

## OWOSSO WILL HAVE DE MOLAY CHAPTER

### Ann Arbor's Strong Arm Team Will Confer Agree on De Molay's.

The R. A. M. of the Owosso Masonic lodge have a big year planned for 1922. A chapter of De Molay will be instituted Feb. 17, when the De Molay degree team from Ann Arbor will put on the work. This organization is open to sons of Masons and their friends, between the ages of 16 and 21. Over 50 petitions have been presented for charter membership. The Owosso commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar, has perfected arrangements for a special train to take Owosso Knights to the Triennial convocation in New Orleans, April 22.

The following committees have been appointed to carry on the work of the Blue lodge during the year: Relief—E. F. Conant, chairman; finance—E. F. Conant, chairman; Charles Jamison and Frank Freeman; George T. Campbell, Van R. Pond and W. E. Ward; entertainment—Howard Gintner, M. F. Grow, Leslie Parker, Joe Lebowksi and Roy Sweetser; house—F. H. Williams, J. H. Hahn and Charles Jamison.

The state department of conservation recently put on sale 800 fur pelts. The pelts were from animals taken by trappers of the department. Fred Aberle and company of Owosso made the highest bid, \$2,101.75 and have bought the pelts.

## OWOSSO CO-OPS ELECT OFFICERS

The members of the Owosso annual meeting Monday evening. Eighty stockholders were present. The manager's report was read and approved. Sixty thousand dollars worth of business was done and 25,000 shares of stock were sold for \$10,000. The company is now out of debt and declared a 4 1/2 per cent dividend on preferred stock. The president's and secretary's reports were read and approved. The following officers were elected: W. B. Bennett, Mrs. Josephine Stenbren, Edward Ward, Albert Lemz, Guy Elliott, Mrs. Andrea McKerrin, Arthur Rogers, and Ben Cushman.

## Owosso Chamber of Commerce Has Luncheon

The Owosso C. of C. held its regular weekly luncheon at the armory Tuesday noon. A representative of a Detroit automobile company, which is considering locating in Owosso was scheduled to speak. He was unable to come and will be here next Tuesday.

E. J. Willman, superintendent of schools, gave a short address on Near East Relief. Twenty-five dollars was voted by the chamber to this cause.

An invitation was read asking the Owosso chamber of commerce to send a representative to the St. Lawrence Water Way commission meeting in Detroit, Feb. 10. The chamber decided to have a delegate.

Mr. Lovett, general manager of the Michigan Manufacturers association will speak at the Congregational church, Sunday morning at 11:20 on the subject "The Manufacturer and the Proposed State Income Tax."

## 2 OWOSSO CLUBS HAVE BIG DOINGS

### Rotary Club Entertains the Kiwanis Club With Music, Stunts and Eats.

In a delightful manner the Rotary club entertained the Kiwanis at a banquet and joint meeting Friday night. After the banquet the following program was enjoyed: Singing led by Leslie Parker; address of welcome by Byron Hicks; response by Kiwanis; music by quartet; stunts by Rotary; play sketch by Rev. H. A. Waite; music by Rotary-ans; stunts by Kiwanis; music by quartet; final remarks by president.

## Corunna House Burns

Loss estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000 was caused by fire that destroyed the home of Claude Carlton in Corunna late Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton are both mutes.

Sue Graham is recovering rapidly from an operation for appendicitis at Memorial hospital.

Plans are being made for a baseball league this spring. The basketball league has been so successful that it is thought a baseball league will be planned on similar lines.

## John Boutwell, Former Shiawassee Official, Dies

John Boutwell, a prominent man in Shiawassee county, died Monday morning. Mr. Boutwell was county drain commissioner and for several years was on the board of supervisors of which he was chairman. He is survived by his widow. His son Harry Boutwell died two years ago.

## CORUNNA WILL HAVE 2 SESSIONS

### Historical Society Will Hold Annual Meeting in Corunna at Courthouse.

Corunna, January 27.—The Historical and Pioneer society will be held at the courthouse on Feb. 22, it is announced. There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon.

The society, organized in 1845, annually brings together the older residents of the county who spend the day in reminiscences and fun. Their meetings are always pleasant to the older folks and that of this year promises to be fully up to those of the past in this respect. The program is as follows:

10:30—Business meeting and election of officers.  
11:30—Lunch hour. Every one bring your lunch basket.  
1:00 p. m.—Meeting called to order by president Charles Whelan; "America" by the audience; invocation, Rev. W. T. Woodhouse.  
1:15—Address of welcome by president.

1:30—History—Mrs. Etta Killian of Corunna.  
1:40—Instrumental music—Dr. A. G. Cowles and wife of Durand.  
1:45—Address by George N. Fuller, secretary of State historical commission, Lansing.

1:55—Old Byron choir of 50 years ago, Frank Sheldon and family and Mrs. Pierce.  
2:05—Indian village at Knags bridge, Mrs. A. Reeves, Bancroft.  
2:15—Talk by Judge Collins.  
2:25—Solo "Caravans of Old," J. J. McCready, Owosso.  
2:30—Talk by Mayor A. T. Wright.  
2:40—Paper by Miss Mollie Caruthers of Bancroft.  
2:50—Solo, C. C. Duff, Owosso.  
3:00—Talk by D. W. Conkrite, Vernon.

3:05—Talk by Mrs. Marie B. Ferry, curator of the State historical commission, Lansing.  
3:15—Vocal selection—Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Waite.  
3:25—Secretary's report by Mrs. Frank McCartney.  
3:30—Paper by W. S. Carson, Owosso.  
3:40—Paper by Stella Potter of Bancroft.  
3:50—Talk, W. W. Bingham.  
4:00—Talk by Charles Lindsay.  
4:05—By request "Grandfather's Clock," "The Old Town Hall," by Sloan and Haskell.

4:10—Origin of names and places—Mrs. N. R. Walsh, Owosso.  
4:20—Talk by Rev. H. A. Waite, Owosso.  
4:30—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

## Corunna News

Members of the Episcopal church enjoyed a pot-luck supper Tuesday evening at W. T. Derr, Tuesday evening.

Miss Irah Whittaker left Tuesday for Ashley, after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Bovee.

The Gleaners gave a masquerade party at their hall Tuesday evening.

Corunna will play Ashley at Corunna Friday night.

C. H. S. orchestra held rehearsal Wednesday night.

The social gathering of the King's Daughters at the home of Mrs. Louis Sheardy was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Florence Moore entertained the Monday Night club. A program was given.

T. W. Currie, who has undergone two operations of the throat at the hospital in Flint, is still unable to be in school.

The Girl Reserves, of Corunna, gave an entertainment and feed at the high school Tuesday evening to which the members of the high school, teachers and school board were invited.

## OWOSSO KIWANIANS HEAR E. J. WILLMAN

Superintendent of Schools E. J. Willman, superintendent of the Owosso public schools, gave an address at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club, Wednesday noon. Mr. Willman outlined the changes necessary for the improvement of the public school system here. Under present conditions, eight years are spent in the lower grades preparing the children for high school. This work could be done in six, thus two years are lost. European children are two years ahead of this in this country of the same age. When the six year program in grammar is used, the seventh and eighth grades will be organized into a junior high school. In the junior high school manual training, domestic science and physical training will be required instead of elective and will be studied every day instead of once or twice a week. Physical training once a week is no training at all. Each instructor in the junior high school will be a specialist, teaching one course.

The senior high school will prepare students for university work in much the same way as now. Probably more specialization will be possible and the mathematics courses will be strengthened.

The versatile and well known Biltmore society orchestra will give a concert at the Baptist church Friday evening. These artists offer the best chamber music numbers and symphonic arrangements, and they also feature the popular orchestras of the current season. Eugene Schweizer, leader of the orchestra, was one of the most popular orchestra leaders in the east and middle west during the past year.

The program which the Biltmores give includes readings, vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios, quartets and sextets. The versatile members of the organization double on other instruments in their orchestral work so that practically every known instrument of the modern orchestra is in use during the program. Selections from "Merry Wives of Windsor," with numbers from "Pagliacci" and some of Nevin's classical efforts are featured, as well as all of the worthwhile lighter numbers.

This is expected to be one of the best numbers on the winter chautauqua.

Pat Reule led in the scoring with 12 field goals and 1 free throw. Sawyer got 5, and Perry 3. For Chesaning, Shafer took 3 field goals, Teichert 2, and E. Blakesley 1.

The lineup: Company G—Perry and Reule, forwards; Sawyer, center; Cameron, guard; Hamilton, guards; Chesaning, Teichert and Shafer, forwards; F. Blakesley, center; Ketchum and E. Blakesley, guards. Substitutions: Company G, Hamilton for Cameron, Thompson for Don Reule. In the preliminary game the Evangelicals defeated the Owosso Business college, 11 to 10.

## OWOSSO BASKETBALL TEAM BEATS ITHACA

The quintette of the National Guard basketball team played Ithaca in a game here last night. The final score was 31 to 8, in favor of Owosso. The game was unusually rough.

Scoring—Reule, six field goals and five foul shots; Donald Reule made five goals; Sawyer two. For Ithaca, Lepler made two field goals and one foul shot. Wilman made one foul shot, Gimper made two foul shots. The line-up was as follows:

Owosso—Reule and Perkin, forwards; Sawyer, center; Sherman and Reule, guards.  
Ithaca—Lepler and Wifman, forwards; Devereaux, center; Hook and Baker, guards. Substitutions were made as follows: McNalley for Thompson; and Ithaca, Douglas for Wifman.

Five thermometers on downtown stores registered below zero at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. A fifth registered 10 above and should be junked.

## Rotary Club of Owosso Hear Talk on "Boys"

Harry Center, physical director of the Flint Y. M. C. A., spoke at the weekly luncheon of the Owosso Rotary club Thursday noon. Mr. Center is a member of the committee on boys' work of the Flint Rotary club. He talked on the subject, "Boys."

Samuel Packenham, 21, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of the prohibition law. His bond is fixed at \$500.

Miss Anna Grill has gone to Detroit where she has accepted a position.

## FARMERS CLUB OF OWOSSO HOLD FEED

Several of the leading Topics of Day Were Touched On By the Speakers.

The members of the North Owosso Farmers' club was entertained Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Demorest. A large crowd was present including several invited guests.

After a dinner the president of the club, A. E. Stewart, opened the meeting. Several up-to-date questions were discussed.

W. S. Carson spoke on the subject of "Disarmament," A. E. Stewart discussed the question, "Should Eugene Debs Be Set Free?" There was a general discussion on why the factories are idle. The ladies talked on "Economic Dishes for Cold Weather." The next meeting will be held Feb. 15.

## TWO OWOSSO FIRES CAUSE \$500 DAMAGE

The fire department was called to four fires in Owosso Tuesday morning. At 8 o'clock a chimney burned out at 301 Ridge st., and a little later a car backfired on East Main st. and the department was called.

At 10 o'clock there were two fires. The first did \$100 damage to the roof of Thomas Lowery's house at 667 Glenwood, and the second caused \$400 damage to the Charles Allen residence at 829 South Chipman.

## OWOSSO GAME WAS ALL OUT "O" PLUMB

"Lop" Sided, in Other Words, is Title for Owosso's Latest Tilt.

The men of the Company G National Guard basketball team, swamped the Chesaning Independents in a one-sided game, Friday evening. The Owosso boys led all the way and were superior in floor work and basket shooting. The final count was 43 to 14. Company G team has some fine material and looks like a winner.

## OWOSSO HIGH LOOSE TO SAGINAW EASTERN

The basketball players of the Owosso high school met defeat in a hard fought game at Saginaw Eastern, Friday night. The score stood 13 to 2, Saginaw up, at the end of the first half. Owosso came back strong and scored 16 points in the second period to Saginaw's five. The final count was 23 to 13. Pete Brown played a good game for Saginaw Eastern. The Lewis brothers did most of Owosso's scoring.

The lineup: Owosso—Rice and Hildebrand, forwards; Jim Lewis, center; Bob Lewis and Joe Hain, guards; Saginaw Eastern—Pete Brown and Smith, forwards; Partio and Stewart, guards.

Improvements in the Post Office Department since the Republican Administration took control are strikingly illustrated by what has been done in the air mail service. During 1920, under Burleson rule, there was an average of one fatality for every 100,000 miles flown.

The speedy operation of the air mail has not been curtailed to produce that result. In recent months 98 per cent of all scheduled trips have been completed, a truly remarkable record. There are at present 145 planes in the air mail service, 470 employees, and an annual pay roll of \$787,000.

## LARGE PLANT MAY LOCATE IN OWOSSO

Automobile Corporation Considering This Point Seriously.

According to reports a large Detroit automobile corporation is very seriously considering Owosso as a suitable place to make its future home. The name of the company must be kept strictly a secret because of the fact that several other cities would be quick to interfere if they knew the company intended to move.

The corporation has considered the advantages and disadvantages of several Michigan cities and seems to think that Owosso has it over them all. A representative will confer with the chamber of commerce Tuesday noon and discuss the question.

As a location for an automobile factory Owosso is without a peer. As a shipping point we have no near rival. Three railroads connect Owosso directly with all the big cities in the middle west. The Ann Arbor road connects with the iron and copper regions of the upper peninsula which produces most of the raw products for automobile manufacture and also with Toledo, the gateway to the east.

The Michigan Central joins us with Bay City, a lake port, and the Grand Trunk carries freight to Detroit.

Besides being a good shipping point, Owosso has other advantages. The American Malleable company and the Field Body corporation turn out high grade products for automobile manufacture.

And the greatest advantage of all, Owosso can grow without becoming crowded and unhealthy like some nearby cities. A very little money spent on improvements would make this one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

The Elks gave a dancing party Wednesday night. A large crowd attended.

## G. T. CAMPBELL SLOWLY IMPROVES

The condition of G. T. Campbell, editor of the Argus Press, is reported greatly improved. Mr. Campbell suffered from a slight paralytic stroke Saturday morning.

Mrs. Miles Lindsay entertained in honor of her mother, Mrs. Hovey, Saturday afternoon. The occasion was Mrs. Hovey's 82nd birthday. Mrs. Hovey received flowers and other gifts. The birthday cake held 82 candles.

## Owosso Baptists Will Have Unusual Service

H. A. Waite announced services at the Baptist church Sunday will be of unusual interest. At the morning worship there will be an address by Mrs. A. L. Wadsworth, field secretary of women's work under direction of the Northern Baptist convention. Mrs. Wadsworth is a very gifted speaker and will deliver a great message to all women. There will be a children's sermon as usual.

In the evening there will be a special musical program. Rev. H. A. Waite will deliver an address on the subject, "Does Owosso Need a Revival?" He will take up some of the conditions in the city.

## SHIAWASSEE PIONEER DIES AT COUNTY FARM

CORUNNA, Jan. 26.—Mr. Barney Perry, of Flint, is in Corunna to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Emma Perry, who died at the county farm, Sunday afternoon. Funeral will be held at the Baptist church Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Woodhouse officiating. Mrs. Perry was 80 years old and one of the pioneers of this county, having lived here over 40 years.

GREASED THROUGH. In the ease with which the first appropriation bill under the new budget law was passed by the House of Representatives is testimony to the efficacy of that statute.

In past years every supply bill has been the object of bitter attack on the floor of the House, scores of Members seeking to establish a record for economy by cutting out every item at all susceptible to criticism. Confidence has taken the place of antagonism, and in the Treasury Department Appropriation bill only one amendment was made on the floor of the House, and the measure was passed with a minimum of debate.

The incident is an indication of what to expect when the other bills come up for discussion. Not only will much valuable time of the House be saved, but the measures will be kept in strict accord with the revenues.

## We Understand

Transportation rates must come down in the public domain. Reduction in wages is the only recourse is the claim made by the railroad officials.

According to information received there are some 2,600 of these officials drawing salaries up to \$120,732.90 per year, totaling twenty-six million and some odd dollars per annum. Some 11 of them are receiving a larger salary than the president of the United States. Here they are:

J. M. Dickinson, receiver of the C. R. I. & P., a crippled and looted system, \$120,732.90; A. S. Lovett, chairman, Union Pacific, \$104,104.16; L. F. Loree, president Delaware & Hudson, chairman Kansas City Southern and chairman Wheeling & Lake Erie, \$91,845; J. Kruttschnitt, chairman, Southern Pacific System, \$88,800; H. M. Smith, president N. Y. Central, \$78,360; F. D. Underwood, president Erie, \$77,950; Walker D. Hines, then director and chairman A. T. & S. F., \$77,210; Daniel Willard, president B. & O., \$75,480; Samuel Lea, president Pennsylvania, \$75,460; E. P. Ripley, then president A. T. & S. F., \$75,400; W. H. Truesdale, president D. L. & W., \$75,390.

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Hale Holden, president and director, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Colorado and Big Grand, \$63,000; Chadbourn Shores, counsel for Denver and Rio Grande, \$65,000; William Sproule, vice-president, Southern Pacific Association, \$62,000; John S. Ruffin, president Pullman Co., \$60,500; Martin Hughtitt, Sr., chairman board directors, Chicago & Northwestern, Minneapolis & Omaha, Chicago and St. Paul, \$60,460; H. Markham, president, Rock Island Central, \$60,555; Thomas M. Schumaker, president El Paso and Southwestern, \$60,150; L. E. Johnson, president Norfolk and Western, \$60,000; Henry McAllister, Jr., general counsel, Denver and Rio Grande, \$55,000; Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, general counsel, Denver and Rio Grande, \$55,000; E. Pennington, president Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, \$52,723; E. B. Thomas, chairman of board Lehigh Valley, \$50,880; Fairfax Harrison, president Southern Lines, \$50,500; Richard H. Ashton, president Chicago and Northwestern, \$50,240; W. H. Beien, president and general manager, Central R. R. of New York, \$50,210; Ed. F. Kearney, president, Washburn & Mooney, \$50,000; N. Noonan, president of Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh, \$50,000; S. Daves Warfield, chairman of board, Seaboard Air Line, \$50,000.

There are thousands of other officials of the railroads. All of it is found necessary to pay salaries up to \$50,000 per year in addition to the above named, that the affairs of the railroads be properly managed.

The governor of the Canal Zone now receives a salary of \$19,000 per year, recently having been increased from \$10,000. The management of the Panama canal, the Panama railway and administration of the affairs of the Canal Zone, believe are as much an undertaking as that of any railway company, and requires as much executive ability.

If the governor of the Panama canal can live on \$19,000 per year, he is not \$75,000 per year or \$50,000 per year, which in most instances is in addition to other incomes, somewhat out of proportion, especially to men whose minds seem to function along the same line, and that is, reduction of transportation rates can only be accomplished through reduction of wages of employees who are now receiving barely sufficient to exist.

Has it ever occurred to these officials and directors of the railroads that if pruning is absolutely necessary that it could very well begin at the top of the tree where it would cause less suffering than among men who are paid by the hour, and who should they feel inclined to enjoy a little game of golf, or feel the need of a vacation, would have to enjoy these luxuries on their own time and at their own expense?

If these officials are as efficient as they are paid to be, and have managerial qualifications as they should have and appreciate the loyalty and efficiency of their employees, and sincerely feel that a reduction is essential, why not start the reduction where it would be less felt and cause less suffering?

Rev. Waite's lecture at the Baptist church Tuesday evening was very much enjoyed, also the music furnished by the high school orchestra, under the leadership of Miss Bunting.

Twenty-two young people surprised Miss Lois Craig at her home Saturday night in honor of her 15th birthday. She received many beautiful presents. Supper was served at 10 o'clock. Music, dancing and games formed the evening's amusement. Miss Wila Kettle, of Durand, was an out-of-town guest.

Semester exams all this week, both high school and grades.

## CITY CLERK CELEBRATES

Bates K. Lucas, Former Auditor for the U. S., Has Second Anniversary.

Monday, January 23rd, was the second anniversary of the appointment of Bates K. Lucas as city clerk of Owosso. Before coming here Mr. Lucas was a traveling auditor for the United States government. When he took up the work of city clerk he installed the government system of accounting. This included the installation of an invoice and bill ledger for all special work, that is, work done not by petition. He also installed a cash book, covering all city clerk's collections, such as licenses, sales of supplies and all revenue except general tax rolls, and a fund book carrying 166 separate city funds showing weekly balance of receipts and disbursements from the clerk and treasurer. From this fund book weekly balance sheets are submitted to each commissioner in the respective departments.

Mr. Lucas also put into working order a new system for carrying payment of interest and principal on the bonded and floated indebtedness of the city. His purchase order system for purchasing supplies prevents indiscriminate buying and the use of three waterworks ledgers brings water money in every month instead of four times a year by dividing the city into districts. Disbursements are kept up to date in the departments so that each commissioner can know what each job is costing.

Mr. Lucas is a prominent member of the League of Michigan Municipalities. In 1920 at the Detroit convention he was elected secretary-treasurer and a year later at Kalamazoo he was re-elected, breaking the precedent.

Rev. H. A. Waite has returned from Carson City, where he gave a lecture, "The Man of High Degree," Wednesday night.

John Silverthorn was sentenced by Judge Collins to 60 days, \$200 fine and \$50 costs for bootlegging.

## LOCALS

The American Legion basketball team was swamped by the Howell Independents Thursday night. The final count was 43-12. Owosso's floorwork was good but unable to cage the ball caused their downfall.

The Howell boys were accurate shots. Basset for Howell and Azeltine for Owosso were the stars of the game. The Legion's next game is with Fowlerville, on Thursday, Jan. 26.

## CORUNNA TOSSERS WIN "2" GAMES

CORUNNA, Jan. 26.—Corunna girls second team played the Owosso Business college. It was a good game and a close one. Final score was 6 to 4 in favor of Corunna.

First girls' team against Ashley was a walkaway, the final score being 54 to 5.

From that little town up north, called Ashley, a basketball team, coached by Superintendent Roscoe Riches, came to our city recently. Such tall fellows we have never seen before, but we paid no attention to size as you will notice by the score, 29 to 2. All of our boys played a good game on the offensive as well as the defensive.

Miss Wila Kettle, of Durand, was the guest of Miss Isidell Van Wert for the week-end.

## Next Week at the Theatres

Lincoln  
Sunday and Monday—Constance Binney appears in the comedy drama, "Room and Board." Miss Binney is full of Irish wit and laughter.

Tuesday and Wednesday—The famous cowboy, Tom Mix, will show in a lively drama, "After Your Own Heart."  
Thursday—Gladya Walton in "Playing With Fire." Miss Walton is a clever little girl.

Friday—"The Fighter," with Conway Tearle, the story of a fighter who rises to success.  
Saturday—Edna Murphy in "Play Square," a well done crook play.

Strand  
Sunday and Monday—"Partners of the Tide," from a novel by Joseph C. Lincoln.  
Tuesday and Wednesday—"Bits of Life," with Wesley Barrie, a Marshal Neilian production.  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Regular line of vaudeville.