

ART LEAGUE OPENS SEASON WITH HUNDREDS PRESENT AT LECTURE ON OLD DEERFIELD

Outlook For Progressive Organization is Brighter Than Ever—Noted Artist Will Conduct Classes—Musical Numbers Introduced.

The Bridgeport Art league opened its doors for the first time this season at the business meeting and lecture held yesterday afternoon in the lecture rooms in the Staples building. Mrs. F. L. Hober, president of the league, presided. There were several hundred in attendance, included among whom were many new members. At the business meeting which preceded the lecture, it was announced that the balance on hand in the treasury was \$231.14.

The chairman of the committees for the year were announced: Mrs. H. L. Bishop, music; Mrs. A. E. Macdonald, house committee; Mrs. H. W. Fleck and Mrs. Guy L. Hammond, social and entertainment; Mrs. T. I. Ferguson, hospitality; Mrs. Herbert D. Sherman, press; and Mrs. W. K. Mollan, fourth Monday card parties.

A card party will be held on Monday afternoon, October 25, to which all the members will be welcome. Card parties will be free to members this year and will be held to increase the sociability of the league.

On the evening of the same day, Miss Iris Comely's league dancing classes of last year will hold a reunion in the rooms, the affair to be a Halloween dancing party.

Miss Mary N. McCord, who is chairman of the class in oils and water-colors, announced that Ossip Lindo, the famous artist, who is to teach the class this year, wishes to meet the members of his class tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the league rooms. Mr. Lindo, she said, is deeply interested in the league and its purposes. He plans to have a very serious class, one that is willing to do plenty of hard work, not only during the meeting hours, but throughout the week as well.

The classes, which will open the first week of November, include:

Monday, Nov. 1, 9:30 a. m.—Advanced class in basket making. Miss Charlotte Brewster, of Derby, teacher.

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.—Ceramics class in advanced work and classes for beginners. Mrs. A. A. Libby, chairman.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10 a. m.—Nature Study class. Mrs. F. C. Graves, chairman and teacher.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 9:30 a. m.—Beginners' class in basket making. Mrs. W. J. Taft, teacher.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 1:30 p. m.—Oil painting class. Ossip Lindo, Russian artist, teacher. Miss Mary McCord, chairman.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 4 p. m.—French class. Mme. Sorieul, teacher. Mrs. A. C. Pones, chairman.

Friday, Nov. 5, 9:45 a. m.—Class in embroidery. Mrs. T. I. Ferguson, chairman.

Friday, Nov. 5, 2 p. m.—Class in voice placing and diction. Miss Grace D. Clarke, teacher. Mrs. W. L. Sadler, chairman.

Saturday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.—Class in design. Design will be treated as applied to costume work and household arts and other crafts. Miss Fayette Barnum, New York, teacher.

Saturday (second, third and fourth week of every month)—Dancing. Miss Iris Comely, teacher.

Miss Barnum will be present herself the first Saturday of every month for the class in design, and other weeks the class will be conducted under her direction.

Miss Marion Capps, a student of Yale Musical school, gave three exceptionally well rendered piano selections.

Rev. Alfred Birks, of Nantick, was the speaker for the afternoon, his topic being "Old Deerfield, Her Arts and Crafts." Mr. Birks gave an interesting historical sketch of the famous little Massachusetts town, which was followed by a history of her artistic industries which have become famous throughout the country. He told of the forming of the Blue and White Needlework society by Miss Margaret

Whiting and Miss Ellen Miller and of how the work of the society has grown. Not only are handsome embroideries produced in Old Deerfield, but rugs, baskets, hats, various kinds of knitting, netting and crocheting, metal work, artistic photography, and numerous other lines. Withal, the population of the town is but about 500 persons.

Mr. Birks had with him a number of interesting examples of the work which were viewed with much interest by the members of the league.

School Congestion Grows Worse; Steps Planned For Relief

Increase in the registration of school children in Bridgeport since Oct. 1 has been 1,187, according to the statement of Supt. Samuel J. Slawson at a meeting of the board of education last evening.

Bids for a nine room addition to the city normal school, Clinton avenue, were received last night. The estimated cost, exclusive of architect's fee, is \$64,304.

To meet the drastic requirements of more school facilities strenuous effort will be made by the board of education. At the meeting last night, it was voted that a committee be delegated from the board to wait upon the mayor in common council to set forth the needs of the city, especially as to land and buildings.

PRESIDENT PARDONS MAIL FRAUD WORKER

Philadelphia, Oct. 19—President Wilson, while traveling to Princeton today, announced that he had granted a pardon to Cameron Spear, sentenced to five years in the Atlanta Penitentiary for unlawfully using the mails in connection with the Collins Wireless Telephone Company. It was alleged at the trial that \$1,000,000 of fraudulent stock was sold. He was convicted in the United States district court at New York.

The "Boosters" of Seaside Council, No. 799, Royal Arcanum, will pay Pongass Council of Norwalk a visit this evening. All boosters as well as any members of Seaside Council are invited to go. The car leaves the depot at 6:50 p. m.

President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt are expected to attend the Army-Navy football game in New York next month.

ADMINISTRATION WOULD INCREASE CORPS OF CADETS

Hill Designates Norwalk Youth as His Candidate For Annapolis.

Washington, Oct. 19.—If the strength of the naval and military academy cadets corps is increased, as is understood to be contemplated under the administration's plans for improving the national defense, there will be opportunity for a number of additional Connecticut boys to gain commissions in the army and navy. It is thought that some of the additional appointments that would have to be made to the West Point and Annapolis establishments would be allotted to members of Congress.

Even without the suggested increase, however, Connecticut boys within the next year will have an unusual number of opportunities to join the naval cadet corps. It is understood that some five vacancies in the cadet corps at the Annapolis naval academy will be credited to Connecticut within the next few months. Senator McLean and Senator Brandegee will each have an appointment to make in the naval cadet corps. So will Representatives Oakley, Glynn and Hill of Connecticut.

The appointment will be expected to be made by March 4, 1916. The custom of Connecticut senators and representatives is to name several boys to take the examinations for each vacancy, one principal and two or three alternates, and the best man wins if he comes up to the department's requirements, mental and physical, which are very strict. Representative Rev. Hill has decided there will be no delay about his appointments to Annapolis, so he has named the following: W. H. Waters, Jr., principal, of Norwalk; J. A. Waters, Jr., Stamford, first alternate; C. P. Jessup, Norwalk, second alternate.

RICH MEN'S SOULS MAY BE SAVED AT RAILWAY STATION

Golden Greenwich to Be Reforming by Preaching to Commuters.

Greenwich, Conn., which sets itself up, some citizens say, as the richest town in the country (loud cries from Morristown, N. J., and Brookline, Mass.), is going to be called upon to "hit the trail."

Yes, the place of fifty-one millionaires, 2,000 automobiles to 20,000 population, the finest, prettiest, most comfortable—but we're repeating too much of Booster Ralph Morrow's stuff. Anyhow, Greenwich the Rich, is to be reformed. The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Fay Mills will start a revival there next Sunday which will run two weeks, with meetings every day except Monday.

Now, here is nothing out of the way in any town having a moral shakedown, with a big choir and plain-language sermons and all that. Billy Sunday familiarized the Nation with such methods when he was in town. Dr. Mills carries out an idea he has in mind, one feature of his campaign will be more unusual than anything the Rev. Bill ever did.

Dr. Mills is seriously considering a plan to hold meetings on the railway station platform and thus reach the commuters who go down in the morning to New York and go back home at night.

An Audience of Importance.

If he does so, he will reach an audience of note—and notes (of the bank variety). For instance, every morning at 8:15 a southbound train carries a special car for a group of Greenwich men who include Farley A. and William G. Rockefeller, E. B. Post, cereal man; E. A. Converse, financier; A. W. Green, "biscuit king"; T. A. Liebler, theatrical producer; Julian W. Curtiss, sporting goods dealer; J. H. Flagler, Edwin H. Baker, Richard B. Pell and a dozen others.

The revivalist will be talking to a group—if he addresses the one which would float a very fair sized foreign loan all by itself. And he could catch them "coming and going" as the phrase runs, if he preached on the other side of the platform just before 6 p. m., when the special car is hauled northward.

It is not positive that Dr. Mills will hold platform meetings. But when he was asked how he was going to reach the millionaires who probably would not attend his church services, he said:

"I'll go after them at the station." Of course he could incidentally reach a couple of thousand other commuters who are not in the six-olpther class.

The irreverent of Greenwich were suggesting yesterday that instead of "Brighten the Corners Where You Are," the revivalist use as a campaign hymn, "On the 5:15."

Town Denies It Needs Saving.

The populace of Greenwich doubts that it needs a revival. It is true enough that Lincoln Steffens, after writing his "The Shame of the Cities" series, exposing the political conditions of various big towns, said of Greenwich, then his home, that it was the worst politically of all. But, leaving that aside, a reporter for The World who went to the revival yesterday could not find any one to say that it was really a wicked town in any other way.

Still, three churches have got together and billed the town and are going to co-operate along Billy Sunday campaign lines. The churches are the Second Congregational, the pastor of which is the Rev. Charles F. Taylor; the First Methodist Episcopal, Dr. Henry Clauson Whitney; and the Presbyterian, Dr. Frank M. Carson.

A choir of 150 has been raised in Greenwich and Stamford and will be led by "Prof." Dan Laurence of San Francisco. There will be three meetings on Sundays, and two on every weekday except Monday. The Congregational Church, where they will be held, holds about 1,000 persons.

Dr. Mills, originally of Rahway, N. J., conducted revivals all over the country until 1897, when he withdrew from the Congregational Church because of ultra-liberal views, and con-

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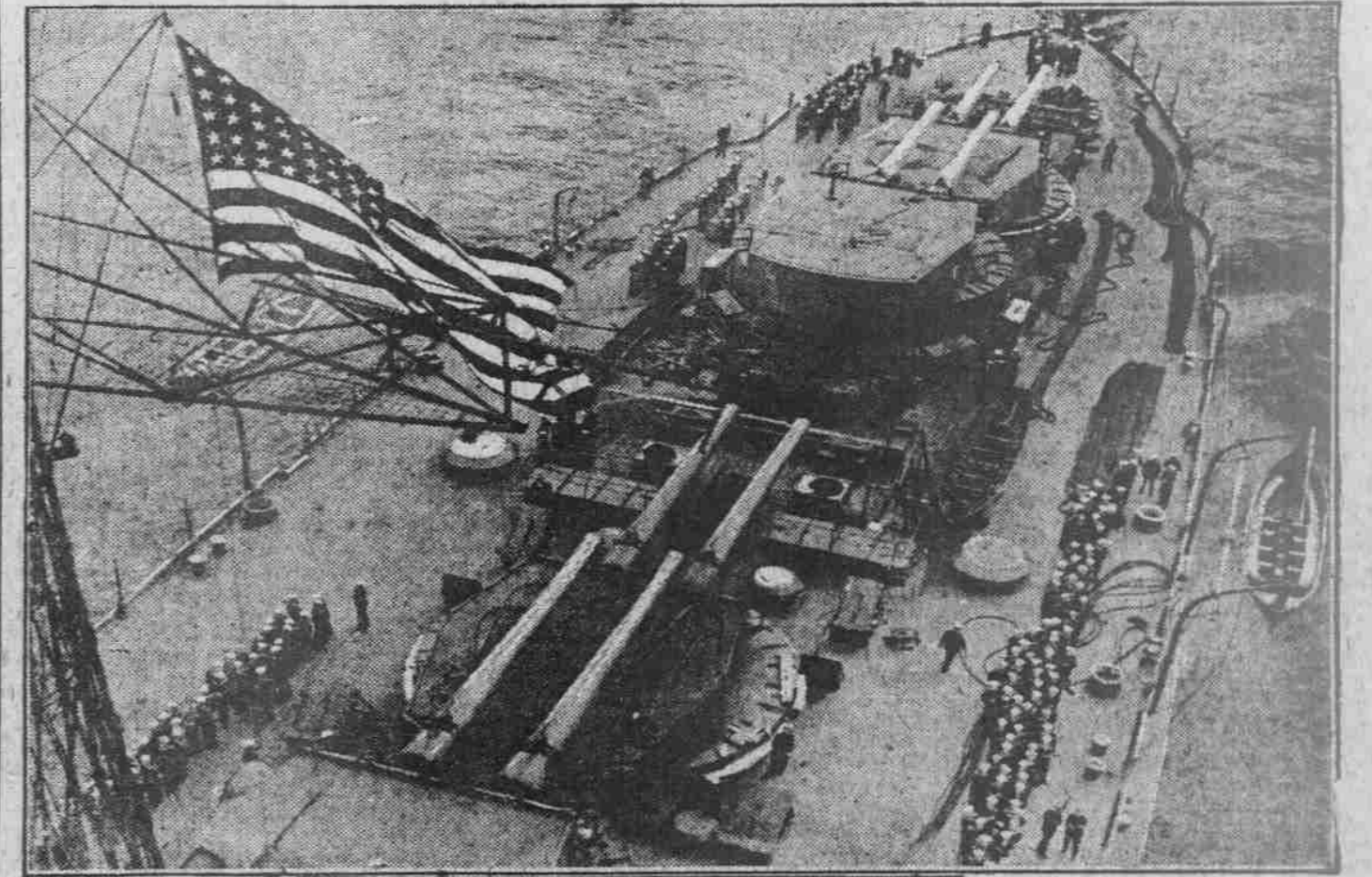
New Haven, Oct. 19.—The annual session of the Grand Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Connecticut, was held in this city today with the grand patriarch, Clinton C. Buck, of Winsted, presiding. The reports of the grand patriarch, grand high priest and other officers were read, other business incident to the

gathering transacted and officers for the ensuing year chosen.

The war department announced that it recommends \$81,000,000 to be expended for coast defenses during the next four years.

Thomas A. Edison arrived at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Thursday has been designated as "Edison Day" at the exposition.

AFTER THEIR HARD WORK IN WAR GAMES BIG BATTLESHIPS NEED OVERHAULING



STERN of the DREADNAUGHT WYOMING

Six battleships of the Atlantic fleet, including the Wyoming, flagship of Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, returned to New York from Newport and the lately completed war games. The Arkansas went at once to the Brooklyn navy yard, and in a few hours the vessel was in drydock for general overhauling. The five others—the New York, Texas, Wyoming, Utah and Florida—anchored off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, where they awaited their turn for berths at the navy yard. The war games, according to Captain William Rawle Shoemaker of the Arkansas, were satisfactory from every standpoint. It was the first time, he said, that the fleet had ever maneuvered in actual war trim. Nothing had marred the smoothness of the trials. The photograph of the stern of the Wyoming was made from the Manhattan bridge over the East river, New York.

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