleasure of shaking hands with the Governor after the service.

On Saturday afternoon the Governor addressed the Conference and laid high tribute to the Young Men's Christian Association in their service to young men and the developing of strong leadership thru such conferences. He also referred to his own training in penmanship-obtained some years ago in the "Y" night school, for which he was especially grateful.

The various speakers from Springfield, Chicago, St. Louis, and New York brought inspiring messages to us each session and sent us all home with the determination to make our lives count on the side of righteousness and Christian Service. The address on Sunday afternoon on "Our Job" by Mr. Porter of New York, was especially strong and helpful, giving new vision to us all.

The DuPage County delegation numbered 17 in all, with Hinsdale, Elmhurst, Lombard, Glen Ellyn and West Chicago represented and with W. H. Richie of Wheaton, the County "Y" Secretary as leader. Money was given by the conference delegates to purchase a handsome wreath to be placed upon the tomb of Abraham Lincoln which was visited by many on Saturday afternoon as well as the old Lincoln home. The State Capitol Building was also visited and many climbed to the top of the dome.

VOTE TOMORROW ON COMMUNITY HIGH DISTRICTS

Bonaparte, Lisle and School District 66 are Polling Places from 7 to 9 p. m.

Elections for the establishment of community high school districts will be held in the following areas Saturday, December 4th, between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m.

Project one at Bonaparte School House for the territory bounded on the north by Roosevelt Road and on the south by the township lines of Milton and York, including the following school districts: All of 89 except section 22; all of 51; all of 52; all of 49 south of Roosevelt Road; that part of District 38 that is situated in sections 27 and 34 of Milton and that part of District 53 that is situated in sections 28 and 33 of York Township.

The second project is a larger area and contains part of Downers Grove and Lisle townships. The part in Downers Grove township is bounded on the north by the Sucher or 63rd street road; on the east by the Greggs road or the west line of the Hinsdale district on the south by the township line, on the north line of the Lemont Township High School District, on the west by the township line. People living in this territory will vote at the School House of District 66.

The Lisle part of the second project contains Districts 67, 68, all of District 70 except the portion in sections 1 and 2 and 12; that part of District 71 in sections 4 and 9; that part of District 73 in sections 9, 16 and 21; and that part of District 74 in sections 21, 28 and 33. The polls for this territory will be at the Lisle School House.

94 PUMPKINS ON ONE VINE SETS RECORD

Henry Borman, on Farm North of Village, Had a Wonderful Pie Inards Vine.

A pumpkin vine on the farm of Henry Borman, north of the Village, set a record in bearing this year which we, at least, have never heard equalled. This particular vine furnished the "inards" for hundreds of pumpkin pies, that delicious Thanksgiving dessert, for on it matured 94 of the big yellow fruit.

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