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Vernon Masonic Officers.

At the last meeting of the Masonic lodge election of officers was held, and the following officers chosen:

W. M.—D. C. Moore.
Sr. Warden—Fred Sexton.
Jr. Warden—Henry Stadlberger.
Sr. Deacon—E. Roy Holsington.
Jr. Deacon—Duane Kerr.
Secretary—E. E. Carl.
Treasurer—U. P. Ferguson.

CORUNNA R. & S. MASONIC OFFICERS

Corunna Council No. 38, Royal and Select Masons has elected the following officers:

Thrice Illustrious Master—Harry Easley.
Deputy Master—John Deyell.
Principal Conductor of the Work—R. J. Colby.
Recorder—E. F. Conant.
Treasurer—John Y. Martin.
TIMES THREE
Conductor of Council—J. D. Leland.
Grand Steward—B. S. Griffin.
Sentinel—Howard Slocum.
The officers were installed by J. D. Boyce as installing officer and Judge Matthew Bush as grand marshal. Following the election, five candidates were initiated.

Macabae Officers.

At the last regular review of Wilson Tent No. 169, K. O. T. M., the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Past Commander—E. Harmon.
Commander—George Kinney.
Lieut. Com.—J. Zahn.
Record Keeper—G. Beardslee.
Recording Secretary—F. Smith.
Chaplain—A. Kaufman.
Sergeant—H. Wright.
Master at Arms—V. F. Parker.
1st M. of G.—E. Pettit.
2nd M. of G.—E. Herzig.
Sentinel—W. Brooks.
Pickel—J. Hill.

Perry Masonic Officers.

The annual election of officers of Perry Lodge No. 850, F. & A. M., was held Friday evening, and the following officers were elected:

W. M.—D. P. Hinchey.
S. W.—Albert Egan.
J. M.—W. A. Lovejoy.
S. D.—E. M. Wilson.
J. D.—Wm. Lemon.
Treasurer—A. L. Beard.
Secretary—E. L. Watkiss.
Tyler—H. W. Cobb.
Stewards—J. W. Hough and L. H. Marling.

Owosso Chapter No. 89, R. A. M. Officers.

Owosso Chapter No. 89, R. A. M., has elected officers as follows:

High Priest—Roy G. Spiess.
King—Geo. B. Gilbert.
Scribe—Elbert F. Wager.
Treasurer—A. D. Whipple.
Secretary—William S. Warden.
Captain of Host—A. B. Horne.
Principal Journer—Frank H. Williams.
R. A. Captain—Howard Ginter.
Master 3rd Veil—Walter Hesse.
Master 2nd Veil—Roy G. Fletcher.
Master 1st Veil—Frank C. Freeman.
Chaplain—John B. E. Castree.
Member Temple Association—James B. McIntosh.
Sentinel—S. M. Campbell.

New Haven Cleaners.

New Haven Arbor of Cleaners met at their hall in Easton Tuesday, for an all day meeting. About sixty did ample justice to the fine oyster dinner served at two o'clock. After dinner Companion Nettie Conklin with Companion Eliza Fitzpatrick as assistant, installed the following officers for the year 1920:

C. G.—Will Bowhay.
V. C.—Lorne Veale.
Secretary and Treasurer—Florence Dickinson.
Chaplain—Sarah Bayhaw.
Conductor—Otto Dickinson.
Conductress—Hattie White.
Lecturer—Sarah VanHorn.
Inner Guard—Edwin West.
Outer Guard—Ezra Rode.
Flower Girl—Utie Veale.
Assistant—Alice Augustine.

TO HONOR J. B. E. CASTREE

J. B. E. Castree, so well known in Masonic circles through this section of the state, will have been a Mason fifty years next February.

In appreciation of his devotion to the craft and the vast amount of time he has given to all branches of the order, Owosso Chapter R. A. M. will ask all other Masonic bodies to unite at the proper time in arranging a "J. B. E. Castree night," when recognition will be made of the character and service of their exemplary brother.

MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS FOR SUGAR BEETS

Owosso Sugar Co. Has Paid Immense Sums to Farmers

Nearly a million and a half dollars have been paid to farmers this year for sugar beets by the Owosso Sugar Co., \$828,225 was paid Nov. 15, \$529,803 last Saturday, and several hundred thousand will be due because of bonuses paid in accordance with the average price of sugar during October, November, December and January. The campaign at the sugar factory will probably continue thirty days more, and over three hundred fifty men are employed, the weekly pay roll being over \$14,000.

Shiawassee Mutual Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Shiawassee County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. will be held at the court house on January 8. At this meeting officers will be elected for the coming year and other business transacted. There are no constitutional amendments to be voted on.

The officers at present are F. H. Rusk, president; Fred Miller, vice president, and secretary; G. L. Taylor, treasurer; Amos Parmenter auditor, and W. H. Lannstein, director. It is considered likely that all of the officers will seek re-election.

BABY BORN AT NEW HOSPITAL

Margaurite Denise McCartney has the distinction of being the first baby born at the Memorial Hospital, 640 Pine street, arriving Tuesday morning. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCartney, 721 West Main street.

The hospital was opened for the reception of patients Monday and there are seven beds now ready for occupancy. Miss Katherine Dietrich, of Saginaw, head nurse, is the only nurse employed at present but the staff will be increased as soon as possible. The business office has been moved from the rooms at the armory to the same location. The telephone number is 722-3 rings.

Favor Tri-County Tuberculosis Hospital

The Chamber of Commerce at its weekly meeting Tuesday, endorsed the proposal to erect a tri-county tuberculosis hospital, to serve Shiawassee, Genesee and Gratiot counties.

The industrial committee reported favorably on the proposition to pay two years rental, and the cost of moving the machinery of A. H. Stokes of St. Johns to this city. The expense would not be over \$1,200 the committee estimates. A special committee will be named to look into the matter further and to raise the money. Mr. Stokes has a plant for making bent tubing. He employs about 20 men.

CURRENT TOPIC CLUB

The last meeting of the Current Topic Club in the year 1919 was held at the home of Mrs. Albert West on Adams street Monday afternoon.

The paper for the afternoon was on Velasquez, the famous Spanish painter and was handled entertainingly and instructively by Mrs. John Dewit. Reproductions of some of his most famous paintings were inspected and served to accentuate the points brought out in the paper. Current events were as usual discussed for a portion of the afternoon. Mrs. Fred Woodard, the club's president, was able to be in attendance for the first time in a number of weeks, much to the pleasure of the members.

The next meeting of the new year will be held January 5, and Mrs. C. C. Duff will have charge of the afternoon program.

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

At a meeting held Monday night officers were elected by Patterson-Dawson post, American Legion, and nominees were selected for officers to be elected next Monday night by the Companions of the American Legion, the Women's organization composed of near relatives of the service men identified with the Legion. The officers elected by the Legion are:

Post Commander—Charles F. Lahmann.
Vice commander—Clarence McCall.
Post adjutant—John Wade.
Finance officer—Clifton Rudd.
Post chaplain—Robert Harris.
Master at arms—William Scott.
Post historian—John Evens Campbell.

A committee was selected to take before the public at any time matters affecting the interests of the Legion. Members of this committee are John Steck, Seth Q. Pulver, R. S. Day, Dr. George Sackrider, Dr. J. J. Haviland, Leon Miner, Harry G. Parker, Raymond Stack, Oscar Reynolds and Dr. E. T. Wilson.



HOLD-UP MAN SECURED

\$207 ON OWOSSO STREETS

Thomas M. Phillips was knocked down on Park street Saturday night and robbed of four \$50 liberty bonds and \$7 in cash. The robbery occurred at 9:30 in the evening, and Mr. Phillips was not found for a half hour after ward, having laid unconscious from the effects of a blow on the head by a piece of air hose. He was taken to his home on Goodhue street, and although over seventy years of age has recovered quickly and no serious results have followed.

The bonds were taken from the bank in the afternoon to be used in a business transaction which was not completed. They were marked in red ink with initials "T. M. P."

No clue to the assailant has been found.

G. A. R. AND W. R. C. CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES

A very pleasing event was held Saturday afternoon at the G. A. R. hall when the G. A. R. and W. R. C. celebrated their thirty-sixth and thirty-fifth anniversaries.

The hall had been made beautiful with the national colors, Christmas bells and cut flowers. After the entrance march of the W. R. C. officers led by the color bearers, the flag salute was given and "America" was sung. The following program was given: Invocation, Rev. Mattson; W. R. C. history from 1884 to 1919, by Mrs. Sarah A. Wiley; History G. A. R. 1883 to present time, comrade W. Smith; singing, Rev. Blachford, accompanied by Mrs. Blachford; readings, Mrs. Waugh, and Mrs. Culver address by Rev. Mattson, who is an honorary member of Quackenbush G. A. R.; readings, Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Watson; remarks, Rev. Blachford, Christmas carol, Rev. Blachford; solo, Mrs. Alma Young; short talks by Comrades Goodfellow, Holmes, Watson and C. W. Jennings, who is also an honorary member; song, Orrin Jennings, accompanied by Mrs. Jennings; singing, "Star Spangled Banner," by all.

Afterwards all were invited to the dining room where a bountiful repast was served.—W. R. C. Press correspondent.

Indoor Ball League Schedule.

The schedule, calling for 24 games, was adopted by the Owosso indoor baseball league at the meeting held in the clubrooms of the Owosso Manufacturing Company's plant Friday night. This gives each of the four teams in the league 12 games, each team playing the other three four times. The season will open on Tuesday night, Dec. 23. All games will be played at the armory, two games each week, on Tuesday and Friday nights.

The price of admission was fixed at 30 cents for adults, and 20 cents for those under 15 years of age. These prices include the war tax.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Beamish, Oakwood avenue, have returned from a two weeks' visit with their daughters, Mrs. Arthur Moore, of Toledo and Mrs. Van Smith, of Highland Park.

Fortunate Escape in Auto Accident.

Four persons fortunately escaped Monday when a Ford runabout, owned and driven by Newton Esterbrook, Cleveland and Hoyt streets, was struck by an Ann Arbor passenger train, northbound, at the West Main street crossing.

Esterbrook had his two little daughters and Ruth McMullen in the car with him. The side curtains were up and as he approached the crossing from the west, his view was obstructed by the curtains.

He did not see the train until he was squarely on the track and the train was but a few feet from him. He quickly turned the car to the north and the engine struck it in the rear. The machine slid along on the snow a few feet and then went over the embankment, landing at the bottom a pile of wreckage.

Simon-Lands.

The wedding of Miss Della, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Simon, and Samuel Lands, of Flint, was solemnized by Rabbi C. M. Herberman, of Detroit, at the Simon home on Michigan avenue, Wednesday at 6 P. M. About sixty guests, mostly from out of the city, witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Broude, of Chicago, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, attended the couple and Miss Broude was ring bearer. A five course dinner was served by Mrs. James Mullaney. Mrs. Jay Terboas, Mrs. Arthur Byerly, Misses Bea Van Dyne, Mildred Donagan and Nona Bryson, Mrs. C. A. Sackrider and Mrs. Justin Shattuck rendered the wedding march.

After the festivities Mr. and Mrs. Lands left for Chicago and other cities, and will be at home in Flint, where Mr. Lands conducts the Aekron Tire Co. The bride is a popular young lady and best wishes of a host of friends are extended to the couple.

Given 7 to 20 Years for Crime.

A sentence of from seven to 20 years in Jackson prison, with a recommendation of seven years, was imposed by Judge Collins, Wednesday, on James Bettis, Owosso restaurant owner and grocer.

In sentencing Bettis, who pleaded guilty to a charge of aiding and abetting in the robbery of Kebler's cafe, October 26, Judge Collins told him that men who have been twice convicted of a felony, are not eligible to parole under the intermediate sentence law. This is the third conviction of Bettis.

Charles Wilson, an Owosso young man held for several days on a charge of larceny, was dismissed by Justice McBride after Bettis was sentenced by Judge Collins. Wilson drove Bettis to the Ann Arbor depot some weeks ago when Bettis stole considerable merchandise from the depot and was held as an accessory before the fact.

Elmer Griffin, George White and Raymond Smith, whom Bettis used as tools in the robbery of cigar stores in Owosso, are still held in the county jail. It is likely that their cases will be disposed of quickly now, as all are willing to plead guilty. Their confession brought about Bettis' arrest.

Washington Letter.

MANY DEMOCRATS FIND TREATY OBJECTIONABLE

Washington, Dec. 18.—That the peace treaty including the league covenant in the original form, without any changes or reservations to safeguard Americanism, is as objectionable to thinking democrats in Congress as to republicans has been many times made plain.

A statement has just been put into the record by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, one of the foremost of the Senate democrats, a member of the Cabinet of Grover Cleveland, in which he discusses the different reservations and urges in strong terms the need of providing them. One of the topics he takes up is mandatories. He seeks to show the danger involved in having the United States saddled with a mandate over a foreign people without the consent of Congress.

MANY PRODUCTS RECOVERED FROM KELP

Kelp, apparently, is going to be a profitable source of potash, an important fertilizer ingredient that the United States formerly obtained almost wholly from Germany. During the war, an experimental kelp-potash plant was established by the United States Department of Agriculture at Summerland, Calif. Before the second year of operation was completed it had been determined not only that the plant could be made self-sustaining on the basis of potash alone, at \$2.50 a unit, but that a number of valuable by-products could be profitably obtained. The Chief of the Bureau of Soils, which bureau operates the enterprise, estimates that if the plant turns out \$300 worth of potassium chloride a day, it may at the same time turn out \$269 worth a day of the four principal by-products.

Among the by-products whose commercial obtainability has been established are iodine, common salt, ammonia, and bleaching carbon. This bleaching carbon, formerly imported from Europe and sold for 20 cents a pound, has been prepared and sold from the Summerland plant at 15 cents a pound and appears at present about able to pay the production cost of itself and the potash, with good reason to believe that it may ultimately be made to pay the operating cost of the entire enterprise. It has been definitely established by large-scale operations that very little of the nitrogen of kelp is lost in the various processes and that it can be commercially recovered as ammonia, thus yielding another important fertilizer element. In this process enough combustible gas is released greatly to reduce if not to eliminate fuel consumption in the plant. A tar is likewise recovered, and its subproducts, kelp oils and cresote, have been shown to be of value, respectively, as flotation agents and disinfectants. Still other valuable by-products are likely to be recovered.

"The field broadens tremendously as progress is made," reports the Chief of the Bureau of Soils.

OWOSSO SHOULD HELP FORM NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY

Owosso was represented by the former National Guardsmen at the meeting held in Lansing Monday for the purpose of discussing the reorganization of the Guard under recently enacted legislation. Those who attended were Major John Steck, Captain Oscar Reynolds, Lieut. Charles F. Lahman and Sergts. Clarence McCall and Byron Thompson.

The Owosso delegates returned with the determination to act quickly in forming a company here. This will be necessary if Owosso is to have a company, for the reason that the state is limited to only one regiment of infantry. Ages of enlistment of officers are given as 21 to 64, and enlisted men 18 to 45. The pay of second lieutenants \$240 a year, first lieutenants \$250, and captains, majors, lieutenant-colonels and colonels \$500 annually. Enlisted men will draw \$2 a night from the state for attendance at drill, as well as the pay provided by the government, which will be 25 per cent of the amounts paid men of corresponding rank in the regular army.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Shiawassee Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at the Court House in the City of Corunna, on Thursday, January 8, 1920, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing officers and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated Corunna, Mich., Dec. 1, 1919

FRED MILLER,

Secretary.

Dr. G. N. Finch is ill, with the mumps. His children also have had the disease.

THERE IS NO ILL WIND, ETC.

(From the Bakersfield (Calif.) Echo)

In the failure to ratify the treaty, due to the unpalatable league covenant, we can see no serious danger for the nation. Rather we would have had treaty ratified with the league as revised by the majority, but we would rather see the treaty beaten at this time, than to have our country tied hopelessly and securely to the imperial chariot of Europe and the Orient. There is no ill wind but blows somebody good, and the fact that the unyielding attitude of the President made it impossible to ratify the treaty, with amendments, will certainly serve as a lesson to the hopeless minority.

Auto Goes Over Embankment.

Joseph Kuchar and John Christ, living near Six Mile Creek, sustained fractured jaws and were badly cut and bruised Tuesday, when Kuchar's automobile skidded on the Essig hill, three and one-half miles north of Owosso, and went over the 15 foot embankment, landing on its side, almost a complete wreck.

The men were brought to the office of Dr. A. L. Arnold by Wellington Ward and Albert White, who live near the scene of the accident, and later taken to Memorial hospital in Knapp & Smith's ambulance, and are recovering rapidly with no permanent injuries.

The two men were coming to Owosso and had followed two big gravel trucks for some distance. As they neared the top of the hill Kuchar turned out to go by the trucks. He applied the brakes just as the machine went over the crest of the hill. The wheels started skidding on the icy surface, and Kuchar was unable to control the car. It slid down the hill, crashed into the steel guard rail on the east side of the road, demolishing it, and going over the embankment.

Consult as to State Paving in Owosso

Engineers Bowman and Redford of the state highway department, were in Owosso Wednesday consulting with the city commission in regard to the paving the state is to do in Owosso, on the streets recently turned over to the state and county. They also went over the several streets with Commissioner Hauscom and City Engineer Raymond.

Mr. Bowman explained that the state does not pave the full width of a street, the maximum width it paves being 30 feet and the minimum 16 feet. If the city desires to extend the pavement to the full width of the street the state will do the work and the city pays for it. It would all be done as one job, however, the state highway department drawing up the plans and specifications, to be approved by the city. Work will begin in the early spring.

Teachers "Rig up" as Old School Children.

The teachers of the Emerson school entertained the members of the Owosso Teachers' Club in a novel manner at the County Normal rooms in the Central building Tuesday evening. The principal feature was the presentation of a comedy, "The District School." Miss Clara Cook, as the teacher, ruled in a more or less austere manner, representing the old-fashioned type of teacher to a nicety.

Others of the casts were dressed as boys and girls such as one visualizes in connection with stories of the "little old red school," and they were well versed in the ways of the pupils of 50 years ago.

Telephone Company Directors Hold Important Meeting.

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Union Telephone company was held on Wednesday at the offices in this city. Those present were President C. T. Babcock, J. B. Chapin and J. T. Millman of St. Johns, J. E. Gerow of Ovid, W. A. Balkhe of Alma, J. B. Crawford of Ithaca, L. L. Conn, C. P. Bentley and E. O. Dewey of Owosso, and General Manager W. J. Melchers of this city. A quarterly dividend of the usual amount was voted, payable Jan. 15th next. An unusual amount of business was brought to the attention of the board, much of which will be presented to the stockholders of the company at an early date. The auditing committee of the company, E. O. Dewey, J. E. Gerow and J. B. Chapin, are in session at the offices today.

The Christmas program of the First M. E. church will be given next Sunday evening under the direction of Mrs. E. F. Conant. The central portion of the church will be reserved for the Sunday school classes. All are invited.