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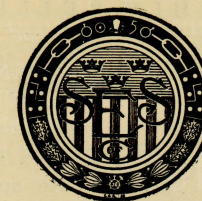
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MARCH-APRIL MEETING

The regular March monthly meeting, with lecture by the distinguished Col. Sidney Story, as announced by card and in the Bulletin, was called off on account of the almost unprecedented blizzard that raged over the city and vicinity at that time. A combination March-April meeting was later decided on by the Board of Directors, and was held Wednesday evening, April the 16th, followed by a lecture, a summary of which the chairman of the lecture committee, Mr. Wm. E. Anderson, has in preparation at this writing.

Annual Summer Outing

The important action taken at this meeting was the fixing of date and place for our summer outing. It will be held at Gurnee on June the 22nd, where Chairman Eklund of the house committee was instructed to make arrangement for the usual accommodations. The matter was discussed, pro and con, but the general opinion was that Gurnee offers us better facilities than any other place available. Further details will, of course, be mailed to each and every member in due season.

OUR MAY SPEAKER

Our speaker for this month is one of the most distinguished men that ever graced a lecture platform. He is Col. Sidney Story, and comes to us through the courtesy of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Col. Story will speak to us on the subject "Bringing the Oceans to the Heart of the Middle West."

Col. Story for many years has been a foreign trade missionary, champion of the American Merchant Marine, and an advocate of the Lakes-to-Gulf and St. Lawrence Sea-way.

He spent many years abroad, in the study of economic problems, especially in Latin-America. He was an advocate of the Inter-Oceanic Canals at Nicaragua and Panama. Col. Story was a pioneer in the development of steamship service between North and South America in the years before the World War.

He operated a fleet of cargo steamers under the Brazilian flag, between the Gulf ports of the United States and the ports of Brazil and the Argentine.

Col. Story brought about in 1913 a congressional probe of the foreign steamship combine, which exposed the impotency of America upon the seas and which also resulted in legislation, which organized the United States Shipping Board.

Col. Story was in the service of the National Service section, U. S. Shipping Board, during the World War.

Col. Story's paternal ancestors came from England in 1637 to Massachusetts, and his maternal forebears came from France to Louisiana 130 years ago. The name of Story figures conspicuously in American history, from the day of the Boston Tea Party.

Col. Story's ambition is to see Chicago become the world's greatest seaport and to that end is assisting to spread the gospel of American shipping and bringing the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea to the door of Chicago.

The American Merchant Marine says Col. Story is the "Sine qua non" of American domestic tranquility and national security, because American ocean delivery wagons under the American flag will hold and develop markets for the constantly increasing output of American farms, mines and factories, which means not only continuous employment of labor and lucrative wages, but also the development of a most important auxiliary for our Navy in times of peace and national crisis.

ETT FEMTIOÅRSMINNE

Den 24 april 1880 landsteg den år 1926 till Sverige återvände äldrige ingenjören Gust. Pers Wern i Castle Garden, New York, U. S. A.

För att hugfästa minnet av denna viktiga tilldragelse hade han inbjudit ett antal av sina närmaste vänner, de flesta bekantskaper från en längre eller kortare tids vistelse i Förenta Staterna, till fest i Svenska Teknologföreningens klubbhus i Stockholm den 24 april 1930. Vid denna fest voro bland andra närvarande tre av de män, som år 1886 bildade "Svenska Ingenjörsföreningen av Förenta Staterna" med huvudsäte i New York, nämligen ingenjören Gust. Pers Wern, marindirektör J. A. Fredrik Arsenius och länsarkitekten Magnus Dahlander.

Det må här anmärkas, att ingenjör Wern förmodligen är den enda ännu levande svensk i Sverige, som skakat hand med vår världsberömda landsman John Ericsson och med honom diskuterat tekniska saker, vilket allt möjliggjordes av ett till John Ericsson ställt personligt introduktionsbrev från den svenske elektrikern Wenström. Marindirektör Arsenius har den distinktionen att han skådat John Ericssons ansikte, då denne stod "lit de parade" i Brooklyn, N. Y., år 1889. Bland de närvarande befann sig även ingenjör G. A. Åkerlind, som i april månad år 1887 landade i Castle Garden, N. Y., och som på våren 1927 återvände till Sverige för att där sluta sina dagar.

En tyst minut

Talens rad vid kaffet inleddes med en erinran om, att vi såsom svenske män av aktning för den nyligen hädangångna svenska drottning Victoria borde ägna hennes minne en tyst minut. Därpå följde under den angenämaste stämning minnen från gammal och ny tid av upplevelser i U. S. A. men också en vemodig hägkomst av de vänner och kamrater, som lämnat oss. Det påminnes även om, att vi borde låta de i U. S. A. arbetande svenska ingenjörerna, kända och okända, veta att vi här i Sverige tänka på dem och påminna dem om den mycket ändrade åskådningen angående svenskar i Sverige och svenskar i utlandet. Vi svensk-amerika-

Col. Story is not accustomed to speaking before small audiences. If we cannot have at least seventy-five listeners to hear this great man, we may never be able to secure the free services of another distinguished speaker.

Each member should bring five guests. Wm. E. Anderson,
Chairman, Lecture Committee.

THE S. E. S. REUNION

Regarding the reunion of S. E. S. members at Stockholm during July, first mentioned in the Bulletin for March (see Secretary's Notes, page 2) and again on page 1, April Bulletin, the following letter from Secretary Ongman seems to cover the subject quite fully:

May 16, 1930.

Dear Fellow Member:

It has been decided to arrange a reunion with an informal dinner sometime during the summer in Stockholm or its environs for members residing in Sweden and the many now visiting from the U. S. A.

We have set the date tentatively for July 16th. The local arrangements have been intrusted to our honorary member, Ingenjör G. A. Åkerlind, address Norra Mälarstrand 66, Stockholm.

We sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to attend. The price will be about 12 kronor per cover. This affair is for men only, but members are permitted to invite their gentlemen friends.

Please communicate at once with Mr. Åkerlind direct in order that arrangements may be completed at the earliest date.

Trusting we shall have the pleasure of your company at the reunion, we remain

Sincerely yours,

The Reunion Committee,
by Secretary.

The other members of the committee are: Henry A. Moberg and John Sjunneson. Engineer Åkerlind has been requested to act as chairman on arrangements.

ner, som återvänt till hemlandet, mötas av stora famnen, och ingen är numera likgiltig för hur det går för våra landsmän varhelst de må vistas på jordklotet.

Det föreslogs därför att ett memorandum av denna fest och vad därvid framhölls skulle sändas till de svenska ingenjörsföreningarna i Brooklyn, N. Y., Chicago, Ill., Detroit, Mich., och San Francisco, Calif., de enda sammanslutningarna av svenska ingenjörer i U. S. A. vi känna till här, dels såsom en direkt hälsning från gamla vänner och dels såsom en försäkran om, att vi här i Sverige med livligt intresse följa våra landsmäns strävanden i främmande land.

En kommitté, bestående av redaktören för industritidningen "Norden", ingenjör Christopher Sylwan, och ingenjör G. A. Åkerlind, tillsattes för att utföra ovannämnda förslag, och få vi tacka för förtroendet och anse härmed vårt uppdrag avslutat.

En förteckning över de män, som voro närvarande vid denna fest, ges härmed och följdordningen har arrangerats enligt de deltagandes ungefärliga ålder, nämligen:

Gust. Pers Wern
J. A. Fredrik Arsenius
H. J. Fogelmark
Carl af Klintberg
Gustaf Lundholm
Lennart Pegelow
Ernst Thomé
Magnus Dalander
G. A. Åkerlind
Christopher Sylwan
E. Rydbeck
Hugo Fryxell
Severin Clausen
Anders G. Brask.

Stockholm, den 26 april 1930.

—G. A. Åkerlind.

Second childhood would not be so lamentable a state if it were followed by second adolescence.

—Lafayette Lyre.

"What is a cowslip?"

"Just a bovine indiscretion, Nellie; just a bovine indiscretion."

—Texas Ranger.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO MR. VINCENT BENDIX

The Bendix banquet was a tremendous success. A large number of the members of the Swedish Engineers' Society participated, and the Bulletin staff was well represented.

We certainly were all very proud of our president, Mr. Shoan, who was chairman of the banquet.

Distinguished men and women of Swedish birth and extraction had gathered there from all parts of the United States to honor one of the foremost representatives of the Swedish race. Congressman Carl R. Chindblom came all the way from Washington, D. C., to act as toastmaster, and City Treasurer Chas. S. Peterson came in by aeroplane from Oklahoma, where he left the "good will" party, to represent the City.

Mrs. Chindblom, whose maiden name was Christina Nilson and who in her girlhood days played as beautifully on the piano as her world-famous namesake ever sang upon the concert stage, came here with Congressman Chindblom for the purpose of playing accompaniment to Madame Sundelius, the noted Swedish New York Metropolitan opera star, who was soprano soloist at the banquet, the two ladies having been schoolmates in their early days, in an eastern musical conservatory.

There were many remarkable speeches made, the principal one by Dr. Julius Lincoln, and the shortest by Mr. Bendix. Dr. Lincoln's speech was a veritable panorama in word pictures of the achievements of "the iron man," from "Leif, the bold," to "Colonel Lindbergh, still the Lone Eagle of the Atlantic," and "Vincent Bendix, chivalrous, masterful and friendly, the man of iron with the heart of gold."

We intend to reproduce Dr. Lincoln's speech, if not in its entirety, then at least in substance, in our next issue, together with the impressions gathered there by our co-editors on the Bulletin staff, which space does not permit us to do in this issue.

Mr. Bendix was introduced when the turn came to him to speak, as a man of action and few words. Looking serenely contented, he arose and for a few silent seconds surveyed the vast sea of friendly faces before him, then spoke as follows: "All I am going to say is, I thank you all."



FETED—Vincent Bendix, right, president of the Bendix Aviation Corporation, at the banquet held in his honor last night at the Stevens Hotel by the American Sons and Daughters of Sweden. Mr. Bendix is wearing the Order of the North Star, bestowed on him by King Gustav last Summer. At left is Nels Shoan, chairman.

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A SILVER WEDDING SURPRISE

On the 15th of March, a bunch of very clever fellows, calling themselves The Connivers, sent out a summons, to a number of S. E. S. members, picked more or less at random, to present themselves at 6:15 the evening of Tuesday, March 18, at a certain street corner a short distance from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel A. Monson, to join in a surprise party on the Monsons, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

That early hour was set in order to be ready to pounce upon the unsuspecting family at the moment they were about to sit down to their evening meal—to catch them at home, and hungry—and the plan succeeded!

A full 100% of the members summoned responded—and for once the S. E. S. bunch was on time! Moreover, they came with their ladies, about a hundred in all.

About 7:30, when it was already quite dark, the surprisers were lined up, two abreast, on the sidewalk; and now came the surprise for the surprisers, when black "stove-pipe" hats and blazing torches were handed out to each one. A German brass band was marched to the front and the parade was on the move, to the amazement, not to say amusement, of that dignified residence neighborhood. Ten minutes later, every square foot of floor space in the Monson residence was covered with a pair of feet—even the basement was invaded!

The plan was to kidnap the entire Monson family—to take them bodily, put them into a car and haul them over to the S. E. S. clubhouse and hold and entertain them there until the wee hours in the morning. The plan succeeded in every detail; but for a while it looked as if the Monson cellar would deter them from the original purpose.

Of course, our friend, Frithiof, the gifted Editor for Svenska Amerikanaren, was on hand. When the writer saw him, he whispered in his ear: "I have no pen or note-book along and am going to copy your stuff; so do it right!" He did; and we are now going to let him relate, in his own flowing mother tongue, what followed at the Club.

Vår Vän Redaktören Berättar

Det var herr och fru Monsons silverbröllopsdag och den hade de ämnat fira i all tysthet i hemmet. Men det blev annat av. Monson ikläddes en bröllopsdräkt från 1880-talet, en grå prins Albert-rock, och fru Monson utklutades i en bruddräkt för 50 år tillbaka, och så fördes de i bil till Svenska Ingenjörsföreningens hem i 503 Wrightwood ave., där de mottogs av en väntande skara vänner och fördes till bankettsalen, där man bänkade sig kring smakfullt dukade bord och intog en härlig supé.

Initiativtagarna till denna genomlyckade hyllningsfest voro direktörerna för Super-Maid Corporation, Nels Shoan, T. G. Grundström och Roy Wm. Wilson. Den förstnämnda av de tre fungerade som ceremonimästare för aftonen och hade beslutat sig för ett unikt och alltigenom humoristiskt program. Men han blev besviken, då den förste talaren, Tom Hanlon, känd för sin sprudlande humor, höll ett både högstämt och till hjärtat gående tal. Vid slutet härav introducerade han hedersgästernas äldste son, vilken överlämnade till modern en vacker blomstergård.

Kom så turen till advokaten Hjalmar Lundquist, som framkom med barndomsminnen från Bofors, hans och silverbrudgummens födelsebygd. Han minde om att de voro födda i samma hus och att hans fader var gjutmästare på Bofors, då Monsons var verkmästare därsammastädes. Därpå höll Chas. H. Rosberg ett tal i samma anda. Nu inkommo ett stort antal sångare ur Nordstjärnans Sångarklubb och under assisterande dirigent Wermes ledning framburo sin hyllning i sång. Därpå uppläste ceremonimästaren ett antal telegram från vänner, vilka voro förhindrade att delta i hyllningsfesten.

Andra talare voro Carl Festin, G. E. Grundström, Henry Moberg, Eric E. Hall, Charles Ryden, en broder till silverbruden, George Axell, John S. Gullborg och andra. John Sandell sjöng "Värmeland, du sköna" och Frithiof Malmquist uppläste en tillfällighetsdikt.

Vid slutet av sitt tal frambar herr Gullborg vännernas minnesgåva, en stilig silverservis. Silverbrudgummen tackade varmt å fru Monsons och sina egna vägnar för hyllningen,

den i dagen lagda vänskapen och för minnesgodheten hos de församlade. Även silverbruden frambar ett ur hjärtat sprunget tack.

Under hela middagen furnerades taffelmusik av en orkester som var klädd i alla olika regementens uniformer och som blåste var för sig och dock samtidigt olika melodier. Super-Maid-kvartetten sjöng sockenstämma under Grundströms ledning, vilket ej gjorde samvaron mindre glad.

Just som man var färdig att bryta upp kom Roy Wilson ihåg något som han glömt, nämligen att ett par av de närvarande gästerna, Arthur J. Peterson och hans fru, samma dag kunde fira 15:de årsdagen av sitt bröllop. Herr Wilson gratulerade dem å de församlades vägnar och överlämnade till bruden en smakfull blomstergård.

After the elegant dinner, the many eloquent speeches (of which that of Tom Hanlon stands out in our memory as the most distinctive) and after the presentation of the silver service to the silver bride and groom, the guests enjoyed several hours of dancing to really very excellent old-time music. And thus ended this spectacular affair.

We have since received for publication the following courteous acknowledgment from the honor guests on this happy occasion:

To Our Friends of the Swedish Engineers' Society:

We take this opportunity through the medium of the Monthly Bulletin of the S. E. S. to convey our hearty thoughts and thanks for the reception, dinner, kind words and beautiful gift bestowed upon us on our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, March the 18th, 1930.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. A. Monson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Monson are both natives of Värmland, Sweden, but came to the U. S. A. in their early youth. They were married in Chicago and have been uniformly successful and happy. Mr. Monson is president and general manager of a large establishment, the Universal Stamping and Manufacturing Co., and has several successful inventions to his credit.

He has been a member of the Swedish Engineers' Society since 1915 and has served on nearly every important special committee that has been appointed since. He was chairman of the committee appointed by President Gullborg, who had the purchasing of our present club house in hand and is chairman of the committee that has charge of our present building project, having been appointed by President Shoan.

He has twice been elected president of the Society.

Mrs. Monson has also done much good work for our Society, in connection with the Ladies' Auxiliary, of which she has been chairman for one term.

Mr. and Mrs. Monson, with their two sons, reside at 4519 Virginia Avenue, Chicago.

IN MEMORIAM

One of our well known members, Charles H. Johnston, who owned and operated the Johnston Iron Works at 1133 Cornelia Ave., died from an operation for cancer at the Augustana Hospital on April 18th, at the age of a little past 70 years. He was born in Kroppa, Värmland, and came to Chicago 1886, where he established himself in the iron business, particularly in connection with the building industry. Possessing a good-natured temperament and an unusual high degree of good fellowship, he made friends everywhere, which was clearly shown by the presence of a very large number of mourners at his funeral.

The funeral service was held at his home, 6120 N. Washtenaw Ave., the interment at Rosehill Cemetery.

Mr. Johnston was a member of many organizations and joined the Swedish Engineers' Society in 1923, where he and his wife enjoyed many social parties.

A floral piece, as a last tribute, was sent from the Society, which was represented by the president and other members at the funeral.

He leaves his wife, Sophia, the son, Stanley, and a daughter, Mrs. E. A. Smith, grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. C. E. Carlson, and two brothers.

—C. G. A.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on Monday, May 12. After a delicious luncheon, the regular business was transacted, and the later part of the afternoon was spent playing a social game of cards.

Our Pot-Luck Dinner and Dance, held on Saturday, May 3rd, was a very successful affair. Nearly one hundred and fifty people were served and all were well pleased.

On Saturday evening, May 10th, the Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated their tenth anniversary in the form of a real, social get-together family party. This was a thoroughly successful affair, thanks to the committee who had the arrangements in hand. An excellent dinner was served at about 7:30. The tables were tastefully decorated and the general setting was extremely pleasing. The program was highly entertaining. Nebb's orchestra furnished music during the dinner. Several vocal solos were

rendered by Mr. Otto Carlson, Gosta Flodstrom and Miss Thelma Shoan. There were also some selections on the piano by Mr. E. J. Ericson. The entire evening was a social success and we want to thank all who, in one way or another, lent their assistance to make it so.

Our next entertainment will be a May dance to be given Saturday evening, May 24th. This will be the last entertainment of the season, and it is hoped that our members and friends will take advantage of the opportunity to spend one more pleasant evening at the Club. Nebb's orchestra will furnish music for the dancing.

The Ladies' Auxiliary's annual outing will be held early in July. Mrs. Chas. Gustafson has extended an invitation to the Auxiliary to spend a day at her summer home at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. We are all looking forward to this with great enthusiasm. Definite information regarding this trip will be given in the next Bulletin.

Mrs. J. S. Gullborg, Sec'y.

OUR SOCIETY'S BETTER HALF

This is the glorious month of May,
When nature bursts forth in verdure
and bloom;
When the surge of life makes the
dormant gay,
And the sun dispels the old winter's
gloom.

This is the season that man calls
spring,
When hopes are reborn and you dry
your tears;
This is the time when the robins
sing
To their lady-loves—and all friendly
ears.

This is the time when we all should
raise
In a chorus of warm and tuneful glee,
Four hundred strong, a carol of
praise
To our better half—the Auxiliary.

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