

ARMY MAJOR INSPECTS OTTAWA OFFER FOR CANTONMENT CAMP

OFFICER EVINCES HIS ENTHUSIASM OVER STATE PARK SITE 'IS ONE OF THE BEST'

MAJOR PHALEN ADMITS STATE PARK IS AMONG THREE BEST IN STATE—LA SALLE AND OT- TAWA COMMITTEES HIS GUIDES.

The site selected by the Ottawa-La Salle committees as being suitable for the state cantonment camp, will be designated by Major James M. Phalen, U. S. A., upon his return to Chicago, as one of the three most suitable for meeting the purposes of the vast army camp.

Major Phalen arrived in Ottawa this morning, and was taken over the site of the proposed camp. He was enthusiastic over what he saw and left only words of praise ringing in the ears of the committee that showed him the grounds. The Ottawa committee consisted of Mayor Bradford, James J. Dougherty, L. M. Harvey, W. F. Carr, Al Richards and Fred Sanders. Hubert Amendt and Walter Ploch were the official chaperons for the party.

At Starved Rock this noon the Ottawa contingent were met by Father Jos. C. Kennedy, of St. Patrick's church of La Salle, who saw service on the Texas border with Major Phalen, G. A. Wilson, R. M. Neustadt and J. E. Malone, Sr., and the major then was shown that part of the proposed site lying west of the Deer Park road and extending almost to La Salle.

At La Salle Major Phalen went to Clinton, where he will inspect another offer this afternoon. Dinner was had at the Starved Rock State Park and all the facilities offered by the Starved Rock site were carefully explained to the regular army officer. He was very much impressed with what he saw, and, while he would not give out anything formal for publication, he hinted that the Ottawa-La Salle site was one of the best three so far inspected by members of the engineering department. He did confess, however, that the location would be ideally situated for a vast army camp and hinted that he would recommend Starved Rock State Park and contiguous territory as one of the three best.

Rail and water facilities were two things that pleased the major more than anything else. The proximity to the camp of the Illinois river and the opportunities for swimming offered by the creeks and other clear water streams, together with the abundance of springs, forests and green prairie fields on the highlands, all tickled the major's notion of what constituted an ideal military camp, and he left his guides highly elated with what he had seen, and dropping words of encouragement that bespoke Ottawa's good chances for landing the cantonment camp.

Messages were received from headquarters yesterday that Major Phalen would be in Ottawa this morning, and a hurried schedule was called to arrange the details for his entertainment while here. W. T. Bedford was up from La Salle to attend this session and furnished the La Salle delegation on the tour of inspection this morning.

TWO PRISONERS ARE SENT TO PEN TODAY BY JUDGE ELDRIDGE

Two men indicted by the last grand jury decided this morning to throw themselves upon the mercies of Judge Eldredge, rather than face a jury in the circuit court. Both drew down penitentiary sentences.

Walter Clifton, Oglesby barber shop burglar, was given a term of from one to three years, and John Bryant, aged 51 years, an old timer in criminal annals, was given from one to fourteen years for forgery. Bryant is going back to Joliet on his third visit.

Sam Richardson, negro murderer, will come up for trial before Judge Eldredge on Thursday.

AXLE ON AUTO BREAKS; OCCUPANTS UNINJURED

While Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mottax and members of their family were riding in their Maxwell auto Sunday afternoon on Madison street, an axle broke, throwing the car to the ground. The accident occurred in front of the Meyer blacksmith shop. Mr. Mottax was not traveling at a very fast rate of speed when the accident occurred and consequently no one was injured.

ONE INJURED, THREE ESCAPE UNHURT IN AUTO COLLISION

AUTOS COLLIDE ON APPROACH TO BRIDGE, NORTH OF THIS CITY—MISS NORA HART MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Miss Eulalia Conkle, Miss Nora Hart, Miss Mae Halterman, Samuel Halterman and Oscar Peterson narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when the auto in which they were riding collided with a big touring car on the north approach of the Red bridge over the Illinois & Michigan canal.

Peterson, driving an E. M. F., was about to descend the approach on his way to Ottawa, when a big touring car swung around the turn and drove directly in his path. Both windshields were shattered, fenders bent and the radiator case of Peterson's car damaged. Miss Nora Hart was thrown with much violence against the frame of the wind shield. Miss Hart suffered injuries as a result of a recent operation she underwent. Just how serious it is not known.

Others members of the party escaped more fortunate. The owners of the car that struck the Ottawa party refused to give their names to Mr. Peterson, but the license number was secured.

This morning Chief of Police Eurich wired Secretary of State Emmons to find out the owner of the car, and a suit is likely to follow as a result of the accident yesterday.

ENTER BREWERY AND SECURE SUM OF \$23.25; TWO UNDER SUSPICION

The office of the Ottawa Brewery Assn., was broken into, Saturday evening at 12 o'clock and a sum of \$23.25 stolen from a drawer. The robbers gained entrance to the place, by breaking a window, in the front end of the office.

An iron pry was used in breaking open the cash drawer. The robbery was discovered by Henry Hinkle, night watchman and he immediately notified the police.

Chief of Police Eurich suspects two local men, as being responsible for the theft, Saturday evening and arrests are likely to follow today.

MISS LOUISE CHELMAN MARRIED THIS MORNING

Miss Lottie Chelman, of Galesburg, formerly of this city, and Roy F. Buffon, of Galesburg, were united in marriage this morning at 10 o'clock, by Rev. Chessman at the Baptist parsonage. The young couple were unattended.

The bride is well known in this city, having resided here for a year, with her sister, Mrs. Harry Lewis, of South Ottawa.

Mr. Buffon is proprietor of an auto repair shop in Galesburg.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chelman, of Galesburg. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Buffon, of Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Buffon left this afternoon for Chicago, to spend their honeymoon. They will reside in Galesburg.

many sections of the county.

The Known Dead.

Clinton Schweizer, 14 years old, son of Rudolph Schweizer, Rowell road, 5 1/2 miles southeast of Joliet.

Frank Drumm, former Elwood resident. Killed on farm south of Wilmington. Struck by lightning.

Laos Holmstrom, farm hand. Killed on Rosenbrock farm in Green Garden.

The Missing.

Joseph Hynes, working with Drumm on farm south of Wilmington.

Manhattan Wrecked.

The business district of the village of Manhattan was wrecked. The wreckage was deposited on the main corner of the village. Every building showed the effect of the storm to a greater or less degree. Two cars of a freight train were blown from the rails. They blocked the main crossing of the town, standing more than two feet off the rails.

The roof and rear wall of the Timms garage was torn away. The roof of the Schroeder and Bergen store was hurled into the street and partly thru the front of the C. Brugge-man store. A wall of the Coliseum building, owned by a co-operative amusement company, was blown in. A portion of the wall and roof of the First National bank building was torn away.

A brilliant and permanent green dye can be produced from the juice of the stalk and leaves of nettles. It is sometimes used to dye woolen materials.

MAILING A LIE UPON ITS 11-HOUR RANT

MORRIS HERALD SPRINGS WON- DERFUL NEWS SCOOP—AS A MEANS OF KEEPING TOWN'S DOLLARS AT HOME.

Here is a "news story" that is a scoop of the first waters upon news-writers of Ottawa papers.

It comes from the Morris Herald, "a publication fostered and supported by people who recently placed their city into the 'dry' column.

It tells of Ottawa's being in the throes of a plague so monumental in proportions that health officers are considering building a wall about the city—not about the city either, but just across the eastern terminus of the corporate limits as a preventative against Morris money being spent here on Saturdays and holidays.

Coming as it does on the eve of Ottawa's big Patriotic Day Celebration, when many in and near Morris will seek to awaken, or rouse themselves from lethargy that surrounds them at all times, the story is about the most maliciously intended of any breaking into a publication having as its purpose the purveyal of correct information.

There can be no doubt of the sinister motive behind the story. It had its origin somewhere within the weakened vitals of Morris' own contaminated body. It is labeled "lie" so prominently that even Morris people will recognize it in its true colors.

Ottawa has practically no contagious disease. One case of convalescent diphtheria and a few cases of measles constitutes the sum total of Ottawa's "deadly contagious disease" epidemic. But here is the way the Herald rants and tears at the suggestion no doubt, of a bunch of men who would not buy Liberty Bonds even though the money all was kept and spent in Morris:

An epidemic of deadly contagious disease is sweeping toward Morris.

Ottawa is apparently the center of the contagion and unofficial reports from that city say more than 25 cases of smallpox are being treated in that city, with nearly twice as many cases of diphtheria. Little publicity has been given the situation in Ottawa, and because of this it is declared the contagion has spread to Marcellus and other nearby towns.

In Marcellus the public schools, churches and motion picture theaters have been closed, and twenty cases of diphtheria placed in close quarantine. Marcellus authorities declare that the epidemic has been traced directly to Ottawa.

B. W. ARNOLD GOES TO KENOSHA AS GENERAL MANAGER OF LINES

B. W. Arnold, who has resigned his post on special duty for the Illinois Traction System, left Ottawa yesterday for Kenosha, Wis., where he will familiarize himself with the operations of the Wisconsin Traction Company, a large concern owning forty miles of interurban road and the Kenosha city lines, before assuming his duties on June 1 of general manager and executive of the entire system.

The elevation of Mr. Arnold to this important post comes as a welcome bit of news to his host of Ottawa friends. In his new position he will be directly in charge of all the electric properties of the Wisconsin Traction System, and will be answerable for its acts only to the board of directors, thus giving him every opportunity to show his prowess in the managerial role he is about to assume.

That Arnold will make good, goes without saying. He is characteristically an organizer, as his years of service on the C. O. & P. as executive in charge of transportation, shows. He has a knack of winning men to him and getting from them their very best efforts. He will also make good with men who work with him, instead of under him, and, in handling delicate questions with municipal and rural officials, he will be a ten-strike, his friends here predict. He has personal traits that will be an important factor in making his future successful in the "bigger game" of the railway world.

As soon as he disposes of his west Ottawa home, Mr. Arnold will move his family to Kenosha, where the best wishes of a multitude of friends will accompany him.

"BUNK" CAR BURNS; FIREFMEN ARE CALLED

A fire which threatened to be of a serious nature, started last evening at 6:15 o'clock in one of the "bunk" cars of the C. B. & Q. on Walnut street near the railway bridge. The blaze started by an overhead stove and spread through the interior of one car. The flames were extinguished by use of chemicals. A slight loss was suffered.

PERMISSION ASKED TO DIVIDE REALTY IN WEST OTTAWA

DECORATION DAY COMMITTEE ASK THAT STREETS BE CLEAR- ED FOR ROUTE OF PATRIOTIC PARADE WEDNESDAY AFTER- NOON.

At the adjourned session of the council this afternoon John Cherry was awarded contracts for the "Loop District paving."

It was a short session of the city council this morning, matters of little importance coming up, owing to the fact of the absence of Mayor E. F. Bradford. Commissioner Campbell held down the chief executive's seat in very acceptable manner.

A petition was received from Misses Nellie and Lydia Strawn and the Ottawa Banking & Trust Co., asking for permission to divide lot 6 that portion of the old Strawn homestead on Madison and Sanger streets. A request is made that the block be divided into eleven parcels in order that the lots may be disposed of individually, by the owners and the pavement assessments would be made on the individual lots, and not the tract of land as a whole.

Attorney George Hill was present and presented a plot showing what the intention of the division in the lots would be. The matter was referred to the city clerk to file, and will be taken up by the city engineer and attorney, and a report made to the city council.

Keep Autos Off Streets.

The Decoration Day committee asked that all autos be kept off the streets of the parade, Wednesday, after 12:30 o'clock until the parade is over. This will include Main street, from Clinton to La Salle, La Salle street to Superior, Superior to Columbus and Columbus to Main.

Owners of autos, not participating in the parade are requested to park their machines elsewhere.

MISS ELLA KELLY IS BRIDE OF ELMER EICK

This afternoon at 2 o'clock Miss Ella Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kelly, of West Madison street, and Elmer Eick, of Morris, were united in marriage at St. Patrick's parsonage, Rev. M. A. Quick officiating.

The bride was charmingly attired in a golden colored traveling suit and wore a white picture hat and white shoes. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. James Mickle, of Aurora. Mrs. Mickle is a sister of the bride.

The bride is one of Ottawa's enterprising young business women, being the proprietress of the Kelly bakery. The groom has been employed as chauffeur at the Kelly bakery.

The young couple will spend their honeymoon in Chicago and will make their home in this city.

DR. PETTIT ORDERED TO REPORT FOR DUTY

Dr. Roswell Pettit, a member of the Medical Reserve Corp. of the U. S. A., was ordered today to report to Fort Benj. Harrison at Indianapolis, Indiana, not later than June 1. Dr. Pettit does not know what unit he will be assigned to, but it is presumed that he will be placed with the U. S. surgeons' corps that will leave for France.

E. C. SWIFT QUITS HOSPITAL BOARD

E. C. Swift, for many years a member of the Ryburn hospital board, has sent his resignation to Mayor Bradford this afternoon. At present time no action has been taken on the matter, but to a Free Trader-Journal reporter this afternoon Mayor Bradford stated that Mr. Swift's resignation would be accepted and a new member appointed to take his place.

HAMILTON & VINCENT BUSINESS TO CONTINUE

The business conducted by the late I. D. Vincent under the name of Hamilton & Vincent will continue under the same name. The partners will be Mr. Serena Hamilton and Miss Elizabeth Vincent.

The store will be managed by Wm. J. Johnson.

Nothing More Needed.

"Queer house you're building. Nothing but a drawing room and a conservatory."

"That's the house you see described in a popular love story."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

ILLINOIS STORM LEAVES DEATH AND DESOLATION IN ITS WAKE

PLUMBERS' STRIKE ENDS; MEN GIVEN INCREASE IN WAGES

FREE TRADER-JOURNAL CORRECT IN PREDICTIONS THAT TIE-UP WOULD CLOSE—OTTAWA IS NOW READY FOR BUILDING WORK.

Ottawa is now ready for its big "spring drive" in building. The plumbers' strike, as predicted in the Free Trader-Journal Saturday evening, reached a settlement, and this morning all laboring men and skilled workmen are back at their post.

The plumbers' strike started April 1, following which time all building activities in the city were completely tied up. The completion of the People's Trust & Savings Bank was delayed on account of the plumbers' and carpenters' strike; the Butterfield garage on Court street was also stopped in its completion.

Arbitration Successful.

At the outbreak of the strike the Free Trader-Journal announced that arbitration would end the strike, if a proper arbitrator was secured. The coming of Frank Kennedy was responsible for the settlement. Several meetings were held with members of the employers' union and Mr. Kennedy.

The plumbers were given an increase of six and one-fourth cents for the first year, and nine and three-eighths cents for the second year. They asked for six and one-fourth cents the first year, and twelve and one-half cents for the second year. Their wage scale will be now \$5.50 per day for the first year and \$5.75 per day for the second year.

The ending of the plumbers' strike brings to a finish all of the labor troubles in this city. Contracts for buildings can now be completed without any fear of labor interference.

DRIVES TRACTOR FROM CHICAGO TO OTTAWA OVERLAND

A Parrett tractor, driven overland from the company's plant at Chicago Heights, has been delivered by Emil Kuyil, formerly of Ottawa, to Jay Shaver, at his farm in Rutland township. Mr. Shaver will ship the machine to Hobson, Mont., where he has purchased a half section of land.

The Parrett tractor was made in Ottawa up to the time the company moved its plant to Chicago Heights. The machine burns kerosene. The tractor is the second of the Parrett make purchased by Mr. Shaver.

Russell Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howard, is sales manager for the company.

FORMER LEAGUE STARS SEND REGISTRATION CARDS TO SHERIFF

"Tommy" Sheehan, of Grand Ridge, Ottawa semi-pro pitcher and who was with Connie Mack's Athletics last year, has sent Sheriff E. M. Davis his registration card for the military draft June 5. A similar card was received by Sheriff Davis from Dave Callahan of Seneca, now with the Dallas ball club, in the Southern league. Both young men will be subject to draft.

Today Sheriff Davis was busy in sending out the registration cards to the various precincts in the county.

County Clerk Bach has issued an appeal for a half dozen volunteers who will make a copy of registration cards. The copying will start on June 6 and will take three or four days to complete the task. The work will have to be done voluntarily as no provision has been made for pay.

GETS DIVORCE ON INFIDELITY GROUNDS

Mrs. Minnie McMasters, of Streator, this morning was granted a divorce from William McMasters, a few minutes after she had filed a bill upon charges of desertion and infidelity. The McMasters were married September 18, 1915, and lived together the complainant said, until December 5, of the same year. She said the infidelity occurred in a Streator hawdy house on April 25 of this year.

To the minds of most people education and pleasure are mutually exclusive ideas.—Herbert Spencer.

MATTOON LOSSES OF LIFE AND HOMELESS REACH HIGH MARK 112 DEAD IN STATE

MANY SECTIONS OF COUNTRY DEVASTATED BY CYCLONES— TOLL OF STORMS FOR WEEK WILL REACH 220 DEAD AND 1066 INJURED.

Following are the latest list of dead and injured in the series of tornadoes that swept seven central and southern states in the last three days:

State	Dead	Injured
Illinois	112	715
Kentucky	48	47
Alabama	12	
Arkansas	22	150
Indiana	7	200
Tennessee	34	85
Kansas (Friday)	26	60
Totals	261	1257

*Some estimates much higher.

Mattoon, Ill., May 28.—Like a devastated European battlefield, a wide section of Mattoon was a mass of waste today. Searchers moved methodically among wrecked buildings, seeking bodies of the victims of the tornado that struck here late Saturday. A total of fifty-four bodies had been recovered early today, and it was believed further search would uncover some of the twenty men, women and children who had not been accounted for.

At least 300 persons were seriously hurt and fully 200 others were slightly injured by flying debris during the storm. At least 500 families and local authorities were making every effort to care for the victims. Tents were being rushed here from Springfield and other central Illinois cities to house the homeless, and the homes left standing by the storm were thrown open to shelter women and children while the men of the city aided in the work of searching and clearing away the hundreds of homes wrecked. The property damage in Mattoon was estimated at \$1,600,000.

38 Dead at Charleston.

Charleston, Ill., May 28.—The whirlwind that swept Charleston left a toll of 38 known dead and at least 150 injured. Four hundred and ninety-six buildings were demolished and more than 1,600 persons were left homeless.

Storm Hits Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., May 28.—Estimates compiled here from reports filtering in over badly crippled lines of communication indicated that fifteen persons were dead in Tennessee and Arkansas the result of the cyclones that swept thru these states. Grenada, Miss., suffered some property loss, but no deaths were reported. From the meager dispatches from these today, Dyersburg, Tenn., was struck hardest of any Tennessee city by the storm. Six persons were reported killed there.

22 Killed in Arkansas.

Blytheville, Ark., May 28.—Advices reaching here today from the cyclone swept district said 22 persons were killed on farms near this point. One fatality was reported at Clear Lake.

Five Killed at Murphysboro.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28.—Five lives were lost in the tornado which swept Murphysboro, Ill., Sunday, according to information reaching here today. Considerable property damage was done. Many cattle were killed. The Mobile & Ohio railroad station at Willsville, was reported demolished and half of the town wiped out, but no fatalities were recorded.

Ozarks Are Visited.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28.—Several Ozark mountain counties were hit by a tornado late last night, according to meager reports from today. Scores were reported injured and several are thought to have been killed.

50 Dead in Kentucky.

Pudmash, Ky., May 28.—Meager reports available today indicated that at least fifty persons have lost their lives in the cyclone wrecked path along the east bank of the Mississippi river between Tiptonville, Tenn., and Hickman, Ky.

A telephone message from Hickman said 15 persons were killed on two plantations near there. Four towns in Tennessee, Clinton, Bordwell, Moscow, and Ruben were reported to have been almost wiped out.

Bondurant, Ky., reported that 18 bodies had been recovered there and Leiford reported 17 dead.