

CITY COUNCIL IN BUSY SESSION

Sewer, Gas Sidewalk and Park Improvement Problems Receive Consideration

The city council met Tues. night in regular session with the mayor and all councilmen present except Councilman Barnes, who came in later.

After the council was called to order and the minutes of previous meetings disposed of, Mrs. Bilharz and Mrs. Nelson were introduced to the council. These ladies represented a committee from the Park Library Board who came before the council asking that body for permission to clean up and beautify the library park. They had their chat for walks, seeds, flowers, etc., and everything ready to go to work.

The council gave the ladies permission to begin the work and agreed to protect the park grounds from desecrations, and also would assist them in cleaning up the dirt made by the sewer system.

J. T. Phipps, who is boring the deep well, was present and asked that some authoritative one from the council be his guide in the drilling of the well that he might know that he was going according to contract. The matter was referred to the water and light committee with power to act.

All the bonds of the parties who were successful in receiving contracts on the waterworks plant were accepted except one which had not yet been adjusted.

An appropriation ordinance was passed in favor of J. T. Phipps for \$991.66.

Another one for \$714.63, or 80 per cent, was passed in favor of the Empire people.

Another one called for \$242.90 for current expenses and work on the city cemetery.

Mrs. T. T. McAboy was appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council as a member of the Library board.

Some sidewalk petitions were read and ordered placed on file with work to begin.

The sidewalk in front of Judge English's property received a severe combing on account of the grade and the street and alley committee and the engineer will have something to do, because some one in building a garage and sidewalk under a former grade, was out in the street several feet on this street, and he desired to go ahead and complete the work. This party was J. Wilbur Logan.

The Dairy Products people had a resolution concerning the free use of

water for their plant for a period of five years, but as the city had no system of water at this time, the matter was deferred for action.

A resolution was adopted to open up Park avenue in the north end across the Gallimore tract. The appraisers for this were Wm. Hartley, R. F. Gresser and H. H. McGuire.

The Chamber of Commerce had a resolution read concerning the railroad switch near where the dairy product plant is being built, asking that the council assist the dairy people in putting their switch to the plant at the least cost possible, by the city maintaining the switch as near the plant as possible. The resolution was regarded with favor.

The marshal and police judge's reports were read and placed on file. The police judge's report showed a total to the city of \$94.

E. Richardson was before the council asking that the city clean up the street which is filled with rubbish, sappings and trash, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets. Mr. Richardson agreed to clean it up for \$4 and he got the contract.

Councilman Wells introduced the matter pertaining to the gas situation. He offered a motion that the city clerk notify the gas company that the council expects it to settle with its patrons for March in accordance to the franchise now in force. Motion was carried unanimously.

The Sewer System
Mr. A. F. Erbacher, representing the Empire Construction company, was before the council and offered a bid to go ahead and complete the sewer system for Baxter. His bid was \$1 per foot "plus" the one dollar governing the price per foot as long as the machine was in dirt, but when rock was struck, the "plus" meant a different price because it would be blasting and hand work with pick and shovel.

He estimated that the cost would be around \$2.80 running foot. There was a long discussion over this matter and it was finally delayed over to a special meeting which was called for Friday night of this week.

The council realizes now that it will be short about \$40,000 to complete the sewer system, there being but \$56,000 on hand now to complete the sewer. A new assessment in the lateral districts of perhaps two or three per cent against the property will have to be made later on.

Concerning the council turning back to the Empire people the \$1,500 cash bond put up and the retention by the council of 20 per cent of the total amount held back from the Empire people, the city attorney had read a letter from a law firm in Wichita stating that the city would abrogate all its rights if the money was refunded.

Mrs. Helm, of Clay Center, Kan., is visiting in this city the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Thomas.

K. C. SOUTHERN HEADED FOR BAXTER

Expected to Make Connections With the M. O. & G., and Establish Another Line from Gulf to Kansas City

The following from the Galena Times, serves as a timely warning that before she really finds it out Baxter will have another railroad:

"John Church, of Lawton, was in Galena Monday and reports that their town is to have a railroad in the very near future. The Kansas City Southern are building from Ashbury, Mo., to Baxter and comes directly through Lawton from the northeast, through the heart of the Olson, Hurlbut and Bennet mines, it comes into Lawton near the Coyne lumber yard and bears to the south near the Eastern Lead & Zinc mines. The depot will be located just below the schoolhouse, on the M. R. Lively land; two blocks from Main street. The grade is now built one mile west of Waco.

"From Baxter it will connect with Tulsa, Oklahoma, which will make this one of the best roads to Kansas City and will be a big improvement for this part of the country. With the already developed mines to the north, south and east of Lawton and bright promising prospects west of town, will surely make it one of the coming towns, with good schools, best of water and cheap rents, it is one idea place to reside, business and residence lots very reasonable."

CONCRETE ROAD SMOKER

There will be a concrete road smoker at the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce, at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening of this week, which in fact will be a session of the entire Chamber of Commerce organization and all other citizens who are interested in the concrete road being built. It is a meeting that citizens, who have the welfare of Baxter at heart, cannot afford to miss.

Present indications are that there will be several road men present to outline what Baxter citizens must do to get the concrete road started at the earliest possible moment. County Engineer Calvin Cooper, County Commissioner Ira Perkins, Howard Murphy, head of the mining district good road committee, and representatives of the Tri-State mine operators, together with several farmers of this locality, will be present to learn of the concrete road.

Citizens of Chetopa on the west and of Galena on the east are asking anxiously why Baxter citizens do not get

busy and take care of their portion of the concrete road work so that this county may avail itself of the 50% government aid. Unless Baxter acts the government aid will not be forthcoming to any portion of the county.

TO BEAUTIFY LIBRARY PARK

As will be seen elsewhere, the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday night gave a committee of the Library Park, composed of Mrs. Bilharz and Mrs. Nelson, permission to begin the work of beautifying Library Park, and the ladies will begin work at once on this task.

The city will assist in this matter to the extent of cleaning up the dirt and trash occasioned by the digging of the sewer ditch. The ladies of the Park board purpose to lay chat walks and put in beds of shrubbery and flowers in this most inviting place for an internal park, all at their own expense, a proposition fulfilling the needs of the town. That the ladies of the town should take initiative in the matter of having some civic pride, is well worth a study of our general lack of parks in and around Baxter Springs; and the utter failure of the male population to supply Baxter with those beauty spots which count so much for the elevation of the town.

The Citizen takes off its hat to the ladies and suggests that after this unsightly spot has been transformed into a pleasure resort by them, there may be other fields along the same line where their usefulness might be employed.

NEAR FIRE

Tuesday evening at 6:30 the fire department was called to the residence of Mrs. T. E. Meeds, on Lincoln avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, occupied by Denny Moore, a barber. Earlier in the evening Mr. Moore had been burning some dry grass in the yard and had been careful, he thought, to see that no fire was left after the grass had been burned. But the fire had evidently secreted itself in the grass and found its way under the weather boarding. The fire department cut a hole in the roof of the house and not finding the fire, cut through the weather boarding and located it. It was soon put out.

There was \$300 insurance on the house and no insurance on Mr. Moore's goods. The damage to the house is probably \$50 and no damage to the goods.

CLASS PARTY

Miss Rosenberger's Class of Junior girls of the Baptist Sunday school were very pleasantly entertained at a little party at the home of Juanita Bennett Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in music and games, after which a delicious luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, ice cream and wafers was served.

Those present were Misses May Haley, Edna and Opal Howard, Edith and Minnie Pennel, Bertie Wyatt, Letta and Idell Wilson, Lucy McDaniel, Alma Elwood, Juanita Bennett, Clara Dorsey, Fleta Elwood, Minnie Rosenberger, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bennett, Mrs. Sadie Hefley, Charles Glimmer and Leon Bennett.

SURPRISE PARTY

Mrs. Claud Carnes was happily surprised by her neighbors Tues. night, the occasion being the anniversary of her birthday. Friends got her up town in the afternoon and while she was absent others took possession of the home and prepared a fine supper ready for her when she returned. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Anderson, Simpson, Carley and Carnes, Mr. Andrew Anderson and the Misses Flora and Theima Traylor. All enjoyed themselves and went away wishing Mrs. Carnes many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. G. W. Skinner, who is in charge of the community relief work of the Red Cross, has many sad cases of neglect and destitution. One came this week from a woman whose husband has skipped out and left her destitute, with small children. The family was living west of town. They had two one room box houses. She had a son in the service and gets his allowance of \$15, that being all she has to live on. She has a chance to sell the small houses but she says the owner of the land won't let her move them off until she pays \$12.00 land rent that her renegade husband owed.

Mrs. S. Barcus of 745 Ottawa avenue left last evening for Parsons, Kan., where she will visit the remainder of the week with her brother, O. H. Kiter.

Advertisements in the News for results.

DOG THAT BIT GIRL HAD HYDROPHOBIA

Child Taken to Oklahoma City for Pasteur Treatment by Specialists Yesterday

Margaret, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Green, 1238 Garfield avenue, was taken to Oklahoma City Mon. to be given the Pasteur treatment for hydrophobia. On Sunday, March 16, the little girl was bitten by a neighbor's dog; her face being quite badly lacerated. The child's wounds were dressed and the parents wrote about the case to a friend in Oklahoma City, who is a physician. He came up forthwith to investigate the case. During the meantime the dog had died. The carcass was dug up and the head was taken back to Oklahoma City to be analyzed. Last night the Greens received the startling information that it had been found that the dog had the rabies, and that the child should be brought there for treatment without any delay.

SHOWED FEDERAL FILM TO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

The United States government film which is to be shown here at 3 o'clock Sturday afternoon at the Elite theater by Major R. H. Browne of the federal public health service, was shown Wed. before the High school boys of Miami at the Glory B. theatre there. The crowd included all boys over 12 years old. It is an educational film which treats of the excesses and diseases that boys are led into and shows them how to avoid.

The film will be shown in Baxter to men and boys over 12 years. It is put out by the government for this purpose, a part of the big campaign to make the Nation clean, and it should have the support of every good citizen. The government is making this campaign through the schools, lodges, churches, and in other ways.

In a recent meeting in a nearby city, where this subject was under discussion, one citizen in speaking said that he had two boys growing into manhood and that both were giving him some trouble. Turning to the other men present he said:

"It is up to you men also to help me with my boy and with the other boys of the community. You men have daughters. It is necessary for all of us to co-operate to keep both the boys and girls clean."

WANTS KANSAS FARMERS TO STORE WHEAT

Changes in the system of handling wheat by the United States food administration grain corporation, which he says are working a hardship on millers, livestock growers and farmers, are urged in a letter from Sen. Arthur Capper to Julius B. Barnes, head of the grain corporation.

Senator Capper points out that a crop of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat is expected from the north and west 000,000 acres that were sown last fall.

"I have received repeated complaints," says the Senator, "from wheat raisers, feeders, millers and consumers alike against the inequalities of the system which last year operated to deprive them of the benefits to which they feel they were entitled in the growth and sale of the wheat crop. It is the general feeling that the wheat ought not to be rushed at threshing time to a terminal market, but that a large share of it should be stored in Kansas, and it is urged that modifications of the regulations be made which will admit of such action; that action along this line will do much to stabilize conditions here during the marketing season."

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Miss OEnone Alger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Alger, 802 Garfield avenue, charmingly entertained a number of her little friends Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being her fifth birthday. Games were played and a fish pond, where everyone fished and caught a pretty gift, added to the enjoyment of the children. At half past four o'clock the children were invited to the dining room where a beautifully decorated table graced with a large birthday cake awaited them. Delicious refreshments were served and the five candles on the cake were blown out by the five eldest children present, each one making a wish for their little hostess. OEnone received many love-

ly gifts from her friends and everyone present had a jolly time. Those present were Misses Margaret Mary Reddy, Jane Spratt, Barbara Nelson, Frances Wilson, Virginia Spratt, Elisabeth Wells, Gay Wilson, Dorothy Taylor and Donna Alger; Masters Floyd Ellis, Didrick Dutton, Sidney Willis, Don Taylor, Bobby Wells and OEnone Alger. Mrs. M. H. Eastham assisted Mrs. Alger to entertain the children.

THE ARMY AND POLITICS

After the Civil War the returning soldiers were a great political force for many years, in both North and South. They constituted the most powerful of any organized group in the country, and few politicians dared defy them. A large part of the prominent statesmen were soldiers. It was hard to beat a man with a good war record at the polls.

Four million soldiers are now returning to Civil Life. They will come back with soldier ideals, with a common experience, and disposed to some extent to act as a unit in public affairs. Experienced politicians expect them to be a great force, and are trying to forecast what their influence will be.

For one thing the soldiers are going to be strong on efficiency and discipline. They have learned what grand things can be accompanied by system and organization and scientific ability.

These qualities have not counted as high in home politics as they should. The best talker is usually the one who wins at the polls. He may have no business head or organizing ability. But if he can make an eloquent and plausible speech, he is pretty sure to get by. Meanwhile the quiet man of achievement in business, of capacity for scientific organization and expert efficiency, does not usually fare well at the polls because he can not express himself volubly enough.

The soldiers will feel keenly the lack of efficiency. In some cases they suffered from it very seriously and they will be very hostile to it in civil life. They are not going to be content while mere talkers get into power. It is a safe prediction that they will constitute a force for action and expert ability rather than for talk. Let the politicians think about this.

Grant, Waggoner, Baxter's oldest attorney in point of residence, is established again in his old offices over the Miners' National bank, after having been in the service of Uncle Sam for about a year. While away he held down a legal desk in the office of the judge advocate, with a rank of sergeant major, and thereby was enabled to keep in touch with his profession, thus being more fortunate than many other men. Notwithstanding the fact that he enjoyed working for Uncle Sam, Grant declared that he is perfectly satisfied to get back home and renew his practice in the civil courts.

Claude Ray Curless, eight years and seven months old, died at the home of his mother in Hockerville Tuesday following the flu. The child was buried in the cemetery with burial in the Baxter cemetery. He is survived by a mother and father having died about a month ago from the same cause. Harless has charge of the burial.

CONCRETE ROADERS TO MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

Howard Murphy, the head of the mining district road organization, and Calvin Cooper, the county engineer, will be the chief speakers at a meeting of Baxter citizens of farmers of this locality, in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce this evening at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a smoker, a meeting of the entire Chamber of Commerce organization and other citizens. It is very necessary that there be a big crowd in attendance, as it is now up to Baxter to do the work that will cause the concrete road to be built this year.

J. M. Hunter who two weeks ago hurt himself while at work for the Long-Bell Lumber Co., and who has not been getting along very well, made the discovery Thursday that he had a broken rib, caused by the accident. He is confined to his home and not able to work.

Dr. J. H. Boswell is now a resident of the Chubb addition.

Mrs. A. T. Sinclair and Mrs. J. J. Thomas attended the Fashion show in Joplin Wednesday.

Get ready Sunday morning at 2 a. m. to fix that clock, else wag along in the old fashioned way.

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