

WHY NOT FORM A KNOCKER'S CLUB IN OWOSSO

THE ARMORY AS A PLACE FOR RECREATION

ARE THE FATHERS FORGETTING THAT THEY WERE ONCE BOYS

The trouble with many fathers is that they forget they were once a boy. Business worry, business attention, business requirements, all are more important to the average business man than the education of his son in manhood requirements.

Never in the history of our country has the young man needed more the council and advice of his father than he does today. Never before have the opportunities of physical advancement as well as mental progress been within as easy access of the present generation than they are today.

And yet the step is not taken when that step is possible, with so little effort to provide a place of recreation and physical training which will make the younger generation manly men, vigorous in the thought that they are physically fit to meet and solve the problems that life presents.

The Armory, a magnificent structure which the citizens of Owosso secured thru their own personal efforts, presents the ideal place to solve the problem. Pools, showers, gymnasium, track, all are available with the armory.

The boy must have some way to get rid of his excess energy, and if it isn't directed in the proper channels it is apt to find expression in some other way, which according to our present conventional twentieth century standards, might be severely censured.

Let us not forget that once we all were boys, and how we promised ourselves, that if ever we had boys of our own we would be pals with them, chums, who would have all things in common.

If we care for our fellow men who will live in the generation to come, let us all take heed and associate our lives with the boys of today who will be the men of tomorrow, so that America will not be infested with crime and bloodshed, murder and treason, because we the present generation, had no time for the boys.

The quickest and most sure way for citizens to kill their city is to start knocking. Outside people hear the complaints and their conception of the city is based upon the talk in which the citizens of the town indulge.

In every city there are always factions which seem to take it upon themselves to find fault with everything of a civic nature. There are people who seem to find great enjoyment in tearing down the organization of years of formation, and there are some who delight in being Radicals, Bolsheviks or Terrorists, just for the sake of personal diversion.

We have a man in the person of Rev. H. A. Waite who, with his high minded thinking, has seen the true light of progress and the manner in which he delivered his address at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon last Tuesday, on "Community Unity" and "The Spirit of Co-operation" proved that he knew of that which he spoke.

This morning with the sun shining brightly over the city of Owosso, the cool crisp air filling one's lungs with its invigorating freshness, the active business-like attitude of its main streets, the cheery "Good Morning" of passer-by, and the clear blue of God's Heaven, making a canopy of Blessing over all, one should thank the Creator of the universe that he is allowed to be alive and live today in such a beautiful city.

In a little town of southern Ohio, a "Knocker's Club" has been formed and a knocker is given an advertised place on the published list of "chronic knockers" which is hung in the city library. A hammer is then presented by some citizen of the town to the knocker as an emblem of occupation. A recent report says that only one knocker has been noted this year.

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from Pessimistic ways. Thank God you are alive today. There's nothing gained as Fatalists. Stand to! and be an OPTIMIST

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VALUABLE PRIZES GIVEN

REV. WAITE ADDRESSES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON CIVIC REQUIREMENTS

GIVES A TEN POINT TEST BY WHICH A CITY MAY BE GOVERNED

NEED OF A GYMNASIUM

Thinks the Armory is the Solution of the Recreation Problem in Owosso

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday noon which was held at the Elk's Temple, Rev. Harvey A. Waite delivered an address on civic affairs and the ten points or tests which a town should be subjected to.

He gave the following points to be considered: First, Attractiveness. Shall I like the town. Its Atmosphere. Does it have the beauty of shaded streets and beautiful buildings? Is it quiet, airy, roomy, well lighted and well paved? Does it have attractive private homes; is it clean in every sense?

Second: Healthfulness. Will my family and myself have a reasonable chance to keep well in that town? What about its water supply, its sanitary conditions, its method of milk inspection, its health department, its hospitals, and is it without a congested district?

Third: Education. Can I educate my family and myself in that town? Has it public schools, are its institutions of higher learning adequate for my purposes? Has it a library, churches, newspapers and post office facilities?

Fourth: The people. Will I like the people of the town? Are they home folks? Are they neighborly and friendly? Is the town free from factionalism? Does it have strong religious, fraternal and social organizations?

Fifth: Recreation. Has it theaters, gymnasiums, parks and pleasure drives.

Sixth: Living. How much does it cost to live? Has it electricity, gas, telephone?

Seventh: Accessibility. Does the town have adequate railroad connections, interurban lines or automobile routes?

Eighth: Business. Are there good banking facilities, manufacturing interests, up to date stores, good shipping facilities, a prosperous farming community, an active co-operation among the business men?

Ninth: Employment. What are the prospects for a job or a new business venture?

Tenth: Progressiveness. Rev. Waite said that he finds that he lives in a town that is a progressive one, active along civic lines and a town that had a spirit of Push which means a future that is worth while.

Mr. Waite said: "The foregoing ten points are the true tests of a town or city. Owosso's location is the best. Her streets are wide and well paved, the houses are well painted and our public buildings are buildings to be proud of. The city stands among the cleanest of Michigan's cities. Under the fifth test: Have we a gymnasium in which the younger generation may find recreation and amusement. We have not. But it is possible. The Armory which now is a forbidden place for the boys and girls, must be opened and I am counting the days until that time comes when the men of Owosso will see fit to demand that this place be opened and made into a place where the boys and girls of Owosso can find recreation and pleasure. As it is the boys do not have any place to go except to stand on the street corners or other places not of a type to mentally or physically advance their minds and bodies.

Let us be progressive. Let us not think so much of ourselves that we are afraid to get down and work and give the best that is in us. The boys of today are the men of tomorrow and we must remember that if we want a God-fearing, Up-right-living community we must train our boys and girls to live up-right, clean lives so that when the time comes for them to face the world, their mental faculties will be of the keenest, and the problems of the day will be solved rightly.

FARM BUREAU TO HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

Clark L. Brody of the State Agricultural Board to Speak

The Shiawassee County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting in the basement of the Public Library the afternoon commencing at 1:30 o'clock.

It is expected that about 300 delegates from the various other Farm Bureau organizations will be present. Mr. J. V. Sheap County Agent of the Bureau said that there are at least 15 local bureaus which will send delegates.

An interesting program is planned. Clark L. Brody member of the State Agricultural Board will be the main speaker of the afternoon. He will speak on the "Farm Bureau, Its present status and the future that is before it." Mr. Brody has made an extensive study of the agricultural conditions of Michigan and will be able to give very interesting sketches of the needs of the farmer and his community.

Rev. William Heilman Rector of the Cgrist Episcopal church will also give an address on "Co-operation." Rev. Heilman has had considerable experience in his work as Chaplain in the United States Army in the United States as well as in other countries, and he will give a brief outline as to the co-operative spirit he noticed in different places, during his travels.

A business meeting will follow when J. V. Sheap will give a detailed account of the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau in Shiawassee county during the past year.

The president of the Bureau is C. M. Urch; the secretary, Fred M. Crowe, and the agent, J. V. Sheap.

CHRISTMAS SEALS BEING SOLD

County Chairman Says That the People Are Responding Liberally

Mrs. J. R. Ketcham, county chairman of the tuberculosis work of the Shiawassee county King's Daughters, announces that the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals has already started and would continue until Christmas time. The impression had been given that the sale would not begin until two weeks before Christmas.

Mrs. Ketcham has sent out 260 letters with Christmas seals, to business men and they have responded liberally, she says, to the request that they purchase the seals for use on their packages and mail. She has also sent 200,000 seals to the various King's Daughters' circles about the county to be sold.

Teachers in the public schools of the county will be asked to co-operate in the sale of the seals, the campaign having been endorsed by Howard E. Slocum, county school commissioner, and Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent of public instruction.

FULTON-VANDEKARR

Well Known Young People of Owosso Marry

A wedding of much interest to people of Owosso and vicinity was solemnized at Christ Episcopal church by the Rev. Wm. Heilman, Wednesday, November 23, at 5 o'clock, when Miss Wynnie Fulton became the bride of Howard Vandekarr.

They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Russel J. Thomas of this city. Miss Fulton is a well known Lansing girl and has been a successful teacher in the Morrice schools for the past three years.

Mr. Vandekarr is a popular young man. During the past year he has been associated with the Thomas Brothers in the construction of re-ward roads.

Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Derr in Corunna, the groom's sister, where an elaborate three-course 6 o'clock dinner was served to relatives and friends of the young people.

Later in the evening young people numbering about 40 came to the house and showered them with gifts. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Earl Vandekarr and Mrs. Derr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gower and daughter, Ethel, of Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newson, of Lake George, and S. D. Packerham and son, Donald, will be the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson, 490 East Williams street.

NEAR EAST RELIEF COMMITTEE MAKES PLEA

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STARVING AND WITHOUT CLOTHES

ALL ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP

H. L. Crosby of the Owosso Savings Bank in Charge of Contributions

An appeal to people of Shiawassee county for a liberal response to the drive for the relief of the suffering men, women and children in the Near East, was issued Saturday by the committee in charge of the drive. The appeal follows:

"The Near East Relief was incorporated by an Act of Congress in 1919. Among the general officers are such men as Cleveland H. Dodge, William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes and Charles W. Elliott. Some of the men on the Michigan committee are Governor Alex J. Groesbeck, Luren D. Dickinson, Marion L. Burton, president of the University of Michigan, and A. B. Cook of Maple River, master of the state grange.

"The field of operation extends from Constantinople to Persia. It lies especially among the former subject races of the Ottoman Empire, such as the Armenians, the Nestorians, the Syrians and the Assyrians.

"The immediate object is physical relief, the distribution of food and clothing to save men, women and children from death through starvation and exposure. In addition to this, it has become necessary to care for the children made orphans by massacres and deportations and to provide hospitals and medicines for those suffering from disease and malnutrition.

"The state committee hopes to raise \$4,000 in Shiawassee county, besides the grain the farmers are contributing.

"The local committee respectfully urges the churches, clubs, lodges and all other social or business organizations to contribute for this cause. Donations from individuals are also earnestly solicited.

"All contributions should be sent to Harry L. Crosby at the Owosso Savings Bank, where an accurate accounting of all the funds will be made."

(Signed) SHIAWASSEE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

JOHN DECKER OF DURAND GIVEN JUDGEMENT OF \$3,500

Claimed Cleland Fair Alienated Mrs. John Decker's Affections

A jury in circuit court last Friday night gave John Decker, Durand railroad man, a judgment of \$3,500 against Cleland Fair, in Decker's \$25,000 suit for alleged alienation of Mrs. Decker's affections. The jury was out from 3:30 o'clock until shortly before 9 o'clock.

Decker claimed that Fair had been out with Mrs. Decker frequently in 1920 and that he had poisoned her mind against Decker by telling her that if she would marry him, he could give her many luxuries that her husband could not afford to give her. Fair, who was married at the time, made a complete denial of the charges, and said that his acquaintance with Mrs. Decker was only casual and that the only time he was ever with her alone was when she asked him to take her with him to the home of a farmer where Fair said he was going to make arrangements for some apples. He said that she told him she was going to the same place and asked if she could ride with him.

D. A. R. PARTY

One of the delightful parties of the season was held at the Armory Thanksgiving evening under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The affair was an annual function which the Daughters have given for many years and was a credit to their usual efficiency as entertainers.

A pleasing feature of the evening was interpretive dancing by Miss Lillian Crane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Crane. Miss Crane's dancing was that of an artist well versed in the lines of her accomplishment.

GOODRICH, TUCK NUPTIALS

POPULAR PRINCIPAL OF OWOSSO HIGH WEDS FORMER TEACHER

The marriage of Miss Hazel Goodrich daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodrich of Marshall, Mich., was solemnized in Marshall Thanksgiving day. Rev. Dr. Blanchard of the Presbyterian church performed the ceremony. The bride was unattended and was given away by her father. Mr. Tuck was attended by Mr. Reese of Ravina, Mich., who was a close friend. Only immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present.

The entire house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and the table was prettily arranged with great "mums" intermixed with other flowers.

A four o'clock luncheon was served after which the bride and groom left for a short wedding trip. Miss Goodrich was a former Owosso teacher in the High School and was very popular among the young people of this city.

Mr. Tuck is the present principal of the Owosso High School, which position he has held for the last four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuck will be at home after December 1st in the Turner apartments, on N. Washington street.

COUNTY CLERK RECEIVES 1922 LICENSE PLATES

Burnett Urges People to Secure Their Plates Early

Five thousand three hundred automobile license plates have been received by Arch Burnett, county clerk, for distribution among the automobile owners of the county. The licenses and plates will go on sale December 1, Mr. Burnett announces.

The secretary of state is allotting to each county a number of licenses which it is believed will be sufficient to supply all of the owners in the counties. The plates are numbered consecutively, and awarded in blocks to the counties, to enable the officers to tell by the number of the car, what county it is owned in. The licenses to be issued in this county run from 274,301 to 279,600, inclusive.

The number of licenses sent to this county this year is an increase of ten percent over the number allotted last year. It is the desire of the secretary of state that automobile owners obtain their licenses through their county clerks. Mr. Burnett urges that owners get their licenses early to avoid congestion during the latter part of December.

JOHN MARTIN GIVES VENISON FEED

Entertains a Few of His Friends at the City Hall

A delicious venison supper was served to the City officials, members of the police and fire departments and other guests at the city hall Wednesday evening. The venison was furnished by Patrolman John Martin who has recently returned from a hunting trip in the north and was prepared by chefs Wayne Williams and John McCully who were experts in the art.

Following the supper toasts were given by City Attorney Pond, Mayor A. T. Wright and Rev. H. A. Waite, Chief William Howell acting as toastmaster. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hobart, Water street, entertained at a family reunion Sunday afternoon. Eight sons, five of whom were married, daughter and husband, and eleven grandchildren were present. Mr. and Mrs. George Hobart and three children, of Saginaw, who were present, returned to their home Monday morning.

The Ladies of the Mystice Shrine will meet with Mrs. Bert Bennett, Fletcher street, Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon will be spent in tying quilts, and arrangements will be made for a potluck supper, to which the husbands of the members are invited. A social time is planned for the evening.

TIMES BIG PRIZE CONTEST CREATES INTENSE INTEREST

THE PROPOSITION OFFERED IS PURELY A BUSINESS MATTER

NO ONE WILL LOSE

The Winners Will be Chosen by Responsible Business Men of Owosso

The announcement made in last week's issue of The Times, that a Dodge Bros. Touring Car—a \$500.00 Janssen Piano—a Sellers Kitchen Cabinet and other valuable prizes would be given away for the securing of subscriptions to The Times and through coupons that appear in each paper, has created all kinds of excitement and comment.

Nominations are being received from every source from people naming the ones whom they would like to see win one of these valuable prizes. Quite a few ambitious ones who are quick to realize the opportunities of this offer, are sending their own nominations and have received books and have gone to work.

As soon as nominations are received subscription books and full particulars are mailed and all that is necessary for those who have received them is to get busy and get at least the first subscription in as quickly as possible in order to receive credit for the bonus vote that is given.

This is a wonderful proposition. There is no sham or scheme to it. It is a business proposition, pure and simple and for ambitious and hustling people only. The "drones" and tired people will not be interested.

Let your dream come true—Here we are offering a \$1050.00 Dodge Bros. Touring Car, or a \$500 Janssen Piano, a Sellers Mastercraft Kitchen Cabinet, a magnificent diamond ring, of which anyone would be proud to wear, fine gold watches, a cedar chest, or if a non-winner of grand prizes, a commission of 10 per cent on all subscriptions turned in, all for a few short weeks' effort of very congenial work.

The Contest will be conducted in a straight, forward manner, and is not a matter of chance. Votes will be given on every subscription and the end of contest the contestant having the largest number of votes will be awarded First Grand Prize—one standing second Second Grand Prize, etc.

Only once or twice in a lifetime are such opportunities as this one offered the people of any community.

It is a wonderful proposition and one which should interest every wide-awake hustler in the county. If you have the pep and hustle in you read over the advertisement on another page, fill out nomination coupon, mail or bring to office and go in to win. If you do not fully understand come, phone or write campaign department and full particulars will be given.

Candidates will be furnished with receipt books, full particulars and given every assistance possible.

To win one of these valuable prizes no extraordinary qualifications are required. The essential requisites are:

- First—A resolution to win.
- Second—Getting started at once.
- Third—Keeping at it day by day.
- Fourth—Turning a deaf ear to knockers, who know more about your business and others than their own.

The management of this campaign will show no favors to one contestant that cannot be shown to another. The race will be made solely on its merits. No candidate will have the slightest advantage over another and the result will depend entirely upon the effort put forth.

The subscribers and friends of this paper will confer a great favor by nominating some friend or themselves, whom they would like to see possess one of those valuable prizes.

Votes in this contest will come mostly from paid in advance subscriptions to The Times. Votes are given for both new and old subscriptions, renewals and back payments according to the scale. Take careful note of the schedule and lay your plans to swing several thousand votes during the next few days. Get started while the field is fresh.