

NEED SPECIAL BOND
ISSUE FOR DEFERRED
IMPROVEMENTS, LAND

Need for consideration of a special bond issue to cover the cost of deferred public improvements, which were postponed during war time and the high price period immediately following, was stressed by Walker Land, president of the board of works in an address before the city council Monday evening.

"Several midwestern cities I have visited in the past few weeks are holding special elections to decide on bond issues ranging in amount from \$500,000 to \$13,000,000 he said. "These bond issues are to cover the cost of deferred improvements which were carried over from war time.

"I think this is a problem we will have to face some day. Our sewers are old, and some of them were put in before a city of this size was even thought of. All these underground passages should be cared for before any work is done over them. I think this is a matter worth considering."

Immediately after Mr. Land had spoken, the report of the light plant for the month of March was read. It showed operating revenue of \$110,382; disbursements, \$42,073. In general fund, \$66,329, and balance in sinking fund of \$16,467 at the close of the month.

Garbage Plan.
Complaints of accumulating garbage made by Councilman John E. White were answered by Mayor Handley who stated that the city had a plan to gather the garbage and dispose of it by sale to a contractor, that contractor to remove it from the crematory.

Oscar Williams, councilman at large handed in a written report on the condition of the sewer in the alley between North Twentieth and Twenty-second streets in the alley north of North F street. Water had backed up in cellars in that region, he stated.

Complaints of Main street merchants regarding fakers who have been obstructing traffic on Sixth street, just off Main, were referred to the ordinance committee.

Urge Grand Jury Act.
The committee investigating the light plant finance situation made its report to council Monday evening. The committee reported that it believed this matter should be referred to the grand jury, the body to which such investigation properly belongs. It would be necessary to hire an auditor and stenographer and would take up the time of members of the committee for several days, according to Frank Waldele, member of the committee, who explained the report.

Council accepted and concurred in the report.

"We are not going to sign our names at the bottom of any report which is made up of hearsay," was the burden of Waldele's statement. "Most of the evidence and information we found floating around consisted of rumors. It was always 'that fellow told me that,' but nothing definite."

Joseph Walteman, sponsor of the resolution, was absent.

Walker Land, president of the board of works, said that he was glad at least that council had been able to see the position of the board in the matter.

An ordinance appropriating \$1,600, \$800 of which goes for garbage disposal and the remainder for repairs to the crematory, was given first, second and third readings and passed by council.

Should Present Petitions.
Need for speedy action in presenting requests for street improvements was stressed by City Engineer Dell B. Davis. These petitions, which are presented by the property owners, should be brought in at once, as the oil already has been ordered and will be allotted as the petitions come in, he said.

Discussion of methods for oiling streets in the same manner as other improvements were made by resolution, elicited a bit of history from Baltz Bescher, city clerk. One person had proposed that the oil be put on the street and the amount charged against the property owner. Bescher said:

"During the Zimmerman administration in 1910 to 1914, the streets were oiled by this method. A man named Jones, of New Paris, came in and did the work and he made \$800 on the wrong side of the ledger for the city."

BRITISH SCULPTRESS PLANS TO SHOCK
AMERICA WITH STATUE OF KING JAZZ



Clare Sheridan.

With eyes, tastes and consciences of Americans dulled by flappers, bootleggers and movies, Clare Sheridan, noted English sculptress, says they are due for a real shock when she unveils her statue of "Jazz" in New York next month. In an effort to inject into the statue all the bad things reformers say about modern dancing the sculptress molded two nude figures—a man and woman—dancing together.

Forerunner of the Aerial Flivver

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, April 18.—After successful flights across the Atlantic—one of them in a single leap—and the exploits of aircraft during the late war, it might be supposed that the conquest of the air had been accomplished, and that aviators are "bird-men" in fact.

But the thing toward which students of flying are turning their attention now is the possibility of sustained flight without power—the kind of flight possible for an albatross, an eagle, or a sea gull. These birds and many others are capable of keeping themselves in the air, and of actually climbing higher and higher, without any apparent effort other than holding their wings extended.

The pursuit of this development is arousing more interest abroad than it is in America, the German flyers being particularly active in working to accomplish this end. It is now a little more than 19 years since the first

The loss came through the failure of certain property owners to pay their assessments. The city attorney refused to sue because it was distributed among a large number of property holders and the amounts were small, ranging from 75 cents up. The same thing occurred during the Robbins administration, and the city attorney again refused to sue for payment.

Prods Committee.
In reports on ordinances, Mayor Handley called the attention of the ordinance committee to the fact that two measures had been referred to them some four or five weeks ago and the state law provides that reports on such measures shall be made not later than the second meeting after such action.

The two ordinances referred to were a measure appropriating funds for a police car and one amending the building code. Councilman Fahlsing asked two more weeks in which to make a report. The request was granted.

a landing place somewhere on the plain below. This sort of thing would be and is relatively easy of accomplishment. The ambitious goal of the experimenters in this line is a machine without power which will rise of its own volition, utilizing air currents for the purpose, and fly about here and there without artificial means of propulsion, such as the propeller used by all airplanes.

The best record thus far obtained in this respect is credited to a German experimenter, a man named Harth. This man, according to accredited records, made his machine rise from a standstill without assistance, and eventually gained an altitude of about 200 feet above the starting point, keeping the machine in the air for 2 1/2 minutes. When he did land, it was at a point only 35 or 40 feet below his starting point, and that after being in the air for more than a third of an hour.

Too much should not be expected from the perfection of the "Glider" in the way of actual long flights without any power whatsoever. Harth required a wind of about 20 miles an hour to make his remarkable record. Obviously it is impossible to get anything like "lift" from the air when there is a dead calm.

The big development which would seem to be possible in the near future, judging from the German experiments, is the aerial "flivver"—a small safe plane, extremely low-powered, which the average man could afford and operate. On many occasions, such a machine could be operated without the use of power, when at sufficient altitudes to take advantage of the winds which are encountered more frequently high in the air. Also, a sufficiently skillful operator of such an aerial flivver could use it as a glider nearer to the ground when conditions made it possible.

Winds Blowing Upwards.
Winds blowing in a general upward direction are recorded with much frequency than is ordinarily believed. The coloring of the ground, with the consequent varying of the sun's heat, causes the air to rise quite generally over some areas, with compensating descending airs over other portions of ground. Inequalities of the surface—hills and mountains—force moving air into an upward direction. It is these air currents which the skilled manipulator of a glider takes advantage of in order to climb in the air above his starting point.

Earlier glider records were remarkable, but were beaten by Harth in his trip made last autumn. One German glider flew about six miles, and in the course of the flight rose 300 feet above its starting point. But the landing point was fully 1,500 feet below the starting point, and the flight last-

ed a much shorter time than Harth eventually was able to accomplish. Later on another German kept a powerless plane in the air about 15 minutes.

The great accomplishment made by Harth, though, was not so much the time record he made and the actual ascent into the air without power, as the fact that the plane from start to finish of the flight, "lost altitude" or came down, at the rate of only about two feet a minute.

The machine used by Harth did not have a rudder to guide it. This had been dispensed with, and movable wing tips used. Without any effort on the part of the aviator, the Harth machine heads into the wind when it changes direction. On the day when his great record was made, the wind was said to be blowing in gusts, and changing direction often. The machine headed into the wind whenever such a change came. So slight was the inclination of the ground that observers of the flight asserted that upward currents of wind had little to do with the climbing of the machine.

Little Power Needed.
About a 20-mile wind was blowing when this noteworthy feat was performed. Aeronautical experts say that very little power for artificial propulsion would be needed in a light plane built along the lines of a soaring bird to give the same lift as that acquired from a moderate wind.

The "wing loading" of the German gliders is little. By this term is meant the weight sustained by each square foot of wing area. The machine is in flight. The gliders best known have wing areas ranging from 160 to 175 square feet. Assuming that the average flyer weighs 165 pounds, the wing loading varies from about two pounds per square foot to one pound. The Harth machine weighs about an even hundred pounds, probably the lightest of the gliders. Having a wing area of 165 square feet, the wing loading is just about 1 1/4 pounds per square foot when a 165 pound man is being carried.

Naturally, the development of the glider is as much in its infancy as

power driven airplanes were in the days of the first machine, which was pushed from the rear by propellers. Nineteen years have witnessed amazing development since the pioneering done by the Wright brothers in the face of public ridicule. The next decade may witness the merging of the glider into the low-powered, low-priced flying machine within the reach of the ordinary pocketbook. It would not be fast, but would have compensating advantages of ascending into the air at very low speed and the ability to land almost anywhere at about the same velocity, instead of requiring regular flying fields for both starting and ending flights.

TENOR IS MAKING RAPID
PROGRESS TO RECOVERY

NEW YORK, April 18.—John McCormack is making progress toward recovery from his serious illness. His physician declared today that Mr. McCormack was doing very nicely, having continued the improvement noted in his condition yesterday.

Girls Wear Bobbed Hair,
Earplugs, 2,500 Years Ago

(By Associated Press.)
BERKELEY, Calif., April 18.—Bobbed hair and earplugs were fashionable 2,500 years ago, according to the results of an investigation conducted here by students of the University of California, who recently produced "The Vision of Marpessa," a Grecian outdoor pageant.

Several of the girls had demurred at taking part because they feared their bobbed locks would not look sufficiently ancient. An investigation was started and the students and their faculty advisors found that the Greek women of centuries ago bobbed their hair, used earplugs and also resorted to brilliantine and other beauty aids on occasion.

Bread made of clay, grass and moss, as eaten by the victims of the Russian famine, was recently exhibited at Riga.

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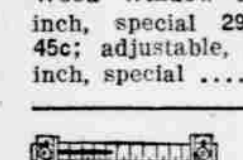


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