

SALESMAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Thrown Against Telephone Pole, Receiving Fatal Injuries

Shortly following an automobile accident John Adams, 55, a traveling salesman, whose home was in New York City, died Sunday afternoon at Memorial hospital.

Adams, who sold blanks for preparing data for income tax returns, had called on several persons in Laingsburg and then waited a considerable time for a bus for Lansing and when it did not come, he started to walk to Lansing. A short distance out of Laingsburg, Preston, who was driving to Lansing with his wife and two babies, picked Adams up.

A short time later, Preston's car hit some loose gravel and skidded, striking the telephone pole but remaining upright. Adams, either became frightened and jumped out of the rear seat, or was thrown out. He was picked up in a semi-unconscious condition, and Dr. G. B. Wade of Laingsburg was summoned. He brought the injured man to Memorial hospital, where it was found that his left arm was broken in two places and that of the ribs on one side had been torn from the breast bone. It is believed that one or more of them punctured Adams' lung. He also sustained scalp wounds.

Preston and his family, all of whom were in the front seat, escaped injury, and drove on to Lansing after Adams had been cared for. Their car was badly damaged, but was driven away under its own power.

Efforts of the police to locate the relatives of the dead man have failed to date. Circular letters have been printed and will be sent out to all the cities where it is thought there is a chance of finding some one who knows something regarding his connections. Photographs are being sent with those going to the larger cities.

The picture of a pretty six-year old girl was found on the body with the following legend on the bottom: "Gertrude Adams, six years old." Efforts to gain information regarding the dead man from the firm, whose stationery was found on the body, were unavailing, as were all efforts with the Commercial Travelers Association, of which he was a member, and personal letters found on the body.

County Republicans Plan Hard Campaign

A vigorous campaign for all Republican candidates will be carried out in this county if the plans laid Tuesday night by the county candidates are carried out. The meeting was held at the court house in Corunna.

The candidates, under the law, compose the county committee. They elected A. W. Burnett, county chairman; L. F. Miner, secretary, and E. R. Vincent, treasurer.

It is the plan of the committee to hold meetings throughout the county and to fit them in every way, the interests of their candidacies as well as those of the candidates on the state and national tickets.

Dies After Child is Born

Mrs. Etta Gage, wife of Daniel Gage, Freeman street, died Saturday evening at Memorial hospital a few hours after she had given birth to a baby. The child also died. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the parlors of Jennings & Son, with burial at Oak Hill.

Mrs. Gage came here from Lansing two and one-half years ago, following her marriage to Mr. Gage. She is survived by her husband and two children by a former marriage, as well as two brothers living in Lansing.

K. C.'s Elect Officers

The annual meeting of Owosso Council, No. 1139, Knights of Columbus, was held at the home on Michigan avenue, Thursday evening. Election of officers, was held as follows: Grand Knight, M. J. Deoung; deputy grand knight, Raymond Stack; financial secretary, Daniel McNally; recorder, John Wade; treasurer, Andrew Greene; counsellor, James Carmody; advocate, Bert Dutcher; warden, Dennis Murphy; inside guard, Henry Roach; outside guard, Joe Pejkl; trustee, Joseph Hamel.

Heart Trouble Brings Death

William Goyt, 43, died at his home on Thomas street, Thursday, after an illness of two weeks with heart trouble. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home, Rev. Waite officiating. Burial will take place in the Middlebury cemetery.

Mr. Goyt had lived in Owosso nearly all his life. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, and his parents and one sister, Mrs. Edward Fuller. He was a member of the Eagles.

BASEBALL SEASON A SUCCESS; FINAL STANDINGS ANNOUNCED

Following a highly successful baseball season in the city the final standings of the three leagues organized by the Community Center have been announced and the season drawn to a close.

Considerable dispute regarding the last game played between the Connors and the Independent Stove Co. and the failure to play it off delayed the final closing of the season but the score must rest as follows now, in spite of the fact that one game remains to be played off between the Connors and Eagles. This game would not alter the standings of the teams, however. The standings are as follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Connors	8	2	.800
Eagles	7	4	.636
Ind. Stove	4	7	.364
Community Center	3	9	.250

Below is published the batting average of each division, of the men who have played in at least 75 per cent of the games. The first three in each division will be awarded watch fobs, gold for the highest, silver for the second, and bronze for the third. These awards and the pennant, awarded for each division will be presented at a baseball benefit dance to be given next month. One hundred thirty-three league games and eight city team games were played during the season, before an estimated total attendance of 5,500. The league's management feels that this summer's baseball was very much worth while, and that with the experience gained this year, next year's baseball will be still better. The outstanding comment by the baseball fans of the city was that they never dreamed that there were as many baseball players in Owosso.

Factory Division			
No. Games	AB	H	Pct.
1. Giffie	12	46	.22
2. S. Burgess	12	47	.21
3. Behne	12	46	.20
4. Ladd	9	27	.11
5. Lindberg	12	47	.19
6. Morene	11	44	.16
7. McKenzie	10	33	.12
8. Doane	11	39	.14
9. Fletcher	11	39	.14
10. Petterson	12	53	.19
11. Stanton	10	34	.12
12. DeVoor	12	43	.14
13. Sharp	12	44	.14
14. Jankowski	10	38	.12
15. Signs	11	37	.11

Community Center a Success, Report Shows

Showing success in every phase of the Community Center work, an exhaustive report was read to the Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting Tuesday at the Armory, by John J. McDonald, chairman of the board in charge of the work.

The report went into detail and revealed activities on a scale that few had realized had been attained in such a short time.

In connection with the report, it was announced that a drive for 600 members of the various classes in the recreational department, would start on September 25, under the direction of W. A. Seegmiller. Teams to solicit memberships were named and will receive their instructions at a luncheon next Monday.

Mr. Seegmiller, in lauding the accomplishments of the Community Center thus far, asserted that Owosso today has the best Community Center building and the most comprehensive and far-reaching plan of operation of any city of this size in the state. He also called attention to one statement in the report dealing with funds given by the board of education to finance playground work during the summer.

Mr. Seegmiller asserted that there had been some criticism because of this, but declared that the board paid out only what had been appropriated for this work and that it was in the belief that the expenditure was thoroughly justified.

Mrs. Mary Blair, 76, Dead

Mrs. Mary Blair died Saturday night at her home, 114 North Dewey street, where she had lived for 55 years. She had been in poor health for some time, and her condition had been critical for several days. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Walter B. Denny officiating. Burial took place at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Blair was born in Madison, Pa., 76 years ago, and came to this state 60 years ago. Her husband, David Blair, died 18 years ago. For many years Mrs. Blair had been a faithful member of the Congregational church. Surviving her are three sons, Merrick F. Blair, Floyd Blair and Glen Blair, all of this city.

Republicans United at County Convention

With an attendance from all parts of the county, the Republican county convention held yesterday started the work for the fall campaign off with a vim that discredits all reports of disension in the Republican party. The unanimity of the delegates in support of the nominees was apparent in every action of the convention.

County Clerk Arch W. Barnett, chairman of the county committee, called the convention to order and after a brief opening talk called C. E. Godfrey of Bancroft, to the chair. Committees were appointed and delegates to state convention to be held at Muskegon Sept. 27 were elected.

Hon. J. H. Collins made the address of the day, discussing state and national affairs in a way which drew enthusiastic appreciation from the delegates. Other addresses were made by H. H. Pulver, John Y. Martin, Leon F. Miner, W. P. Strauch, W. A. Rosenkrans, C. W. Taphouse, Arthur Hanchett, E. R. Vincent and others. Strong resolutions endorsing Senator Townsend and Governor Groesbeck and all the other Republican candidates were passed unanimously.

ONLY ONE CHANGE IN M. E. PASTORS

Rev. Koyle of Corunna Ave. Church Retires; Rev. Wallace Succeeding

Of the Methodist churches in Owosso, only one will have a new pastor as a result of the Methodist Episcopal annual session of the Detroit conference which closed Monday at Pontiac.

The one change is caused by the retiring temporarily at least, of Rev. John Koyle of the Corunna Avenue church because of poor health. His place is to be filled by Rev. John J. Wallace who has already served in Owosso before at the Asbury M. E. church. For the last three years he has been in Gaines.

Rev. R. T. Kilpatrick, who has just completed one year as a pastor of the First church, is returned, as is Rev. E. F. Hildebrand, who likewise has just completed a year's service here.

Rev. B. E. Allen, pastor of the Corunna church, is also returned, although he has been in Corunna three years.

Rev. S. W. F. Garnett is returned to the Durand church. E. L. Carless takes Rev. Wallace's place at Gaines. Rev. J. M. Black is returned to Henderson, and Rev. Joseph Chapman is returned to New Lothrop.

Other assignments in the county are: Bancroft, Rev. Bert Ede; Byron, J. W. Mitchell; Laingsburg, Fred Matthews; Lennon, Rev. A. C. Thompson; Morrice, H. J. Johnson.

Cushing-Thompson

Mrs. Laura Cushing and John M. Thompson, both of this city, were quietly married at the First M. E. parsonage, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. R. D. Kilpatrick officiating. The couple was unattended. The bride was attractively gowned in blue canton crepe, with hat to match. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will return to this city to reside. Mrs. Thompson has been the matron of the Dorcas Home for the past three years and has made many friends among those actively interested in that charity.

Mrs. Blanch Yeomans Dead

Mrs. Blanch Yeomans, 24, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Lyons, South Park street, at 6 o'clock Monday morning, after an illness of more than eight months. She submitted to an operation eight months ago and never recovered.

Mrs. Yeomans was born in Estey, Mich., and was brought here by her parents at the age of three years. She is survived by two children: William, six, and Phoebe, five; her mother and four brothers, Charles, William and Albert of Owosso and Percy of Detroit. The funeral was held from the home Tuesday afternoon.

School Board Purchases More Land

The school board Thursday purchased from Miles D. Lindsey, 12 lots between Woodlawn and Garfield avenue at Auburndale, as the site of the new Third ward school building. The price was \$100 per lot.

The board has a site virtually decided upon for the new Fifth ward school, but has not purchased it as yet.

BYERLY BUYS OUT NUTSON & WRIGHT

Addition Makes String of Stores Number Ten Now

Purchase of the Nutson & Wright grocery business was announced Wednesday by J. A. Byerly, owner of nine other stores in the county and operator on the "Cash and Carry" plan. The Nutson & Wright store was the first in the city to operate on the cash plan, starting in 1912.

Mr. Byerly will continue the business in the building occupied by Nutson & Wright, and on the same plan as in the past. He will continue to handle the same brands of goods that have been used there before.

Nutson & Wright were the first grocers to inaugurate the cash system of doing business, although they have always delivered. They opened their store in 1912 two doors west of their present location. They did a big business from the start, and as the years have passed, it has increased until the business today is one of the most voluminous in the city. Operation on the cash system enabled this firm to make prices so attractive that its turnover was also large enough to enable it to buy carload lots, and give its patrons the benefit of the lowest prices possible. The acquisition of the Nutson & Wright store by Mr. Byerly will enable him to buy practically 100 per cent of his items in carload loads.

Plans Completed for Community Center Drive

With a list of more than 75 campaigners already enrolled, the plans for the Community Center drive for memberships in the organization are complete and the campaign will officially open Monday noon with a luncheon at the Armory.

The total number of campaigners will be divided into four teams with captains as follows: Justin Shattuck, L. H. Parker, Walter Haase and John S. McDonald.

Each team will have a proportion of members from the various groups which are to be represented in the membership, to solicit particularly for members in that class. The committees will seek memberships totaling 600 on a basis of division as follows, 200 having already taken out memberships:

Business men	100
Seniors	60
High school boys	60
Junior boys	70
Midnet boys	70
Women	60
Business girls	60
H. S. girls	60
Junior girls	60

CORUNNA LOCALS

Judge Matthew Bush and son, Oliver, left Tuesday on a hunting trip in Branch county.

Andrew Spadafore paid costs in Justice Nichol's court Monday for violation of the school law by failing to send his daughter to school regularly. The complaint was made by W. S. Eveleth, truant officer.

Mrs. Porter of Howell, the aged mother of Miss Minnie Porter, circuit court stenographer, was badly injured Sunday when she was struck by a car on the streets of Howell. One leg was broken in two places and the hip is believed to have been broken.

Mrs. Anna Hancko Monday began divorce proceedings against Steve Hancko, to whom she was married in 1917. She alleges non-support. Vincent Bezman, also started divorce proceedings against Louise Bezman, whom he married in 1913 in Austria. She never came to this country, he said.

Aged Man Dies After Long Illness

After an illness of long duration Charles J. Schultz, 73, died at his home in Caledonia township Sunday morning.

Mr. Schultz was born in Germany, coming to the states when but a boy. The family settled in Shiawassee county, north of Owosso. Mr. Schultz cleared the farm from the wilderness where he has made his home and where he passed away. He was a highly respected citizen of his community. Besides the widow he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Rubelman, Mrs. William Muzzy and Mrs. Edward Duant, all of this city. Three sons, William of Owosso, Fred of Corunna, and George residing at home, also survive.

The funeral was held from the home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, central standard time. Rev. T. H. Hahn of Salem's Lutheran church officiated and interment took place in Oak Hill cemetery.

KATE RUSSELL GETS \$1,000 FROM CITY

Damages of \$1,000 were awarded to Miss Kate Russell, of this city, in circuit court yesterday, in her suit against the City of Owosso for \$5,000 for injuries for which she alleged the city was to blame.

Miss Russell sued for injuries she says she sustained on the night of Sept. 17, 1921, on North Lansing street, and for which she held the city liable. She averred that she stepped into a hole in the walk, which was four inches deep and 20 inches wide, and was thrown to the ground with such force as to fracture two ribs, and her breast bone, and to tear and lacerate muscles and tissues, in addition to sustaining internal injuries from which she claimed she is still suffering.

The city admitted there was a hole in the walk, but claimed that it was not as deep as Miss Russell charged, and that it was not sufficient to cause the injuries caused by the complainant.

Conflicting testimony by doctors was introduced into the trial regarding a dilation of the heart claimed as the result of the fall and the injury to Miss Russell's ribs, which she claimed had resulted from the fall.

The city is not expected to carry the suit further in the courts, but will pay the damages granted by the court.

In the Burman-Bingham case the jury Monday returned a verdict of \$691.95 against Bingham. Burman brought suit to collect on a note given by Bingham before the latter went through bankruptcy proceedings.

Wellington Ward, Jr., of this city, who pleaded guilty two weeks ago to a statutory charge based on the story of a 14 year old girl, was placed on probation by Judge Collins Monday. The term of his probation is three years. He also paid \$25 costs.

Fred Atwood, of Laingsburg, arrested some months ago on a charge of violation of the prohibition law, and who had pleaded not guilty, changed his plea to guilty Monday. He will be sentenced on Sept. 25.

Farm Bureau Holds Membership Meetings

As a feature of their membership campaign the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau are carrying out a series of meetings throughout the county during the period of Sept. 18 to Sept. 28 inclusive with prominent leaders in farm organization as speakers.

Clark L. Brody, of Lansing, secretary-manager of the State Farm Bureau, a member of the State Board of Agriculture and perhaps the best posted farm leader in the state, will speak at several of the meetings. M. L. Noon of Jackson, vice-president of the State Farm Bureau and president of the Michigan Milk Producers' association, is an exceptionally strong organization speaker. Alfred Bentall, in direct charge of the State Farm Bureau's second membership campaign, will also speak at some of the meetings. Mr. Hale Tennant, of the Michigan Agricultural College, Markets Dept., is also scheduled.

It has been arranged to show Farm Bureau motion pictures at each of the meetings. Outstanding Farm Bureau work in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, South Dakota, Minnesota and other middle west states will be shown. Glimpses of the Farm Bureau's Chicago headquarters and its legislative offices at Washington are features of the film. The Bureau will also show a swine film taken at the National Swine show. Following is the schedule of meetings from today on:

- Sept. 22.—Bennington; Noon, Bentall, speakers.
- Sept. 23.—Owosso; Noon, Brody, speakers.
- Sept. 25.—Carland; Noon, speaker.
- Sept. 26.—Lennon and Corunna; Noon, Bentall, speakers.
- Sept. 27.—Durand and Bancroft; Noon, Bentall, speakers.
- Sept. 28.—Byron; Noon, Bentall, speakers.

Well Known Mechanic Dead

Milo Bott, 55, who fired the first locomotive to make the complete run from Owosso to Frankfort on the Ann Arbor railroad, died Saturday after an illness of two months of a complication of diseases. He was a well known Owosso mechanic and prominent in Masonic circles. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the home in charge of Owosso Lodge, No. 81, F. & A. M.

Mr. Bott had been employed by the Ann Arbor railroad for more than 30 years and was considered one of the most skilled mechanics in Owosso.

About three months ago Mr. Bott gave up his work as machinist, and for a time was caretaker of Bentley park, making the change because he wanted a diversion.

Deceased is survived by his widow and two brothers, Homer of Potterville and Jerome of Dimondale.

CITY AUTHORIZES \$61,200 OF BONDS

Central Counting Board Also Placed on Schedule at Meeting

Bonds to the sum of \$61,200, to finance the construction of the South-west Owosso surface and sanitary sewer were authorized by the city commission Monday night and quick sale of the bonds is planned.

A representative of the Detroit Trust Co., appeared before the commission and told that body that his firm was prepared to make them an attractive offer and were buying short term bonds. He said his firm could handle this issue at four and three-quarters per cent interest now at par, the city paying for the printing of the bonds.

No action was taken on the offer. The bonds are divided into two parts, one for \$45,800 and the other of \$15,400. The bonds are serial in form and the last one is due in 1931.

The commission made provision last spring for its share of the cost of the improvement in its budget, after a bond issue had been twice voted down. The \$15,400 bonds are for the city's share and the rest to finance the work pending the payment of special assessment taxes levied on the special assessment district.

Thus far the right of way along the bank of the Comstock creek, which it is necessary to obtain, has been all secured, with the exception of that through the property owned by the Woodard Furniture and Owosso Casket companies. An agreement is expected to be reached whereby this will be obtained before long, Mayor Wright said.

The commission wants to sell the bonds, clean up the right of way and let the contract for the work this fall, to enable the contractor to prepare for the work this winter and get started as early as possible in the spring. Plans and specifications have been completed by Hoad & Becker, the consulting engineers.

City Attorney Van R. Pond called the commission's attention to the fact that no charter amendment is necessary to provide for a central counting board to serve at election time, as the commission had believed. He read the law, showing that the commission has the authority to provide for such a body by either resolution or ordinance. He was instructed to prepare an ordinance for passage in time to enable the central counting board to function at the November election.

It is probable that a board of five will be appointed, and that the ballots will be collected at least every two hours during the day and possibly oftener. This will make it possible to know the complete results of the election in an hour or two hours after the polls close.

The commission decided to pay those who served on the election boards at the last primary election \$14 each, while the gatekeepers will draw \$8. Some of the boards put in nearly 24 hours. At this rate, the city will pay at least \$390 to the boards and the gatekeepers, as each ward had at least five members of the board and one gatekeeper, while some had more than five.

Under the new plan, the election boards will be through as soon as they turn the last ballot boxes over to the central counting board when the polls close at 8 o'clock, and will draw pay for 13 hours or two days, instead of two and one-half or three as they usually do. The central counting board, which will be made up of five persons chosen for efficiency in counting and tabulating, will be counting while the people are voting, and they will draw pay for only one or two days of eight hours. The new plan will cost the city no more, if as much, as the old system and will be more satisfactory, it is believed.

Mayor Wright and Commissioner Roseaver discussed the inspection of hydrants as recommended in the recent report of the Michigan Inspection Bureau, which asked that the hydrants be inspected every two weeks. This was urged particularly in the winter time, when frequently trouble is encountered by firemen because of frozen hydrants. They came to no decision, however.

Representatives of the National Auto Transit Co., which operates interurban buses all over the state, and which until the passage of an ordinance placing a tax on these busses by the city commission, operated through Owosso, presented a petition signed by nearly every business man in the city, asking that the fee be reduced. The ordinance at present calls for a tax of \$25 for every bus of a rated carrying capacity of seven or less and \$50 for each bus larger than that.