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HERE IS ADJUSTED RELIEF

TALK REMODELING OWOSSO CITY HALL

Figures Given Chamber of Commerce for Adding Third Story.

At the Armory the Chamber of commerce held its regular meeting and luncheon Tuesday noon.

After luncheon had been served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion, President White called the meeting to order. His notice to resume work soon is not expected, as they will not accept a piece work schedule.



THE DUDEC SPECIAL Manufactured in Owosso

ADJUSTED COMPENSATION IS THE NEW SIDESTEP TO GRAND STAND MUSIC

HAS AMERICA FORGOTTEN

The adjusted compensation bill, that has been before Congress since March, 1920, offers five choices to the veteran of the World War:

1. Adjusted pay, at the rate of \$1 for every day of home service and \$1.25 for every day of foreign service. Maximum payment, \$500 for home service and \$625 for overseas service. Payment to be made for service in excess of sixty days.
2. Adjusted service certificate in the form of a paid-up 20-year endowment policy, to the value of 3.28 times the amount that would be received in cash. The face value of the policy would be paid to the veteran at the end of 20 years, or, if he dies in the interval, to his beneficiary. Loan values are provided.
3. Vocational training aid of \$1.25 a day while taking an educational course. The amount thus paid is not to exceed 140 per cent the amount due in cash.
4. Farm or home aid, to the extent of 140 per cent the amount due in cash.
5. Land settlement.

OWOSSO CHAMBER HOLDS LUNCHEON

Commissioner Reads Article on Why Owosso Needs City Hall Building.

At the C. of C. luncheon City ber of Commerce held its weekly luncheon Tuesday noon at the armory.

Mr. Stebbins read an article on the necessity of Owosso having a city hall building.

The article read that if the sale of the present city property located on the corner of Park and Main sts. was put through, \$25,000 would be the highest amount to be realized out of the sale. It also read that to erect a brick building, with the necessary equipment and furnishing with a lot that would be suitable would cost at the lowest estimate \$75,000.

Mr. Stebbins read that the present city building could be remodeled and with the addition of an emergency stairway it could be made into an up-to-date building. The third floor would be used for the offices of the city clerk and others and the second floor would be the sleeping quarters for the firemen and headquarters for the police department. The first floor would be used for the fire trucks and other fire fighting apparatus. If the city chooses this plan it also should buy the lot east of the city hall and open up S. Park st. from Main to Comstock. This would add greatly to the appearance of the city hall and its surroundings.

The article contained another plan which the city could use. This plan was that the city buy two lots and build a separate fire station and a separate office building. This plan costing, as stated before, about three times the amount for remodeling of the present building would cost. After Mr. Stebbins completed his reading Chas. E. Wood of Port Huron gave an interesting talk and reading on "Vision."

Mr. Wood commented on the beautiful and modern buildings to be found in Owosso, saying that such people as Owosso surely had visions for the future benefit of the city. He told of a visit to Ann Arbor and how it impressed him and also he told of hearing Mr. Blanchard lecture on taxes and how they should be expended to the benefit of the state.

He also spoke on the lakes to sea waterway, and the benefit that would be received by Michigan. The small amount of engineering it would take would make Detroit, Chicago, Duluth, Buffalo and Cleveland some of the leading ports of the world, bringing an increase in business of all kinds. Mr. Wood also read absolutely correct figures of the coal and money that would be saved by the materializing of this wonderful project. Also the money and coal that could be saved by harnessing our waterways to power generating stations, and generate electricity. This would save our coal consumption to a large extent.

Mr. Wood told of an eastern railroad that had a large share of stock in coal mines operating their trains with steam power at a cost of \$18,000,000. After electrification of the same road, they reduced their operating expenses to \$70,000,000. This is just one of the many great savings that could be realized by using electricity for power instead of steam. This change was made throughout the United States the money saved the first two and one-half years would pay for expense of construction.

Mr. Wood also spoke of the time that was to come when the state would be at the head of our public schools, instead of each town having a different school board and schedule of studies. He also spoke of the people of the United States being too quick to criticize, saying that he believes Senator Townsend is as enthusiastic for the success of the lakes to sea project as any citizen is enthusiastic about his work.

OWOSSO FARMER HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

It was reported that Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mandell, who live south of Owosso, was struck by an automobile while driving to Owosso early Saturday morning. The auto tried to cut in ahead of Mandell, but failing to do so struck his horse, knocking it and the buggy into the ditch.

Mandell and his wife were both taken to the home of W. S. Vandekarr, who lives nearby, and were given treatment for their injuries, which were considered slight. Upon being taken into Vandekarr's residence, Mandell became suddenly unconscious. A physician was called and he ordered Mandell taken to Memorial hospital, and an X-ray picture was taken Saturday afternoon which showed his skull had been fractured. Mrs. Mandell only suffered a few bruises and scratches. The police and sheriff's departments has co-operated and expect to find the driver of the car soon.

OWOSSO MAN FOR SPEEDING AUTO

Police reported that William Lecureux of Owosso was arrested Monday for speeding.

Lecureux was driving on W. Main st. at about 28 or 30 miles per hour, when he was arrested. He was taken to Justice Day's office, where he was fined \$5.

OWOSSO MAN WITH STEALING COAL

OWOSSO, March 3.—Louis Golder, Chestnut st., was arrested Wednesday on the charge of stealing coal from cars on the Ann Arbor tracks, near the Sugar company plant.

Golder pleaded not guilty and is waiting for trial.

OWOSSO MAN DIES

Milton G. Burwell, son of Mrs. Glen Burwell, 20, son of Mrs. Leona Burwell, died Wednesday evening at 8:40, from pneumonia. The 21st of last February was Milton's last birthday.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Friday from the home of L. G. Tannehill, 401 E. Mason st.

Rev. R. T. Kilpatrick officiated and the burial took place in Oak Hill cemetery.

FINE FIVE FOR COAL STEALING AT OWOSSO

Police reported that the coal stealing ring that has operated around the sugar company tracks this winter was broken up Thursday by the arrests of Joe Vitor, Joe Slick, Frank Orli, Mike Oasty and John Merka.

All five pleaded guilty to the charge and were given a fine and costs of \$13.45 each in Justice Day's court, Thursday afternoon.

A car bearing license number of 277-727 was seen speeding Thursday near the intersection of Cedar and Ball sts. headed towards the business district.

SHIAWASSEE MAN ADMITS SHOOTING

It was announced the hearing of Claude Ackler, 22, and Clarence Kesling, 29, charged with the shooting of Britton Mattoon, Wednesday evening, will be held as soon as Judge Collins returns from Howell, where he is holding circuit court.

Ackler and Kesling are charged with shooting Britton Mattoon, a prominent dairy farmer living near Corunna, late Wednesday evening, when they were caught smoking a coon out of a tree on Mattoon's property.

The shooting followed when Mattoon, after ordering them away, found they had returned, and told them to accompany him to the sheriff's office.

Mattoon's right wrist and hand was practically blown off by the charge from Ackler's gun. The gun was a 12-gauge shot gun, and was fired at close range.

Ackler admits that he shot Mattoon, saying "He don't know why he did it." Ackler, when first arrested, claimed that Mattoon attacked him upon discovery, and the gun was accidentally discharged. The wound, however, proved this to be impossible.

Kesling and Ackler are both held on the same charge, it being assault to do great bodily harm, less than murder.

ANN ARBOR SHOPS AT OWOSSO RECALL MEN

Officials announced the machinists of the Ann Arbor railroad shops at Owosso that have been laid off the past months have been given notice to return to work the 16th of next March.

Notice was given early so men that have left town during the lay off might be given a chance to return to their former occupation.

The opening only affects the machine department and a few boiler makers. The Ann Arbor railroad recently received a carload of new machinery for its shops. The car department is not benefited by this opening. The probabilities that they will receive notice to resume work soon is not expected, as they will not accept a piece work schedule.

ASK REVISION OF OWOSSO CHARTER

The Owosso Municipal City commissioners held their regular meeting Monday evening at the city clerk's office.

A petition was read asking that the city of Owosso be divided into 10 separate wards and that a revised charter be drawn up by a commission of two who would be members of the five present wards. The petition also asks that after the charter had been revised, and the ten wards defined, that each ward elect a chairman and each chairman appoint a committee that would deal with city affairs. The petition had a list of 400 names as signers.

A resolution was passed to give authority to the mayor to appoint men for special police work, for a regular length of time instead of just three days as before. Before this resolution was passed a special officer had to renew his oath every third day.

The mayor was also asked to appoint two men for police duty in the Ann Arbor railroad yards. The men will be furnished with regular police equipment, and hold the same authority as city policemen. These men will not be on the pay roll of the city, but of the Ann Arbor railroad company. The commissioner discussed the amount the city fire department has to pay for the use of the fire hydrants and water mains.

Some of the commissioners argued that the people pay fire protection and why should the fire department be made to pay for the use of the hydrants and water.

City Attorney Pond said that last year was the first year in many that the municipally owned water works plant was run on a business basis for the city.

The police chief reported that 56 men slept in the city jail during February. They also reported 20 arrests which were as follows: Drunks, 13; violation of parking ordinance, 3; violation of the city dumping ordinance, 1; taking indecent liberties with a girl, 1; stealing coal, 1.

OWOSSO BOYS' TEAM TO PLAY BAY CITY WESTERN

The Quintette of the basket ball team of Owosso high school will go to Bay City Friday to play the Bay City Western team. The game is expected to be a fast and snappy game.

Bay City was beaten by Owosso in their game here of several weeks ago, and says Owosso's goal.

The girls' quintet will leave here Friday for Ionia where they will play the girls' high school team of that city.

The Ionia team came to Owosso several weeks ago and played an extremely hard game, but Owosso was their equal, the score being 8 to 8.

Both teams will use the same line up as scheduled before, and a fast game is expected.

The boys' basket ball second team of Owosso high will go to Laingsburg to play the high school team of that village.

CITY COUNCIL HAS MEETING

At the city council meeting held its regular meeting last Monday evening at the city hall. City Engineer Raymond submitted an estimate of the cost of paving S. Water st., from Main st. to Washington st., to divert the traffic from the intersections of Main st. and Washington. The estimate for brick was as follows: 3,187 square yards excavation at \$3.69 per square yard. The total cost would be \$13,241.47. For concrete the following estimate was given: 3,187 square yards excavation at \$2.50 per square yard, the total cost would be \$9,355. The total estimate for asphalt is \$10,261.63 and 3,187 square yards of excavation at \$2.75 per square yard.

It was decided to put 40 per cent of the cost to city, to be raised by bonds, the remaining 60 per cent to be raised by taxes.

The price of brick this year is \$41 per thousand, which is \$4 cheaper than the price last year.

There were two petitions filed before the council. One petition was for a water main on N. Water st., from Galusha to Norris. Signed by Berg, Lamphere and 11 others. The Owosso Gas company also asked to be allowed to hang a 10-inch gas main with heavy bridge connections beneath the N. Shiawassee st. bridge. The commissioners decided the bridge would be in a safe condition and permission was granted.

The American Malleable Iron company also asked permission to extend a dock eight feet west of their plant for freight purposes. This dock when built will be on Michigan ave. The commissioners granted permission with the understanding it could be revoked at any time. Also if there were any accident the American Malleable would be responsible.

The application for plumber's license of Robert Kelley was also passed.

"PEEPER" SAID SEEN AT OWOSSO WINDOW

Chief Denyes reported that Geo. Tronkas reported to the police late Wednesday evening of seeing a man peeping into a house on E. Exchange st.

Mr. Tronkas, accompanied by a patrolman, went to the scene where he had witnessed the peeper's actions, but they only found tracks in the snow. Failing to find any vagrant in the vicinity.

They returned to police headquarters and later returned to the scene with Capt. Robertson, but had no better results.

OWOSSO HI BEATEN BY BAY CITY WESTERN HI

Bay City Western defeated Owosso high at basket ball Friday night by the score of 29 to 8.

A truck without lights and bearing license number 277-126, was reported to be standing on S. Cedar st. This truck is reported to have stood there for the past three days.

OWOSSO ARMORY MAY BE MADE INTO CIVIC CENTER

Mr. John J. McDonald, chairman of the chamber of commerce committee that has been appointed to consider the remodeling of the armory into a community center for athletic purposes for the people of Owosso also gave a short talk.

Mr. McDonald said that all kinds of athletic sports and games will be organized, and different clubs will be formed.

The price of the business men's club for a year is \$15 and over 100 are expected to join. High school boys will be charged \$5 per year. Boys between 12 and 13 will be charged \$3, boys from 9 to 11 years of age will be charged \$2 per year.

There will also be women's clubs organized. Women over 18 years of age will be charged \$6 for a year. Girls 15 to 17, \$4 per year, and small girls will be charged \$2.

Mr. McDonald said to equip the armory with the necessary equipment including water and instructors' salary, it will be necessary to raise \$5,000.

Today

"COMPETENT" SPELLS SUCCESS.

A financial periodical remarks that George B. Cortelyou got his big chance because he was a competent stenographer. Not that he was not because he was a stenographer, but because he was a competent stenographer. He is now president of the Consolidated Gas company of New York. Cortelyou was a stenographer in one of the departments in Washington during the Cleveland administration when one day there was an emergency call for someone to take dictation at the White House. Because he was competent, Cortelyou was sent. He stayed because Cleveland liked his work. He worked up to private secretary to McKinley, held a similar position under Roosevelt, and was made secretary of commerce, postmaster general and secretary of the treasury. His record is by no means an isolated one. Jay Gould was a competent peanut vendor. Jim Hill was a competent laboring man. Warren G. Harding was a competent typewriter. Senator Cummings was a competent railroad surveyor. Congressman Madden was a competent water boy in a stone quarry. John T. Adams was a competent apprentice in a planing mill. Charles H. Markham was competent section hand on the railroad. Howard Elliott was a competent chain carrier in a surveying crew. Each and all of them were competent for the work they were doing, and something a little more difficult, with the result that they were any of the higher-ups called for someone in an emergency, one of these men was sent, and kept. They were called higher and higher, always keeping themselves competent. Being a stenographer, typewriter, or a water boy is of little consequence unless the word "competent" is necessary in describing the qualifications.

THE FACTS DISAGREE.

Mr. McAdoo may assert, until he has expended all his energy of tongue and pen that he turned the railroad back to good condition as he received them, but he cannot make any man of ordinary horse sense believe it. It is common knowledge that under the McAdoo regime large increases in wages were granted and rules adopted under which the roads were required to pay for service not rendered. There would have been no complaint of the increase in wages, if there had been at the same time a corresponding increase in rates, for at that time all industry was on an inflation basis and the increased rates could have been paid without being burdensome. But McAdoo saddled the roads with the increased rates without providing for increased income coincident therewith. Because the rates were not increased at the same time as the wages, the rate increases had to come later, and at a time when the country was unable to pay, with the result that a great demand was made for reduction of rates, and public sentiment was created against the roads. Entirely aside from the question of the relative condition of the roads, Mr. McAdoo turned them back weaker financially and in poorer standing so far as the good will of the public is concerned.

OUR SILK INDUSTRY.

James A. Goldsmith, of Hess, Goldsmith & Co., addressing the Silk Association of America at its 50th annual dinner, in New York recently, in reviewing the growth of the silk industry in this country, called attention to the fact that in 1872 we had less than 100 silk manufacturers, while today they number 1,500. The speaker declared that now as never before, in these days of demoralized foreign currency and relatively low foreign wages, America is in dire need of a high protective tariff. That is what we must have if our silk mills are to continue in competition with Oriental mills and with France, Italy, and Switzerland. No American mill paying its workmen \$3.00 a day can compete with a Jap mill paying its labor 50 cents.

MAYOR WRIGHT DISAPPROVES

Monday City Mayor A. T. Wright has expressed himself as being against the proposition of remodeling the old city hall into a modern civic building.

This proposition was submitted to the chamber of commerce last Tuesday for the members to decide upon until their next meeting, by Commissioner Stebbins.

Mr. Stebbins also submitted another proposition, this being that the city buy a lot with suitable location, and erect a new structure. This plan would cost three times the amount of the other, according to figures given by Commissioner Stebbins.

James Memmerick, a farmer living near Owosso, brought suit in Justice Day's court against Carl Fredericks, a former owner of his place for repairs and work he had done and material purchased. The case had been tried in 1917 before former Justice Frieleg and Memmerick was assessed \$6.

Upon finding this case had been tried before with the same charges preferred, a judgment was given of no cause for action by Justice Day.

OWOSSO CHAMBER WILL DECIDE ON BUDGET

J. McDonald announced the necessary budget required by the chamber of commerce committee to remodel the armory into a recreation building for the use of the people of Owosso will be decided upon at the next chamber of commerce luncheon.

E. T. Mazurkiewicz, formerly of Grand Rapids, has been hired to work up a plan for the raising of the necessary funds which will be needed.

It is expected that Mr. Mazurkiewicz will outline a program of activities next Wednesday evening that will be scheduled at the armory after it is remodeled.

It is understood that Company G of the National Guard will be allowed the use of the armory every Monday evening for drill purposes.

Mrs. Edward Mazurkiewicz, of 814 Cornum ave., gave birth to an eight pound daughter at Memorial hospital, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauer, of 446 Adams st., are the proud parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, at Memorial hospital.