

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

The annual meeting of the Shiawassee County Pioneer Society was held Friday at the court house with a good attendance and an interesting program. Clark D. Smith presided as president, music being furnished by Misses Ruth and Frances Mitchell of Corunna, Mrs. F. F. Hoyer, of Owosso, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Cowles of Durand, and the Girls' Glee Club of Corunna. Rev. Dunning Idle offered prayer.

Major M. J. Phillips made the first address, a review of war conditions and preparations and paid tribute to the work of State Fuel Administrator Prudden. He spoke bitterly of the graft by contractors at the Hog Island shipbuilding yards and of the conduct of the head of the ship carpenters union, classing them as traitors who should be given the punishment due traitors.

John Y. Martin gave the historical address, having searched for pioneer facts. As for as records he could find went he decided that the child of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Swain of Newburg was the first white child born in the county, the first colored child was born near Owosso, the first arrested was named Schiff, for stealing cattle. He later proved he had bought them. C. J. Tinkelpaugh, Burns township, was the first farmer. The first wedding was that of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Brown. Mr. Brown was the first postmaster at the Williams exchange at Shiawassee town. Rev. Jackson was the first preacher and Dr. Patterson the pioneer physician. Mrs. Beach the first school teacher.

George W. Haskell told of early days in Byron and S. Z. Watson, of Owosso, related pioneer stories. Mrs. M. B. Ferry, of the State Historical Society, exhibited articles of historical value and gave an inspiring address on Michigan and its great men and achievements.

Officers elected were: President, D. A. G. Cowles, of Durand; first vice president, John Hutton, of Owosso; second vice-president, Howard Slocum, of Owosso; treasurer, Arch Burnett, of Corunna; historian, John Y. Martin, of Corunna. Delegates to state historical society, Dr. Cowles, C. D. Smith, J. Y. Martin. A resolution was passed asking the president's wife to name one of the new battleships Shiawassee. A committee to present the matter consists of J. Y. Martin, J. H. Collins, G. T. Campbell, M. J. Phillips.

**Knitting Club Meets.**

The K. of C. Knitting club held a pleasant meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. F. Blair on West Main street. A large number were present and several knitted articles were finished. Mrs. N. R. Walsh and Mrs. J. Downey gave talks on the coming registration of women, after which the subject was discussed. Miss Gladys Campbell rendered pleasing piano selections.

The club wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for the \$7.50 donated by the lodge for yarn.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Siess, 820 West Exchange street. The meeting will be held Thursday evening in order that the ladies may attend the Red Cross rooms on Wednesday evening.

**Death of Mrs. Harry Alger.**

Mrs. Harry Alger, aged 36, died at her home eight and one-half miles northwest of Owosso, Wednesday. Childbirth was the cause of her death. Funeral services for Mrs. Alger and her baby daughter will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Asbury M. E. church, Owosso.

Mrs. Alger was formerly Miss Edna Soper and was well known in Owosso and about the county. She graduated from the Owosso high school with the class of 1909, and attended both the Shiawassee county normal and the State normal school at Ypsilanti. She taught at the Young school east of the city prior to her marriage four years ago. She was a faithful member of the Asbury church and was possessed of a sweet personality that won the love of a host of friends who sincerely mourn her untimely passing.

Surviving are her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Soper.

**OFFICIALS RESIGN**

Claud Craig, for eight years the efficient chief of the Owosso fire department, resigned Monday and will move to the farm of Charles Lawrence, south of the city and with his son Gale will work the farm. Mr. Craig has been a member of the department ten years and has made a fine record as chief and the city is sorry to lose him in the position. His successor will probably be chosen from the men in the department. L. A. Sanderhoff, who has been city assessor for six years, but who is now in California for his health, has decided to resign, having been unable to attend to the duties of the position for several months. There are numerous applicants for election by the commission to this position, among the names mentioned being Warren Pierpont, A. H. Dumond, Julius Keller, Harry Tooley and Ira G. Curry.

The ladies of Bennington and vicinity are asked to meet next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hibbard for the purpose of forming a unit of the Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense.

Rev. H. A. Waite is in Cleveland attending a meeting of Chautauqua managers.

Miss Gurtha M. McKee and Fred W. Leach of Perry, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at the First M. E. parsonage, Rev. Donning Idle officiating.

**CAME FROM DAMAGED STOCK**

Idea of Blotting Paper Was the Direct Result of Act of Careless Workman.

Blotting paper, like many another valuable discovery, was found entirely by accident. One day in a paper mill in Berkshire, England, a careless workman forgot to put in the sizing and it was necessary to throw out the entire lot as spoiled. Later the angry proprietor sat down to write a note and possibly for reasons of economy used a sheet of the condemned paper. To his increased annoyance the ink spread all over the paper and he was about to give up in disgust when the thought struck him that it might be possible to use the paper for absorbing ink in place of the sand then universally used. After some successful experimenting he was able to dispose of his entire damaged stock under the name of blotting paper.

From that time on blotting paper came into general use. At first it was always pink in color, red rags being used. Red was a fast color and difficult to bleach, hence the red rags were useless in manufacturing writing paper. But as the color of blotting paper did not interfere with its usefulness, red or pink was as good a color as any other, and thus provided a means of utilizing otherwise wasted material.

**Shame Makes One Forget.**

Forgetting is a strange phenomenon. According to the modern psychologists, we are most apt to forget those things that we do not want to remember—especially those of which we are ashamed.

In an address on criminals who are on the border line of insanity, delivered recently before the Clinical Society of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, Dr. Leon Emile Duval told of many mentally unbalanced men in their normal state could not remember disgraceful deeds they had done, and said this was to be explained on the basis that "it is the thing of which we are ashamed and which conflicts with the customs of society which is soonest relegated to the realm of the unconscious."

**Tremendous Speed.**

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**Daily Thought.**

Out of this nettles, danger, we pluck the flower, safety.—Shakespeare.

**Optimistic Thought.**

Those who lose today may win tomorrow.

**Doubtful.**

For our part, we doubt if there was ever a girl who could carry a broken heart and eat boiled cabbage at the same time.—Galveston News.

**Commissioners' Notice.**

In the matter of the estate of Sarah A. Evans, deceased. We the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, J. C. of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the Citizens' Savings in the City of Owosso in said County, on Monday, the 29th day of April, A. D. 1918, and on Friday, the 25th day of June, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate and that four months from the first day of February, A. D. 1918, are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said commissioners for adjustment and allowance. Dated the 27th day of February, A. D. 1918. GILBERT L. TAYLOR, O. L. DAVIS, Commissioners.

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