

Agitation To Remove Maine Fountain Recalls History

Former Popular Spot Provided by Fund From Ensign Will

Recent renewed agitation to remove the horse watering fountain in the center of Maine street, just east of the southeast corner of the public square, recalls its history.

When Herman Lee Ensign, noted horseman and owner in his time of a string of race horses, died, he left a will which in reality founded the National Humane alliance.

The will set aside a sum of money, sufficient for the establishment of watering fountains for horses in every state in the union.

In 1910, twenty years ago, a group of Enid residents made application for Oklahoma's portion of this fund to establish here a watering fountain. After the preliminaries were disposed of, the money became available and in that year the fountain was erected.

At the time it was considered the most popular place in Enid. Farmers for miles drove their horses to the fountain when they came to Enid and let them fill of the city's pure water.

Then the automobile came in numbers. The horse age gave way to motor age. This was a comparatively rapid process, for within a few years the fountain was used by only a few compared to the days when there were four pumps on the square with wooden candy buckets hanging on their spouts for farmers to use in watering their horses.

The four pumps have gone the way of other useful accessories that have outlined their usefulness. Now the city officials are confronted with two situations—residents who want the fountain removed and those, for sentiment sake, wish to see it remain.

OBUCH RE-ELECTED TO LAMONT SCHOOL

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LAMONT, May 28.—Teachers hired for the next term of school here will be under the direction of W. A. Obuch who returns as superintendent. He has held this position for eight years.

Teachers for the grades are: Jean Whitla, Marian Sarr, Dorothy Weibel, and Marie Martin. Clarence Strome will teach the seventh and eighth grades and have charge of the athletes.

The following are the high school instructors: Lois Hamburg, Home Economics; Ruth White, English; Christine Tucker, Spanish and mathematics; Wick G. Beckham, history and science, E. L. Strickland, vocational agriculture. Commerce instructors have not been secured.

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