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## MEMBERSHIP OF ELKS LODGE NOW OVER 2,000 MARK

Reception to Exalted Ruler Albin N. Johnson by Regiment of His Initiates.

500 NEW MEMBERS MARCH THROUGH STREETS

Big Time at Clubhouse Follows Initiation of Class of 164 Candidates. Johnson Receives Jewel.

Johnson's regiment of initiates into the Freeport lodge of the B. P. O. Elks made a heroic and successful attack on dull care on Thursday evening, added 164 captives to their ranks and then, with the exalted ruler, Albin N. Johnson, whose successful record they were celebrating, made merry during an evening which comprised fun, frolic and ceremony. Exalted Ruler Johnson has during his term of office taken into the lodge 740 members and thereby not only reached the 2,000 mark which he set for himself a year ago, but exceeded it by a few, for the membership of the order is now 2,018, which represents an increase of 52 per cent in a year.

Before the ceremonies at the clubhouse there was a parade, and there was quite a turnout for this parade.



ALBIN N. JOHNSON

Over 500 of the members taken in during the year were on hand prepared to march. Baredheaded they started from the clubhouse in Merrick road, passed through the principal streets and returned to the club.

Exalted Ruler Johnson, hatless and in his swallowtail regalia, headed the procession. At his side was the commanding officer, "General" Jack Morris, as Mephistopheles of the red cloth. The aids were Cecil H. Johnson, Waterbury Fleming and Hilbert N. Johnson.

Next in line came the Elks Band, a feature of the lodge inaugurated during the past year and every member of which was taken in during the year. The leader was J. Cecil Powers of 45 South Side avenue, First Toot Oscar Poeland of 22 Shonnard avenue and Second Toot Robert A. Miller of 46 Roosevelt place.

Fourteen companies of initiates followed in regular order, each one being identified by a characteristic sign. Each company had its slogan and war cry, which was rendered with effectiveness at the proper time.

At the meeting of the lodge 164 new members were received and initiated. Only 124 were needed to make the increase in membership reach the 51 per cent mark, but Exalted Ruler Johnson saw the last regular meeting of the lodge during his administration add on the names of forty members in excess of those needed to reach the goal.

During the meeting he was presented with a beautiful life membership card in the form of a locket. It is of solid gold, the obverse of the case carrying a large diamond and a ruby eyed Elks head, the reverse suitably engraved, and inside is an enameled card and his portrait on a gold plaque.

In addition to this mark of recognition by the lodge, each company of candidates received during his term some verbal evidence of their appreciation as they filed into the clubhouse after the parade. At the general and his staff came in the band surrounded them with "Hail, Hail, the Gaiety of All Hail" and as the exalted ruler entered they with "Hail to the Chief." As the exalted ruler reached his post the general called the roll of companies and each responded with its war cry. The officers of each company and its war cry were:

### Company A

Captain, Harold L. Bucken, Roek, 5116 Center; first lieutenant, Edward A. Schneider, Rockville Center; second lieutenant, Jason H. Vorantyon, Lynbrook.

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## FREEPORT CLUB NOTES

Masquerade Dance This Friday—Election of Officers Next Week.

The annual masquerade of the Freeport Club will be held on Friday night of this week at the clubhouse. It promises to be the big social event of the post-lenten season.

The election of officers of the Freeport Club will take place on Tuesday evening, April 5. The nominations made are: President, Forest S. Dunbar; vice-president, Theodore S. Vought; secretary, Joel Pitcher; treasurer, Leonard S. Maybee; trustees, Hilman R. Smith, Albert L. Earle, David Kennedy and Arthur Frank.

A meeting of the baseball committee of the club will be held Monday night.

## ADVOCATE BRIGHTER RAILROAD AVENUE

Pearsall and Bindrim Approach Street Illumination Problem From Different Angles.

"A Brighter Railroad Avenue" was the slogan which Julius Bindrim was talking up with considerable effect last Saturday night among the Railroad Avenue business men and storekeepers. Trustee Howard Pearsall antedated him by a few days with a similar proposition, or rather one having the same object but with a somewhat different means of attaining it.

Trustee Pearsall has offered the suggestions to some of the business men on the avenue that they get together and have a string of incandescent lamps strung for the full length of the block from Grove to Main street. Last summer there was such a string of lights extending about half the length of the block from Grove street, the lights being placed over the middle of the streets in the most convenient place to light the streets for the block dances that were held there almost every Saturday night.

When Trustee Pearsall broached the subject, he suggested that the business men on the block chip in their share of the cost of such illumination. This suggestion met with some little favor, but the counter suggestion was offered with some enthusiasm that the village should more adequately illuminate the avenue.

It was pointed out that the village now has no lights in Railroad Avenue, although there is an arc light at both ends of the streets, one in Main street and the other in Grove street.

Another counter suggestion offered was that boulevard lights be installed on the avenue, and this was further extended to include all the principal business streets.

Bindrim's idea for brightening the avenue was to have every business man on the avenue illuminate his store or office in the evening. He made a tour of the avenue and pointed out the places where the attractiveness of the avenue might be improved by groups of offices leaving a light burning until about 10 o'clock in the evening.

The merchants would profit by such procedure, he pointed out. To prove this to a merchant let him be asked what he would ask for the use of his window every evening for advertising purposes. He would ask some reasonable amount for the use of his window. It is then but a short step to the conclusion that if the merchant's window is worth a reasonable amount to someone else for advertising purposes, it is worth at least that much to the merchant himself, and he should not waste the advertising opportunity afforded by lighting his window in the evenings.

In front of Schloss' department store in South Main street is a group of several boulevard light pedestals with clusters of lights. These make quite an imposing addition to the lighting facilities in Main street, and benefit not only the Schloss establishment but the entire section of Main street.

On Saturday of this week the best looking and most vivacious young women in Freeport are going to be on the street, and they are going to speak to everyone they meet. They will have a pleasant word and a smile for all comers, and they will send away with a smile, all to whom they speak. Everyone they speak to will be minus an odd coin or two, or maybe more, but the parading will be accompanied by a smile, and perhaps by a greeting. "You're doing good work. You can have my 25."

The cause of this outpouring of Freeport's finest young damsels will be the annual "tag day" of the Young Women's Christian Association. The numbers of all the clubs and corps

## R. R. IMPROVING STATION GROUNDS

New System of Electric Lights Being Installed—Posts to Mark Off Driveway.

The Long Island Railroad started last week to do some Spring clean-up work around the station grounds and building. New lights are to be installed both on the grounds and in the building, and some changes are to be made on the driveways. The present gas lighting system will be eliminated, and the use of gas will be discontinued in favor of electricity.

Tall concrete posts have been placed on both east and west bound platforms at about 50 foot intervals and each of these will carry an electric lamp. These posts are reinforced with iron rods, and the railroad is in hopes that they will withstand the onslaught of automobiles which have caused a great deal of damage to the gas light lamp posts in the past.

Another change contemplated in connection with the present improvement work is the erecting of a series of reinforced concrete posts about 7 feet high along the north side platform to separate the portion of the plaza reserved for pedestrians, from the driveway, reserved for automobiles. The local representatives of the railroad have notified in the past that drivers of automobiles have not always respected the right of pedestrians to a small portion of the platform, and to insure the protection of people these posts are to be installed. Some will also be placed along the south side where needed.

## VILLAGE OPERATION EXPLAINED TO CLUB

Attorney Clinton Flint F. d Baptist Men's Club Greatly Interested in Subject.

Ladies' night was held by the Men's Club of the Freeport Baptist Church in the church parlors on Monday night, in spite of the inclement weather there was a very fine attendance. It was a very informal and also a very enjoyable affair. There was an open discussion following an interesting address by Attorney Clinton F. Flint, village counsel.

His topic was "The Government of the Village of Freeport." He outlined the theory of village government and explained the functions of the various offices and how the officials carry out the duties of their position. He answered numerous questions, which showed a great desire on the part of his listeners to have made plain to them the interlocking relationships of the governments of village, township and county.

At the close of the discussion refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

## BEDELL WARMING UP

Fred H. Bedell of Freeport, who pitched for Mineola last year, winning sixteen out of eighteen games, has started to get his arm back into condition to start his thirteenth year of baseball right.

Russ Randall is having a hard time getting rid of some unnecessary weight. As captain of the Freeport Baseball Club he wants to be at his best.

## ELWOOD MEYERS BUSY

Elwood Meyers will be on hand this year with a better ball team than ever. His hard work to give Freeport a first-class representation should be appreciated.

## ALL OF FREEPORT'S PRETTIEST GIRLS

Will Be on Street Saturday to Decorate You With the Insignia of Community Pride—It Will Be the Annual Tag Day for the Y. W. C. A.

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## K. OF C. MOVIE SHOW

Views of Vatican and Battlefields at American Theater.

An interesting moving picture exhibition of the tour through the European battlefields and points of historical interest in connection with the recent war and of the visit of the Knights of Columbus to the Vatican at Rome, when they were received by the Pope, was personally administered Holy Communion to them, was shown in the American Theater Tuesday night under the auspices of the Holy Redeemer Council, Knights of Columbus. "A couple of other pictures were shown in connection with this feature. Both performances were well attended. The committee in charge of the entertainment comprised Joseph Morris, Edward Meyers and Cornelius Regan.

## F. D. ELECTIONS AND BAL COMING

Contest for Second Assistant Chief—Mask and Civic Affair to Be Held April 15.

The annual fire department election will take place on Tuesday evening, April 7, at the truck house. The company elections will be held on the Tuesday preceding it, April 5. On the following Friday evening the annual meeting of the department will be held.

The only contest in the department election is for second assistant chief. There are four candidates for this place—Capt. Hamilton G. King of Hose 2, Capt. Sam Carter of Hose 3, Capt. John Mauersberger of Truck 1 and ex-Deputy Chief Edward Rice of Engine 1.

S. Dimon Smith, now first deputy, is unopposed for chief, and Charles Fritz, now second deputy, is unopposed for first deputy.

The fire department will hold its first annual mask and civic ball at the Auditorium on April 15. Charles Fritz is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

Plans are now under way to have the department put a baseball team in the field this summer.

## YOUNG FOLKS GIVE TWO PLAYLETS

Children of Hebrew Congregation Made Creditable Record as Actors in Difficult Roles.

Two well acted playlets were presented at Temple Israel on Sunday evening by the Young Folks' League of the Hebrew Congregation. The first was a Purim play, "Esther and Mordecai," and the second a comedy, "Miss Molly."

The children made a very creditable showing as actors and actresses. They were well fitted to their roles and were well trained for their parts under the direction of Mrs. Harold Smith of Roosevelt.

The cast of characters in "Esther and Mordecai" was: Queen Esther, Adolphine Benowitz; the King, David Jacobson; Prince Haman, Philip Goldsmith; Jester, Martin Raphael; Seribe, Esther Wolfson; Mordecai, H. Barasch; Queen's Pages, Loretta Puck and Mistress Markheim; King's Pages, Joseph Friedman and Abner Levy.

In "Miss Molly" the cast of characters was: Miss Molly, a sweet little thing from the Philippines, Grace Rosenstein; Joe Johnson, a trusted butler, Lawrence Schloss; Pearl, his sweetheart, Lillian Schuber; Miss Cummers, full of pep, Roslyn Foltstein; Lady Elvira, Tessie Israel; Reginald Peters, with a fifty-year-old growth, Mortimer Rogosa; Anne Peters, his twin sister, Sadie Goldfarb; Julian Hewett, an artist, Harry Jacobson.

For the present Smith & Post, as the new firm will be known, will have their headquarters in Soper's Garage in East Main street, but they expect in a short time to locate in a fine sales room in a central location in the village, the plans for which are now drawn. Both members of the firm have a host of friends who will be pleased with their success in their new venture.

## TO HOLD LADIES' NIGHT

The Freeport Council, Jr. O. E. A. M. will hold a ladies' night and vaudeville entertainment in the Freeport Auditorium on Friday evening, April 8. The committee in charge comprises W. H. Edwards, Joseph Drake, A. W. Gallione, Herbert Stewart and Nelson West.

## CEMETERY BILL SIGNED

Word was received here yesterday that Governor Miller has signed the revised bill providing for the consolidation of the old Freeport Cemetery in Church street for school and municipal purposes.

## FINISH ALARM SYSTEM

The automatic fire alarm system is being completed and will soon be ready for an official test.

## S. P. SHEA GIVEN INDORSEMENT FOR POSTMASTERSHIP

Pettit Secures Unanimous Vote for His Candidate to Succeed T. Benson Smith.

HOWARD PEARSALL ONE OF CONTESTANTS FOR PLACE

George Aring is Also Given Complimentary Vote—George Baldwin Finds Little Support Among Committeemen.

Sylvester P. Shea has received the indorsement of the Freeport members of the Nassau County Republican Committee for appointment as postmaster, to succeed T. Benson Smith. The indorsement was secured at a meeting of the committee held in the office of Stephen P. Pettit in Merrick road on Tuesday evening.

Although the meeting ended up with a unanimous indorsement of Shea, it is understood that it started without unanimity. The candidates who have been seeking the indorsement of the committee were Shea, Howard Pearsall, George Aring and George Baldwin.

Pearsall and Aring were in the race early and stood pat on their claims of support of various members of the committee. Baldwin did not make a strong political showing, but claimed recognition on the grounds of his long record in the postal service. Shea was the "dark horse."

Little has leaked out as to what took place at the committee meeting. From that little it is indicated that Aring received the promised support of Supervisor Hiram R. Smith, who, falling in securing a unanimous vote for Aring then gave his scheduled support to Pearsall. Pearsall likewise failed to secure a unanimous vote and then the meeting went along according to the program prepared by Committeeman Pettit and supported by the four members of the faction.

The committeemen who supported Shea from the start were Pettit, Robert G. Anderson, Clarence Lewis and John Dunger, and those who later claimed in to make the vote unanimous were Supervisor Smith and Clarence Williams.

It will probably be a couple of months or more before any change in postmasters is actually made.

## SMITH AND POST IN AUTO PARTNERSHIP

Will Open Salesroom Here and Handle Local Agency for Buick Car.

Leroy Smith and Milton M. Post, two of Freeport's most popular young business men, have formed a partnership and are now engaged in the automobile business as sales agents. They have secured the agency for this territory of the Buick Car, and have opened temporary offices to enable them to start work without delay pending the securing of salesrooms for which they are now making arrangements.

Milton Post was formerly proprietor and active director of the Freeport Taxi Service of Railroad avenue. He sold that business about a year ago, and since then has been engaged as an art director with a moving picture concern.

Leroy Smith has previously been identified with the sales end of the automobile business in Freeport. In his local connection as salesman, he established an enviable record, and big ability in this line he carries as a valuable asset.

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## THEY WERE ASSESSORS

That Group of Fine Looking Men Examining Property.

That group of fine looking men, who looked like a million dollars apiece and who some folks thought were city real estate operators who came here to try to buy the village, were four members of the village board who started out this week on their large scale task of bringing the assessment roll up to date.

## HUENDORFER TRAINING

Fredy Huendorfer of Freeport, one of the country's best walkers, is training earnestly for the coming outdoor season.

## SHEA TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Given by Friends of New Secretary of Elks Lodge.

A testimonial dinner was tendered to Sylvester P. Shea, who was recently elected secretary of the Freeport Elks Lodge, by a number of his friends in the lodge on Tuesday night. The dinner was held at the White Cannon Inn in East Rockaway. Shea was presented with a fine gold watch suitably engraved.

Captain James Hanse was toastmaster. Speeches were made by Stephen P. Pettit, Village President Robert L. Christie, former village president Clarence A. Edwards, Police Judge Albin N. Johnson, Ernest S. Randall, George Levy and the guest of honor.

When Shea received the watch he expressed his appreciation in a very natural way—by saying nothing. There were a thousand things he wanted to say, but words would not shape themselves, so he spoke volumes in silence.

## GROVE ST. TROLLEY TO BE DISCUSSED

Paving of That Street by County to Have Effect on Local Line.

The county, represented by Supervisor Hiram R. Smith, and the village, represented by the Board of Trustees, will get together on Friday night to discuss the project of paving Grove street and the incident problem of handling the trolley situation. The county has planned to lay a concrete pavement on Grove street and hoped to get ahead with the work this year.

To carry out the work of laying this concrete highway will mean the changing of the grade of the street somewhat in places, and such changes will necessarily involve similar changes in the trolley line, which is owned by Julius Bindrim.

There is also a franchise provision that requires the trolley company to pay for the cost of such paving on the section of the roadway between its tracks and for two feet on either side of the tracks. To meet this cost will mean a heavy burden on the trolley company.

In the past, before Bindrim took over this line, it was generally considered more or less of a white elephant, but during the past year he has made the expenses and income break even. In conversation with the representative of the Freeport News a short time ago, Mr. Bindrim declared that the line was in no position to bear any such heavy costs, and said in a more or less serious manner that if forced to pay such a cost he would turn the road over to the village.

## HAS MOTOR BUNGALOW

H. G. Edwards Has Unique Traveling Convenience on Display.

There is on display in the showrooms of Herbert G. Edwards, in Merrick road, a unique contrivance, a two wheeled trailer, which is called a motor bungalow. It is a Long Island product and is manufactured at Garden City by the Adams Trailer Corporation. It was designed by Glenn H. Curtiss and C. Carl Adams of airplane fame for their own use, but it became so popular that they started to manufacture motor bungalows similar to their own to meet the demand.

When the sides are let down they form double beds, and a canopy folds over them like an umbrella. The interior is modeled and equipped to accommodate six sleepers and to provide comforts and conveniences which would seem luxuries on tour. Inside are an icebox, a large tank to supply running water, a folding dining table, a small essence-burning stove, electric lights—everything that could possibly help to make life on the trail cozy, easy and healthful.

Mr. Edwards has secured the agency for Long Island for these motor bungalows.

## BILL HERRING WITH ALBANY

Freeport Ball Tosses Out After Big Record This Year.

Bill Herring of Freeport, the six-foot ball tosser, had apparently found his leather. Playing the outfield for Albany during the last two months of the season last year he hit seven home runs. He has received orders to report April 11, and you can expect him to be the Babe Ruth of the upstate club. This is his ninth year in professional ball playing. Big Bill played his first pro game in the I. I. League. John McTear took him South during the spring of 1914. Great things were expected from him as a pitcher. In 1915 Herring jumped to the Brooklyn Federal League Club. In 1916-1917 he played with the Wooster Club, now of the Eastern League. The year 1918 found him in service and 1919 with Bridgeport till August, then went to Albany, where he will play this year. He is to be with Albany. Hit them out of the lot. Freeport is with you.

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Village President Robert L. Christie was given a new position by the village board at its first regular meeting, when it voted to him the task of giving personal supervision to the public works of the village, principally the streets, at the present time, pending the securing of the services of someone who can be appointed to the position.

There was a three cornered fight on hand for appointment of Street Commissioner. Clarence Williams was seeking re-appointment, "Mc" Bond wanted the job, and also John Lewis. The situation was a ticklish one for the board. Each candidate had strong points in his favor, and the recognition of any one, meant the loss of the other two.

The trustees on looking over their post-election situation, took an inventory, and recalled that they had as village president a man with engineering experiences and knowledge of practical road building.

A solution readily suggested itself. Preval upon the village president to put his engineering and road building experience to practical use for the village, by having him assume the position at the head of the street department, and let him have such of the

three candidates for street commissioner perform a special line of work under the personal direction of the village president. This was decided upon, Village President Christie being agreeable to the proposition. Clarence Williams handed in his resignation as street commissioner, and the following day, all three applicants for this position were at work on the streets with President Christie.

The board voted in favor of the proposition of creating the position of, and securing the services of a commissioner of public works who will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the electric light and water plant and their distribution systems, and the street and parks.

Securing funds to carry on the work of the village pending the receipt of taxes in August, was another problem tackled by the board, and it was decided to borrow \$15,000 from the surplus in the electric light fund instead of from the banks, thus saving interest.

Stephen Pettit informed the board that he would start immediately the erection of 24 houses in the streets formerly in the Mount Estate, and asked the board to lay 375 feet of water main both in Milton street and Harris avenue, which extensions would connect existing dead ends in the water mains.

B. Frank Post asked for water main extension in the same section.

Trustee Johnson presented a motion demanding a public retraction from the Nassau and Suffolk Lighting Company of the statement it made that it had filed, a bond with the village to indemnify consumers here against any over charges. After an amendment by Trustee Maxson which toned the original motion down somewhat, it was adopted.

In the matter of choosing the official newspaper of the village, a secret ballot was taken. Trustees Maxson, Miller and Pearsall voted for the Nassau County Review and Village President Christie and Trustee Johnson voted for the Freeport News. P. B. O'Neill, publisher of the Freeport News questioned the right of the board to designate the Nassau County Review as the official paper as Trustee Pearsall was interested in it as vice president of the corporation. Trustee Pearsall declared he was willing to have his vote eliminated if there was any question of the legality of it. He declared that there was no monetary consideration involved in his connection with the paper, and his vote was allowed to stand.

A secret vote was taken for health officer. Dr. W. H. Runcie received 4 votes and Dr. Leo Halpin, 3. Dr. Runcie invited the members of the board to take dinner with him at the Elks Club Friday evening.

Village Treasurer S. Dimon Smith proposed that the work of getting up water bills, receiving the payments of same, and making inspections of houses to check up the number of fans

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