

COMMUNITY HOUSE SITE FOR \$25,000

ROBINSON PROPERTY WOULD COST THAT SUM

Important Meeting Monday Night—Committee Was Enlarged and Given Authority to Incorporate, Obtain Drawings and Decide Location.

A joint meeting of the Kiwanis club and Community organization was held Monday night at the Sylvester library building to discuss plans and to come to some definite decision, if possible, concerning the proposed new community building, and comfort station. There was a large attendance.

As to the comfort station, J. H. Adams of the committee recently appointed to seek a suitable site, reported inability to locate such, except the original idea of erecting it on the park which seems to have met with considerable disfavor. Considerable discussion followed, many voicing the opinion that a comfort station might be incorporated in the community building project, but no one offering a suggestion that could bring about decisive action at that time. Thus the matter of the comfort station is now no further advanced than at the time it was first suggested several weeks ago.

Chairman L. H. Randall of the Community building site committee recited the long and trying weeks he and his committee members had spent in an effort to secure the best possible location for the building, having investigated all available spaces, and reported the best find as the Dr. H. P. H. Robinson home at the corner of the square and East Washington street.

According to Mr. Randall, Dr. Robinson is loth to sell his property, but after much persuasion consented to do so for the financial consideration of \$25,000. The announcement of this figure came as a palsy to a few of those present, among them the writer, who until that moment had not supposed there was that much money in Christendom. Sentiment was divided as to whether the property was worth that amount, or, even so, if the payment of such a large sum would be justifiable as a matter of good business sense if the building would have to be wrecked to give place to the proposed completely new one.

This brought forth suggestions that the Robinson dwelling, perhaps with slight alterations, could be made to answer the purposes of a community building pending the time when sufficient money could be obtained for the erection of a new one, at which time the dwelling need not be wrecked, but sold and moved elsewhere, or at least some of its material used in the new building.

As it seems to be the general opinion that the new building should be commodious as possible, and with careful regard to architectural beauty, the question arose as to whether an attempt to utilize a part or whole of the Robinson house in the construction of the new building, would not entail a sacrifice in general arrangement and charm.

It developed at the meeting that the Alden property at the north side of the public square, now owned by the local Masonic order, could be secured, also the site committee had previously been unable to obtain an option. That this site is a most excellent one was generally conceded, and that it can be secured for much less money than the Robinson property, appealed to a number, especially as the sacrifice in case of the ultimate wrecking of the old building would be comparatively nominal.

While the consensus of thought was that the community building should be erected on the public square, it is the opinion of some that a site adjacent to the square would be equally satisfactory, while entailing appreciably less expense.

Thus, like the comfort station, the question of the community building was left in status quo. However, the suggestion that the site committee of five members be increased to seven, with full authority to take out under the state law incorporation papers, not for profit; to determine the matter of location and the obtaining of architectural drawings, was put to a vote and unanimously carried.

President Harold Zigler named as the two new members of the committee, E. B. Spitzer and Blake McDowell. The other members are L. H. Randall, W. C. Smith, John Moore, D. S. Longacre and H. P. H. Robinson.

LEROY P. M. SECOND IN STATE CONTEST

The contest of the Ohio War Savings Committee in which a \$2500 automobile was offered to the Ohio postmaster selling the most War Savings Stamps per capita during the months of June, July and August, came very near to being won by a Medina county man.

Frank Hagerman, postmaster at Stafford, Monroe county, a fourth class office, won the machine, and W. W. Daniels, postmaster at Leroy, this county, was second.

Hagerman, who serves only 171 people and whose office is located in a village which does not boast even a branch railroad, won out over the postmasters of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and other large Ohio cities, his sales of \$127 for every man, woman and child in Stafford setting a nation-wide record. The entire population of Daniels' ballwick numbers less than 250, the amount of sales on which he gained second place in the state contest being \$52.64.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AT KIWANIS LUNCHEON

Upward of one hundred members and guests were at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis club last Friday at St. Paul's parish house, about half of which number were Ohio beekeepers, who were in Medina to attend the annual field meet of the State Beekeepers' association, held at the plant of the A. I. Root Co.

There were no set addresses, but Prof. Jonathan Rigdon, president of Central Normal College, Danville, Ill., an instructor at the Medina county teachers' institute held here last week, made a brief talk, as did J. B. Donahy, cartoonist of the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. Donahy, modestly disclaiming ability as a public speaker, stated that he would be glad to express himself by his usual and only means—the pencil, and proceeded to do so greatly to the pleasure of all. He made life-size, half-minute sketches of Sam Brainard, Dawson Longacre, Dr. Orr and Rev. R. K. Caulk, so life-like that the caricatures all but spoke. Each carried a broad grin that the artist reproduced with the same fidelity to nature as the figures themselves.

Among the many present from other cities was Mr. Alexander Livshitz, president of the Beekeepers' association of Palestine, and a resident of Jaffa. Mr. Livshitz was introduced to the club members and guests, but ignorance of the English language prevented him from acknowledging his greeting other than by a gracious nod of the head.

COUNTY SCHOOL BELLS RING AGAIN

OFFICIALS HOPEFUL OF SUCCESSFUL TERM

Teachers Are Scarce Again This Year and There Are Still Several Vacancies—Ten First Grade Schools and Two Second in County.

Practically every school in Medina county opened its doors on Monday of this week for the admission of pupils, and once again the peal of school bells is anxiously awaited by the youngsters far and near ready to join their comrades in work or play as the call goes.

The Medina county school system is composed of nineteen separate units or districts, each under the organization of its own board of education, but generally responsible to the county board of education and the county superintendent of schools. Wadsworth and Medina, according to the recent census, are no longer a part of the county school system, but according to law become separate and independent schools, functioning by themselves.

"The chief purpose of county organization," says County Supt. C. B. Uley, "is to secure unity of purpose and results through a county course of study for high schools and by the use of uniform text books throughout the county system. The state superintendent of public instruction works directly through the county superintendent of schools.

"Only by compliance along these recommended lines," declares Mr. Uley, "can a district hope to get the most out of county supervision. It may be said for Medina county that nearly all districts are cooperating fully with the various recommendations and requirements, and the state department of public instruction there fore considers this one of the best school counties of the state."

The county system contains at the present time ten first grade high schools, as follows: Brunswick, Granger, Hinckley, Homer, Leroy, Litchfield, Liverpool, Lodi, Sharon and Spencer. There are two second grade high schools, one at Chatham and the other at Mallet Creek. Lafayette and Wadsworth townships maintain graded centralized schools. Montville township has a consolidated school at Poe. Two-room schools may be found at Chipewa Lake, Weymouth and Windfall in Medina township. There are only twenty-one one-room schools in Medina county and these are found principally in Brunswick, Guilford, Hinckley, Medina and Sharon townships.

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SIMPLE MIND SAVES MAN MUCH TROUBLE

David Fretz, 54, arrested in Sharon last week by Sheriff Bigelow for an alleged assault upon a two-year-old daughter of C. R. Johnson, was arraigned before Probate Judge Van Deusen for inquiry into the man's mental condition. He was adjudged of simple mind, but not insane, and was paroled in custody of a sister, with whom he had been residing. Fretz made no denial of the crime, nor did its enormity appear in any way to ruffle his equanimity. That nothing further was done with him was largely due to the fact that no warrant had been issued against him, and because of the low standard of his mentality.

NEW FIRM NAME

Mr. O. N. Leach, who has conducted a clothing store in Medina for upward of a half century, has admitted to partnership Mr. Robert Gunkelman, who has been assistant to Mr. Leach in the store for some time, and the firm name henceforth will be O. N. Leach & Gunkelman. Mr. Gunkelman's many friends will be glad to know of his new identity with this well-known emporium.

SALISBURY RESIGNS FOR ANOTHER JOB

FINE RECORD HERE AS COUNTY AGENT

Succeeded By Brant Early, Executive Secretary of Farm Bureau, Late of Mt. Gilead, Ohio—Salisbury Goes to Amherst, Massachusetts.

S. M. Salisbury, who for the past two and one-half years has been Medina county's agricultural agent, has resigned and will leave the work on October 10th. He has been selected by the Massachusetts Agricultural college to become their Professor of Animal Husbandry and head of that department, at Amherst.

Mr. Salisbury was for two years an instructor at the North Carolina college and for three years was Assistant Professor of Animal Husbandry at Ohio State University. In his new position he will have charge of the resident teaching and all livestock extension work in the state. In addition he will be responsible for the college herds and flocks which are among the best at any agricultural college.

In leaving the county Mr. Salisbury leaves a host of friends who wish him



S. M. SALISBURY

well in his new field of endeavor. When he started work here in March, 1915, there were 399 members of the farm bureau and no organized effort had been attempted. The bureau now has 1645 members who are subscribing ten dollars each to the work each year. It has become known as one of the strongest working organizations of its kind in the state, and many of its methods have been adopted elsewhere.

Mr. Salisbury will enter upon his new work on Oct. 15.

The active work of the Farm Bureau will be carried on by Mr. Brant Early the new executive secretary. Another county agent will be sent here as soon as a suitable man can be found for the place.

Mr. Early is a farm bred man who, after graduating at the Ohio State University in 1918, spent one and a half years in the aviation section of the army. On his return he engaged in farming for one year in Morrow county. On Dec. 1, 1919, he entered the employ of the Ohio State University as cost accountant and was assigned to work with the local county farm bureau. He organized the local cost accounting work with twenty farmers around Medina and carried on that work until Sept. 1, when he was elected executive secretary.

His duties with the farm bureau will be developed along marketing lines and will be carried on in conjunction with the county agent activities. Owing to the resignation of the present county agent he will be placed in active charge of the farm bureau work at once.

Mr. Early's place will be filled by H. C. Brunskill, a graduate of Ohio State University in 1920. Mr. Brunskill is a Copley boy, who has had excellent experience in many lines of agricultural work. In addition to being a good cost man he has had special training in agricultural engineering and has agreed to aid in the problems of that type that come before the farm bureau.

HEALTH CRUSADE FOR SCHOOLS OF COUNTY

During the coming winter the Ohio Public Health association through its crusade director will put into the schools of eight counties in Ohio, selected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a system of practical hygiene, known as the Modern Health Crusade. The eight counties are Medina, Franklin, Monroe, Marion, Cuyahoga, Lucas, Summit and Union, each of which will have a committee actively interested in school hygiene, composed of the County Superintendent of Schools, the County Health Commissioner, Public Health Nurse-District Superintendents, members of the press, and a lay woman who can enlist parents' participation in school activities.

The movement is an international one and is sponsored by the National Tuberculosis association. With the cooperation of the homes, the schools hope to equip the child with a set of firmly entrenched health habits. The teachers will protect the children by a morning health survey and instruction in the prevention of disease, by the proper and timely use of handkerchiefs, individual drinking cups, proper ventilation, etc.

YEGGMEN AGAIN AT SHARON BANK

FOILED IN ATTEMPT TO BREAK VAULT

Get Only Two Dollars—Third Attack on Same Institution—Tracked Short Distance Toward Akron, When Trail Is Lost—Detective Enlisted.

For the third time in about as many years the bank at Sharon Center was attacked by yeggmens Wednesday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock, but, as in the two previous cases, they were either unable to gain entrance to the vault, or were frightened away before accomplishing it, taking only about two dollars that they found in an unlocked drawer.

Entering the front door of the bank building by "jimmying" the lock, the burglars proceeded to break off the knob to the vault and with an electric fuse and battery attempted to blow open the vault. Only one discharge was made, the sound being muffled by three feather ticks, four heavy comforts, thirty-seven feds and fertilizer sacks and a 9x12 rug, all of which were found scattered about the floor of the bank.

Either the muffled sound of the explosion or the click of his telephone awakened J. A. Coler, who resides about fifty feet from the bank. Mr. Coler is manager of the Sharon Telephone Co., and it did not take him long to discover that wire connections with the house had been severed. Going to the window he overheard some one say in an undertone, "Come on, look out," and simultaneously observed two men hurrying across the street toward the park.

Coler dressed and notified the bank officials, who in turn summoned Sheriff Bigelow. The latter was able to trace the men by a fresh auto track as far as Woolford's corner, east of Sharon, where the trail was lost.

Hunters from Akron at the corners told Sheriff Bigelow that two men had driven up there and stopped to adjust their machine about 2:30 o'clock, apparently headed for Akron. Sheriff Bigelow went to Akron and reported the case to the police department of that city, who detailed Detective Harry Welch to return with Sheriff Bigelow to Sharon. The former was unable to find any material clew.

Later in the day L. H. Renner of Renner's corners, on Smith road, told Sheriff Bigelow that two men had driven up to Wallace Young's oil and gasoline station across the street from Renner's at an early hour, but soon after disappeared. Later it was discovered that a window at the rear of the gasoline station had been pried open, the nothing had been taken from the inside.

MEDINA COUNTY'S 75th ANNUAL FAIR

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY, NEXT WEEK

Everything Ready for Big Event—Stock Entries and Exhibits Expected to Surpass Previous Years—Varied and Free Entertainment.

The seventy-fifth annual fair of the Medina County Agricultural society opens on Tuesday of next week, Sept. 21, and will continue until Thursday, the 23d, and barring adverse weather conditions, will doubtless attract many thousands of people as have all previous Medina fairs when propitious weather obtained.

This is the time of all the year to which the boy looks forward during the plodding days on the farm, and the place where he gains an inspiration for raising better stock and doing better and more profitable farming. Here he learns of better methods of feeding and cropping and sees the latest improvements in machinery, and the results of the leading and more successful farmers of the country.

The fair is a great school for the boy and the tuition is nominal even if he attends each day.

This year the entries promise a better show of stock than last year, there will be as much or more of entertainment, and exhibits and concessions will be larger and more varied than ever before, according to present indications. The management aims to have nothing objectionable on the grounds.

The fair is the farmer's, and it will be just about what he makes it, by his exhibits and his presence. The management needs your cooperation. With it the Medina county fair for 1926 will equal or surpass any of the previous seventy-four similar occasions.

COUNCIL MEETING
The regular meeting of village Council was held Tuesday night. An ordinance was passed authorizing the Medina Home Co. to construct an 8-inch sanitary sewer along the rear end of lots 179 and 180 on the Medina township side of the village. Council also passed two resolutions, one exempting the Sylvester public library from taxes on improvement of South Broadway; the other authorizing the placing of sidewalks on the north side of the property which is to be used by the Akron-Universal Tire and Rubber Co., Smith Road.

COUNTY REPORT OF ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

"The Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Fund," a national campaign for which Medina county was assigned a quota of \$1965, has long since been completed, altho a record of Medina county's activity has not been published anywhere until now. As will be remembered the campaign was put over in a hurry and Medina county had but a brief time in which to do her part. How well she did it, however, may be seen in the following report, submitted by W. C. Smith, treasurer:

Liverpool	\$ 9.70
Brunswick	42.85
Hinckley	31.85
Litchfield	9.10
York	16.70
Medina twp.	10.30
Medina village	360.34
Granger	62.71
Spencer	125.21
Chatham	4.90
Lafayette	28.36
Montville	11.85
Sharon	35.02
Westfield twp. and Leroy	200.00
Guilford twp. and Seville	3.00
Wadsworth village	229.27
Total	\$1,180.99

The total number of subscribers to the fund in this county was 2122. The result compares favorably with the country generally, a member of the Cleveland committee declaring that Medina was one of the best counties in this district.

By far the best record was made in Westfield township and Leroy village, under the leadership of John E. Shaw and his associates, the total amount subscribed there being \$200, with 401 subscribers.

ACTION TAKEN TO MAINTAIN LIBRARY

INSTITUTION NEEDS PROMPT ASSISTANCE

Faces Deficit and Closed Doors—Citizens Accept Duty and Will Proceed to Raise the Needed Amount of Money.

That the Sylvester public library is in sore straits financially has been known for some little time, altho no action has been taken before by the officials of the library for the reason that they have been hoping conditions might in some way adjust themselves. The have not done so and apparently are not likely to, and the matter was brought to the attention of those who met at the library Monday night to discuss the community building and comfort station projects, a report of the latter meeting being published elsewhere in this paper.

The annual income from municipal approximately and invested capital is approximately \$600, while the expenses have gradually been increasing, the not so rapidly, perhaps, as everything else in the economic life, until now the library faces a deficit and the further possibility of closed doors.

The cold fact that something must be done, and that at once if the institution is to be maintained, was put squarely up to those who attended the meeting Monday night, and with the benevolent and home-loving spirit that characterizes the people of Medina at all times, they received the deplorable situation with open arms. That is, by prompt and unanimous accord it was decided that relief should and must obtain forthwith and the appointment of a committee was authorized to devise means of raising a sufficient amount of money to put the library on a safe financial foundation at the earliest possible date. The committee is H. H. Root, Geo. M. Denton, J. T. Calvert, Wm. B. Baldwin and A. D. Aylard.

Several plans have been suggested for raising the money whereby it will fall lightly on the many rather than burdensome on a few, and a selection will be made by the committee soon.

RED CROSS REMINDERS

(By Sentinel R. C. Reporter)

Medina county fair of 1926 threatens to be the biggest ever, weather permitting. There may be some accidents in spite of all the safety firsts, probably nothing serious, but everyone should know the location of the Red Cross tent, near the west end of the fancy work building, where there will be first aid equipment and the Red Cross nurse.

Miss Wells, executive secretary, will also be present to discuss matters of insurance, compensation and vocational training, or other problems of ex-service men.

Besides the first aid there will be boiled water for babies (don't let them drink water from the old pump), and Miss Hanna will answer any questions about babies' welfare.

A large supply of literature on matters pertaining to health, and on the welfare of children will be on hand for free distribution to all who are interested.

Make the Red Cross tent your headquarters.

BUYS BROTHER'S INTEREST
The clothing firm of Thos. Ferriman & Son underwent a change Thursday, whereby Myron H. Ferriman disposed of his interest in the business to his brother Tom, thus the erstwhile firm name remaining the same. The retiring member of the firm has no definite plans for the future at this time.

BEEKEEPERS HERE FROM EVERYWHERE

ANNUAL FIELD MEET AT ROOT CO. PLANT

Noted Speakers Here and Visitors from Palestine and Brazil Among Hundreds From All Parts of Ohio—Cartoonist Donahy Delights Crowd.

Activity at the A. I. Root Co. last Friday was on a par with the best efforts of the notoriously busy insect upon which this company has erected its mammoth industry and fame throughout the civilized world.

The occasion was the annual field meet of the Ohio Beekeepers association, and but for untoward weather conditions the attendance would probably have been at least fifty per cent. greater. As it was there were approximately five hundred visitors from all parts of the state, and the program of speaking and entertainment provided by the Root Co. kept interest at high tide from morning till night.

Aside from the set addresses by noted bee authorities, perhaps two outstanding features were an address by the venerable founder of the local industry and the greatest living authority on the honey bee, A. I. Root, who, now in his eighty-first year, stands erect, and possesses the same buoyant spirit that has always characterized his busy and eventful life; and the "chalk talk" by J. H. Donahy of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, himself a bee fan, and one of the foremost cartoonists of America.

In his talk A. I. Root dwelt largely upon the interesting story of his beginning in the bee and honey business, when from a vagrant swarm of bees flying over head he caught the vision and enthusiasm that have made modern beekeeping a recognized industry; and related how his friends and even his family thought him to have "gone stark mad" when he paid \$20 for a single native Italian queen bee. "Strictly speaking," observed the aged bee man, "that was not a single queen—she was married."

Fifty of the visiting beekeepers were guests of the Kiwanis club at luncheon Friday noon, among them Mr. Donahy, who again demonstrated his ability with the crayon.

That the honey business of late years has been drifting into the hands of the professionals was the observation of a number of veteran bee men at the convention. This, according to R. D. Hiatt of Columbus, one of the three state beekeepers, is largely due to the dying off of the farmers' bees the past year so rapidly that only those who could give them full time were able to save their colonies.

Geo. S. Demuth, assistant chief of the beekeeping division, federal bureau of entomology, who comes to Medina Oct. 1, as chief of staff of the Root Co. magazine, "Cleanings," spoke on "The Winter Problem."

"The thing to do in this climate," said Demuth, "is to see that the bees in the fall have plenty of good honey near their winter clusters. By good honey he meant alfalfa, white and alkali clover and basswood, not golden rod or aster."

Memorial resolutions were adopted following the announcement of the death a week ago of Dr. C. C. Miller of Marengo, Ill., who was one of the earliest and best known of all beekeepers in both America and Europe.

Dr. Miller was once a member of the Cincinnati symphony orchestra, was a composer of note and a lifelong writer on beekeeping. An acquaintance and friendship of more than sixty years had endured between Mr. Miller and A. I. Root, to which the latter touchingly referred in his informal talk Friday afternoon.

A group of cosmopolites attended the meeting, piloted by the company's former manager, C. G. Toliafield, who formerly resided in Nigeria and England. They were Emilio Schenk of Porto Allegro, Brazil, who went there from Germany; Alexander Livshitz, who is president of the Palestine Beekeepers Association, residing in Jaffa, and F. Hemker, Barberton beekeeper, who was a member of the Prussian guard before 1910. The group spoke English, German, Portuguese and French in varying degrees.

Mel Pritchard and Neal Kellog, Root company employes, demonstrated how to handle a skunk without embarrassment to handle a skunk without embarrassment brought the live skunk imprisoned in a barrel up to the crowd and hoisted him by the tail. Nothing happened. The beautiful black animal with the yellow scent was as sweet tempered as a kitten.

"It's all the way you handle him," said Pritchard. "You've got to grab him by the tail suddenly and get his back feet off the ground before he can brace them. If he gets his back paws on anything, good night!"

Among other prominent beekeepers here was Chalton Fowls, who raises both bees and fowls near Oberlin. His daughter, Miss Iona Fowles, a "Cleanings" writer, demonstrated how to drive bees out of one hive into another with entire safety.

PLAN COMMERCE BODY
Wadsworth business men are considering the advisability of establishing a chamber of commerce to handle civic and industrial problems, particularly the housing problem, which, because of the city's increased population, is reported, is giving them more or less anxiety. Among other problems which will be faced by the new organization, if it is formed, are location for merchants and manufacturing concerns and the erection of a new municipal building.