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Note

you will enjoy this article, dated 5/21/35,
It was given to me by Ardemis Mattoonian.
The original was framed for our later
presentation to the church, courtesy of Ardemis.
I had copies made and distributed them to
family members of the dear people mentioned.

To point out information of some of the people
would clearly show that their descendants
helped realize our church, our community,
25- to - 30 years later —.

① father of Lillian Trovman — The late Lillian
organized our church's first choir — was
choir director and later worked at the Descene.

② mother of Florence Chekorian Karoianian,
grandmother of Mona Karoianian

③ mother of Rose (Bosnian) Mekonian —
Rose is now a Diocesan Council member —
prior had done many things from the church,
choir to the A.C.G.O.A. in leadership roles —

Lastly, Ardemis (Byghessian) Mattoonian's
husband Matthew was the first Chairman
of the A.C.G.O.A. Central Council. Her father, Khan,
was a veteran of the Baku battle — and a loved
speaker in the community. Her mother Marie, was
an Armenian Teacher — and my late mother's
best friend.

There are are other bits of information — but these
can be immediately related to her you — (over)

The article was given to Mona with
the suggestion that publication of it
in the Parrs would be a treat for
the Community - as to have realized
the goal and dreams of our beloved
parents and early community members -
the building of our church

In my heart, I know you will
enjoy this precious bit of community
history contained in the article -

Thank you -

Sincerely,

Anna Karayon

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Around the World in Cleveland—No. 114

Armenian Apostolic Church Maintains Language Classes

Congregation in Cleveland
Holds Services in Episcopal
Church on East Side

More than 200 families comprise the congregation of the local Armenian Apostolic Church, whose services are held at Grace Episcopal Church, E. 91st street and Harvard avenue.

The Armenian Church, with its seat in Etekmladzjn, Armenia, near the historic Mt. Ararat, claims to be the only democratic Christian church in existence. Heads of the church are elected by the members of the congregation.

Because of scarcity of funds the congregation does not maintain a clergyman in Cleveland. About once a month the pastor of the Armenian Church in Detroit is called upon to officiate here. Church services are held in the Armenian language.

Two classes where native tongue is taught are maintained by the congregation. Mrs. Marie Bagdasarian teaches the downtown class at 2023 Prospect avenue, and Mrs. Yester Minasian the uptown class, E. 71st street and Broadway.

Officers of the church are:

Dick Kilimian, 17916 Lake Shore boulevard, president; Krikor Yeranian, 6827 Indiana avenue, secretary; Garabed Balderian, 1237 E. 59th street, treasurer; Manuel Yabobian, 3744 E. 76th street, vice president. Other officers are: Kerek Demirdjian; Kerop Odabashian, 12400A Benwood avenue; Dick Asgourian, 3810 Washington Park boulevard; Krikor Bagdasarian, 4827 Wendell avenue, and Harry Astikian, Arch Hotel.

The church society and their officers are:

Armenian Women's Church Society: Mrs. Armenoohi Bennisian, president; Mrs. Aroonac Demirdjian, secretary; Mrs. Markroohi, treasurer.

The Armenian Benevolent Association is the largest Armenian benefit organization existing. Its general headquarters are in Paris, France.

Founded 25 years ago by Nubar Pasha of Egypt, the association has today branches in Greece, Syria, France, South America and United States.

Its purpose is to aid needy Armenians, especially those living in their homeland. In Armenia the association opened hospitals and schools, bought tractors to help the repatriates and built homes for the aged.

The Cleveland branch of the Armenian Benevolent Association has a membership of about 100. Meetings are held once a month at 2023 Prospect avenue.

Present officers are:

Tedren Astician, 1833 Lee road, president; Vahan Der Tavitian, 1933 Lee road, secretary; Hagop Achababian, treasurer.

Another Armenian organization with branches scattered in three continents is the Armenian Democratic Liberal Association.

The branch in Cleveland with a membership of 100 has its headquarters at 2023 Prospect avenue.

Present officers are:

Merger Tookmanian, 3230 Sycamore avenue, president; Dick Garabedian, secretary; Garabed Balderian, 1237 E. 59th street, treasurer; Mrs. Eimas Mekhitarian, 1881 E. 26th street, president of Ladies' Auxiliary.

Active in cultural work is the Educational Society of Malatias founded in 1907 with a membership of 35.

Officers are:

Vahan Der Davidian, 6719 Harvard avenue, president; Levon Tarkanian, 625 E. 200th street, secretary; H. Vosgerichian, 7127 Broadway, treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Chekemian, president Ladies' Auxiliary; Mrs. Marie Elijanian, secretary.

With its headquarters in New York, the Knights of Vartan Fraternity of Cleveland was founded in 1916. Its 40 members meet in the clubrooms of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Club, 2023 Prospect avenue.

Officers are:

Sooren Achajanian, 3074 E. Derbrshire road, president; Levon Tarkanian, secretary.

Officers of the Daughters of Vartan are:

Mrs. Y. Asdirian, 1833 Lee road, president; Mrs. K. Demerdian, secretary.

Another organization meeting in the clubrooms at 2023 Prospect avenue is the Armenian Hunchak Club.



Pictured here are some of the officers of the Armenian organizations: 1: Merger Tookmanian, president Armenian Democratic Liberal Club. 2: Dick Kilimian, president Armenian Church committee. 3: Mrs. Eugene Chekemian, president Ladies' Auxiliary of the Educational Society of Malatias. 4: Horros Vosderichian, treasurer Educational Society of Malatias. 5: Garabed Balderian, treasurer Armenian Democratic Liberal Club. 6: Mrs. Mary Bennisian, president Armenian Women's Church Society.

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(Daughter of Marie Bagdasarian)
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