

## ARIZONA MUSEUM NOTES

On Thursday afternoon, February 19, 1931, the Maricopa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated to the memory of Jack and Trinidad Swilling, a fountain which stands in the park directly in front of the courthouse building in Phoenix. The simple ceremony was impressive in spite of the traffic of automobile and street car—a marked contrast to the Phoenix of Swilling's day. The regent of the chapter, Mrs. John A. Albrecht, presided; Rev. J. R. Jenkins pronounced the invocation; Judge Richard E. Sloan gave a short talk on the life of Jack Swilling in which he called attention to the fact that it was not because of many brave, daring and picturesque deeds that he was now honored but because of the constructive deed which at the time it was performed seemed quite commonplace.

He pointed out that a fountain was indeed an appropriate monument to the man who was the first of the Caucasian race to dig a ditch and divert the waters of the Salt River to the fertile lands of this Valley. Mrs. T. T. Moore, state regent of the D. A. R., formally presented the fountain to Maricopa County; and Mr. B. M. Atwood, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, in behalf of the county, accepted the gift. Two children of the American Revolution, Laura Katherine Kunz, as Martha Washington, and Joseph Louis, as George Washington, unveiled the tablet. A number of state and municipal officials were present, including Gov. George W. P. Hunt. In the assembled crowd was here and there a pioneer who had known the Swillings in the early days, and interesting bits of reminiscence were exchanged on the side.

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Active in the Swilling memorial was Mrs. Ethel Clark, who, as chairman of the Historic Spots and State Historian of the D. A. R., was responsible for having the body of Chas. D. Poston moved in 1925, from an abandoned cemetery in Phoenix to the top of Poston Butte near Florence where he had expressed his desire to be buried.

The writer recalls an occasion about this time, when Mrs. Shumaker (Mrs. Swilling), Mrs. Clark and others were out at the Park of the Four Waters together and among other things discussing Charles D. Poston. Mrs. Swilling turned to Mrs. Clark and said: "You promised me the D. A. R. would do some-

thing for my husband." That was the real beginning of the movement for this monument. Mrs. Clark again promised that the D. A. R. would do something in memory of Jack Swilling, and has kept the thought constantly before the Maricopa Chapter until it was undertaken and accomplished. The first plan was to purchase, restore and mark the old Swilling home, but as this was impossible, the fountain was decided upon and carried through by the society. Mrs. Eleanor Krause, as chapter historian, arranged the dedicatory ceremony.

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A series of lectures covering Arizona History are being given at the Arizona Museum each Sunday at three o'clock. On March 15, which was the 220th anniversary of the death of Father Kino, Dr. William John Tucker, of the English Department of the University of Arizona, spoke on the Jesuits in Arizona. March 22, Rev. Father Martin presented the subject "The Franciscans in Arizona."

The Annual Meeting of the Arizona Museum was held Wednesday evening, March 25, at the museum. The president, Mr. J. W. Walker, presided. Reports of the curator, Mrs. Ethel Clark, the executive committee, and the various chairmen for the year, were given. Six board members were elected to serve for the next three years: Mrs. Ira Moore, Mr. Harry A. Diehl, Mr. J. W. Walker, Mr. Ralph Murphy, Mrs. John Hampton and Mrs. M. L. Williams. Coffee and cake was served and an informal discussion of museum activities was held after the business session.

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Among the interested visitors at the Museum during February were Mr. David Dorn, a member of the American Archaeology Society, and Mrs. Dorn of Cooperstown, N. Y.

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Dr. S. C. Edwards, a prominent mycologist from San Bernardino, also spent some time looking over exchanges and Museum material.