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NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER – Formally Dedicated at Ridley Park Last Evening – Presentations and Speeches – A Portrait of Chief Burgess H.F Kenney Received With a Gavel and Block for the New Legislative Hall – Visiting Burgess' Present

The Council chamber in the new borough hall at Ridley Park was formally occupied and dedicated last evening by the Borough Council who also held a regular session.

George C. Hetzel made the presentation speech, and also presented to Council a beautiful full-sized crayon portrait of Chief Burgess Kenney which will adorn the walls of the Council chamber. President of Council H. H. Sawyer received the hall in a glowing speech. He also acknowledged the receipt of the picture of the Burgess.

Postmaster Harrison presented Council with a beautiful gavel and block.

Speeches were made by Burgess John L. Galloway of Prospect Park; Burgess George K. Cross of Glenolden; Rev. R.H. Middleditch; Editor William H. Bowen of the Evening News and C.L. Lecato.

Music was furnished by Messrs. Davore and Rhoads of Chester.

After the meeting refreshments were partaken of provided by Architects Kellog and Meckert

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