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THE KIWANIANS' BIG NIGHT

Held Banquet at Mowat Hospital and Entertained the Patients.

The Kiwanians are among the liveliest fellows in Kingston and this is the reason that when one hundred of them get together for a dinner, for a good time or to put over a big job it is different from anything anybody else does or attempts to do.

The members of the Kingston Kiwanis Club held their weekly dinner at the Mowat hospital on Monday evening and entertained seventy-one of the soldier-patients, who were seated alternately with them at the tables in the recreation building that had been elaborately decorated and lighted for the occasion. It was a royal entertainment and one long to be remembered by all who were privileged to be present. There were a number of startling features, in addition to an excellent musical programme provided by the best talent, and an address by Prof. John Matheson, professor of mathematics, Queen's University, and there was just one roar of merriment that put everybody into the best of spirits.

The Kiwanians descended upon the hospital like an avalanche. The peaceful routine, irksome monotony of a dreary existence, the semi-military regulations, all went to pieces and were forgotten the moment the procession of automobiles began to invade the grounds headed by the pipe band in a truck bearing the big "Kiwanis" banner. There was a perfect din of horns, bells and band as if pandemonium were let loose to celebrate a national holiday. The cars formed up on the market square at 6.30 p.m., and were promptly filled by ninety Kiwanians, every member possessing a car being obliged to present upon pain of a fine. Arriving at the hospital it was found that the special committee, consisting of Bert Wianett, chairman, Harold Hughes and Columbus Hanley, had all arrangements completed to the finest detail. The splendid dinner was gotten up by Miss Nichol, chief dietitian, and her efficient staff, and provision was made for about two hundred. Here, perhaps for the first time, the patients found themselves sandwiched between men determined to give them a good time, and they were at first bewildered by the unbounded exuberance of good spirits, swift changes in humorous stunts, the frequency of the fines imposed upon the unwary and the good-natured obedience with which they were promptly paid.

President Frank Hoag excellently himself, and "Jack" Sowards, who acted as marshal, appeared to enjoy the duty of collecting the money and soothing the delinquents, for none of them escaped him. The singing of Kiwanis songs under the direction of Harold Hughes was never equalled, and the patients found themselves joining heartily in "John Brown's Baby," "Monday," "Old MacDonald," "Smile" and "Here We Are Again Boys." In addition to collective singing, a special company of entertainers rendered a very fine programme. There was an orchestra composed of Messrs. Foulkes, McMahon, Fair, Capt. Lee and Dr. Broom; solos by J. Tomkins, Peter Fair, Captain Lee, Harold Singleton, with R. F. Harvey and Mr. Trener as accompanists; saxophone and piano duet, Messrs. Singleton and Trener, and a moving picture, "The Cheerful Liars."

"The Silent Boost," with appropriate prizes, was put on by W. J. O'Brien, Imperial Tobacco Company, and in addition special prizes for the patients and the ladies were provided by "Billy" Craig, "Billy" Crothers, "Jimmy" Halliday, Frank Hoag, Garnet Lockett, "Jack" McGill, "Bob" Reid, "Harry" Sargent, Noble Steacy, George VanHorn, and Harry Wilder. The awarding of the prizes created great amusement. The soldiers were required to stand and "number," and they showed that they had not forgotten their drill. The man whose number was drawn from a box was the winner of a prize. Some of these prizes were valuable, but some were jokes, as when a man drew a lady's bonnet, which he was required to wear for the rest of the evening. One of the ladies drew a pair of braces. One of the stunts of the evening was the presentation of a "Nordheimer" piano to Harold Hughes, elected musical director. A Nordheimer case had been placed in the room and when it was about to be opened by Mr. Hughes, strong protest was made by Kiwanian R. J. Wilson against the club using its funds to buy a piano for the music committee and its presentation to Harold Hughes. A lively debate ensued, and when the case was opened it was found to contain an infant's toy piano. Stewart Robertson's fine of fifty cents was remitted on condition that he donate a bag of St. Lawrence sugar to St. Mary-of-the-Lake orphanage, and Peter Richardson's also on condition that he donate a box of soap to the Orphans' Home. Needless to say the conditions were obediently accepted in both cases.

"Bob" Bushell was given two minutes to make a speech, and introduced "Jack" Sibbet, director of the Kingston Industrial Fair to the audience as his guest. He announced that a prize of fifty dollars was donated to the vocational patients of the hospital to be awarded upon such conditions as the staff might fix; also that all patients would be given a pass entitling them to admission to the fair any or every day during its continuance.

Prof. Matheson's address on "Other Worlds than Ours" was most interesting. He began by telling of the observation of the stars by the ancients, their superstitious beliefs, and the development of astrology which flourished up to the fifteenth century. For a long period the astrologer was a person of great influence. From observations of the movements of our planets and happenings on the earth among men that coincided with such movements there grew up a belief that all things on the earth affecting men were foreordained. The astrologer, was the "one person" who knew these things, was able to foretell events and was consulted by monarchs upon all important occasions. Gradually the whole fabric of belief in astrology was laughed out, and it is little heard of today. But no superstition has had so great an influence upon the history of man and of nations as this one had. It taught that the planets were gods—possessed of certain attributes, and persons born when a planet was in a certain position possessed its characteristics, whether good or evil, and was thereafter under its influence. The proximity of planets at certain times caused events to happen on earth. The speaker disclosed the real facts regarding celestial bodies as learned by modern scientists, and human wonderment at the vastness of the universe is as great today as it ever was, making the individual concerns of our existence seem very small in comparison. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Prof. Matheson for his most interesting address.

Elmer Davis moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Hopkins and the hospital staff for the privilege of holding the meeting and entertaining the patients. He expressed the club's deep appreciation of the splendid banquet. Dr. Hopkins replied on behalf of the staff and the patients, and expressed the pleasure the event brought to all.

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The gentlemen cadets at the Royal Military College are engaged in preparations for the annual examinations.

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On Tuesday Dr. Geddes, Verona, brought Peter Emery's daughter to the city to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

J. A. Dickens, Napanee, formerly of the 80th Regiment, was married at Watertown, N.Y., on Friday to Miss Mary Wade.

It is expected that the new motor patrol for the police department will be ready for use in the course of two or three weeks.

J. L. Kenville, acting as G.T.R. telegraph operator at Thousand Islands Junction, is now on relief duty at Kingston Junction.

Brig. Gen. W. B. King, G.O.C., M. D., No. 3, who has been on inspection to Picton, Bowmanville and Cobourg, returned to the city on Tuesday.

Lindsay's, 121 Princess street, are receiving new player piano roll "hits" every month. Send in your name for our monthly mailing list.

On Monday, the prisoners confined to the county jail, were put to work at making tiles. There is a great demand for the tiles made at the jail.

R. J. Bushell announces the donation of a special prize of \$35 by the Standard Bank, Kingston, to the cheesemaker having the best display of cheese at the Kingston Industrial fair.

In crediting the residence of Bernard R. Napoli's parents as Port Hope, we were in error. They reside at Gannaque, Bernard lives at Port Hope.

The meeting of the senior Epworth League of Sydenham street Methodist church was addressed by Prof. C. W. Drury, Queen's University, on Monday evening.

Kenneth J. Williams, spent the Easter holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. Williams, 389 Barrie street. He has returned to St. Michael's College, Toronto, to continue his studies.

As the city council arrived at a satisfactory settlement of the Park street sewer question, Judge Madden did not require to give a decision on Tuesday on the appeal of the property owners concerned.

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Mrs. Kilpatrick, Foxboro, widow of the late S. J. Kilpatrick, Kingston, died on Sunday. Deceased previous to her marriage was the widow of the late R. P. Daly, a prominent yeoman of Thurlow township.

Mrs. Etta Clapsaddle, wife of Stephen Clapsaddle passed away on Monday, at the family residence, Thurlow township. Deceased was born in Frontenac county in 1870. She was formerly an evangelist of the Salvation Army and Holiness Movement.

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