

## MOTHER AND FATHER DESERT CHILDREN

### LEFT WITH NEIGHBOR, NOW AT COUNTY HOME

Parents Thought to be in Erie County—Were to Have Returned in Two Days, Now More Than Two Weeks—Prosecutor Has Case.

Cruelly deserted by their mother and father, three little children are now being cared for at the County Home, having been brought there last week from Wadsworth. They are the children of E. Burt Fenton and wife, and range in age from 8 to 12 years, the youngest being a girl.

According to Superintendent Foskett of the County Home, the mother shortly before her departure asked a neighbor to care for the children for a couple of days. The neighbor, Mrs. Thos. Kale, consented, and it was not until the parents had been gone for nearly two weeks that Mrs. Kale brought the matter to the attention of Humane Agent Waffle and the Wadsworth township trustees.

The children are not old enough to realize the heartiness of the parental act, and the kindly treatment they are receiving at the Home appears to have lightened the anguish of heart it would seem they must have sensed when abandoned by the ones who gave them life and whose protection and love they had every right to expect.

The little girl cries continually for "mother", while the youngest of the boys with a veiled spirit of bravado seems to soften his sister's sorrow by exclaiming to her: "Be a sport."

The children were poorly clad when brought to the County Home, said Supt. Foskett, and show plainly the lack of proper care. They appear to be unusually bright, however, and it is believed that if reared in a suitable environment and under wholesome conditions, they would develop into worthy manhood and womanhood.

Where the parents went is not known, and how they could have brought themselves to commit such a villainous and unnatural act is inconceivable to a healthy mind. Efforts are being made to locate the couple and bring them to the justice they deserve.

## TIRE PRODUCTION IS NOW AT LOW EBB

Rubber production in Akron is now at its lowest ebb for the year, reports from there show, owing, it is said, both to operating curtailments resulting from reduced demand and to suspension for inventory. Leading rubber manufacturers say the outlook for the industry has not materially changed the past month. Sales are not increasing and in some quarters there are reports of a further decline in buying.

Inventories will tell the story of the extent of loss which producers have suffered from decline in value of both raw material and finished product. There is a disposition to believe these markets have about, if not entirely, touched bottom, so the inventories at this time will be especially illuminating. Smaller companies some of which were not in a position to lay in such large stocks as the leading interests, are escaping with relatively less losses on this account.

Goodyear with a normal daily tire capacity of 34,000 tires is now operating on a 6,500 tire basis; Goodrich with 24,000 on a 5,000 tire basis while Firestone production is commensurately reduced. Marked retrenchments have been made by the smaller concerns.

## WANT OHIO FARMERS TO GO TO CONGRESS

What promises to be one of the greatest farm-folk meetings ever held in America is the fortieth annual session of the Farmers' National Congress, which convenes in Columbus, O., Nov. 16 to 19 inclusive.

Governors of nearly every state have appointed delegates to attend this big convention. Every county farm bureau and grange in Ohio is urged to send delegates and see that a "Buckeye" is present for every visitor who comes. County fairs and farm institutes have the privilege of sending representatives—men and women.

This Congress is held in different parts of the nation. It is close at home this year, and for that reason Ohio farm-folk are expected to attend from all sections of the state.

## TREASURY INSURED

The County Commissioners recently took out a \$10,000 insurance policy on the county treasury against burglary and hold-up, the annual premium being \$40.

## KIWANIS CELEBRATION OF ARMISTICE DAY

Thursday of this week was Armistice day and the Kiwanis club dignified the occasion Wednesday evening with a dinner at the Church of Christ, to which the ladies were invited.

The affair was a gala one, each one present wearing an ornate head piece carrying the national colors, and being provided with a tin horn and bell with which to contribute to a general badham. Chicken pie was the chef d'oeuvre, of which about 80 club members and guests partook. As usual attendance prizes were drawn, an episode in the life of a Kiwanis club that is looked forward to with interest.

The speaker of the evening was State Senator-elect J. F. Burke, editor of the Elyria Chronicle, who was accompanied to Medina by Mrs. Burke.

The underlying thought of Mr. Burke's address was that the solution of great problems can not be solved by force. That the turmoil of life is largely due to a wrong attitude of mind, and that while a child may be restrained from doing wrong through fear of punishment, his desire to do wrong is not lessened thereby. The speaker's idea was that the mental attitude must be changed from wrong to right, whether in individual or nation, before a lasting peace on earth can be attained, and that the United States by virtue of nearly a century and a half of idealistic national honor, is in a position to impress upon the world the tangible advantages of righteousness in bringing about universal peace among nations.

Mr. Burke spoke for about an hour. This is the second time he has addressed the Kiwanis club, the first occasion being at a noon-day luncheon last July.

## CHIPPEWA LAKE MAN GETS BOX CAR THIEF

A man giving his name as G. S. Billings and his home Detroit, was arrested Monday noon by Deputy Sheriff Hange near the home of John Ritter at Chippewa Lake, for breaking into a box car used by B. & O. section hands.

Mrs. Ritter observed the man loitering around the car and finally went to the lock and enter. Telling her husband of the circumstance, both watched and in a few minutes saw the man emerge with a rain coat and loaf of bread. Ritter with a shot gun overtook Billings and detained him until Deputy Sheriff Hange arrived and took him to jail.

Billings made no denial of what he had been doing, saying that he did not know why he did it. He stated that he had been in the street carnival business for a number of years and was in Medina at the street fair a few weeks ago. He claims to have a wife at Wharton, Ohio. Billings is about 30 years old and was well dressed.

## MINISTERS OF COUNTY ENJOY YELLOW LEGS

The regular meeting of the Medina County Ministers' association was held at the Presbyterian church of Seville Monday noon. It was advertised that the members of the association would meet for "lunch" previous to the session, but when eighteen of the county preachers gathered at the appointed hour the ladies of the Seville Presbyterian church surprised them with a chicken dinner and "all the trimmings".

The session following the dinner was pronounced by a number of the men present the best in a long time. In the business session the ministers of the county endorsed Red Cross week, and suggested that all pastors preach on some Red Cross topic next Sunday if possible. The new county quartet, composed of Messrs. Flickinger, Barnes, McMeekin and Wright sang three numbers during the session, which were well received. The paper by N. H. Flickinger of Lodi on "The Prophets' Commission" provoked considerable discussion on the special challenge and opportunity of the minister today in Medina county. The next meeting will be held on the second Monday of December, place to be later announced by the program committee. Rev. A. Irwin of Medina, will give the special paper at the December meeting.

## EVERYTHING READY FOR RUBBER PLANT BUILDING

Officers and directors of the Akron-Universal Tire and Rubber Co. returned on Thursday of last week from an inspection tour of the four rubber factories in Ohio that are at present manufacturing the company's tires and tubes, and report obtaining some new and helpful ideas in connection with their own plant now in course of construction in Medina. Contractor Frye and workmen have completed grading for the new local plant, steel shipments have all arrived, and company officials state that work will be begun very soon.

## MEMORIES!!



## KIWANIANS HEAR TWO ADDRESSES ON HEALTH

About sixty Kiwanis club members and a number of guests attended the club luncheon at St. Paul's parish house Friday evening to hear a message from Dr. John R. McDowell, director of Lake Division of Red Cross, and a former well-known Medina man. Mr. McDowell was accompanied to Medina by Dr. Clark of the Department of Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

The not scheduled for a talk to the club, Dr. Clark was called upon and his remarks proved to be of great interest. He pointed out the vital necessity of a universal campaign of health and the prevention of sickness and oftentimes death, particularly by scientific examination and treatment of the young, and of mothers before and following the birth period.

Dr. McDowell detailed the aims of Red Cross to bring about the ideal health conditions hoped for, but emphasized the fact that such a consummation could only be obtained when the people as a whole awakened to the need, which awakening must be accomplished by a thorough and persistent campaign of education. Statistics show, said Dr. McDowell, that only about one-third of the country's population, if examined, could truly be classed as physically and mentally normal. This fact, according to Dr. McDowell, was quite definitely brought out in recruiting days of the late war.

Dr. Clark spoke in Seville later the same evening, returning to Medina, where he and Dr. McDowell were guests for the night of Mr. and Mrs. Blake McDowell.

## GOD BE PRAISED

At least one necessary of life has taken a drop during the past week, John Pearson and F. D. Koops, milkmen, announcing one cent reduction in the price of milk, from 16 cents to 15 cents a quart.

## CHICKEN THIEF GETS SHOT GUN RECEPTION

Last Saturday night Oliver Morlock, who resides on the Sheldrick farm, State Road, engaged in a gun battle with a man who was sneaking off with a bag of Morlock's chickens.

Barking of his dog followed by the cackling of chickens told Morlock that something was wrong. Grabbing his gun he went to the back door and fired a shot at random. Immediately following came two shots at Morlock from a clump of bushes in the yard. Morlock saw the form of a man moving near the bushes and fired two shots at it, which exhausted his ammunition. Before he could reload the man had disappeared.

Morlock communicated with the sheriff's office and Deputy Hange accompanied by Marshal White hastened to the Sheldrick home. The officers took with them the county's blood hound. A trail of blood was found from the bushes to the road, which was as far as the dog was able to scent. The thief dropped the bag of chickens in making a getaway.

## WADSWORTH CITIZEN IS STRUCK BY TRAIN

Enos Yoder, residing three miles east of Wadsworth, was struck by an Erie freight train about 10 o'clock on Thursday evening of last week at the South Main street railroad crossing in Wadsworth.

Mr. Yoder was on his way home from a directors' meeting of the Farmers Equity Exchange at the time of the accident. While he was crossing the Erie tracks the fast train hit his auto, wrecking the machine and seriously injuring Yoder. The car was running in low gear and the noise prevented Yoder from hearing the train.

He was conveyed to his home in an ambulance, where it was feared for a time that he could not live. His condition since was reported as improving.

## WHY A ROLL CALL --- NOW ?

Because the American Red Cross is working aggressively for the control of disease, for the upbuilding of the nation's health, and to meet the physical needs disclosed by unfitness for service of more than one half of the youth of the country.

Because it preserves the fine spirit of national service called into being by our participation in the war.

Because, through the Junior Red Cross it develops among our children that spirit of idealism and international friendship which is essential to the future peace of the world.

Because it provides a preparedness against disaster—local or international—and with its experience and facilities, stands in readiness to succor victims of such calamities.

Because the American Red Cross is an expression of American citizenship.

Because it conserves the morale and family interests of the men who serve in our peace-time military and naval forces.

Because, in a word, it stands for all that is best in American life, and is a tie that binds you to America—and with Americans everywhere—for service.

## TWO ORDINANCES ARE PASSED BY COUNCIL

The payment of about the usual number of bills and the passage of two ordinances constituted practically all the business transacted by Village Council at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

One ordinance was for the borrowing of money in anticipation of the collection of special assessments for the improvement of North Court street from Liberty to Union streets. The other ordinance is for vacating an alley 33 feet in width running east and west at the rear of the A. I. Root Co.'s plant, north of West Liberty street.

The existence of this so-called alley was unknown to the present owners, the Root Co., or to any one else so far as can be learned, until recently, when the allotment of a large tract of land by the Root Co. adjoining its plant and extending to the Branch road, made necessary a reference to an old plat of the village, in which the alley was indicated. The alley has long since been obliterated, but to obviate possible legal entanglements in the future it was thought best to have the strip of land declared vacated by due legal process.

Both of the above ordinances appear in full in another part of this paper.

A letter to council asking that an ordinance be passed making it illegal for auto and truck drivers to use cut-offs within the village limits, was referred to the ordinance committee for consideration. Similarly a written complaint against the dilapidated condition of the Northern Ohio railroad crossing at the foot of South Court street was referred to the street committee.

## LOVE FOR WADSWORTH DIVORCE ACTION CAUSE

Because his wife declines to leave the rural quiet of Wadsworth for the noise and "worry of the big town", Frederick L. Jenkins is suing his wife Mary, for a divorce. They were married March 20, 1908, and have five children.

Four years ago Jenkins left Wadsworth for Akron, where he obtained employment. After he had been there for a time he rented a house and furnished it in preparation for the coming of his family. Then he went to Wadsworth and explained to his wife the joys and advantages to be found in the larger field. The wife was cold to every plea and refused to return to Akron.

Now Jenkins is asking for a divorce because his wife will not go to Akron and he cannot return to Wadsworth. He declares the reason his wife will not join him is because she is associating with another man who also refuses to leave Wadsworth.

## NOTED AUTHOR TO LECTURE IN MEDINA

On Friday evening, Nov. 19, at the Congregational church, Dr. Ian C. Hannah will lecture on "The Far East".

Dr. Hannah, graduate of Cambridge university, has been head master of the English school at Tientsin, China; assistant master of Michael house school in Natal, Africa, and president of King's college, Nova Scotia. For several years he was university extension lecturer on art, archaeology and history for Oxford and Cambridge universities. His "History of Eastern Asia" is used as a text book in China. A Japanese student at Oberlin said of Dr. Hannah that he understands the Japanese better than any American who has ever been in Japan.

The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Afternoon club, and will be illustrated. Tickets will be on sale at the local drug stores.

## INDICTED IN 1917; LOCATED IN 1920

At the January term of court in 1917 the grand jury returned a true bill against Lester McDavitt of Litchfield for the alleged abandonment of his four legitimate children, aged respectively five, eight, eleven and fifteen years. Before he could be arrested McDavitt disappeared and his whereabouts remained a mystery to the officials until last Saturday morning, when McDavitt's wife called up Sheriff Bigelow and stated that McDavitt was going to board the west bound Northern Ohio train that morning. Sheriff Bigelow reached the depot just after the train had pulled out, but telephoned to Litchfield and McDavitt was held when the train reached there. He was brought back to Medina and a bond set for \$500, which was signed by B. J. Sheppard and R. Hollowell of Litchfield, following which McDavitt left town.

## "OVER THE HILLS TO THE POOR HOUSE"

### MOTHER AND FAMILY OF SIX CHILDREN ARE TAKEN

Father Said to be Earning Good Wages in Oil Field—Children in Rags, Education Neglected, Home Filthy and Desolate.

At the direction of the Harrisville township trustees, Superintendent Platt Foskett of the County Home went to the home of Francis Spice, northwest of Lodi one day last week and removed Mrs. Spice and her six children to the Infirmary.

The children range in age from 1 to 9 years, and were filthy and in rags, a little girl being clad in her brother's trousers which, said Mr. Foskett, bearely held together. The mother was absent when Foskett called, but was found later wandering along the roadside. There was no fire nor food in the house.

A singular phase of the case is that the father is said to be regularly employed in the Chatham oil field, and earning a fairly large wage. Besides the precarious existence of the Spice's it is reported that the education of the little folk is being neglected and their spirits broken by under-feeding, and the filthy and degraded condition of the home.

The bottle from which the baby was fed was black with dirt, and the mother admitted to Matron Foskett of the County Home that she was ignorant of the proper way of preparing the baby's nourishment. Added to the already deplorable condition of affairs is the discovery that the mother is soon to have another increase in her family.

The County Commissioners at their meeting Monday criticised the Harrisville trustees for saddling the family onto the county until they themselves had afforded temporary comfort and communicated with the father. The Commissioners also directed Superintendent Foskett to confer with Prosecuting Attorney Seymour as to what legal action, if any, is necessary to place the responsibility for the family elsewhere than with the county.

## EXHIBIT GRAPE PRODUCTS AT OHIO APPLE SHOW

Exhibits of 100 varieties of Ohio apples and samples of grape juice made from more than fifty varieties of grapes will be shown by the Ohio Experiment Station at the Ohio Apple Show, to be held at the Ohio State Fair Grounds, December 1, 2 and 3.

The Ohio Show will be held in connection with the bi-ennial meeting of the American Pomological Society, which will be held in Columbus on the same date.

The department of horticulture at the Ohio Experiment Station has been conducting tests in the production of juice from different varieties of grapes for several years and will present data valuable to grape growers. It has been found that some grapes greatly exceed others in their value for producing good juice.

## KNIGHT WINS OVER DAVEY IN HOME COUNTY

By a margin of 50 votes in the county, and 211 in the city, C. L. Knight carried both Akron and Summit county according to official figures given out by George S. Cummins, clerk of the Summit county board of elections, Wednesday morning.

Martin L. Davey, the present congressman, polled 35,319 votes in the county, running nearly ten thousand ballots ahead of his party, and Knight polled 35,369, or about 8,000 behind Harding. In the city Knight's vote was 24,642 and Davey's 23,431.

Under the complete unofficial returns, Davey was awarded a victory over Knight in Summit county by a margin of 553, and in Akron by 321 votes. The reports issued Wednesday changes 533 votes in Akron and 603 in Summit county.

The Beacon-Journal, Knight's paper, conceded Akron to Davey the day following the election by the reported margin of 321.

## UNION SERVICE AT PRINCESS THEATER

A union service of all the Medina churches will be held at the Princess theater next Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. R. K. Caulk will be in charge.

The meeting will be given over to a discussion of the Near East and the serious problem of suffering humanity there. Miss Kelley of Cleveland, who has spent two or more years among the destitute people of the far away country, will address the audience Sunday night.

The local ministers urge that every one who can attend this meeting. There will be no admission charged.