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## FINE ADDRESSES FEATURE BANQUET

### Business Men and Boosters of Michigan's Leading Cities Entertain, Enthuse and Instruct Owosso Citizens.

Four hundred men of Owosso and two hundred or more ladies were highly pleased and filled with good ideas for the betterment of Owosso by speakers at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce at the armory Tuesday evening. The excellent and satisfying repast so perfectly served by the Episcopalian church ladies put the banquet in a mood to appreciate and enthuse over Owosso and its future.

Herman Dignan, president of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly but accurately of Owosso's good things and its needs, and introduced W. F. Gallagher, who conducted the program with the skill of an old hand. He urged co-operation of all elements of the population and urged loyal support of all our own institutions.

R. H. Scott, vice president of the Reo Motor Co. of Lansing, and a well known worker for the better things of life, complimented Owosso on its institutions and citizenship. He denied that this country needed reconstruction, being little affected by the war, but that it needed more production. He decried national extravagance and expressed it by urging the leading of our wrist watches for alarm clocks and getting busy. He urged more work as the only means of reducing the high cost of living. Mr. Scott is a believer in seeking small well financed institutions rather than big ones of doubtful stability. A zone system for future growth was fully explained and put as Owosso's first need.

J. D. Dort, president of the Dort Motor Co. of Flint, told enthusiastically of Flint's growth, of its organizations among its working men, its future plans for becoming a beautiful home city as well as a great business center, and offered Owosso the benefit of Flint's long and costly experiments in getting the city to shape to be a real home. He advised manufacturers to pass along to others any good plans or things they were using in their plants. He declared that in the final analysis every city would be judged, and be great or small by its character as a city.

W. B. Linton of Saginaw, well known as a former congressman from this district, now a member of the state tax commission and a leader in the victory highway movement, recalled his first visit to Owosso fifty years ago as a delegate to a Sunday school convention, and had noticed from year to year the growth and betterment of this city and predicted that it would reach the high water mark of other cities of the state because of its fine location. He told of the work of the state tax commission stating that six counties, Wayne, Kent, Ingham, Saginaw, Oakland and Genesee, were now paying one-half of all the state tax. Owosso was to be one of the chief points in the victory highway because of its forking here for Saginaw and Port Huron. If the waterway from the Great Lakes to the Ocean is accomplished eastern Michigan will become one of the most important sections of United States.

F. W. Steere, of the Steere Engineering Co. of this city, spoke briefly, declaring the great need of today was more real religion in business and was the only way of settling the great problems now confronting the world, particularly the labor question when shorter hours would not bring the contentment needed, but an interest in good things and above all religion. South America settled by gold seekers was still in a barbarous state while the United States settled by religious pilgrims was the finest country in the world.

Lee H. Bierce, professional Board of Commerce booster of Grand Rapids, introduced a little fun and a great boom for his home city and urged a big membership in the Chamber of Commerce. He urged education of foreigners now here, and definite restrictions for others who wished to come. He condemned Attorney General Grosbeck for his attack on retailers as profiteers. His strongest point was that public utilities should be taken from political control and allowed a fair profit on investment and cost of operation as determined by men who know and not by demagogues who want everything cut in price except what they have to sell. He cited the case of Muskegon where wages had advanced 125 per cent and hot heads had destroyed street cars because the

company asked a 20 per cent raise in fare, and of Toledo when ignorant and prejudiced voters had voted the street cars off the streets for asking a 25 per cent increase where wages had advanced 150 per cent.

Good music was furnished by Vanda's orchestra; a vocal solo by Albert Norris was encored, and the audience sang America. Rev. Dunning Idle invoked Divine blessing.

Several visitors were present from Saginaw, Flint, Grand Rapids and Lansing, besides citizens of our own county outside of Owosso.

### HEBEKEUSER-HINZ

The marriage of Miss Margaret Hebekeuser of Owosso, and Fred Hinz of Detroit, was solemnized Wednesday at 8 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Slane at St. Paul's church. Following the ceremony about 25 relatives attended a reception and dinner at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hebekeuser, west of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Hinz left for Detroit where they will be at home to their friends at 1049 Phillips street.

### OWOSSO HIGH WINS FROM SAGINAW IN BASKETBALL

The Owosso high school boys' basketball team which had previously defeated Arthur Hill high school of Saginaw, took another step toward the Saginaw Valley interscholastic championship Friday night by defeating Saginaw Eastern high school at Saginaw by a score of 15 to 11. The Saginaw Eastern girls defeated the Owosso high school girls team 20 to 7.

### GIVEN \$1000 VERDICT

After deliberating for less than an hour, a jury in circuit court Saturday afternoon awarded E. H. Rohrabacher of Flint, a judgment of \$1000 against William Generke of Owosso, for injuries sustained when Generke's car ran into one driven by Lee Rohrabacher of Flint last November. E. M. Rohrabacher was riding with his brother. It is now likely that a suit will be started by Lee Rohrabacher against Generke to recover for damage to the car.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS DEFEAT ST. JOHNS

The Owosso high school debating team evened up with St. Johns high school debaters at the Central school Friday. St. Johns had defeated an Owosso team two weeks ago at St. Johns, taking the negative side of the question of compulsory military training. Last night a different team of Owosso debaters took the negative side against a different St. Johns team.

The Owosso debaters—Hugh Hurst, Armin Webbink and Carolyn Melchers—won the unanimous decision of the judges, who were Messrs. Laing and Brundage of the M. A. C., and Walter A. Terpening, Shiawassee county Y. M. C. A. secretary.

### HOME KEEPERS TO HAVE CONFERENCE

East Lansing, Jan. 27.—Just as wide awake to the need of keeping posted on the latest developments in their work as are the men, and prepared to tackle weighty problems of the home, Michigan women will hold a Home Keepers Conference at M. A. C. during Farmers' Week, Feb. 2-6.

While the men folks of the family are deliberating over questions of agricultural trend, the women will gather in their own meetings and consider the problems connected with their end of the co-operative business of farming.

Demonstrations on the renovation of clothing and hats, and a discussion of cleaning and cleaning equipment will be among the important subjects taken up by the women, in view of the emphasis present high prices have placed on the matter of prolonging the life of existing garments.

Specialists from Cornell and Johns Hopkins Universities, housekeepers of practical experience (including Mrs. Dora Stockman, the newly-elected member of the State Board of Agriculture), and members of the Home Economics staff at the M. A. C. will be in charge of the various meetings and demonstrations.

Most of the Home Keepers Conference meetings will be held in the morning, the afternoons and evenings being reserved for the general meetings at which both men and women will be in attendance.

### SENTENCES GIVEN OFFENDERS

From one to 15 years in Ionia reformatory with a recommendation that he serve one year, was the sentence meted out late Saturday afternoon to George Prevost of Owosso. Prevost pleaded guilty some time ago to a charge of larceny.

He admitted that with Edgar Almus, now serving time in Ionia, he entered the home of George Kimball in Caledonia township and stole household goods and silverware. Later he confessed to robbing the home of Calence Mead in Owosso and to breaking into box cars.

Fred Trueburg, of Owosso, who was caught three weeks ago when the home of George Kovasick in Owosso township was raided, and two stills found, drew 90 days in the county jail, \$200 fine and must pay \$100 costs. If he does not pay he must spend five months in jail. Trueburg admitted that it was he who made the whiskey and Kovasick had no hand in it. Kovasick was put on probation a week ago.

Steve Emowitch, better known as Steve Miller, also caught in the raid on the Kovasick home drew 30 days and must pay costs of \$75 or serve 60 days.

Martin Janrick, caught by Owosso officers last week making whiskey in his home in West Owosso, was sentenced to 60 days, fined \$200 and \$100 costs, in default of which he must serve four months.

Earl Mott, Alton Peck and Kenneth Lapoint arrested in Durand for breaking into box cars and stealing merchandise were sentenced to 60 days in jail. John Turnflow, of Cadillac who was implicated in the theft with them was put on probation for two years. He was on his first trip as an Ann Arbor brakeman when he fell in with the other boys and helped them carry the plunder back to the hotel where they were stopping.

Fay Stillman, of Owosso, who was brought back from St. Louis, Mo., a week ago on a charge of wife desertion pleaded guilty and was remanded to await sentence.

### WOMAN'S CLUB

January 22 was "Movie Day," at the Woman's Club. After a short business session, Mrs. A. L. Nichols took charge of the program and those present learned many new and interesting things about the making, showing and censoring of movies.

Mrs. Nichols also told much of the efforts being made to use the movies along the lines of education and Americanization. During the informal discussion that followed, Mrs. Sherwood was called upon to tell of her visit to the Universal City. The club rooms looked quite like a picture gallery, and everyone was able to find her favorite movie actor either in real life or stage dress. The program closed with current events by members.

### PLANS COMPLETED FOR BIG FARM CONVENTION

East Lansing, Jan. 27.—With programs finished and exhibits ready to be placed, plans for the big agricultural convention which is to be held at the Michigan Agricultural College during Farmers' Week, Feb. 2-6, are nearing completion on the eve of the meeting.

Business will be mixed with pleasure by the delegates who attend the gathering, for while meetings of various associations and technical work along agricultural lines will occupy a good share of the time, general meetings whose object is primarily entertainment and recreation will feature each day's program. Music, moving pictures, and lectures by the most interesting and entertaining speakers in the country are scheduled for each afternoon and evening.

The program of prominent speakers for the general meetings is as follows: Monday, Feb. 2 (evening) Dean Alfred Vivian, Ohio State University; Cecil Roberts, well known English poet. Tuesday, Feb. 3 (afternoon)—Dr. H. C. Taylor, Chief of the Bureau of Farm Management, Washington; G. C. Creelman, President of Ontario Agricultural College; (evening)—Dean Vivian; Kenyon L. Butterfield, President Massachusetts Agricultural College. Wednesday, Feb. 4 (afternoon)—Henrietta Calvin, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.; Dr. F. W. Gunsulius, President of Armour Institute; (evening)—Dean Vivian; Rural Play Demonstration, "Just Plain Jones." Thursday, Feb. 5 (afternoon)—Dr. C. V. McCollum, Johns Hopkins University; A. J. Kieran, Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C.; (evening)—Dean Vivian; Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois. Friday, Feb. 6 (afternoon) H. J. Howard, President National Farm Bureau; A. F. Lever, Member Federal Farm Loan Board.

Eleven state agricultural associations will hold meetings during the mornings, to which the general public is invited. These meetings will take up various farm problems of importance and interest to rural men and women of the state.

### County Y. W. C. A. First Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Shiawassee county Y. W. C. A. was held at the rooms on South Washington street Wednesday, representatives from various parts of the county being present. A pot luck dinner was served at noon, the business session opening at 1 o'clock in charge of Mrs. W. P. Harryman, county president. The devotions were in charge of Mrs. Marcia Slezzer, a visiting secretary from Chicago. Interesting reports were given showing the scope of the work done in the county and by the girls' clubs since the organization of Shiawassee county for the work seven months ago. It was voted to have a county girls' camp next summer and also to hold a number and dance banquets in the surrounding towns as soon as they can be arranged.

The following were elected members of the county board: Mrs. Florence Wilcox and Mrs. Bessie McQueen, Perry; Mrs. George Wilcox and Mrs. Nathan, Morrice; Mrs. Harry Izor and Mrs. F. O. Nesbitt, Durand; Mrs. Mathew Bush and Mrs. Bessie Moore, Corunna; Mrs. Wesley Parker and Mrs. J. D. Houghton, Lansing; Mrs. Fred Mixer and Miss Stella Potter, Bancroft; Mrs. Ed Bunting, Henderson; Mrs. Herbert Brown, Byron; Mrs. W. P. Harryman, Durand; Mrs. Glen Reynolds, Mrs. J. M. Bentley and Mrs. Maude C. Thompson, Owosso, and Mrs. B. P. Hicks, who was transferred from Durand to Owosso.

### JUBILEE MEETING OF W. C. T. U.

The Owosso W. C. T. U. is planning a union "jubilee" meeting to be held at the Baptist church Sunday evening, February 8. The object is to put the purpose and aim of the "jubilee" drive before the public and raise funds for the same.

The national W. C. T. U. is aiming for a million dollars and a million members before March 20, 1920. Each union is given its quota according to membership. The fund will be divided among the different departments that the organization is working up, viz: world-wide prohibition, Americanization, Health and Morality, Child Welfare, the Protection of Women in Industry, Education, etc.

### DEATH OF FRED J. WEBBER

Fred J. Webber, aged 54 years, died Tuesday morning at Memorial hospital, the result of a complication of diseases. Mr. Webber had been in poor health for some time, and was taken to the hospital last week.

The deceased was born in Rock Island, Ill., but while he was still an infant, his parents moved to Kalamazoo, where he grew up and remained until 23 years ago. He then came to Owosso where he engaged in business, conducting the "Kalamazoo store." He gave up this business four years ago, and took a much needed rest for about two years. For the past two years he has acted as steward at the Masonic club rooms.

Mr. Webber was a Mason, an Elk and an Odd Fellow, and attended the Episcopal church. He was a man of quiet, unassuming mannerisms and had a host of friends who deplore his passing.

Surviving him are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Hyatt of Lansing, and Miss Katherine Webber of Pontiac, and one son, Arthur at home. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Bullard of this city and three brothers.

### SIX ARGUMENTS FOR ANTI-STRIKE CLAUSE

In an address in the House of Representatives, Congressman McArthur of Oregon clearly established six unanswerable arguments in favor of the anti-strike clause of the Cummins railroad bill:

1. That such a provision is constitutional under the authority to regulate interstate commerce.
2. That Congress is justified in enacting compulsory arbitration and anti-strike legislation applying to railroad employees only, for the reason that these employees come peculiarly under Federal jurisdiction because engaged in interstate commerce.
3. That this law would not establish involuntary servitude, as it reserves to each individual his right to quit at any time for any cause.
4. That since individuals and even the government itself must submit controversies to duly constituted tribunals for adjudication, there is no injustice in requiring railroad employees to submit wage disputes to such a tribunal.
5. That the threat of railroad brotherhoods to strike demonstrates the danger to the public welfare.
6. That since a strike would bring personal suffering and starvation to hundreds of thousands of people, besides causing unmeasurable loss of property, preservation of the public health, peace and safety requires the enactment of the proposed law.

### Washington Letter.

#### WILSON, THAT'S ALL—HE KEEPS US OUT OF SUGAR

Washington, Jan. 25.—President Wilson having contributed his share toward compelling the American public to pay exalted prices for sugar, according to the statements of many experts, by his failure to order the purchase of the Cuban sugar crop, it appears that the United States Sugar Equalization Board also helped saddle the burden on the public by the course it took with respect to the contract between it and the British Royal Commission. This at least is alleged in the annual report of President L. B. V. Cameron of the National Association of Brokers in Refined Sugar.

Altogether it is entirely plain that the American people are untold millions of dollars out of pocket as the result of the Administration's bungling and the failure of the President and other officials to take timely and adequate steps for the protection of consumers.

"The Democratic party leaders seem to be bound to disagree. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan hold views on the ratification of the peace treaty that mix about as well as oil and water, in spite of the explanation of the gentleman from Nebraska that he does not wish to seem to be in opposition to the President. In the Senate the Democratic side is practically evenly divided as to whether Mr. Hitchcock or Mr. Underwood shall be the leader. In the House there is the Clark and the anti-Clark factions. In the Cabinet a line is drawn between those who favor Attorney General Palmer for President and those who do not.

"And now comes another clash. Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Glass disagree as to how taxes should be levied and how great the taxation should be. As Mr. Glass is soon to join his predecessor in the ranks of ex-Secretaries of the Treasury, the question will have to be decided by a new man. All of this friction is the result of the party being at the present time without a head. It has not been in the habit of being its own thinking. It has done Mr. Wilson's bidding obediently. From the time he entered the White House he has not only been in supreme command, but no other Democrat has held a higher position than sub-lieutenant in the army of which he is the general. There has been no general staff. There has only been, outside of himself, a commissary department."

#### SELF-SUPPORTING WOMEN AT MICHIGAN

Of a total of fifteen hundred and fifty girls at the University of Michigan, one hundred and fifty are doing work to aid in putting themselves through college. Thirty-eight are doing housework in the homes of the faculty for their room and board. Five earn just their room and forty earn just their board by waiting on table or helping in the kitchens at Lane Hall, Newberry Residence, or Alumnae House. A few girls do tutoring, sewing, hold university assistantships, or take care of children.

The earnings of the girls vary from fifteen cents to forty or fifty cents an hour. Fifteen cents an hour is received for staying with children; forty and fifty cents an hour are for stenographic work. Two hundred dollars a year is the maximum amount earned—the salary of the assistants in the university.

Many girls come to the University without any idea of the expense involved. After they realize what board and room cost they would have to leave school if it were not for Dean Jordan's assistance in finding a means to meet their expenses. A freshman girl came to Dean Jordan two weeks ago completely discouraged for lack of funds and ready to leave college. A place was secured for her in a faculty home, and by earning her room and board she was able to remain in school. This example is typical of many similar occurrences during the year.

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#### Fine Benefit for Auxiliary of Hospital.

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A petition has been filed in probate court asking for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of the late George W. Lewis of Owosso. The estate is valued at \$2,800. J. B. Lewis is the petitioner.

### THE NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL

"There has never been such a demand for nurses as there is at present," declared Dr. Parnall, Superintendent of the University of Michigan Hospital. "Our training school never was so full as it is now, yet it is impossible to supply all the requests for nurses." Private duty nurses are wanted, public health nurses, nurses for social service work, for hospitals and factories, and for teaching and executive positions in the hospitals.

One of the best courses offered for women at the University of Michigan is given by the Training School for Nurses. A girl graduating from the Liberal Arts College, after a four year course that has cost her not less than \$500 a year, may obtain an instructorship in a high school at \$100 a month—if she be fortunate. The girl graduating from the Nurses' Training School, after a three year course, wherein she receives her full maintenance at no cost to herself, will earn on private duty from \$30 to \$35 a week, including her meals.

"There is no field open to women that offers such splendid opportunities as nursing," declared the Superintendent of the Training School. The Red Cross, alone, has plans outlined whereby it is intended to place 50,000 public health nurses throughout the United States. There are less than 100,000 nurses in the country. Their number will have to be doubled within the next few years. A course in public health nursing is offered at the University of Michigan as a post-graduate course for nurses, or it may be elected for the last four months of the nurses' training, at the end of the senior year.

"The Training School of the University Hospital is exceptional," said its Superintendent, "in that it is primarily a teaching hospital. Such courses as are given in Medicine, Dietetics, Surgery, Pediatrics, or Contagious Diseases, it would be impossible to duplicate in the ordinary hospital. The students come in contact with cases of every description."

This year, for the first time, is offered a five-year course, which will give the student both the Bachelor's Degree and the Nurses' Diploma. The first three years are spent in the Liberal Arts College and the last two at the Hospital. This is intended for girls wishing to take up teaching and executive positions in hospitals. The salaries for such work range, on the average, from \$900 a year, including board and room, to \$5,000.

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