

that he did not then know it. Since it was necessary to the issuance of a permit, a handbill advertising the lecture was produced, whereupon the applicant was informed that the issuance of a permit would rest with the buildings and grounds committee, or perhaps with the board itself. Members of the board are known to be opposed to the use of the auditorium on evenings in the middle of the week, as it disorders the place and leaves it unfit for next day's school. It is also the practice at the woman's lectures to take up a collection, and a record rule of the city board of education prohibits the use of school buildings for any lecture or entertainment from which the entertainer or lecturer derives a monetary return.

As to the nature of the lecture or the status of the lecturer, it could not be learned last night if they would influence the decision as to permission for use of the auditorium, the buildings and grounds committee not yet having considered the application.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LEADERS WILL MEET

Beautification of homes through the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers is being advocated by the Salt Lake county farm bureau. Home improvement committees, organized in many of the towns, have charge of the campaign, which is the first of its kind ever carried on in the county.

Emil Hansen, landscape gardener of the Utah Agricultural college at Logan, is assisting in the program, which is under the direction of Miss Anna Edmunds, home demonstration agent of Salt Lake county. By way of illustrating the artistic value of growing things, Miss Edmunds and Mr. Hansen have planned and designed lawns and flower gardens at several homes in South Cottonwood, Riverton, Bluffdale and Taylorsville, and the church grounds at Bennion.

Home improvement committees of various towns will meet tomorrow, Thursday and Friday to complete plans for the campaign. The work already has been in progress for several days and will be followed by a clean-up and paint-up week, according to Miss Edmunds.

LIBERTY LOAN BOND INTEREST DUE TODAY

Interest on Liberty loan bonds becomes due today. The United States treasury department will disburse to 20,900,000 bondholders approximately \$150,000,000, the amount of due interest.

In a message sent out by Harold Braddock, of the war loan organization of the United States treasury department, the suggestion is made that the interest money be exchanged for thrift and war savings stamps. Mr. Braddock says: "Invest your Liberty bond interest in war savings stamps and increase your savings with no effort or sacrifice on your part and keep your dollars working for yourself and your country."

SENATOR KING TO BE GUEST AT BANQUET

Democrats of the state will pay their respects to Senator William H. King at a banquet and reception to be held at the Newhouse hotel Thursday night. Arrangements were made to this effect at a meeting of the executive committee of the new state Democratic organization last night. The reception will start at 8 o'clock. Every member of the party in the state is invited by the executive committee to be present. Senator King is the only speaker on the program to be announced at present, although other prominent Democrats of the state will probably address the gathering.

OUTLOOK FAVORING

F. C. Schramm Returns From East With Reports of Interest.

"Rotarians of the east and the south are of the opinion that the international convention to be held at Salt Lake in June will be one of the most largely attended and successful ever held," F. C. Schramm, a member of the executive committee, said yesterday upon his return from the international Rotary headquarters at Chicago. He was delegated to attend the Twelfth district conference at Joliet, Ill., for the purpose of extending invitations to those assembled there to attend the Salt Lake gathering and to confer with Chesley R. Perry, international secretary, and Arch C. Klumph, chairman of the convention program committee, to arrange details for the June gathering. The complete program will not be ready for announcement for some time, Mr. Schramm said, as some revisions may be necessary.

A. R. McIntyre, secretary of the Ogden Rotary club, who accompanied Mr. Schramm to ascertain the best way for Ogden Rotarians to aid during the convention, is visiting relatives at St. Joseph, Mo., according to Mr. Schramm.

Both Mr. Schramm and Mr. McIntyre attended the conference at Joliet, and large delegations were promised to the international convention, the former said.

THEATERS REFUNDED 'FLU' PERIOD TAXES

Abatement of license taxes on theaters for the two months that they were closed because of the influenza epidemic was voted by the city commission last night. Refunds totaling \$91.75 were ordered paid those already having paid the tax and credits totaling \$18.95 allowed those who had paid up their payments pending action on the petition for abatement. It is understood that like action may be taken with regard to the license taxes of dance halls.

On a next-to-low bid of \$10,971.28, Mullins & Palm were awarded contract for construction of the Ninth South street storm sewer, between Fifth and Seventh West streets, the lowest bidder, the Lynch Construction company, having failed to sign the agreement within the legal time requirement. Their bid was \$9,698.81.

On the representations of a delegation of expressmen, the commission filed without action a proposed ordinance to prohibit the expressmen from stopping their vehicles or parking them in the congested district.

A recommendation from the city planning commission that the city undertake to obtain a right-of-way for the extension of North Temple street to connect with Second avenue, so as to provide a more satisfactory approach to City Creek canyon, was referred to Commissioners A. H. Collins and C. Clarence Nolan.

MRS. MARY F. KEITH'S CONDITION IMPROVED

The condition of Mrs. Mary F. Keith, widow of David Keith, who is ill at her apartments at the Hotel Utah, was improved yesterday. Mrs. Keith has been suffering from nervous breakdown.

ON DAY'S PROGRAM

Beauty as Well as Utility Part of Salt Lake Plans; Soldiers Honored.

America today becomes a tree-planting nation. As always, Salt Lake will contribute its share in making Arbor day an outstanding success, from the standpoint of beauty as well as utilitarianism—the original objects for which the holiday was designated.

Downtown stores generally will remain open during the entire day, while banks, municipal, county and state offices will close their doors.

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