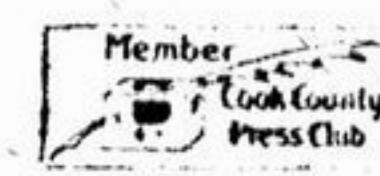


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WHEN A FELLER WANTS SOMEBODY ELSE BAWLED OUT IN TH PAPER BUT SAYS, DON'T MENTION MY NAME," I FEEL JEST LIKE CRACKIN' HIM ONE!



MINISTERS MESSAGES

Next week we hope to publish a Christmas message from each minister of the community. We have addressed a letter to the spiritual advisor of each church, asking him to comply with this request and we are sure they will do so.

This has been our plan for the past four or five years and has met with approval from the rank and file of our readers.

Watch for these messages. Local ministers have a real Christmas sermon packed into their writing for this edition.

AUTO PARKING

We have suggested to the Mayor that special parking rules be issued by the Village Council in regard to the parking of cars at the theatres and in front of each garage to minimize the dangers of these points. He has promised that something will be done about this at once.

In the event that the council does

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**C. C. PARKS SURPRISED ON ANNIVERSARY**

Friends Arrange Five Hundred Party Last Saturday Evening and Present Remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parks, of W. Railroad street, were surprised last Saturday evening by a group of friends who had arranged a five hundred party in honor of the tenth anniversary of their wedding day.

Programme five hundred was the order of the evening. Mrs. Parks taking the first prize for the ladies and Mrs. A. P. Nelson, the consolation. A. Ray Cramer played good enough to be given the first prize for the gentlemen and S. Leary the opposite, received the consolation prize.

Those present were Messrs. and Mrs. A. P. Nelson, A. R. Grammer, Lawrence Fulton, W. J. Stratton, W. Winchell, A. L. O'Brien, E. L. Dickerson, L. C. Hodges, C. C. Parks, and Mrs. Harry Darby and Mr. Win. Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks were presented with a beautiful picture as a remembrance from those present and a very pleasant evening ended with the serving of refreshments.

**MASONIC ORDERS PLAN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Blue Lodge, Chapter and Eastern Star Heads for the Year 1922 Have all Been Selected

Masonic bodies of the community have selected their officers for the year 1922 and are now planning the ceremonies incident to the installation of these officers in their various places and stations.

Grove Chapter, No. 230, Royal Arch Masons, will hold their initiation tomorrow, Saturday evening, December 17th, in the Masonic Hall. All Master Masons and their ladies of the community, are included in the invitation to attend the ceremony. Several members of the Royal Arch from Chicago, high in the councils of the order, will be present. Leon Stinson is the newly elected Exalted High Priest.

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Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M. will install its 1922 officers in visitors expected to be present. Mrs. next Thursday, December 22nd. This Matron-elect. meeting is limited to master masons. All three of these organizations M. A. Sullivan is the newly elected are flourishing and have just closed Master and with his corps of officers very successful years.

Vesta Chapter, No. 242, O. E. S. will install the officers elect and the appointive officers on the evening of Friday, January 6th. The installation will be a public one and it is thought that the lodge hall will hard-

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**Umbrellas**

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**Santa Claus**

**is Coming**

**Monday, December 19**

Bring the little tots to see Santa Claus Monday, sometime between 1:00 and 3:30; it will be a treat for the little ones that you should not let them miss. This is the same Santa Claus that was here last year and took orders from more than 400 of the little Tots. Remember the date and time—

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