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## DISTRICT CONTESTS BEGIN THIS WEEK

Friday night, the first of the district declamatory contests will be held at Granger, Sharon, Medina and Granger will meet there in a triangular fight for the supremacy. Sharon will be represented in dramatic reading by Miss Alta Bennett and in oratory by Walter Brown who will strive for honors. Granger high school will depend upon Lucille Joachim in dramatic reading. She will speak "The Stray Sunbeam," and Paul Young, of the same school, will give Charles Sumner's Oration, "The True Grandeur of Nations."

Medina will have but one representative in the contest, Miss Anna Bigelow, who will speak Gilbert Parker's "The Going of the White Swan."

From this contest two winners will be chosen to compete for the county prize of two fine cups given by the local banks, and for the two twenty-five dollar prizes, given by the Old Phoenix Bank of Medina.

On Friday night of this week Liverpool schools will hold their local contest. Six boys are entered in oratory and nine girls in declamation. This will be the largest local contest in the county. The following program will be given: Music; Offensive War (John Randolph) by John Otterbacher; On withdrawing from the Union (Jefferson Davis) by Herman Roth; The House divided against itself, (Abraham Lincoln) by Harold Schaeffer; Give me liberty, or give me death (Patrick Henry) by John Frank; Mark Antony's Speech (Shakespeare) by Selin Hoppe; Spartacus to the Gladiators, by Vernon Warner; music; The village Oracle (J. L. Harbour), by Muriel Pohnzell; The Silver Bell (Julia D. Pratt) (by Frances Troxell); Counting Eggs (Anon) by Ruth C. Stokoski; The Last Hymn (Mrs. M. Farmington) by Ella Yost; The New Minister (Anon) by Lillie Hudson; Mrs. Butler's Silver Wedding (Morris Wade), by Esther Roth; The Engineer's Story (Eugene J. Hall), by Pauline Baisch; Cigarette's Ride and Death (Ouida), by Gladys Martin; The Happy Little Cripple (J. W. Riley), by Rosa Valek; music.

Spencer's contest was scheduled for Friday night, March 30, but owing to an epidemic of the mumps, it has been postponed for a few days.

Lodi and Leroy contested at Leroy, Thursday night. Seville belongs to this group, but has no representative this year. Leroy presented Theodore England and George Lewis Simmons as their contestants. The former gave a declamatory speech, while Miss Simmons delivered Edward Teeple's "Littlest Rebel."

Lodi's representatives will be Walter Brown and Aeolia Jameson.

An interesting feature of this meeting will be a debate between two teams of Leroy students, on the question of government ownership of railroads. One team will be composed of girls and the other of boys. From these two teams of four speakers will be chosen to represent Medina county in a joint debate with Wayne county.

Several townships have already held their local spelling contests to select representatives for the county contest at Medina, Saturday, April 7. Names of all these will be given in next week's Sentinel.

## SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE

The following special musical program will be given at the Church of Christ next Sunday night, the service to begin at 7 o'clock.

Prelude—"To Spring" Grieg  
Miss Kingsbury  
Processional, No. 132  
Anthem—"Hosanna" Granter  
Miss Bowman and Choir  
Scripture—Mark 11, 1:11  
Prayer  
Solo—"The Palms" Faure  
Miss Bowman  
Scripture, Luke 23, 26:56  
Solo—"Near the Tomb Where Jesus Slept" Smith  
Miss Damon  
Scripture—Matt 28, 1:10  
Carol—"Awaken, Awaken" Smith  
Junior Choir  
Solo—"As Mary Walked in the Garden" Smith  
Mrs. Bowman  
Anthem—"Resurrection" Galbraith  
Mrs. Bowman and Choir  
Carol—"Christ Has Risen" Smith  
Junior Choir  
Quartet—"Sing Your Joyful Easter Carol" Smith  
Mrs. Bowman, Miss Sipher, Messrs. Steinmetz and Ritter  
Announcements  
Offertory, Solo—"Legenda" Wieniawski  
Processional, Hymn No. 115  
Benediction.

## COUNTY FAIR MANAGERS GET STATE EXHIBIT NOW

Applications for the free agricultural exhibits from the Ohio Experiment station at Wooster to be shown at the county fairs this season are now being filled. Any official of a society holding an agricultural fair may apply for one of these exhibits, which represent nearly all the experimental work in Ohio agriculture.

## DISK LAND FOR OATS

Unless the land is foul with weed seeds or is an exceptionally heavy clay soil, disk land in preparation for oats is better than plowing, says the Ohio Experiment Station after seven years' trials to determine this point. Yields have been a little more on disked ground, and the cost of preparing the ground has been much less than by plowing.

## CONGRESSMAN BATHRICK URGES BRIDGE GUARDS

Congressman E. R. Bathrick of Akron has written Secretary of War Baker urging that provision be made for the organization of home guards throughout the country to protect bridges, public buildings, railroads and munition plants.

Mr. Bathrick would have the government supply these guards with arms, and suggests that veterans of the Spanish-American war and members of the G. A. R. be put in charge as officers.

Whether Spanish-American veterans will be assigned to such tasks is problematical since federal agents have been making up a list of men serving in that war to determine how many of them will be available to go into the field in event it becomes a necessity.

## MEDINA LAD UNDERGOES A RAKE OPERATION

According to the best known surgeons and medical men of Cleveland, the most extraordinary case that has come under their observation in a great many years, is that of George Abell, Jr., son of Geo. Abell, 625 Wadsworth road, Medina, who was operated upon at Mt. Sinai hospital, Monday morning.

The Abell lad has been in poor health practically all his life, with an affection of the bowels that has never responded to treatment. An X-ray examination at the hospital disclosed the rare disease with which the boy was afflicted. Dr. W. E. Lower, who superintended the examination and operation, says it is one of the very few similar cases that has come under his observation and no less than twenty-five other of Cleveland's foremost surgeons have given similar testimony. In fact, it is the first case these medical men have known, where the patient lived to the age of the Abell boy.

An idea of the seriousness of the boy's condition may be understood when it is stated that eighteen inches of the large intestines was removed, which was swollen to several times its normal size.

The lad would have died without the operation, and it is believed that he will recover. Mr. A. D. Aylard, who has been interesting himself in the boy's welfare, was instrumental in having the operation performed, and is deserving of unstinted praise for such a noble and self-sacrificing act. Mr. Aylard accompanied the Abell boy to the hospital and was present at the operation.

Mr. Aylard was informed by the surgeons that the case was of such rarity that it would be given a conspicuous place in future medical annals.

## MILK PRODUCERS HOLD OUT FOR 20c. A GALLON

April 2, next Monday, is the date set for an embargo on milk in Cleveland, unless the dealers accede to the demands of the producers' association to pay 20 cents a gallon wholesale for a six months period, or unless a compromise can be effected before that date. It is reported that the Telling-Belle Vernon Co. is the one concern that is holding out against the scale of wholesale prices demanded.

Meanwhile the Northern Ohio Milk Producers' association is being strengthened by the organization of new auxiliaries and it looks like the producers will probably get what they ask and what they deserve.

## \$15 FOR BREAKING HIS FRIEND'S NOSE

Although Ed. Lamson declares that he didn't know it was his friend, Blake Kulp, whose nose he smashed with an axe handle last Monday afternoon in Lafayette, until after the deed had been done, he was sentenced, Tuesday by Probate Judge VanDeusen, to pay a fine of \$15 and costs.

It appears that Lamson, Chas. Lance and Kulp had engaged in unfriendly discussion at the store in Lafayette an hour or so previous to the assault, Lamson later starting for home. On the way he stopped to talk with a friend, when presently Lance and Kulp appeared. In court, Lamson says he believed Lance and Kulp meant to do him physical harm and he made use of his club. In the melee, Kulp sustained a well-directed blow on his nose, breaking it. Dr. Robinson attended the injury. The warrant to arrest was sworn out before Justice Wm. Schlechty of Lafayette and was filed with Sheriff Gehman.

## LOCAL AUTOISTS AT STATE CONVENTION

The annual state convention of the Ohio State Automobile association will be held in Springfield on Friday of this week, and, as the Medina Automobile and Good Roads association has a membership in the State association of 167 paid up members, it is entitled to four delegates to the State convention. The following have been selected as delegates and will leave for Springfield Thursday night: Pres. Charles Frank, A. L. Boyden, A. B. Underwood and Dr. H. S. Orr. Perhaps we ought not to mention this, but among other things stated by Pres. Fred Caley of the State association, in his letter to the Medina association, announcing the convention, was that "the Shawnee hotel (Springfield), has a bar a mile long, a small one at the Arcade, and the Bancroft is dry." What a stampede there will be for the Bancroft?

## MISTAKE MEDINA MEN FOR BANDITS

To be suspected of being two escaped murderers, when you are innocent, and temporarily held up by an officer when you have barely time to make railroad connections, is a mighty harrowing experience, but is exactly what befell Corwin McDowell and R. I. Mowrey a week ago last Sunday.

Both had been visiting relatives in Medina and had started for Detroit, expecting to make connections at West Park for Elyria. The car was late in reaching West Park and the two men hustled all over that district to find some one to carry them to Elyria. They were finally successful, and had just seated themselves in the auto, when a deputy sheriff of Cuyahoga county mounted the running board and displayed his badge. The men were frankly told that their description tallied accurately with that of the bandits who murdered Cuyler Mowrey in Cleveland two weeks ago.

They soon convinced the officer of their innocence and were allowed to proceed to Elyria.

The fellow who took McDowell and Mowrey to Elyria, had his sweetheart along, and according to a letter received by Medina friends from Mowrey, he was so attentive to the girl that the car was nearly wrecked several times. The men made connections at Elyria by one minute.

## MATCH WORKERS QUIT WORK AT WADSWORTH

Five hundred employes of the Wadsworth Ohio Match Co. practically the entire force, went on strike Saturday morning for an eight-hour day with pay for ten hours.

The strike was precipitated, according to employes, by the refusal of foremen to give the men a chance to see the guardsmen marching past the factory on their return from the border Thursday night. The men left work and went to the windows and they say they were docked a half hour.

Shopgirls and many of the men were met at the doors by committees of strikers and advised not to go to work Saturday morning.

This is the second strike at the match plant within a year. Employes gained a wage increase of 2 1/2 cents an hour by the former strike.

Sheriff Gehman was called to Wadsworth on Saturday and again on Monday, but says he found no occasion for the calls. The match company says the strikers and discharged them but are willing to take them back if they make application as new men and at the former hours and salary. The company also announces that henceforth there will be no night shift. It was reported Thursday that some of the men are applying for their old jobs, while a large number have found positions in Barberton.

## TITLE TO CHURCH PROPERTY QUESTIONED

A new case filed in court is that of Frank F. Chidsey against the First Congregational Society of Weymouth, et al., in an action to quiet title. The defendant society was incorporated as a religious body, Feb. 26, 1836, by special legislative act, by which it also acquired power of acquiring, holding, selling and conveying property for uses and purposes of the society.

On Jan. 4, 1911, M. O. Perkins, E. C. Wagar and Daniel Huffman, then trustees of the society, conveyed about two acres of church land to plaintiff.

It appears that some time in 1850, one Isaac B. Potter, held an interest in this property to the extent of about 86-100 of an acre, which, in 1885, he conveyed to Lorin K. Loomis. Plaintiff claims that the present trustees, M. O. Perkins, Elmer Holtzberg and Thos. Andrews, as parties defendant, claims an interest in the property as legal heirs of Isaac Potter, and he asks the court to remove the cloud to his title, with the avowment that defendants' claims are untrue and unfounded.

## BRUNSWICK ROAD NORTH

Division Engineer E. Blosser of the State Highway department, was in town Monday and with Eng. Peters visited several localities in the county where improved roads are proposed. One of the more important ones visited and discussed was a strip of road connecting Brunswick with the Cuyahoga county line. While this road is to be built, and part of the engineering work has already been done, it has been known for some time that there is not sufficient money, at the present time, to complete the work. This partly due to the reduction by the State department some months ago of Medina county's allowance of \$15,000, to \$11,000. This condition, we understand, is the principal thing that brought Division Engineer Blosser to Medina at this time.

## MEN LOSE BY 19 POINTS

In the prayer meeting attendance contest which closed on Thursday evening of last week at the Congregational church, the women won by 19 points and they admit that it was not an easy victory. The final standing was as follows: Women, 471 points; men 452 points. There were 236 persons present at the closing meeting of the contest. The church regards this as its high water mark and justly asks, "Where is the church in Ohio that can beat it?"

Last evening the men of the church entertained the women. There was a social gathering at 6:30, and supper at 7. The occasion was both pleasant and profitable.

## ENGINEER PETERS RESIGNS OFFICE

County Engineer Wm. F. Peters, who is serving his second term, resigned, Monday, his resignation to take effect April 1. To those closely associated with Mr. Peters, his resignation comes as no surprise. Recently he moved his family to Akron and it was commonly known that he was making arrangements for new work, at least as soon as his present tenure as county surveyor ended, in September. The County Commissioners accepted his resignation and at once notified State Highway Commissioner Clinton Cowen, requesting that County Surveyor-elect Walter Bibbins be appointed to fill the unexpired term, also be given the appointment of resident engineer for state work.

Mr. Peters has been a capable official and his many Medina friends wish him the best of fortune.

## AGED ERHART MAN CALLED BY DEATH

Frederick Born, 75, one of the oldest residents of Erhart, died at his late home, one-half mile north of the business section Monday night at 7 o'clock, the result of a stroke of paralysis. It was the second stroke he had suffered, the previous one occurring about three weeks ago.

He was the son of the late Frederick Born, who for several years resided in York, but who removed with his family to Erhart sixty years ago. The deceased, with his brother Jacob and sister Mary, had operated the farm where he died ever since the death of the father, and are reputed as one of the wealthiest families in Liverpool township. Neither of the brothers nor the sister ever married. Besides the brother and sister, who made their home with the deceased, there survive the following other brothers and sisters: Elizabeth Siegrist, Margaret Siegrist, Joseph, Leopold and Andrew Born of Mercer county, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at St. Martin's Catholic church, Liverpool, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Kitter officiating. Burial in St. Martin's churchyard.

## FEW CHANGES IN SCHOOL LAWS MADE

The Legislature, which has just adjourned, like its predecessor of 1915 contented itself in making but few changes in the school code and those few amendments were mainly in the direction of strengthening the present system, rather than of destroying it.

A host of school bills were introduced, but only a few were reported out of committee, and of these a still smaller number were placed on the calendar by the Steering committee during the last few days of the session.

The bills introduced covered almost every phase of the present school code. Some of them were frankly intended to destroy the efficiency of the present school law; others looked good on the outside, but in spite of their fair exterior, there was an Ethiopian in the lumber pile, whose presence could be detected only by the most careful search. However, all these colored gentlemen were smoked out by the school committee and the bills were pigeon-holed.

A goodly number of bills were introduced to strengthen the code in various parts, but only a few of these received much consideration.

A strong effort was made to take the election of county board members away from the boards of education, as conducted at present, and elect by popular vote. This measure was lost by an overwhelming vote in the House, the members evidently feeling that the present plan is keeping the county system out of politics in a very satisfactory way.

Section 4740 was amended in such a way that only those townships which have fully centralized school systems and maintain first grade high schools are allowed to remain out from under district supervision.

The Danforth Law, which allowed a teacher to teach one year without Normal training, was repealed, and next September no new teacher may begin teaching who has not had at least six weeks of Normal work.

The minimum salary was changed from forty to fifty dollars per month in the grades, and from seventy to eighty in the high schools.

In order to take care of this increased cost the Crawford Bill, increasing the amount of state money from \$2 per enumerated youth, to \$6 per pupil, based on actual attendance, passed the Senate almost unanimously, but failed to come to a vote in the House.

The State department was authorized by one of the provisions of the Baker-Palmer bill, to recognize high schools when the plan provides for six years of grade work, three years of Junior high school, and three years of Senior high school study, with considerable change in courses of study in what are now the seventh and eighth grades.

The present school code, passed by the extra session of 1914, has now passed through the storms and perils of two legislatures, one Republican and the other Democratic, and emerges in fairly good shape. It is safe to predict that the essential features of the law are here to stay, and future legislatures will probably direct their efforts to the removal of friction in its minor operation.

## AUTO ASSOCIATION TO REVIEW NEW LAWS

Two laws intended to conserve safety on the public highways which were enacted by this year's legislature, will be revived at the annual convention of the Ohio State Automobile association to be held in Springfield March 30 and 31.

The first of these requires all vehicles to carry lights, and the second is intended to remedy the headlight glare.

It is believed many collisions between horse-drawn vehicles and motor cars will be avoided as a result of the Terrell law requiring wagons and buggies, as well as self-propelled vehicles, to carry lights visible front and rear.

The second safety requirement is that headlights be dimmed when passing another vehicle.

## RAISE MORE PRODUCE SAYS GOVERNOR COX

Tuesday Governor Cox issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of Ohio to prepare for war by conserving natural resources and by intensive farming and gardening.

The proclamation of the governor is as follows:

"It is unnecessary to elaborate on the turbulent conditions of the world. We are so closely related to them that any surrender to the free and easy idea that things will turn out all right would be plain incompetence.

"We are mobilizing our men, conserving our finance, protecting our public works, and resorting to the means of defense which experience suggests, but there seems to be no thoughts as to the importance of intensifying the energy of the soil.

"In our vast domain of fertile fields there will be thousands of wasted acres, notwithstanding the prices in prospect should give spur to thrift and an understanding of the importance of the elements of food should stir our patriotic endeavor.

"A movement should be inaugurated at once in every community, rural and city, so that the facilities which nature has given us may be availed of to the utmost.

"Tractors can be purchased for the price of three teams of horses or mules and the output is considerably more. They can be operated by night and by day. We can, if we bestir ourselves now in the planting season, give a good account of Ohio. She has always done her part in time of hazard, and it behooves this generation, moved by the simple suggestion of modern devices, to make it worthy of the fathers who gave us what we have.

"I, therefore, by authority vested in me as governor of the state, call upon everyone in Ohio to prepare to do his part as here suggested."

## HERE'S CHANCE FOR NAVAL APPOINTMENT

Congressman E. R. Bathrick announces that he has one vacancy to fill in Annapolis Naval Academy. He will appoint a principle and three alternates to take the examination on June 27, at Cleveland.

If the principle fails, the first alternate succeeds to appointment, if he passes the examination, and so on to the third alternate.

Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 20, of good moral character and perfect physique. No political party consideration will enter into the selection.

Information will be forwarded by Congressman Bathrick on requirements, etc. if you will write him.

## JENKS TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Medina County has been honored by the National Bureau of Education by inviting its County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. C. E. Jenks, to give an address before the National Conference on Rural Problems, to be held at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, April 8 to 11. Supt. Jenks will speak on Tuesday afternoon, on the subject of "The Consolidated Rural School."

The National Conference is called to discuss problems in rural life and education and will be opened by Gov. Cox of Ohio, who will give an address on "The Ohio School Survey and its Benefits to Ohio's Rural Schools."

Professor Lester S. Irvins of Kent Normal, will also speak before this gathering.

## AUDITORS AT COLUMBUS

A call for all county auditors in Ohio to come to Columbus on Wednesday for a conference on the newly enacted law for the listing of personal and real property was sent out by the state tax commission. Blanks will be given the auditors to send to taxpayers upon which to make their voluntary returns after the second Monday in April. The auditors also will be instructed relative to the provision of the law on appraising real estate. Auditor Geo. McNeal attended the meeting.

## STILL HOPE TO CONNECT WITH WADSWORTH

The proposed extension of the C. S. & C. line to Wadsworth is no longer a myth, according to Attorney Fred O. Smoyer of Wadsworth, who received a letter from F. E. Myers, president of the Cleveland and Southwestern, stating that the proposed extension would be taken up in the near future.

## COMMISSIONERS BUSY WITH ROAD AFFAIRS

If the County Commissioners anticipated their usual weekly triple and quiet talk-fest last Monday, they were sadly disappointed. There was a talk-fest, of course, but not triple. Before the last commissioner was in his seat Monday morning, trustees from Westfield, Liverpool, Spencer, Lafayette and even Medina townships, were on hand to register their needs for money with which to improve the roads of their respective townships.

For several weeks the trustees of various townships have presented their needs to the commissioners, but not until Monday did the officers of the various townships assemble in such a bunch. The plight of the Commissioners was pitiful. There were too many in front of the exit for them to get out, and their knowledge of the intricacies of the Cass Highway law is about as extensive as a kindergarten pupil's comprehension of Euclid.

The road needs of the various townships are unquestioned, and because there is known to be money for road purposes in the county treasury, stimulates these townships to ask that the money be used.

Last June a levy was made for about \$17,000 (about \$1,000 to a township) for the improvement of county roads. Another sum of \$28,000 was set aside for general road improvements, such as cutting down hills, repairing and the building of new roads. Aside from these two sums there is \$12,000 of the inter-county-highway fund. Of course this latter fund can be used only for the specific use for which it was created.

Now what troubles the commissioners, is how to expend the \$17,000 levy they made last June. What they would like to do is to give each township what it asks. That would be easy, were there enough money. Next they want to divide the money as equitable as possible, placing the same in the hands of the various township trustees and let the latter attend to the improvements. But here they are stalled, as the State Highway Commissioner says that where the commissioners make allowances of money to townships for road improvements, they, the commissioners, must also let the contracts for the work. This is exactly what the commissioners are seeking to avoid, and of course they are again thrown into the air.

It is possible the commissioners may discover some means of escape before their meeting next Monday, when, we learn there will be more and larger township delegations in their office than there were last Monday.

## COURT TECHNICALITY DELAYS HIS MARRIAGE

J. Roy Bowman, from whom his wife, Mrs. Jennie Bowman, was granted a divorce on March 13, was married again last Saturday, to Dorothy Leuser, 16, of Medina township, to whose delinquency he confessed to having contributed, several weeks ago, to the probate court, and for which he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs and serve a six months' sentence in the Canton work house, the latter part of the sentence having been suspended. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. S. F. Ross of the Methodist church. Bowman is 36 years old.

It is probable that Bowman would have remarried immediately following the divorce decree allowed Mrs. Bowman had it not been for a delay in the court making a journal entry. According to court attaches, there has scarcely been a day since that Bowman has not inquired whether or not the entry had been made. Once he attempted to get a license at the probate office, but Judge Van Deusen could not see his way clear to issue the coveted document until each letter of the law had been adhered to.

As an evidence of how closely the groom had guarded his own interests, no more than thirty minutes elapsed between the time the court entry making him a free man had been written, and the issuing of a marriage certificate. A wild rush was made for the Methodist parsonage and almost before one could utter "Jack Robinson," Roy was a Benedict again. In the excitement, Rev. Ross neglected to ask the contracting parties whether married, and in ignorance of the conditions under which the groom became eligible again for wedlock, else, it is stated, he would have refused to perform the ceremony.

## NEW MORTGAGE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT

A law recently passed by the legislature will require a tax of one-half of one per cent. to be paid on the face amount of all mortgages when they are left with County Recorder C. S. Rice to be recorded. There is some speculation as to who will be required to pay this tax, whether it will fall on the borrower or the person making the loan. It was stated at the recorder's office Monday that at the present time there was a very small proportion of mortgages that are listed for taxation. This law was passed to get something in taxes from mortgages.

## MINISTERS MEETING FAREWELL OCCASION

The home of President V. S. Goodale of the Medina Ministers' association, was the scene of an enjoyable meeting of that association last Tuesday afternoon. In view of the near departure of Brothers Fritsch and Edwards, the meeting was made a farewell occasion in honor of those gentlemen.