

Lincoln School Reception.

The public is invited to visit the new Lincoln school, Friday evening. An informal program will be given.

Postal Orders to Greece.

Postal money orders may now be drawn on Greece. For some time persons desiring to send money to Greece have been unable to do so, as a result of the conditions arising from the war. These conditions have been so remedied as to make the transfer of money to the old country safe. But three countries, Turkey, Austria and Belgium are now cut off from United States postal order business.

Mrs. Perry Unwilling.

Judge Miner has refused to annul the divorce decree given Mrs. Myrtella Perry of Perry, recently. E. O. Perry, the husband, claimed a reconciliation had been effected but the wife, after agreeing to it, claimed she was sick and had been over-persuaded but admitted that she might again change her mind later but preferred to be free for the present. The husband claimed that daughters by a former husband had made the trouble.

Bankers Discuss Business.

"Group 7" branch of the Michigan State Bankers' Association held a meeting at Durand, Saturday, with forty in attendance. The meeting proved interesting and instructive. Vernon Tourje welcomed the visitors and J. A. McAlvay of Lansing, responded. John H. Johnson, president of the Peninsular State Bank of Detroit, gave an able address on "The Trust Department for a State Bank," which was followed by a discussion, after which remarks were made by James Martin of Flint, L. P. VanWinkle of Howell, and B. P. Hicks of Durand. Dinner and supper were served in the Congregational church.

King's Daughters Incorporate.

The Owosso Circle of King's Daughters has been incorporated and the following compose the board which will have charge of the Dorcas home: Mrs. F. M. Crowe, chairman; Mrs. T. M. Euler, assistant chairman; Mrs. Wm. Vreeland, secretary; Mrs. F. E. Kohler, treasurer; Mrs. T. M. Wiley, enrollment secretary; Mrs. Niles Wiggins, purchasing agent; Meadames H. E. Payne, H. H. Allen and R. H. Thomas, members of the ways and means committee. The following were elected to the offices named under the new constitution: Mrs. T. O. Christian, third vice president; Mrs. L. L. Conn, corresponding secretary and Mrs. C. V. Page, financial secretary.

W. C. T. U. Election.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Luther Opdyke Friday afternoon, and the following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Elizabeth Hale. Vice Pres at large—Louisa Coon. Secretary—Nina Hook. Treasurer—Ina Sidman. Asst. Treasurer—Laura Chapman. First Vice Pres—Kate Sherwood. Second Vice Pres—Flora Shultz. Third Vice Pres—Lana Getman. Fourth Vice Pres—Matilda Bowers. Fifth Vice Pres—Maggie Young. Sixth Vice Pres—Ella McKenzie. Supt. of Fk. war Mission—Rose Bailey. Supt. of Evangelization—Julia Johnson. S. T. I.—Mattie Getman. Narcotics—Sarah Rathbun. Sabbath Observances—Elizabeth Colby. Press—Ina Sidman. Supt. of Mother's Meetings—Jane Finch.

Memorial Services.

Quackenbush Post G. A. R. and the W. R. C. held memorial services Saturday at the G. A. R. hall on Main street in memory of members who had passed away in the last year. Rev. O. H. Hanks spoke on "Our Memorial Day" paying tribute to those who had died in 1915. Rev. H. A. White gave a fine address on "Abraham Lincoln." Informal talks were made by several veterans and ladies and Comrade C. C. Duff sang a patriotic song. After the exercises at the hall the members raised a new flag over the Agency, a beautiful six by nine foot emblem a gift from the Post. Those who have passed away during the year were Ellis W. Ott, Asa Lacey, William Halstead, Myron Nye, Eugene Young, Joel Potter, Wm. Harris, Jennie Parks, Augusta B. Davis, Catharine Moyes, Lucy Wickling, Emma Brown, Josephine Dyer, Louise Monahan, and Stella Daniels. A chair was raised in honor of Rev. Thomas B. ... necessary member of the

Travelers' Club.

The Travelers' club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Chas. Harnack, Mulberry street, Thursday afternoon. After a short study period the afternoon was spent socially in honor of St. Valentine.

Demurrer Overruled.

Judge Peter F. Dodds who heard the argument for a demurrer in the case of H. McDonald vs. L. C. Hall and others in the \$20,000 damage suit, has overruled the motion and the case is now ready for trial. The cause of the suit is an alleged unwarranted prosecution.

Files Bankruptcy Petition.

Harry Neeley has filed a petition in bankruptcy claiming assets of \$444.38 and liabilities of \$921.63, being the remainder of his stock of groceries at Kerby, Mich. The creditors are wholesale grocers. Mr. Neeley claims that he did a large business at first but that sales in larger towns and cities spoiled the business.

Woman's Club.

An especially interesting meeting of the Woman's club was held at the library building Feb. 10, Mrs. F. J. McDannel being in charge of the subject "American Music and Musicians." Mr. McDannel presented a paper covering the history of American music, the talk being illustrated by productions of American composers by Mrs. S. Q. Palmer and Miss Gladys Reineke, and songs by Miss Lillian Vogel and Rhea Buckley. Mrs. McDannel rendered a fine banjo selection.

PETITION TO MORTGAGE FILED

If Granted Owosso Opera House Will Be Remodeled.

Engene Brewer, trustee of the Salisbury property known as the Owosso opera house, has filed a petition for permission to mortgage the property for \$5,000 and if it is granted, will, with Dr. G. N. Finch, remodel the theatre into a ground floor theatre with modern seating, lighting, stage and entrance. By arrangement with David Salisbury the other heirs have planned so that the buildings, which are peculiarly owned and occupied, will be in shape to give the city a real theatre and the public will be pleased if it becomes a reality.

Clinton County Republican Club Banquet.

The annual meeting of the Clinton County Republican Club will be held at the St. Johns National Bank hall at 6 o'clock, p. m., February 24th. The club is planning for the biggest banquet ever held. The following speakers have definitely promised to be present and speak:

Former Vice President and United States Senator Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, who is one of the Republican candidates for President of the United States at the present time; Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, former Congressman Garritt J. Diekmans, Lieutenant Governor Luren D. Dickinson, former State Treasurer Albert E. Sleeper, former Secretary of State and Congressman Washington Gardner.

It is just possible that Senator William Alden Smith may also be present, and if he is the club will have two good, real live candidates for President, beside four announced candidates for governor. It is hoped that a number of Shiawassee county Republicans will arrange to attend the banquet. Tickets can be obtained of Milo R. Var. Densen, St. Johns.

Death of Mrs. Maria Halstead.

Mrs. Maria Halstead, aged 71 years, died Saturday at the home of her daughter near St. Johns. The remains were brought to Owosso and placed in the vault at Oak Hill cemetery, a brief prayer service being read by Rev. J. Hartley Canfield.

Miss Maria Hutton was born in New York state, coming to Michigan in infancy. She was married to Addison Porter and to them one child, a daughter, was born. After Mr. Porter's death she married Newton Wiley of St. Johns, who also passed away. Fourteen years ago she was married to Wm. H. Halstead of Owosso, who was killed by an interurban car near Bennington four months ago. Mrs. Halstead, who had been in ill health for several years, then went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Palmer in St. Johns, where she passed away. She is also survived by one sister Mrs. O. F. Halstead, whose husband is a brother of the late Mr. Halstead. Two brothers, Charles Hutton of Midland and Hyatt Hutton of Colby, Wis., also survive.

Pioneers to Meet in Corunna Washington's Birthday.

The annual meeting of the Shiawassee County Pioneer Society will be held at the court house, Tuesday, Feb. 22, the morning session being called to order at 11 o'clock. The meeting is always the occasion for a large gathering of the older residents of the county, and the program includes the recounting of interesting stories of the pioneer days.

Joint Studio Recital.

Miss Mabel Ferry and Miss Merle Lemon presented the following pupils in a joint studio recital at the home of Miss Ferry, Adams street, Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock: Reatha Hale, Gustin Greenwald, Emil Raatz, Don Besley, Emily Osmer, George Wiley Campbell, Kenneth Osmer, Esther Bontell, Joyce Terry, Loraine Dawson, Margaret Reineke and Esther Finch. The pupils delighted the listeners and showed the excellence of their training.

Farmer Alleged Bootlegger.

William Howd, who has a small farm near Vernon, was arraigned before Justice Nichols in Corunna, Wednesday charged with violation of the local option law by storing liquor in a place other than his home. It is claimed he kept it at the Vernon hotel. Howd demanded an examination, which was set for February 28 and furnished a bond of \$500 for his appearance at that time. The sheriff says he has evidence that Howd has been bootlegging in Vernon.

Masquerade Enjoyed.

Several hundred people enjoyed the masquerade ball at the Odd Fellows temple Monday evening. Over fifty couples in costumes both beautiful and funny kept the crowded gallery guessing as to their identity until the close of the grand march when all unmasked and with additional dancers from the galleries enjoyed the party until midnight. The room was cleverly decorated under direction of Ernest Hayward. The proceeds, \$100, were given to Christ Episcopal church.

Death of Mrs. W. B. Serviss

Mrs. Warren B. Serviss died at her home in Saginaw, Monday. She had been in poor health for a long time, and an attack of pneumonia proved fatal. Short funeral services were held at Saginaw, Tuesday and the remains taken to Greenville for interment.

Mrs. Serviss lived in Owosso for several years, her husband having been construction superintendent for the Union Telephone Co. until he became manager of the Saginaw Valley Telephone Co.

School Officers.

The annual meeting of school officers of the county was held in the court room at Corunna, Wednesday, with a large attendance from all parts of the county.

Geo. N. Otwell deputy superintendent of public instruction presided and made several good talks in answer to many questions and he explained changes in the school law. He stated that after July 1, 1916, it will be necessary to have had at least six weeks normal training or five months teaching experience in order to be eligible to a position.

Hon. Fred L. Woodworth, senator of the Huron-Sanilac district for four years, and previously for the same length of time a member of the house, spent a couple of days this week in the county in the interest of the candidacy of Hon. A. E. Sleeper one of the aspirants for the Republican nomination for Governor. Sen. Woodworth was recognized during his service in the legislature as one of the dependable men who could always be counted upon to do what he believed to be right and for that reason has many warm friends throughout the state who are both pleased to meet him and inclined to give more than a passing thought to any subject in which he may be interested. His advocacy of Mr. Sleeper as the most available candidate for governor is quite convincing.

The State Fire Marshal the past few months has received many complaints regarding smoking in garages. Smoking is a very dangerous practice in a garage under any and all circumstances and must be strictly prohibited. A lighted cigar or cigarette or a spark from a pipe in a garage where many gallons of gasoline are stored in machines may cause the loss of human lives and thousands of dollars of valuable property. The proprietor of each and every garage in Michigan should at once post "NO SMOKING" signs in and about the building and should eject customer or employee violating the regulation.

Mrs. Glen Danley and children of St. Johns, are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Geck, Ada street.

Pay Up Week.

The movement for a National Pay-Up Week to be observed February 21-26 is being heartily commended. The American people will need a little memory jogging along this line. Too many have the habit of laying bills one side for a "more convenient season."

Not every one who lets his bills go unpaid is indifferent about it. Many people would gladly pay what all they owe could they collect the debts due them. A large percentage of the business failures are of people who would be perfectly solvent if they could collect their bills. But with some people, the more easily they could pay the less readily they do it.

It is surprising how quickly a dollar will run around a town. When that long standing bill due the merchant is paid, he can immediately satisfy the mechanics he owes. The mechanics in town can settle with the butcher. The latter can pay the farmer. The farmer then can call on the doctor. So it goes the rounds.

The net result is a new feeling of confidence and good will. If a general debt paying custom could be started during Pay-Up Week a great many people would feel a new courage about their business future. They would buy more freely. A wave of new business would spread over the country. Let everybody do what they can towards it.

Death of M. P. VanCamp.

Fenton, Feb. 15.—Martin P. VanCamp died Sunday evening at his home in this place after a few weeks illness. He became ill three weeks ago with an attack of heart trouble and was recovering slowly when one week ago Sunday he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. VanCamp was born in Ocoala, Feb. 20, 1841, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John VanCamp. His early life was spent in Ocoala and about 50 years ago he was married to Miss Ella Coder. For several years they resided on a farm in Hartland and nine years ago came to Fenton to live. Besides his wife he leaves one son, John VanCamp of Owosso, deputy state bank examiner. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Cornell of Reed City and Mrs. Marcia Bradley of Indian River. He was a member of Fenton F. & A. M. lodge. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at his late residence and the remains were taken to Parshville for burial.

Both Mr. and Mrs. J. C. VanCamp had been in Fenton a good portion of the time recently assisting in the care of Mr. VanCamp and attended the funeral. The deceased had been a frequent visitor in Owosso and was quite well known and respected here.

The meeting of the Child Life Chapter has been postponed for one week.

Mrs. James Oliver Curwood will entertain friends Friday afternoon at her home on Williams street.

The Rickman Construction Co. has been awarded a contract to build a \$41,000 school house at Lansing.

The marriage of Miss Oa Norton and Sidney Willett, both of this city, will be solemnized March 5.

In the case of Ira H. Whittemore vs. Lewis Walter, Tuesday was set as the day for settling the bill of exceptions in the circuit court.

The Wauhan class of the Asbury Sunday school was pleasantly entertained Monday evening at the home of C. C. Kline in Bennington.

The mothers' meeting of the first ward will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. P. Matthews, 903 N. Water street. A good attendance is desired.

Mrs. John Schaar and Mrs. George Jenney, of Corunna, have been called to Flint by the very serious illness of their sister, Mrs. Charles Doan, Sr., formerly of Corunna. She is not expected to recover.

The divorce case of Amanda vs. Herman Preston of Morrice, has been discontinued. The defendant is a Civil war veteran who spends part of his time at the Soldiers' home in Grand Rapids, and part at the residence of his wife in Melcher.

W. J. Melchers, L. L. Conn and E. O. Dewey were in St. Johns, Wednesday afternoon to attend a meeting of the directors of the Union Telephone Co. President Babcock delightfully entertained those present together with a few St. Johns gentlemen at six o'clock dinner.

The lady clerks of Osburn & Sons' store were pleasantly entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening by Mrs. Stella Bartrem in honor of the hostess anniversary. Three courses were served to the eighteen guests. In the evening sewing and sociability were enjoyed.

Safety First.

The following article taken from Roy K. Moulton's column of the Grand Rapids News is a very pointed illustration of the cause of the great fire waste of this and other states.

A Safety First Sermon that is going the rounds:

WHO AM I?

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of siege guns.

I steal in the United States alone over \$300,000,000 each year.

I spare no one, and find my victims among the rich and poor alike; the young and old; the strong and the weak; widows and orphans know me.

I massacre thousands upon thousands of wage-earners in a year.

I lurk in unseen places, and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not.

I am relentless. I am everywhere; in the home, on the street, in the factory, at railroad crossings and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death, and yet few seek to avoid me.

I destroy, crush and maim; I give nothing, but take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I AM CARELESSNESS.

John B. Kimmell, aged sixty years died Wednesday morning at 9:30 at his home at 627 Woodlawn avenue. Mr. Kimmell had been in poor health for some time and had failed rapidly the past few days. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the home, Rev. E. W. Foster of the Corunna Avenue M. E. church officiating. Interment will be made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Kimmell was born in Hancock county, Ohio, and came to Michigan when he was fourteen. At the age of twenty-six, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Osman, who survives him. The deceased lived in Perry for twenty-five years, coming to Owosso about four years ago. Besides the wife, the following seven children survive: Mrs. Frank Harvey, Mrs. Floyd Harvey, Mrs. Albert Schlaack and Fred, Louis, Frank and Newell Kimmell all of this city.

Mrs. S. S. Miner was hostess for the Octo bridge club Wednesday.

Mrs. W. F. Gallagher is in Detroit for a few days' visit with relatives.

Attorney N. R. Walsh was in Farmington and Detroit on business, Wednesday.

H. J. Davies left Tuesday evening on a business trip to Chicago, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Louise Haupt will go to Crystal Falls, Mont., this week to work during the spring millinery season.

Joe Purvis has bought the Charles Greenwald residence at 317 East Mason street, and will move there soon.

Misses Libby Byrnes and Bessie Riley entertained Wednesday evening at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Bertha Setzer whose marriage to Albert Diamond will take place Friday at the home of the bride's mother, North Water street.

A junior vesper service will be held at the Young Women's Christian Association rooms, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, at four o'clock. This service is especially for girls from 12 to 18 years of age. Mrs. B. G. Mattson will speak and there will be special music features.

The losers in the recent Ladies' Auxiliary to O. of R. C. contest gave the winners a banquet in the Woodman hall, Tuesday evening. Places were arranged for 20 and two courses were served. The tables were prettily decorated with the organization's colors, red, white and green. Smilax and flowers centered the tables and there were favors and place cards. Short talks were given after the banquet.

At the Woman's Congress, which will be held in the Congregational church next Saturday, Mrs. Frank McDannel will render a banjo solo, Misses Lillian and Esther Vogel will sing a duet, and the ladies' octette will render a selection. Mrs. Allen Goodall will give a reading and Mrs. George Fanth will discuss Mrs. C. L. Barbour's paper on home nursing. All ladies of the county and city are invited.

Mrs. Amy Good made complaint against her husband William H. Good, Wednesday morning and he was locked up charged with non-support. Good published a notice that he would not be responsible for debts contracted by his wife. The wife considered this a joke without a point as he had not even furnished food and clothes for her, and their six year old child and she was compelled to seek employment to get a living. Good pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Justice Fritzel.

Federalization of the National Guard.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The National Guard has filed its answer to the charge that the militia cannot be federalized and made a dependable factor in the nation's program for defense. This by the testimony of its representatives who appeared before the committees of Congress, and even more effectively by the preparation of a bill which presents their recommendations in concrete form. This bill was prepared at the request of the Senate committee on military affairs and has been submitted to Senator Chamberlain. With Mr. Garrison and his continental army idea out of the cabinet it is believed this bill will be made the basis of legislation.

This legislation which is now proposed by the executive committee of the National Guard association of the United States is something more than a mere "pay bill." It is a complete militia code and presents the most comprehensive plan which has as yet been offered from any source for the training of the citizenry of the country under the volunteer system.

The provisions of the bill are likely to commend it to popular favor. The President and Chairman Hay of the House committee on military affairs have both declared themselves opposed to the principle of compulsory military service, and in this they no doubt reflect the views of the mass of the American people. Those who have been closely observing developments at Washington are now practically agreed that the federalization of the militia under an improved and uniform system is the only plan likely to receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

The bill offered by the representatives of the National Guard deals in detail with the four functions of federal control recognized under the constitution, viz: Organization, armament, discipline, which includes training and government. It is believed to provide the means for overcoming all of the objections which have been urged at the War Department against the present military system, and includes a uniform method for the selection and appointment of commissioned officers; a standard of physical and professional qualification for them, and a method for eliminating the unfit; it fixes the tenure of commissioned office and term of enlistment; makes provision for a reserve system; specifies the quota of troops to be furnished by each state within a given number of years, and gives the President the right to draft and organize the militia in any state which may fail to raise a volunteer force, if he deems it proper to do so.

The bill establishes a uniform system of court martial for the National Guard and makes that force subject to the articles of war; it denies to any state the right to maintain troops other than as organized under the proposed act, or to disband any unit of the militia which has been armed and equipped and enjoyed the benefits of federal support except with the consent of the President.

The bill provides for the abolishment of the national militia board, and would create a militia section of the general staff, to be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to be composed of National Guard officers whose duty it shall be to recommend to the Secretary of War policies for the improvement and development of the National Guard. More extended periods of field training and more than double the requirements of existing law as to indoor or armory instruction is called for.

MARK FOOTE.

Congressman Fordney is of the belief that some provision should be inserted in the proposed bill to assist in meeting the expense of maintaining all State armories and will propose such a plan to the proper committee.

The Y. M. C. A. members had an unusually pleasant evening Tuesday at an "1866" party. Old time games and costumes furnished amusement and a delicious lunch was served.

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eben B. Bliss, deceased, late of Rush, were in the probate court, Monday, arranging for the partition of the property. The heirs present were, Arthur, Jesse and Eben Bliss of Rush, and Lemuel Bliss of Oakley. Two other sons, Asa of North Dakota, and Elmer of Montana, were not in court.

Supervisor Floyd Durham of Durand, appeared in the probate court Tuesday and applied for the admission of Miss Ethel Davis of Durand, to the psychopathic ward at the University hospital at Ann Arbor. The girl, who is without means and whose father is dead, had been in the hospital for some time for illness and it has been recommended that she be placed in the mental ward for observation.