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OWOSSO LOSES TO SAGINAW.

Back of offensive power cost Owosso High boys their first Saginaw League basketball contest of the year to Arthur Hill High on the floor Friday evening, the game being 28-18. The Owosso girls beat out the Hillite lassies in the few minutes of play, winning 20-9.

HOUSE BURNS SOON AFTER BIRTH OF BABY.

Six hours after the stork presented Mrs. George Martin, 914 Madison street, with a baby boy Jan. 10, their home was wrecked by fire. Mrs. Martin and the baby were carried safely to the home of a neighbor and a mattress and today are none worse for the experience.

The fire started in the basement and had a big start when it was discovered. Most of the furniture was saved. The loss is estimated around \$600.

Mr. Martin recently returned from an Arbor, after submitting to an operation for the removal of his appendix. A piece of steel got into his stomach while he was working at the car shop and ruined the sight. After he had recovered from the effects of the operation, he was taken with scarlet fever and was ill for 28 days.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PLAN PARTY

Owosso Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar is enjoying a highly prosperous career and an unusual degree of activity. At the regular meeting this week 21 petitions were received for the orders of knighthood, besides which five were elected, having previously presented their petitions.

A committee from the commandery, headed by W. E. Zimmerman, has elaborate plans under way for an Easter party, given under the auspices of the commandery at the armory. This will be a repetition of the pleasant social events conducted at the commandery in former years, and will attract more than ordinary attention. Every possible detail will be attended to to insure a brilliant social function. A feature will be a fifteen minute exhibition drill by the drill corps, under command of Captain-General Steck. Full details will be given later.

SHIAWASSEE MUTUAL RE-ELECTS OLD OFFICERS

The Shiawassee County Farmers' Mutual Insurance company, at its annual meeting held at the court house Jan. 6, re-elected all of its old officers, with one exception. The officers chosen are: President, Frank H. Rush, Owosso; vice-president, W. J. McCullough, Shiawassee township; secretary, Fred Miller, Vernon; treasurer, John Y. Martin, Corunna; director, W. H. Launstein, Owosso; auditor, Amos Parmenter, Shiawassee township. Mr. Martin succeeds G. L. Taylor of Owosso.

A committee of five was appointed by President Rush to draft new by-laws and a new charter, to be submitted to the company at a special meeting to be held April 6.

One of the changes which it is desired to make is a clause that will permit the transfer of an insurance policy with property when the property is sold. Another is the insertion of a clause making it necessary for the secretary to include in his call for the annual meeting, a statement of the claims that are to come before the meeting to be voted on.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB ACTION.

To handle complete automobile insurance for its members was the most important decision that was made at the meeting of the committeemen of the Shiawassee Automobile Club Thursday evening at a dinner held in the Club rooms of the Owosso Manufacturing company.

Approximately forty-five committeemen attended this dinner and the board of directors reported that they had carefully investigated the insurance proposition and wanted to put up the decision to the club members present. It was unanimously decided that the Shiawassee Automobile club would write up insurance for its members in the Michigan Mutual Liability Co. of Detroit.

The Shiawassee Automobile club also unanimously decided to furnish one of the \$500.00 rooms in the Memorial hospital now under construction.

The board of directors reported that the financial condition of the club warranted this expenditure and after hearing a talk by W. F. Gallagher, one of the trustees of the hospital, the members present gave a unanimous vote in favor of furnishing the room.

W. F. Parker, chairman of the committee, spoke briefly of the financial condition of the club at the past month meeting and a number of new members were secured.

G. A. R. AND W. R. C. INSTALLATION.

A joint installation of the Grand Army Post and Women's Relief Corps was held Saturday, Jan. 8, at the G. A. R. hall.

After enjoying an hour socially, Commander William Guipe installed the following officers of the G. A. R. Commander, Richard S. Hamilton; senior vice-commander, F. C. Buckele; junior vice-commander, Gottlieb Ruess; adjutant, S. Z. Watson; quartermaster, T. M. Wiley; chaplain, G. C. Osburn; surgeon, Hugh Alexander; officer of the day, Charles Freeman; patriotic instructor, L. S. Bowles; sergeant-major, William Guipe; quartermaster-sergeant, S. W. Saler; outside guard, John Doney.

Mrs. Sarah Fuller installed the following officers for the Women's Relief Corps: President, Mrs. Sarah Rathburn; senior vice-president, Dorothy Fowler; junior vice-president, Mrs. Julia Johnson; secretary, Anna Norton; treasurer, Sarah Wiley; chaplain, Cordelia Kenyon; guard, Lucy Guipe; assistant guard, Mrs. Libby Corey; conductor, Mary Knapp; assistant conductor, Myrtle Waugh; patriotic instructor, Nellie Gunderman; press correspondent, Louise Brock; color bearers No. 1, Alice Watson, No. 2, Marie Schultz, No. 3, Marie Cook, No. 4, Rose Bailey; musician, Rosie Lewis.

CIRCUIT COURT

The January term of the circuit court opened Monday morning. The calendar for the term was arranged, and several criminal matters taken up and the balance of the day given over to the examination of petitioners for citizenship. There were 17 petitioners.

Francis R. Gordon, alias Goss, charged with robbing the Michigan Railway station in Owosso on November 21, pleaded not guilty, and was remanded in default of \$3,000 bail. His attorney, W. A. Seegmiller, said he would like to try the case as soon as possible, and it may be taken up the last of the week.

Earl Bearrup of Owosso, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and was remanded. Edgar Hunt and William King of Flint, pleaded not guilty to a charge of breaking into a shoe shop at Durand and were remanded.

Jacob Maurer, of this city, who pleaded guilty some time ago in circuit court to a charge of violation of the liquor law, by selling corn whiskey from his feed barn across the road from the court house, was sentenced Monday. Judge Collins fined him \$400 and assessed him \$100 costs, with the alternative of four months in jail. He paid.

John Soli, of Owosso, arrested New Year's eve on a charge of having liquor in his possession stood mute when arraigned on a charge of violation of the liquor law. The case will be investigated further. He was caught by Assistant Chief of Police Denyes as he entered a chicken coop to get four quarts of whiskey that someone had put there an hour earlier.

Edgar Hunt and William King, charged with breaking into a Durand shoe store and stealing three pairs of shoes, also stood mute. They said they would plead guilty to a charge of stealing the shoes but denied that they broke into the store.

MRS. BARTELS DIES SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Frederick Bartels, who had been in poor health for two years, passed away Saturday afternoon, at the age of 72 years. Her death was due to paralysis.

The deceased was born in Germany, Nov. 17, 1848. She came to Owosso 34 years ago. She was married to Mr. Bartels, Nov. 5, 1872. The survivors are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. George Brown, of this city, and a brother, William A. Schultz of Lansing, formerly of Owosso.

The funeral was held at the home, 240 South Park street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. G. W. Webbink officiating.

Death of Carl Bandkau.

Carl Bandkau, aged 72 years, passed away Tuesday morning at about seven o'clock, at his home on East Oliver street. He had been ill for several weeks.

Mr. Bandkau was born in Saxony, Germany in 1848. He came to this country in 1868, settling in Caledonia township, where he resided on his farm until he came to Owosso about fourteen years ago. In 1875 he married Miss Louise Hein. Mr. Bandkau was one of the few surviving founders of Salem's Lutheran church, and was for many years one of the officers of the church.

He is survived by his wife and one brother, Fred Bandkau of Owosso township.

Keyes-Rouse.

Lewis A. Keyes of Owosso, and Miss Mary E. Rouse of Carland, were quietly married at the Corunna Avenue M. E. parsonage Monday evening, Rev. J. W. Koyle officiating. They were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes will reside in Owosso.

Helt-Richer.

John Helt, former service man and owner of a soft drink parlor in West Owosso, and Miss Leona Richer of Marquette, were married Tuesday night by Rev. Fr. P. J. Slane at the Catholic rectory. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Giffel, the latter of whom is the groom's sister. Afterward they went to the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Fred Axford, 1115 West Main street, where about 25 friends had gathered to surprise them. Cards and dancing were the diversions of the evening, and light refreshments were served.

DEATH OF CHAS. E. HERSHEY.

Charles E. Hershey, for many years a prominent resident of this city, passed away early Sunday morning at his late farm home, in Owosso township, just east of the city limits.

Mr. Hershey had long suffered from hernia. Three years ago he submitted to an operation, which alleviated the trouble somewhat. Late Friday night he was stricken with it again, and though all possible medical aid was given, at the advanced age of 85 years, his vitality weakened, he succumbed Sunday morning.

Mr. Hershey was born in Gorham, Ontario county, N. Y., coming to Michigan in early life, and settling in Owosso in 1870.

For many years he acted as cashier of the First National Bank, then located in the building now occupied by the Owosso Grocery Co.

Mr. Hershey married three times. By the first union was born a son, Ora Hershey, residing in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

To him and his second wife, the late Mrs. Fannie J. Hershey, was born three daughters, two of whom died in early childhood. The third daughter, Mrs. Charles H. McGillivra of this city, is the only daughter surviving, together with an only grandchild, Joe H. McGillivra.

Late in life, he married Mrs. Mary Hastings, of Grand Rapids, who survives him, they residing on the farm at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held from his daughter's home, 403 E. Exchange street, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. H. A. Waite officiating.

Death of Wellington White.

Stricken with paralysis when within a few rods of the Baptist church, to which he was going, Sunday morning, Wellington White, 88 one of the founders of that church expired a few minutes later in the west vestibule of the edifice.

Mr. White was one of the real pioneers of Owosso, and in the affairs of the city. He was born in Royalston, Mass., on August 22, 1832, and was married on September 6 at Worcester, Mass., to Miss Lucy Rebecca Pierce, daughter of Captain Ebenezer Pierce of Royalston. In 1856 he came to Owosso with two brothers, Erastus and Philetus White and in the same year, he, with 15 others of the Baptist faith, met and organized the Baptist church here. He had been an active worker in the church since, holding many offices, and at the time of his death was a life deacon, a particular honor conferred on him some years ago. A week ago he officiated at the communion service.

Mr. White enlisted in August, 1861, in Company F, Michigan Volunteers and was afterwards transferred to the regimental band. He served in Kentucky and Tennessee until July 13, 1862, when with six companies of his regiment, he was taken prisoner at Murfreesboro, Tenn., by rebel forces under Gen. N. B. Forest. Later he was freed and by special order of the war department was honorably discharged on August 6, 1862.

In his early life, Mr. White was a school teacher, and later was associated with his two brothers in establishing the first planing mill between Detroit and Grand Rapids. It was later sold by them to L. E. and W. A. Woodard and was the beginning of the present Woodard industries. Still later, the brothers engaged in the manufacture of tables and other furniture in a plant that was located where the plant of the Field Body corporation now is. He was also in the greenhouse business for a time.

Mr. White's wife died a number of years ago, and for some time, he had made his home with his sister, Mrs. R. D. Crawford, North Saginaw street. His only living brother is now very ill in Royalston.

King's Daughters.

The annual meeting of the Owosso circle of the King's Daughters and Sons was held Friday afternoon at the Elks' Temple. Reports from the various chairmen were full of interest and showed that an extensive charitable work is being done in the city. Officers elected for the year are as follows. President, Mrs. George Thompson; first vice president, Mrs. J. R. Ketcham; second vice president, Mrs. Earl Corner; third vice president, Mrs. James Oliver Curwood; recording and corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. S. Waterman; financial secretary, Mrs. F. S. Fritz; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Rosenkrans.

Following the election of officers an adjournment was taken to the Armory, where a three course luncheon was served by the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion.

During the luncheon Mrs. J. T. Walsh recited an original poem entitled "Pilgrims of our Country", and responded to an encore, giving "The Girl of the Moon." Several ladies were admitted to the order, Mrs. Watson conducting the admission service. Seventy members have been admitted to the order during the year, making a membership of over three hundred. January 21st, 1920, the first division of the Owosso Circle of King's Daughters and Sons was organized, called "The Silver Cross." This Circle is composed of young business women, who are doing a splendid work.

The report of Mrs. Earl Corner, chairman of the relief work, was most gratifying, eight families have been given assistance, the chairman made 270 calls, 109 sick calls, disposed of 1,869 garments, received four hundred telephone calls, sent three patients to Memorial hospital, called the supervisory for assistance 67 times, called doctor ten times, nurse five times, sent 20 grocery orders, 25 tons of coal, obtained four mother's pensions, furnished linen from the loan basket ten times, distributed 13 Christmas baskets, three Christmas trees, sent three Thanksgiving dinners. Much credit is due Mrs. Corner who has been untiring in her efforts to bring cheer and comfort to the sick and needy, never faltering to perform her duty as a loyal King's Daughter. Mrs. George McKenzie is also worthy of special mention, having assisted Mrs. Corner in the general relief work.

Mrs. C. D. Bell, chairman of the Dorcas home garden committee, gave a very interesting report of the number of bushels of vegetables from the garden, also several bushels of fruit was taken from the trees, the success of the garden was due to Mr. Robert Linton, Agricultural Instructor of the high school, the garden being under his supervision, his class assisting in the cultivation. A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Linton.

Miss Hazel Tidman, secretary of the Dorcas board, gave an itemized report of the yearly expenses of the Dorcas Home. The secretary has drawn warrants on the treasurer to the amount of \$4,926.13. Besides this, over \$1,000 has been paid for building repairs and other necessary improvements needed for the welfare of the children. This has all been taken care of by the King's Daughters. The average number of children in the home for the year was 24, the present number 26. The special work of the King's Daughters is the Dorcas Home. In 1916 the Circle assumed the entire responsibility of the Home. It is now known as the King's Daughters Dorcas Home. The entire revenue for the upkeep of the home comes through the general fund of the King's Daughters, a quarterly allowance of \$1100 being given the board for running expenses, other expenses being cared for as the fund will permit.

Mrs. Sweet, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported that \$1,516.04 had been received by the committee. This was obtained from rummage sales, bake sales, picture shows, and donations, the largest donation coming from Mrs. James Oliver Curwood, a check for \$666.66. In the month of April the demand on the general fund was heavy, and the funds low. The chairman solicited the business district, receiving donations amounting to \$347.56. Collections from the churches on Mothers' Day amounted to \$177.37. Dec. 23, the Lincoln theatre turned over the entire receipts amounting to \$66.05. This money was as Christmas money for the Dorcas Home children and the poor children of the city. Five hundred and seventy-four garments were received from the Needle Guild, also fifty dollars.

Mrs. L. L. Conn, chairman of the tubercular committee, gave a splendid report of the work from May 1st. Assistance had been given several indigent tubercular cases, milk furnished for under-nourished children. Milk was sent to afflicted children through

the tubercular committee milk lunches have been put in the schools. Since May 1st, 814 quarts of milk have been sent to homes. In three weeks 468 half pints of milk was put in schools. This work is being done through the tubercular fund, this fund is obtained each year by the sale of the Christmas seals handled by the King's Daughters for the state for tubercular and preventive work.

Woman's Suspicion Lands Thief.

The thoughtfulness of Mrs. Floyd Boutwell, East Mason St., Monday afternoon resulted in James McDonald of Colorado and Walter Johnson of Ithaca, N. Y., being captured by Deputy Sheriff Wayne Taylor, and the recovery of a Studebaker touring car owned by O. P. Carpenter of Muskegon, and stolen by the pair last Friday night.

The men drove into town late yesterday afternoon, and going east on Mason street, left the car near Mrs. Boutwell's home. She saw them, and noticed the car. Both rear tires were flat and one wheel badly damaged by running on a flat tire. Mrs. Boutwell suspected it was a stolen car and telephoned the sheriff's department, giving a good description of the men. Shortly afterward, Deputy Sheriff Wayne Taylor located the two men asleep in a room at a local hotel. Johnson had a gun in his overcoat pocket, placed where he could reach it quickly, but Taylor beat him to it when he entered the room. The officer found a check protector in the bed with the men.

Woodard Factories to Operate 40 Hours a Week.

The plants of the Woodard Furniture Co. and the Owosso Casket Co. which have been shut down since Monday night, will resume operations Monday next on a basis of 40 hours per week. A wage reduction of 20 per cent will go into effect on that date.

The wage reduction was voted by the employees of the two companies at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon the men declaring that they would rather work on that basis than have the plants close down.

At the same meeting, the men went on record as being strongly in favor of a city market at which the consumer could buy food stuffs direct from the producer. They declared that the differences in the prices paid the producer and paid by the consumer are too great.

The city commission recently went on record as favoring a city market, and pledged themselves to establish such an institution in the spring.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Roy C. Colby, chairman of the board, was elected a delegate to the meeting on Feb. 8, of the State Association of Supervisors in Lansing, the county to pay his expenses. It is customary to send one supervisor to this meeting annually at the expense of the county.

The prosecuting attorney was allowed \$300 annually for stenographer's services in performing the duties of his office. For this consideration the stenographer is to do all stenographic work in examinations in justice courts of the county and to take statements of prisoners held on charges in the county jail, if the prosecutor deems it necessary to take their statements.

Efforts of private parties in Wayne county who make a business of preparing property abstracts, to secure enactment of a law by the present legislature to prohibit counties from maintaining abstract offices, have stirred the local board of supervisors to action. The board Wednesday passed a resolution asking the legislature to pass a law enabling the counties to conduct an abstract office.

This county has for many years conducted its own abstract office, and has saved thousands of dollars for the property owners of the county thereby. The men back of the move in Wayne county hold that no county has a legal right to maintain such an office, although virtually every county in the state does so. There is big money in the business for private abstractors, whose fees are much higher than those charged by the counties, and they apparently seek to secure a clear field for themselves.

The report of the inventory committee submitted and accepted, shows that the county at present owns property totaling \$333,500.03. This is divided as follows: Real estate, \$277,500; other than real estate, \$106,282.03. The county farm, included in the real estate, is valued at \$25,000.00. The committee divided the county's property into departments and took account of every article. The county road department is valued the highest, the total property in this department being \$39,219.38. The records and fixtures in the abstract office come next, being valued at \$35,556.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Merle Reed of Owosso, has begun divorce proceedings against Keith Reed, charging non-support.

G. and C. Capitan are remodeling their confectionery and ice cream store on North Washington street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kidd, a ten pound boy, Edward Theodore, Sunday, January 9.

The condition of Miss Nina Crowe, who has been very ill with ptomaine poisoning, is considerably improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCullough of Detroit, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Millspaugh, Corunna Ave.

LaRue Kirby has leased the West Side Hotel of Saul Rifkin and will conduct the hoerly in the future.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Packingham, 528 Avery street, a two and a half pound daughter, Lois Marie, Jan. 6th.

The fire department was called to the home of O. C. Whitney, North Washington street, Wed. night, by a slight blaze on the roof.

Dr. W. E. Ward, city health officer, is walking with the aid of crutches as the result of a fall Saturday noon. He was walking cross lots when he tripped over a wire and sprained his knee.

The petition of Attorney R. Stanley Day for the nomination for municipal justice, has been filed with City Clerk Lucas. His is the first nominating petition to be filed by any candidate thus far.

Wilbert H. Carson, son of W. S. Carson, prominent Owosso township farmer, died Wednesday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. R. Tooley, West Mason street. He had been ill for some time with acute gastritis. Mr. Carson was 45 years old.

Arthur Christian, who left this week for New York to attend a school of dramatic art, was presented with a handsome gold knife and chain by fellow employes at the sugar factory, just before he left.

The West Main street club will give a picnic dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Willson, Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Whitehead, who leave shortly for a six weeks trip to Florida.

The fire department was called to 651 North Park street by a still alarm Wednesday night. A short circuit in the wiring was the cause of the alarm. The departments also extinguished burning grass along the Ann Arbor railroad tracks yesterday afternoon.

Bron H. Knapp of Chicago, was the guest of his father, M. H. Knapp, Wednesday. He has just returned from California, where he took his family for the winter. He went to Grand Rapids Wednesday night to attend the furniture show.

St. Agnes Guild of the Episcopal church held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. H. A. Brown, Tuesday evening, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. H. A. Brown; first vice president, Mrs. George Sackrider; second vice president, Miss Janie Sackrider; secretary, Miss Nina Crowe; treasurer, Mrs. Grant Wright.

Shiawassee Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting at Bonnington with Bonnington grange, on Thursday, Jan. 20. The full program will be announced later. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held, and all are asked so come prepared to stay at all three sessions. There will be a number of things of interest to every subordinate grange. Every patron is invited.

The police are trying to ascertain who owns an Overland touring car, which was abandoned at a point about two miles south of Oak Hill cemetery, Sunday. A farmer out that way called the officers Wednesday and told them of the presence of the car there. One wheel was broken off. The car was brought to a local garage.

Ronald J. Edgar and Miss Gertrude O. Davis, both of this city, were quietly married at the home of Rev. T. B. McGee, North Park street, Sunday, Jan. 3, Rev. McGee officiating. They were unattended. The young couple are making their home with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis. Both bride and groom are well known here, having lived here practically their entire life, and many friends wish them happiness.

The county farm has received a \$150 Victrola from a Grand Rapids man, who recently sent Victrolas to every poor farm in the state which had none. He sent 74 in all. Half a dozen records were sent with it. Supt. Clarence Case has asked that persons having records which they no longer care for, send them to the county farm, as the inmates get a great deal of pleasure out of the machine.