

Purchases Addition to School Site.

The school board has been generally commended this week for their unanimous action in purchasing on Saturday last the grove surrounding the Emerson school house. The land in question comprises the equivalent to 78 city lots and is a park of natural beauty which can be very easily and cheaply transformed into a most attractive spot. It is the intention of the board to have the janitors of the several school buildings clean up the premises during the summer by cutting out all undergrowth and by removing all litter. The price paid was \$16,500 and the purchase was a good one. The sale was made by E. O. Dewey, representing the A. L. & B. O. Williams heirs.

Death of Mrs. Frank Cramble.

Mrs. Nettie L. Cramble, aged 45 years, died Saturday night of paralysis, at 1504 Hickory street, following an illness of over a year. She submitted to two operations, one on Feb. 16 and again on June 8 of this year. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the home. Rev. F. D. Draper officiating.

Nettie L. Hart was the daughter of Alenzo and Melvina Hart, and was born at St. Charles, July 19, 1873. On May 11, 1892, she was united in marriage to Frank Cramble. For the past 26 years she has made her home in Owosso, coming here from Oakley. She leaves beside her husband, two brothers.

REBEKAHS ELECT OFFICERS FRIDAY EVE.

At the meeting Friday evening of Star of Hope Rebekah lodge, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

- Noble Grand—Kittie Fox.
- Vice Grand—Ida Collins.
- Recording Secretary—Ruth A. Elsea.
- Treasurer—Isabella Fickie.
- Representatives to Rebekah Assembly—Anna Kittle and Emogene Sackner.
- Alternates—Helen Carl, Hazel Leitch.
- District Deputy Pres.—Anna Turner.

Captain of Degree—Ward Carl.

Trustees—Sarah Dyer, Mary E. Leitch, Victor Kittle. A class of four candidates received the impressive Rebekah degree. The State President, Mrs. Etta M. Smith, was present for the session. Light refreshments were served.

MEAT SUPPLY GETTING LOW

Lansing, June 12.—How about your meat ration? Food Administrator Geo. A. Prescott wishes to job your memory in case you have forgotten that you should now be on a meat ration of not more than two pounds per person per week.

"We have abolished all our meatless and even our porkless days," says Federal Food Administrator George A. Prescott, "but this was on the distinct condition that we cut our consumption of meat to two pounds per person per week. If we are to avoid the re-establishment of meatless days we must now eat more fish and vegetables and go easy on all the meats. This is because our meat reserve is getting low. For a time, because of lack of ships to send the meat overseas, and because our food animals were moving to the market in heavy volume, our meat reserve accumulated; that was why the meatless days were declared off by the Food Administration.

Live Stock Reserve Getting Low

"Now conditions are changing. The food animals, with grazing for feed, are not moving so rapidly to the markets, and we are getting more ships for the export of meats. So our reserve is getting low. We must build it up. Eliminate your steaks and roasts and help pile up the meat reserve for our armies and our allies. This should be easy for everyone at this time of year, with plenty of fresh vegetables and a wide variety of fish. Your physician will tell you it will also be good for your health. Because of these good things you can save meat without any real sacrifice. Let no one fail to do his or her share towards building up our national meat reserve. If you are not already on the official two pounds per week ration, correct this at once, for it is very important."

If the "leading democrats of Michigan" in their conference this week had voted to make no nominations but to leave the field clear to the republicans who have such an overwhelming majority in this state they would have done something to "adjoin politics" and save time and money for both political parties. Their action in suggesting the republican candidate for U. S. senator was a mighty big piece of impudence and political buncombe.

The house of John Q. Abel, Corunna avenue, was damaged by fire June 7 to the extent of \$500.

Report Idlers.

Every individual is required by new regulations issued this week to the county board making it the duty to report to the authorities every person of draft age who is not at work or is engaged in non-productive occupations and employments. The reporting of any person is to be considered confidential so far as the informant is concerned. This is a forcible hint to get busy or prepare to fight.

Probate Court.

The will of Andrew Haley, deceased, was admitted to probate, Monday. Michael Manzer of Owosso, was named as executor with Thomas J. Tubbs and Patrick Manzer as appraisers and commissioners on claims.

A. D. Whipple of Owosso, has rendered his final accounting as administrator in the estate of Susan H. Hall, deceased.

An order was made in the probate court Monday directing that three Durand children be taken to the home for children at Coldwater. The little ones are Irene, Norma and Nina Mayhew.

DEATH OF MRS. ERNEST WALLACE

Mrs. Ernest Wallace, aged 23 years, died Friday at her home in Flint. The body was brought to Owosso and taken to the home of her parents at 1521 Grace street, where the funeral was held.

Oral Elwell was the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lute Elwell and was born in this city, November 22, 1895. She attended the city schools and was a member of the Asbury M. E. church. On December 6, 1916 she was united in marriage to Ernest Wallace of this city, now of Oak Grove. About a year ago they moved to Flint where they have since resided. She had been ill but a few days. Death was due to peritonitis, resulting from childbirth. She leaves besides her husband, a small daughter, Esther Ruth, a week old; her parents, three brothers and a sister.

Death of Dennis Sullivan.

Death came Monday night at ten o'clock to Dennis Sullivan at his home 615 East Main street, following an illness of several months, the last four of which he has been confined to his bed. A complication of diseases caused his death. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 8 o'clock from St. Paul's Catholic church, of which he was a faithful member, Rev. Fr. P. J. Slane officiating.

Dennis Sullivan was born in Pontiac 63 years ago, but most of his life was spent in Shiawassee county where he engaged in farming, returning about a year ago, when he came with his family from Shiawassee township to this city to reside.

He leaves the following children: Mrs. Michael Cavanaugh, Mrs. Bert Dutcher, Misses Lena and Elizabeth Sullivan of this city, Timothy Sullivan south of the city, and Mrs. Alfred Cloutier of Detroit. Mrs. Sullivan died several years ago.

Thirty-five Selected Men Called

The members of the local draft board have made a tentative selection of the men who will be called to entrain for Camp Custer during the five days commencing Monday, June 24. The exact time for this entrainment has not been received by the board. The list as selected includes the names of 35 men and is as follows:

- George Hall, Owosso.
- Floyd Earl Steiner, Owosso.
- David Harrison Newton, Laingsburg.
- Harvey Edward Miner, Chicago.
- George Hugh Burns, Perry.
- Frank Collier, Perry.
- Paul J. Baldwin, Durand.
- Orvil L. Luft, Owosso.
- Harry Rosman, Owosso.
- Charles A. Hutchings, Perry.
- Vern Bain, Byron.
- Clarence M. Yate, Owosso.
- Ezra Herman Randolph, Carland.
- Freddie William Seelhoff, Owosso.
- Karl James Place, Owosso.
- Edward Gale Ling, Byron.
- Ora Townsend, Flint.
- Alexander Darham, Shaftesburg.
- Floyd Hammond, Owosso.
- Hugo August Steckschulte, Toledo.
- Arthur C. Burnham, Byron.
- Leslie M. Gibb, Laingsburg.
- Roy A. Scott, Laingsburg.
- George W. Tillman, Byron.
- Lavern Johnson, Lansing.
- Dorn Robert Johnson, Laingsburg.
- Howard C. Barnes, West Marshall.
- Glen Horton, New Lothrop.
- Bryl E. Vincent, Durand.
- Harry J. Brown, Perry.
- Leon Anthony Cassidy, Corunna.
- Clarence Henry Hodges, Owosso.
- Charles E. Felton, New Lothrop.
- Milvern Ray Knoblauch, Laingsburg.
- Phillip Emery Stewart, Owosso.

PLACED IN CLASS ONE

Nearly Two Hundred Shiawassee County Men Advanced and Will Probably See Service in Army.

By order of the Provost Marshal General the Shiawassee draft board has re-classified a large number of registrants for war service and these men, many of whom are married, some of whom had industrial or farm exemptions, some of whom had previously been examined and found physically unfit for service, will now undoubtedly be called and go into some of the various activities of the war.

The list is as follows:

- Justin Whiting Shattuck, Owosso.
- Harry E. Smith, Owosso.
- Melbourne De Young, Owosso.
- Roy F. Brott, Owosso.
- William Francis Shaw, Owosso.
- George A. Stanton, Owosso.
- Leo Paul Ball, Owosso.
- Walter Howard Pulver, Owosso.
- Wayne Taylor, Owosso.
- Clyde William Patterson, Owosso.
- George Gardner Fulmer, Owosso.
- George Stanley Grill, Owosso.
- Robert C. Wilcox, Owosso.
- William F. Hafer, Owosso.
- Walter G. Hadsell, Owosso.
- Ferninand William Brendahl, Owosso.

- Oliver Wallace Stimpson, Owosso.
- George M. Haist, Owosso.
- Alfred G. Secord, Owosso.
- Jesse Frazer, Owosso.
- Joseph Hecht, Owosso.
- Burr D. Wood, Owosso.
- Sidney L. Willett, Owosso.
- Fred Leroy Elliott, Owosso.
- Herbert J. Dreher, Owosso.
- Clarence Dwight DeCann, Owosso.
- William James Turner, Owosso.
- Ilen Shutterby, Owosso.
- Robert Spencer Linton, Owosso.
- George D. Dutton, Owosso.
- Claud Franklin Grant, Owosso.
- Henry James Guerden, Owosso.
- Andrew Green, Owosso.
- Homer Charles Calhoun, Owosso.
- James Raymond Campbell, Owosso.
- Charles C. Clare, Owosso.
- Theo. Newton Chandler, Owosso.
- Francis John Hurst, Owosso.
- George Frischke, Owosso.
- William Edward Gleason, Owosso.
- Dwight Manning Hart, Owosso.
- Bert Griffie, Owosso.
- Raymond A. Fletcher, Owosso.
- Bert Carpenter Russell, Owosso.
- Lewis Herman Lavin, Owosso.
- James D. Lockwood, Owosso.
- Julius E. Luick, Owosso.
- William Oscar Noack, Owosso.
- Earl L. Brookins, Detroit.
- Fred Lewis Bartell, Owosso.
- George Jaxon Barton, Durand.
- Lloyd M. Burgess, Owosso.
- Raymond Bailey, Owosso.
- Howard F. White, Owosso.
- Richard K. Bofsyll, Owosso.
- John William Blizard, Owosso.
- George A. C. Wetzel, Owosso.
- George Paul Wilson, Owosso.
- Robert J. Banghart, Owosso.
- Chancy G. Baker, Owosso.
- George T. Turner, Owosso.
- Herman Voss, Owosso.
- George W. Turner, Owosso.
- Franklin Trafford, Owosso.
- Charles Edward Vanever, Owosso.
- Robert C. Watts, Owosso.
- Francis C. Leitch, Owosso.
- Randall E. Payne, Owosso.
- Alfred Killian, Owosso.
- Earl Lyke, Owosso.
- Bert Marshall Reason, Owosso.
- Clarence Floyd Rathbun, Owosso.
- Rudolph Herman Oehmig, Owosso.
- Harry Herman Schultz, Owosso.
- Harry Glen Parker, Owosso.
- Joseph VanWagoner, Owosso.
- Lars Peter Nelson, Owosso.
- George William Sheldon, Owosso.
- William Frederick Schaar, Owosso.
- Edward A. Young, Owosso.
- Fred F. Stevens, Owosso.
- Frank H. Sherman, Owosso.
- William F. Reuther, Owosso.
- Herman Vern Weaver, Owosso.
- Frank Ward Warren, Owosso.
- Edwin C. Voelker, Owosso.
- Walter Currier Young, Owosso.
- Herman Baese, Carland.
- Thomas Harson Benton, Flint.
- Glen Arthur Beers, Henderson.
- Charles Edwin Beard, Bancroft.
- Louis M. Byerlein, Owosso.
- Ray H. Bravender, Laingsburg.
- Leva Adams, Long Beach, Cal.
- Ray Stewart Alcombrack, Owosso.
- Arthur J. Westcott, Durand.
- William David Rumsay, Flint.
- Gervis W. Boyd, Lafayette, Ind.
- Andrew J. Whitaker, Durand.
- Hall Betterly, Byron.
- John Winthrop Seaman, Byron.
- James M. Trimmer, Durand.
- Joseph F. Villeneuve, Durand.
- Abner Edmond VanDoren, Bancroft.
- William Ward, Durand.
- Harry Place, Laingsburg.
- Raymond C. Stevenson, Durand.
- Albert W. Rann, Perry.
- William R. Scollen, Bancroft.
- Lester Adelbert Sutton, Corunna.
- Ward Clifton Schuyler, Durand.
- Frank W. Septon, Vernon.
- Edward Charles Otto, Durand.
- Bert Lee, Shaftesburg.
- Laro J. Rowley, Laingsburg.
- Fern L. Onyon, Durand.
- Clyde G. Reed, Rosebush.

- Richard Rourke, Owosso.
- George Ed. Holbrook, Durand.
- Floyd Kibbey, Oakland, Cal.
- William C. Kerr, Durand.
- Charles Phillip Randal, Bendon.
- Rue Lamb, Perry.
- George C. Laffrey, Corunna.
- William Thomas Lemmon, Perry.
- Paul C. Luckenbill, Corunna.
- George E. Lawrence, Lansing.
- Glenn H. Glover, Durand.
- Earl Alger Furnish, Vernon.
- Earl Fields, Corunna.
- John Frieze, Durand.
- Ernest Leon Filber, Ovid.
- George Bert Hill, Durand.
- D. Earl Ferguson, Vernon.
- Floyd Flemming, Durand.
- Morton Charles Hampton, Galien.
- William F. Hemming, Durand.
- Grover Cleveland Ireland, Bancroft.
- Charles A. Hobart, Owosso.
- Benjamin Clancy, Hillsdale.
- Harold E. Close, Byron.
- Charles Lester Conat, Battle Creek.
- Francis E. Cook, Chicago.
- Alfred Fred Gooding, Durand.
- Joseph Gillisse, Durand.
- Jesse F. Gould Dearborn.
- Fred Luther God, Toledo.
- William Calvin Gibbs, Durand.
- John Benjamin Decker, Durand.
- Thomas Lester Waddell, Durand.
- Jerome Wagoner Dutcher, Atlanta, Ga.
- Clifton Dubarnis, Perry.
- Harry B. Dillon, New Lothrop.
- Ora DeVoe, Owosso.
- John Edward Donnelly, Durand.
- Roy W. Dunckley, Corunna.
- Howard Alden Groesbeck, Durand.
- Abbie Elliot, Laingsburg.
- Dell Richmond, Corunna.
- Floyd Morgan, Laingsburg.
- Daniel B. Killingsmith, Ovid.
- Carl Vernon Ireland, Bancroft.
- Martin Charles Koran, Laingsburg.
- Thaddeus Frasier, Lenton.
- Clarence Melvin Buchanan, Chicago.
- Charles Frank Bruce, Byron.
- Glen B. Barnes, Durand.
- Carl Bower, Durand.

Junior Banquet.

One of the principal features of the school year, the Junior banquet to the Seniors, was held at the Congregational church Friday evening and was an unusually pleasant affair, and the literary program was of a most interesting character. The rooms were beautifully trimmed without the usual extravagant expenses, and the banquet was excellent.

The reception line headed by Superintendent Longman, included faculty, school board, officers of the senior and junior classes.

At the close of the banquet, Principal O. H. Voelker introduced the speakers, each of whom did justice to his or her subjects. The program follows:

- Mr. O. H. Voelker, toastmaster; Rev. W. R. Blachford, invocation; Loren Ross, "The Oweuso of Yesterday;" Miss Velma Reule, "Why We Enjoy Living in Owosso;" Robert S. Linton, "Our Schools;" Miss Helen Hall, "Oweuso in the War;" W. R. Goodrich, "Our Citizens;" Donald Britton, "Our Industries;" M. W. Longman, "The Oweuso of Tomorrow."

The officers of the Junior class this year are: President, Loren Ross; vice president, Mildred Mitchell; treasurer, George Robbins; secretary, Helen Mattson. The officers of the Senior class are: President, Bernard Mattson; vice president, Velma Reule; treasurer, Herbert Blachford.

The committee on the banquet and reception comprised Miss Margaret Reineke, chairman, Miss Helen Hall and Albert Cook; program committee, Elwyn Harryman, Mary Maude Thompson, Doris Clark; toast committee, Thomas Dewey, Richard Hart, Mildred Mitchell.

Contract Extended.

At the meeting of the Owosso Improvement Association, a communication was presented from Genl. Manager E. F. Blomeyer of the Ann Arbor R. R. Co. requesting that an extension of two years be given the Company in which to erect new shops in this city under their agreement with the Association. The letter said it was impossible at this time to procure either men or material for the work. The members voted to grant the extension and the officers will execute the necessary papers.

The Improvement Association at its session Tuesday discussed several subjects of interest, among the number being the need for putting on a membership canvass and the so-called smoke nuisance. A committee consisting of G. T. Campbell, C. P. Bentley and L. C. Hall was named to confer with the city Commission as to what has been done or can be done to regulate the latter. The membership question will be settled next week.

Thomas E. Dewey left Thursday for the farm of E. W. Putnam in Middlebury township, answering the call to the Boys' Reserve for aid in farm work.

Washington Letter.

Washington, June 11.—(Special correspondence)—The aircraft production program has at last been placed in competent hands. Such is the conviction of Representative Daniel R. Anthony of Kansas, who has followed closely the hearings on the subject held by the Military Committee of which he is a member. Mr. Potter, the civilian, who has been placed in charge of the work, has impressed Mr. Anthony as being a high type of American business man, "who is going to give us airplanes." After the many charges of graft in connection with our aircraft activity during the past year it is refreshing to hear Mr. Anthony say that from what he has learned he is convinced that the men who have had charge of the matter to date have been merely incompetent. The Congressman declares that many mistakes of judgment have been made, but that cases of actual dishonesty will not be found.

Congressman Benjamin L. Fairchild of New York believes that only citizens of the United States should be permitted the right to vote. He has introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution embodying that limitation. The suggestion has met with favor from other Representatives, and another similar amendment has been pending in the House for some days. It refers, however, only to electors for Members of the House of Representatives. Mr. Fairchild's proposition goes further than that and would apply to all elections for Federal officers, such as President, Vice President, Senators, and Members of the House. The Congress is given power in Mr. Fairchild's resolution to enforce the provisions of the new paragraph in the Constitution.

Congressman Thomas S. Crago, of Pennsylvania, makes the reassuring statement that the accidents to men in training for aeroplane service is less, in proportion to their number, than to men driving automobiles about the country. Mr. Crago is a prominent member of the Military Affairs Committee of the House, and has paid close attention to the hearings that they have held. The declaration has been made to the committee that more men, in proportion to the number engaged, are killed by automobile accidents than by aeroplane accidents. Mr. Crago says that the almost daily reports of fatal aeroplane accidents that one reads in the press must be taken as an indication of the large number of men engaged in the service, rather than of extra hazard attaching to that branch of our military activity.

While the Army appropriation bill was under consideration in the House, Congressman John Jacob Rogers of Massachusetts endeavored to get an amendment adopted providing for an official exemption badge or button to be worn by men who have volunteered or been drafted, but who have been rejected for valid cause by the military authorities. The proposition was framed in language written by the Secretary of War himself, but it being new legislation it was subject to a point of order which the Democrat in charge of the bill did not hesitate to make. Mr. Rogers states that when he was in England last winter he saw old men, young men, who had been physically disqualified, and others who had been rejected, wearing a large badge showing that they were in citizens clothing through no fault of their own. He believes that some such insignia should be adopted by this country. The Chairman of the Military Committee has promised to take the matter up in the near future in the form of a separate bill and carefully investigate its merits.

Mr. McAduo's generosity to the railroad employees is wide and bountiful and all-embracing—with one exception. While he provides equality of pay for white and colored firemen, trainmen and switchmen, he discriminates in that he makes the increase to the white beneficiaries retroactive to January first of this year and does not permit the colored beneficiaries to draw any increased back pay. They will begin to "get theirs" from June first. This seems to us a pretty discrimination which we would hardly have looked for even from a Southern born director general of railroads.

Von Kuehlman, the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, complacently tells the Berlin chamber of commerce that the commercial and other concessions wrung from Roumania by the treaty of peace more than compensate for the absence of any direct indemnity in money. One reason for German leniency in this matter, no doubt, was the fact that Roumania, already bereft of much of her most productive industries through the concessions which von Kuehlman boasts of, would be unable to produce much real money in addition. But if the Hun should by any mischance win this war, the nations to the West with whom

the Kaiser is fighting will not escape so easily as has this Near Eastern State. We, for instance, will have to yield up many of our most highly prized industries and pay a huge money indemnity in addition; maybe we would have to give up some of our coast cities for German commercial bases. We may speculate on such a fate—but it will never come true. This nation is in the war to win.

A delve into the past reminds us that it may be timely just now, in view of the President's opposition to an investigation of the aircraft scandal by the Senate, to print the following from the Democratic national platform of 1904: "It (the Republican party and administration) withdrew from Congress their customary duties of investigation which heretofore made the representatives of the people and States the terror of evil-doers."

In drafting the new revenue bill we hope there will be no attempt to cling to the superstitious and superfluous hope that "war profits" can be made to pay for the war. It is not possible to make one hand wash the other financially in this way. Nor will it be possible to have the banks and big fiscal institutions underwrite the cost of the war. The war will have to be paid for as it will have to be fought, by the country at large, by everyone subjecting himself to taxation and to other contributions to the utmost.

Now that Taft and Roosevelt have had a half hour of intimate conversation, who can say that some day we may not see President Wilson and Senator Chamberlain talking together once more?

The treaty of alliance which Germany has exacted from Kaiser Karl sets the nominal term of fifteen years for its duration. But in reality the pact is in perpetuity. After fifteen years of subjection to Berlin influence such as this agreement demands, Austria will be in no condition to resist the further extension of her enslavement. It may be—and probably will be—a greatly diminished Austria which will be found fifteen years hence; because it is inconceivable that the final terms of peace will leave the Hapsburgs rulers over any portion of Poland or of South Slavdom or perhaps even over Hungary. In such case, Vienna will be still the more powerless to resist. Austria's fate seems fixed, whatever else may be the outcome of the war.

The Raleigh, North Carolina, News and Observer, says that 20,000 sheep could be kept in Yancey county in that state "but for 3,000 worthless dogs." Quite likely true. Just now there is a world shortage of both meat and wool and sheep raising is profitable wherever pasturage is plentiful and dogs are scarce. But it was not always so in this country. For many years the chief menace to the sheep industry was the possibility of a Democratic national administration that would put wool on the free list and destroy the home market for the home product. That is a matter of history, and history will repeat itself, though the present shortage of sheep may delay the discouraging experiences of the past. The day of cheap land in America has gone, and there is no probability that American labor will ever be willing to accept the wages of America's competitors. That being true, if the Democratic policy of free wool shall continue, it is only a question of time when we shall import wool to the destruction of our own industry. Two things are necessary to insure the permanent establishment of sheep raising as an adjunct of farming in nearly every section of the United States—kill off the worthless dogs and re-enact the protective tariff on wool.

German Will Not Be Taught in the Owosso Schools.

The Board of Education of the Owosso Union School District voted unanimously at its monthly meeting June 6 to take German from high school course, substituting French. It has become unpopular as a study with the students and in line with most of the high schools of the country is discarded. The Board also refused to release Robert S. Linton from his contract as agricultural instructor, and Miss Ellen Thompson as domestic science teacher, because both were needed here, and it is considered too late to secure satisfactory instructors in their places. Mr. Linton had been offered a position in Detroit and Miss Thompson at the M. A. C. at much better salaries.

Miss Gladys Darsheim, instructor in mathematics, was released from her contract, the reasons being such as to justify her in asking a release.

All of the janitors were re-engaged with increased pay and will be under the foremanship of George Griffith, who will be at the Central school and assist the janitors there.