

## SCHOOLS BREAK ALL RECORDS

**Enrollment Greatest Ever Recorded in City**

Some interesting statistics on the city schools have been submitted to the board of education by E. J. Willman, superintendent. The figures were taken from the records of the first month of school and show that on Sept. 30 the total enrollment of the schools was 2,644, or more than 100 greater than ever before.

The enrollment of 2,644 is divided between 1,294 boys and 1,350 girls. Out of this large enrollment there were only 176 cases of tardiness during the month.

As the attendance for the month aggregated 94,976 half days, this is an average of one case of tardiness for each 539 pupils attending school. This is considered very good, and is the attendance percentage which is 95.7 percent.

The enrollment by schools on September 30 was: High school, 464; central grades, 456; Hall, 106; Emerson, 467; Washington, 412; Lincoln, 309; Bryant, 430. The smallest enrollment in any grade at the Bryant school is 30. All of the other rooms exceed this, which means that nine of ten rooms in this building have 40 or more pupils. No teacher can do justice to more than 35.

The eighth grade has an enrollment of 166. This grade, constituting a Junior high school, is quartered at the Lincoln school and has ample room.

The four kindergarten teachers have the following number of pupils: Central, 78; Washington, 55; Emerson, 57; Bryant, 48.

A plan of giving the manual training boys definite tasks and at the same time saving money for the school district, has been worked out. The youngsters of the eighth grade are now making tables for the first grade, as well as test tube racks for the chemistry class and a sand table for the opportunity room. They are doing some excellent work.

## ELKS OPEN SOCIAL SEASON WITH BANQUET, INITIATION

The social season of Owosso lodge of Elks was opened Tuesday with a banquet and initiation. Four hundred members from all parts of the county attended and enjoyed a delicious repast at 6:30. A social hour followed, and this in turn by a lodge session with the impressive ritualistic work conferred on a class of 13 candidates.

Indications now point to another busy season for the lodge, both in the way of membership increase and social activities. The lodge has shown a very satisfactory increase in membership during the past year, and this steady increase is expected to continue throughout the current year.

## MOSHER-WISEMAN NUPTIALS

Word was received Wednesday in this city that the marriage of Miss Nellie Wiseman of Port Huron, and Edward Mosher, was an event of Tuesday.

Both young people are well and favorably known in this city. Mrs. Mosher has been employed in the millinery department of the D. M. Christian store, for a number of years and has made a host of friends during her residence in the city.

Mr. Mosher has lived here all his life, graduating from the Owosso high school. He has been an employe of the D. M. Christian Co. for years, and now holds a responsible position with that firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosher will make their home in this city, after a honeymoon trip of three weeks.

## Moriarity-Lorenze

The wedding of Miss Belle Moriarity and David Lorenze, was solemnized at the home of the groom, southwest of the city, on Oct. 6, Rev. E. F. Hildebrand, officiating. The guests were the immediate members of the two families. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. James Moriarity of Detroit, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, Miss Loretta Lorenze, sister of the groom, and Frank Lorenze, of Owosso, brother of the groom.

Mrs. Edna Ritter, of Shiawassee township has begun divorce proceedings against Earl Ritter, to whom she was married in 1910. She charges cruelty. Ritter is sought by officers for mulcting three banks out of several thousand dollars last June.

## Check of Parcel Post Being Made

The annual check of parcels post mail passing through Owosso postoffice, is being taken by postoffice clerks. It will continue for one month. No figures showing the increase in this department during the past year are available now but will be announced at the completion of the check.

During the annual check of packages, detailed information is compiled for each size of package for each of the postal zones. These figures will give a complete and detailed account of the volume of business handled out of the Owosso office.

## MASONS PLAN BIG RALLY

**All Lodges in County to Participate**

Elaborate plans are being made by Owosso lodge No. 81, F. & A. M., for the entertainment of members of the blue lodges of the county here on Thursday evening, October 20. The occasion is a rally day of members of blue lodges.

It is expected that between 600 and 700 Masons will be here for the event. There are nine lodges in the county, including Owosso.

Features of the program are conferring of the work on a class of candidates by Pontiac lodge; a supper, and address by grand lodge officers, including Robert Anderson of Port Huron, Grand Master, and Frank H. Gilbert of Bay City, grand lecturer. There will also be a parade if weather conditions permit. The lodge work will be carried out at the Armory. Clayton Springer, a former Owosso boy, is master of the Pontiac lodge.

Because of the large number who will be here, it will be necessary to feed them in several of the churches as well as the armory.

## Needlework Guild Active

The Needlework Guild of the city are planning a very active work this fall and winter. This guild was organized in Owosso last year for the purpose of gathering and distributing needed articles of wearing apparel to the unfortunate children of the city. Last year the Guild distributed quite a quantity of clothing to the needy children of the city.

This year the Guild hopes to enlarge its work and they are making a special effort to secure new members. Each director of the Guild is to secure ten members and she is responsible for seeing that each one of her members bring their garments to her before the 18th of this month. All the garments contributed by the members of the Guild will be on exhibition at the Armory on October 18th and the public generally is invited to attend this exhibition. On the 19th the directors of the Guild will take care of the distribution of the garments.

## \$16,000 PER DAY DIPHTEHERIA COST

**Cases Reported at Rate of 1,000 a Month Disease Increases Over Last Year**

Lansing, Oct. 12.—Sixteen thousand dollars a day, or more than \$500,000 a month, is the cost of diphtheria to the people of Michigan at the present time, according to recent figures of the state department of health.

Diphtheria is being reported to the department at the rate of 1,000 cases a month. With this prevalence 1000 deaths a month may be expected, it is said. Using the courts' value of \$5,000 for a human life health authorities estimate that diphtheria is costing \$500,000 monthly in the loss of vital assets alone. Money costs in loss of time from sickness and medical expenses were not computed in the foregoing estimates.

Five communicable diseases—measles, pneumonia, syphilis, gonorrhoea, and chancreoid—show decreases in reported cases during the first nine months of 1921, according to records of the bureau of communicable disease. From Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, a total of 51,631 cases of communicable disease was reported in comparison to 68,580 during the same period last year. This represents a total decrease of 16,949 reported cases of sickness. Measles decreased by 19,067 cases, pneumonia by 3,326, syphilis by 433, gonorrhoea by 932, and chancreoid by 79.

All other diseases have increased, judging from reports received. Diphtheria, for example, shows an increase of 1,201 cases over a year ago.

## NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS OF LABOR

Investigation shows that a number of children, under seventeen years of age and without permits, are employed in the City of Owosso. Some of these children have not even been through the fifth grade.

Notice is hereby served upon all employers that no child can be legally employed under seventeen years of age unless such child has a labor permit, issued by the Superintendent of Schools. The employment of such children disrupts school attendance, frustrates the Compulsory School Law, as well as violates the Child Labor Law.

I respectfully urge all employers to live up to the letter and spirit of the laws regarding Education. Such children should be dismissed immediately and not re-employed until they present their permits. A child's or parent's statement of the age is not sufficient. Certificates of ages will be given in all doubtful cases. Permits will be given to all children who are entitled to them.

Signed,

E. J. WILLMAN.

## BAPTISTS OPEN RE-DECORATED AUDITORIUM

**Large Congregations Enjoy Celebration Services**

Doors of the newly decorated Baptist auditorium at Mason and Ball streets were thrown open to church goers of the city at dedication services Sunday, and large congregations were present at both the morning and evening sessions.

Hon. Grant M. Hudson of Lansing, superintendent of State Baptist work, was the speaker of the evening. He emphasized the value of service, and how Christ was the Great Servant of all.

Mr. Hudson paid a sincere tribute to Rev. Waite for his boundless energy, his enthusiasm, and his wonderful ability to get done what he undertakes. Rev. Waite began his seventh year of ministry in this city yesterday, and the achievement of things accomplished since his pastorate here is a fitting tribute to his ability, and the perfect harmony that exists between him and his people.

Fred Welch, chairman of the board of trustees, was called to the platform before the address by Mr. Hudson, and told the congregation the work had cost in round numbers \$2,800. A few items such as \$100 for the rental of the lumber for the scaffolding, \$120 to erect the scaffolding and nearly as much to tear it down, \$200 or more to wash the woodwork preparatory to varnishing, and \$100 for cement steps in the rear of the church, will give some idea of the magnitude of the work.

Rev. Mr. Waite is most optimistic as to the raising of the money, and expects to have nearly all of it this fall. He announced that the floor coverings and draperies costing approximately \$1,000, were all paid for by the woman's society.

## Entertains for Miss Dewey

Complimenting Miss Harriett Dewey, Mrs. Reginald Waterman entertained twelve friends at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Maude Thompson, Saturday afternoon.

The home was prettily decorated for the occasion. The guests busied themselves by showing how skillful they could be with crepe paper, needles and thread and mullage. Mrs. Harry Johnson, of Detroit proved to be the most proficient and received the first prize, while Miss Dewey was the winner of the second prize.

## County Doctors Meet

The Shiawassee County Medical Society held a meeting at Memorial Hospital Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The following out of town doctors were present: Dr. Wade, of Laingsburg; Dr. Bailey and Dr. Blue of Chesaning; Dr. Abbott, Dr. Taylor and Dr. Osterheld of Ovid; Dr. Crane of Corunna, and Dr. Carney of Durand.

A paper on cancers was read by Dr. C. D. Brooks of Detroit.

## Auction Sale

Arthur H. Emple will hold an auction sale of livestock and farm tools at a farm located 3 1/2 miles southeast of Laingsburg, on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 12:30 o'clock.

## Throat Trouble Results in Death of Mrs. M. H. Griffith

Mrs. Mary Hickey Griffith, wife of Michael Griffith, Sr., died Wednesday at the family home, 1315 West Stewart street. Mrs. Griffith had been ill for 15 weeks with an obstruction of the throat which made it impossible for her to swallow.

Mrs. Griffith was born in Cork, Ireland, 74 years ago and came to America in 1865. She lived in Boston for two years, and soon after herefor 43 years. She was a devout ward came to Owosso, and had lived member of St. Paul's Catholic church and was a woman of true Christian ideals, a mother whose interests centered in her home and family and one whose friendship by her host of acquaintances.

Surviving Mrs. Griffith are her husband, three sons, Thomas and Daniel Griffith, of Detroit, and Michael of this city, and two brothers, Morris Hickey, of Jackson, and James Hickey of Amherst, Wis.

## MARLON D. COREY TAKEN BY DEATH

**Prominent and Beloved Citizen Stricken With Apoplexy**

Marlon D. Corey, 63 years old, for 15 years a member of the board of supervisors, and for years a prominent Owosso business man, died suddenly at his home on Michigan avenue, at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. News of Mr. Corey's death came as a distinct shock to his hosts of friends and particularly to members of the board of supervisors.

Mr. Corey attended the session of the board in Corunna Monday and was the picture of health. After the board adjourned in the afternoon, he drove to his farm, north of the city, returning early in the evening. Shortly after 9 o'clock, he complained of pains in his back, and mustard plaster was applied, with the result that the pains subsided and Mr. Corey went to sleep about midnight. Shortly before two o'clock he awoke and told his wife that he was again in pain. She had wanted to call a physician earlier in the night but he admonished her not to do so, and even when he was taken the last time, he told her not to get a doctor. She insisted, however, and started out of the room to telephone but turning noticed that he was not breathing. Dr. H. A. Hume, who was summoned, pronounced death due to apoplexy.

Mr. Corey had suffered for some years from high blood pressure, and was subject to pains quite frequently. However, he minimized his ailments and his friends never knew of them.

News of Mr. Corey's death spread quickly this morning and expressions of genuine regret and tribute to the deceased were heard at every hand. His passing was almost the sole topic of conversation in official circles at the court house, and members of the board of supervisors seemed stunned by the news.

The board recessed for the day out of respect to Mr. Corey's memory and attended the funeral Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a body.

The members of the board asserted that Mr. Corey was one of the most conscientious and able supervisors who ever served the county. His recognized business ability, diligence in performing a duty entrusted to him, and his good judgment, earned him places on the most important committees, and he was regarded as one of the most influential members of the board. He had repeatedly declined the honor of election as chairman of the board.

One phase of Mr. Corey's work as supervisor, of which little was known by the public, was his effort to aid those in distress. During the period last winter when unemployment was at its worst here, Mr. Corey had many calls for help from people residing in his ward, the third. He spent a great deal of his own pocket to help the needy, and put in day after day seeking work for idle men.

Mr. Corey was born in Muir, Michigan, April 22, 1858, and grew to manhood there. In 1887 he came to Owosso and founded the City Steam Laundry on West Main street. He continued in this business until five years ago, when he retired. On April 8, 1891 he was married to Miss Anna Elizabeth Wilcox of this city, who with two children, Arthur Corey and Robert Wilcox, who was adopted, survive him. He also leaves three brothers, Spencer Corey of this city; William Corey of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Frank Corey of Sunland, Calif., and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Jackson of Muir.

Mr. Corey was a member of the Owosso lodge of Elks and of the Congregational church.

Quiet, yet congenial, earnest and sincere, Mr. Corey occupied a place of high esteem in the hearts of hundreds of Owosso and Shiawassee county people.

## Women's Club Meets

The first meeting of the Women's club was held at the Library Oct. 6. The president, Mrs. Evora Wilson, presided and an enjoyable feature of the program was an original poem by the president, "Autumn." Miss Esther Finch favored the club with a piano solo, which was greatly appreciated.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up by a review of the club's activities and growth, which was given by the past presidents.

## CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL

**Law Will be Enforced in Owosso**

The board of education is brought face to face with another problem to solve. W. J. Willman, superintendent of schools has laid before the board a report showing that there are 168 children of 14, 15 and 16 years of age in the city, who do not attend any school. The state law requires that all children up to 17 years of age, attend school at least eight hours per week.

The problem confronting the board is how to accommodate these children.

The fact that there are so many children of school age in the city not attending any school, was brought out by a check of the school census, with the records in the superintendent's office containing the names of all children in school. The number was found so large that a re-check was made, but the result was the same.

The law provides that children of this age must attend school eight hours per week and none of these eight hours can be put in at night. Four may be put in on Saturday morning, but none on Saturday afternoon. With the schools overcrowded now, it is difficult to see what accommodations can be provided for these children unless more portable buildings are purchased.

## Boys Try Costly Trick

Two Owosso young men, whose names are withheld, because of their excellent reputation in the past, paid fines of \$50 each and costs of \$3.45 in Justice Day's court Saturday for disorderly conduct.

The boys were arrested following complaint made by two girls, who said the boys lured them into their car on Washington street while the girls were enroute to church, with the promise that they would take the girls to church. Instead, however, the boys drove out into the country, stopped on a side road, and attempted to take liberties with the girls.

The girls, enraged, leaped from the car and walked home, a distance of three miles. They did not know the boys, but obtained the number of the car and the police today ascertained the identity of the owner.

## Schmid-Stewart

The wedding of Hazel Irene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmid, 727 West Main street, to Robert N. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stewart, residents of Owosso township was solemnized on October 6.

At three o'clock the bridal couple, attended by Miss Florence Stewart, cousin of the groom, and Floyd Schmid, brother of the bride, took their places in front of a bank of ferns and flowers, where Rev. G. N. Gillett, of Lansing, formerly the bride's pastor, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Stewart graduated from the Owosso high school in the class of 1916, and from the Mt. Pleasant Normal with the class of 1920. She acted as county normal critic in Evart last year. Mr. Stewart attended the Owosso high school and the Owosso business college.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Dubuque, Iowa, and will be at home on their farm, north of the city, November first.

## CAUGHT AT FOOL TRICK

**Cost Well To Do Farmers \$600**

The first case of alleged counterfeiting of automobile license plates in this county, resulted in the arrest Saturday afternoon of Malcom Wiltsie, 64, a wealthy Byron farmer, and his son, Ormond Wiltsie, 31. They were released on \$500 bond each, pending examination on Oct. 17.

It is charged that the men took 1920 license plates from their Ford cars, and by changing the 0 to 1, made and painted them into 1921 plates.

The men pleaded guilty Wednesday before Judge Collins and were fined \$250 and \$50 costs each, and will have to get licenses before they can operate their cars.

## Shower for Miss Dewey

Miss Harriett Dewey was the honor guest at a most delightful shower Monday evening. Miss Evelyn Ward, North Ball street, acting as hostess to twenty-two friends of the bride elect.

The pleasant function was in the nature of a handkerchief shower, and the gifts were delivered to the honor guest by "special delivery." A messenger called at the door during the evening and delivered a huge envelope containing the lovely tokens.

Five hundred was enjoyed by the guests, and Mrs. Evens Campbell was the fortunate winner of the first prize, while Miss Ruth Sherman won the consolation.

A delicious three course luncheon was served at ten-thirty. Miss Katherine Dewey of Boston, was an out-of-town guest.

The marriage of Miss Harriett Dewey to Sherman Welch is an event of Saturday evening.

## RESERVES HOLD PIN SHOWER

The Lewa Girl Reserves entertained at a "pin" shower, in honor of Miss Harriett Dewey, Tuesday evening at the Association rooms of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Dewey has acted as the leader of the group.

A mock wedding, a contest, a floral love story, and the making of life books, provided the entertainment for the evening. Misses Evelyn Gordon and Genevieve Juhl were winners of the prizes.

## Miss Merle Lemon Married

An Osage, Iowa, paper contains the following item, which will be of interest to Owosso readers:

"Announcements were received this week of the marriage of Miss Merle Lemon, and Professor Everett Ruby. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, at Owosso, Mich., on September 24.

"Mrs. Ruby was for several years instructor in piano and allied branches at the junior college, and also organist at the Methodist church during the time she was here. Professor Ruby was athletic coach at the high school, and teacher of science. Last year he taught at Nevada, Iowa, but has accepted a position at Storm Lake for the coming year."

Mrs. Ruby is the daughter of Charles V. Lemon, a former mail carrier in this city, and is well known, both for her musical ability and charm of manner. Owosso friends also join in wishing the young people congratulations. Since their return to Storm Lake, Mrs. Ruby has been offered a position at Buena Vista college at Storm Lake similar to the one she held in the Osage Junior College.