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FIRST BARGAIN DAY PROVES SUCCESSFUL

HIGH CROWD ATTENDS DESPITE BAD WEATHER

All Merchants Report Bargains Are Snapped Up by Eager Buyers Early in the Day—Will Enlarge Next Event.

Notwithstanding that the day was "cold and dark and dreary," Monday of this week, which was "Bargain Day" in Medina, from a commercial viewpoint took on a hue of turkey red rather than azure.

From 9 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon the public square was lined with autos and carriages, and a glance into any of the stores disclosed a large number of visitors, attracted by the bargains that were being offered therein.

A canvass of the various mercantile places of the village on Tuesday brought out the fact that practically every member of the Medina Advertising club had disposed of all, or nearly so, of his stock of "bargains" before the day was half gone. This, say the merchants, was a source of embarrassment to them, notwithstanding that they had no means of determining in advance what the extent of the demand would be.

In a few of these cases merchants promptly advanced other articles at a discount rather than turn away a disappointed visitor. These merchants state, however, that they will take pains to forestall another such emergency by providing a more adequate supply.

A criticism heard from certain visitors from the outlying districts was to the effect that there was no limit to which a purchaser might buy any one bargain offered, and that residents of the village had an opportunity of gobbling up the bargains at an early hour. To this criticism the merchants state that while no limit had been set, and that undoubtedly some buyers took undue advantage of the situation, an effort was made to some extent to check such sales. This situation, too, the merchants state, will not obtain on future bargain days.

The Sentinel has heard no criticisms as to the quality of the bargains offered, nor of the general treatment by the merchants and clerks of those who flocked here to buy. The latter for the most part seemed to realize that the first bargain day was a new thing to the merchants and was to be considered more in the way of an experiment than a sample of what they hope and expect to develop out of the original idea and plan.

Elated and encouraged over the success of their initial attempt, the Medina Advertising club have called a meeting for Thursday night of this week to compare notes and discuss plans for enlarging the scope of bargain day, and devising means of making the next one and those following more attractive and worth while.

The village of Wadsworth followed Medina's suit in instituting a monthly bargain day, and held its first one the same day as Medina did, on Monday. Whether the date was made the same by intent, or not, is not known, nor, in the light of the success attending Medina's initial venture, does not matter.

The next bargain day in Medina will be on Monday, June 6, full particulars of which will appear in the Sentinel betimes.

LOCKING DOORS A PASSION WITH SHERIFF

One day last week the matron of the jail, Mrs. P. C. Bigelow, went to the chicken house to gather eggs. While thus engaged the head of the family appeared at the door of the chicken house, offered some conversation, and made his way placidly to his office in the court house. When Mrs. Bigelow was ready to return to the house, laden with an apron full of eggs, the chicken house door was closed. She exerted moderate force, but it refused to swing open. Violent kicking proved likewise unavailable. Resorting to her well-known, tried and true vocal organ she finally was able to attract assistance, when it was discovered that the sheriff, so accustomed to locking doors and throwing bolts, had absent-mindedly made a prisoner of his wife in the hen house, where, like Macbeth, she had been left "cabin'd, cribb'd, confin'd, bound in to saucy doubts and fears."

MEDINANS IN COLLISION

A quartet of Medina young people had a very narrow escape from serious injury in an auto collision Sunday night about two miles north of Brunswick. Norris Hange and Sidney Davis, accompanied by Misses Helen Bigelow and Eleanor Lance, were driving to Medina, when they were run into by an auto coming from the opposite direction. The impact was sufficiently violent to throw all the occupants of the Hange car to the pavement and badly wreck their car. All were bruised more or less, but not seriously.

Mr. Hange declares he was on the right side of the road, the car properly lighted, and there was no apparent reason for the collision. The driver of the other car was a foreigner, says Mr. Hange, who had little to say and drove on. Mr. Hange secured the number of the man's car, however, and will endeavor to effect a settlement with him.

SPELLING CONTEST IN MEDINA ON SATURDAY

Many Expected to Compete in Annual Event.

Reports from the schools of the county to Superintendent C. B. Uley, indicate unusual interest in the annual spelling contest to be held in the Garfield building, Medina, on Saturday of this week, and that there will probably be the largest number participating of any spelling contest previously held. The contest is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a. m.

The following instructors will assist in conducting the contest: High school—S. H. Babcock, R. F. Howe, Homer B. Wood.

Grades 7 and 8—O. K. Lehman, D. Roy Virtue, Vivian Sadler. Grades 5 and 6—F. D. Riffey, C. A. Hostetler, E. N. Drake. Grades 3 and 4—Paul Warner, L. A. Elisser, Carl Ferguson, M. P. Watts. Additional help may be obtained by the above superintendents from teachers and spectators on the day of the contest.

The contest will be conducted by teams. Each high school furnishes a team of two spellers; seventh and eighth grades, two spellers; fifth and sixth grades, two spellers; third and fourth grade, two spellers.

The contest is to consist of two parts—written work at 10:30, oral at 1 o'clock.

The written work shall be submitted in lists of fifty words each. If after the first round teams are tied for first, second and third places the contest shall continue between the teams, and a second list submitted. The team missing the least words. The team missing the least number of words shall be considered the winner in each group.

The oral work shall likewise be submitted in lists of fifty words. One superintendent shall serve as score keeper in each group and should have the names of each team and record the number of words missed by each individual team. In the oral spelling when a word is missed it shall be spelled correctly by the one pronouncing and a new word shall be pronounced to the next speller. The pupil missing the word shall give his name and that of his school.

Only full teams may contest for school honors. Broken teams may contest for individual awards. Teachers and parents are invited to accompany contestants.

SON TO FORFEIT LIFE FOR KILLING MOTHER

Latter Objected to Love Match With Wadsworth Girl.

Charged with the slaying of his mother, Mrs. Mary Mack, at the family home in Akron on the night of Nov. 28, by firing nine shots into her body, Jos. Mack, 27, was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the Akron courts last Friday. The jury failed to recommend mercy, there by meaning death in the electric chair for Mack.

At the time of the tragedy it was reported that Mack killed his mother because of the latter's objection to his marriage to Marie Schoact, a young Austrian girl who had just arrived in this country and with whom Mack was in love. The girl was in Wadsworth, where Mack was employed at the time. He went to Akron on the day of the crime to get his parents' consent to his marriage, it was stated, and becoming violently enraged over his mother's attitude, slew her. Mack then turned the gun on himself, inflicting a wound near his heart, but from which he recovered.

In his testimony at the trial Mack declared that he had shot his mother because of her propensity for drinking, it being testified that the shooting occurred as a climax to a general orgy of drunkenness at the Mack home.

GAS FUMES INJURE TWO MEDINA MEN

Albert Fretter, superintendent of the water works, and assistant, Archie Eakin, became violently ill and nearly overcome at the water plant early Friday morning of last week, by inhaling fumes of chlorine gas.

Chlorine is largely used in the process of purifying the village water supply, a certain percentage being allowed to drip into the water through a pipe. The accident to Messrs. Fretter and Eakin was caused by a misadjustment of the valve regulating the flow of chlorine, a considerable quantity escaping, which coming in contact with the air, formed a gas of a very corrosive and poisonous character. The lungs of both Mr. Fretter and Mr. Eakin were affected by the gas, requiring the attention of a physician. While greatly distressed at the time, both men were able to return to their homes without aid.

Mr. Fretter's condition was the more serious, he being confined to his bed for a couple of days.

Chlorine gas, it will be recalled, was employed to a large extent in the war by the enemy and allied armies.

NAMED CHURCH MODERATOR

Rev. W. J. Drew, pastor of the Medina Congregational church, was elected moderator and Rev. B. N. Tippet of Lodi was named scribe of the Medina Association of Congregational churches, which closed its sixty-ninth annual session in Lorain, last Friday night. Twenty-six churches were represented at the conference.

WILL SET ASIDE IN \$8,000 ESTATE

TESTATRIX ADJUDGED OF UNSOUND MIND

Heirs of Late Louisa Carston Engage in Heated Legal Battle—Many Listen as Family Quarrels Are Aired.

No court case has attracted more people and been followed with keener interest in Medina in a long time than the one which began on Tuesday of last week and came to a close on Monday afternoon of this week.

The case was that in which Mrs. May Arnold of Medina brought suit to have set aside the last will and testament of her deceased mother, the late Louisa Carston of Lafayette township, who died, on February of this year.

As stated in the Sentinel last week, Mrs. Carston in her will devised her entire estate, excepting the sum of \$50 each to her grandchildren, equally between her three sons, Arthur, Alvah and Carl, eliminating the daughter, Mrs. Arnold, from the enjoyment of any part of the estate, which is estimated at about \$8,000.

It was the contention of the plaintiff that the mother was mentally incompetent at the time she made the will. In support of this contention a great many witnesses were summoned, among them three physicians who had attended Mrs. Carston at various times in the last years of her life, and a majority of whom testified as to various peculiarities and eccentricities of the deceased, and giving as their opinion that she was not of sound mind at the time her will was executed, August 23, 1919.

The privacy of the family home and circle was invaded to its depth during the progress of the trial, disclosing a bitter enmity which had been held by the mother against the daughter and which hostility was likewise entertained toward her by her brothers.

A significant feature of the trial and one which is generally believed to have exerted the greatest influence over the jurors when they came to deliberation was that no motive was introduced by the defense to explain the hostility of the mother toward the daughter, other than that the daughter had frequently taken her mother to task for alleged cruel abuse and inattention to the husband and father, Geo. Carston, during the latter years of his life, when his condition, both physically and mentally, rendered him practically incapable of caring for himself.

The reason for the vitriolic enmity of the brothers for the sister was not brought out at the trial.

The jury's deliberation of the case occupied a trifle less than a half hour, the only two ballots being taken. The first stood nine for plaintiff, the second being unanimous for her.

By the verdict the situation automatically becomes the same as if no will had ever been drawn and Mrs. Arnold will receive one-fourth, or an equal share with her three brothers of the estate.

MANY FARMERS READY TO APPLY FOR FARM LOANS

Medina County Association Met Last Saturday.

That Medina county farmers are ready to avail themselves of all the financial loans the government is able to grant them under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan act, has been manifest for some time, and was again in evidence last Saturday afternoon, when the Medina County Farm Loan association met at the office of the secretary and treasurer, W. P. Ainsworth.

The other members of the association are R. O. Fuller, president; S. H. Hoddinott, O. H. Wertenberger, Albert Kratzer, and C. H. Oberholzer. Unfortunately for many who were ready to make application for loans on Saturday, only eight could be accommodated at that time, as that was the extent of the application blanks sent to Secretary Ainsworth from the Federal Bank at Louisville. The total amount applied for by the eight lucky ones Saturday was \$40,000, ranging in amounts from \$1,200 to \$10,000.

Secretary Ainsworth states that more blanks will arrive soon to accommodate the twenty or more farmers who have already signified their desire to obtain loans.

As soon as the applications have been properly made out and received at the Federal Loan Bank at Louisville, the latter will send an appraiser here to examine and pass upon the farm securities of the applicants. If they are found satisfactory, the loans will follow soon afterward.

COW TESTER ON THE GROUND

Those interested in cow testing record work will be glad to know that a man has been secured as tester in the person of Mr. G. S. Zimmerman. He comes to Medina county highly recommended having had considerable experience in testing work.

Already there are more than enough men for one association and an effort is being made to organize another.

Since last week the following men have been secured: M. L. Fuller, C. F. Fuller, A. G. Fuller, R. F. Mantz, Spencer; H. C. Gates, Wadsworth, and Clair L. Miller of Granger.

DEATH REMOVES WILLIAM F. ULMER

FOLLOWING ILLNESS OF SEVERAL MONTHS

Had Resided in Medina County All His Life and in Medina Village For Fifteen Years—Successful Business Man.

William F. Ulmer, a well-known and respected citizen of Medina, died Monday morning at 2 o'clock, at his home, 324 West Liberty street, the cause of death being cancer of the face and jaw, from which Mr. Ulmer had been in steadily failing health since November of last year.

The deceased was a life-long resident of Medina county. He was born in Abbotsville, April 13, 1857, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ulmer. The father died some years ago, while the mother is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Bartholomay, in Medina.

The greater part of Wm. Ulmer's life was spent as a farmer in the community where he was born, and from which he was able to retire about fifteen years ago, when he removed to Medina village, where he engaged to some extent in the real estate business.

He is survived by a widow, mother, four brothers, George and Albert of Abbotsville, Chas. and Fred of Cleveland; four sisters, Mrs. Hattie Bidle, Mrs. Oecia Gibson and Miss Viola Bartholomay of Medina; one daughter, Mrs. Clara Hallock, and one son, Walter, both of Medina.

Funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Caulk of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and interment made in Spring Grove cemetery.

TALK TAXES AND ROADS AT DISTRICT MEETING

The first meeting of the eighth district including Medina, Wayne, Summit and Ashland counties convened in the Farm Bureau offices at Akron on Saturday, April 30.

Medina county was represented by Paul P. Elliott, Director of the eighth district; R. E. Lance, R. W. Strong, S. B. Stoddard, E. W. Nettleton, Carl Abbott, Harley Brunsell, Brant Early and R. H. Halderman.

Considerable discussion took place on the functioning of the local legislative committees. It was held that more study and thought should be given to legislative matters in order that the farmers would be better able to pass judgment on the various bills. Public discussion was encouraged.

The taxation muddle was discussed to some extent. Also the road question. All were of the opinion that these topics should be given a prominent place on the former institute program. The State Farm Bureau will be asked to investigate the original cost, maintenance and durability of the various types of main and secondary roads. There was a strong feeling expressed that a limit should be placed and enforced on trucks traveling over county roads.

There was further discussion on the following subjects: Marketing of dairy products; Women's part in the farm bureau program; Publicity to the consuming public; Livestock shipping associations; Cooperation between the county Farm Bureaus and the elevators. The next district meeting will be held at Ashland at the call of the Director.

MINISTERS TO ENTERTAIN

In place of the regular May meeting of the Medina County Ministerial association, the pastors of the county are entertaining laymen and their ladies at a special meeting to be held in Leroy on Monday, May 9. There will be the usual dinner together after which Dr. W. W. Bustard of Cleveland will give a short talk, directed especially to the leaders of local churches and their work.

Following the dinner there will be a general public meeting in the Leroy auditorium attended by the dinner guests and the public at large. A very fine musical program has been arranged, including anthems by the Leroy chorus, Jean C. Hiestand, director; selections by the Men's Glee club, and a rendition of Titi's "Serenade," for flute, cornet and piano.

As every active church in the county will be represented by one to four guests including its pastor; and a large attendance of local people as well is expected at the general meeting, the evening gives promise of being one of the best programs ever arranged by the Ministerial association.

WHO TOOK THE BELL?

The bell of the old Methodist church at Hinckley was taken from the belfry by persons unknown last Friday night and its whereabouts is still a mystery. The bell is an exceptionally fine one, very large, weighing eight hundred or more pounds. The church building has not been used for some time and with the bell had been advertised for sale, it having been decided by the Methodist District Board that the parishoners of the Hinckley church join forces with the Brunswick church. This arrangement, it is reported, is unsatisfactory to many Hinckley people, and it has been suggested that the removal of the bell may have been the outgrowth of this feeling. Sheriff Bigelow has been asked to try and locate the bell.

COMIC OPERA NEARLY READY FOR PRODUCTION

Local Talent Polishing Parts for Next Week's Revue

"All Aboard for Pleasure Bay" is the call shouted forth to the people of Medina by the captain of the good ship Florida, whose decks will scintillate with flashy costumes, handsome faces and shapely forms, and rock with a heavy cargo of fun, at the Princess theater on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, when the well-known musical comedy, "All Aboard," will be presented by home talent, under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The music is all special, being written only for use in "All Aboard." Mrs. D. C. Babcock, violin, Mr. Alfred Danley, clarinet, and Frank Hobart, piano, will accompany the performance and the Medina Community orchestra will play before the show and between the acts.

Some of the more popular numbers are, "Sweetheart in Every Port," by Louis Best and chorus; "My Dream Has at Last Come True," by Fred Bohley; "The Bashful Bumble Bee," by Lucile Offinere and chorus. Other numbers are "Antidotes," by Miss Leach and Mr. Best, and "Overalls," by Earl Thatcher. Mrs. R. M. Long will sing a solo as one of the specialties.

The principal characters in the cast are: Louis Best as Billy Brady, Dorothy Leach as Dorothy Brady, Lucile Offinere as Beatrice Sloane, Mrs. Harry Shane as Mrs. Sloane, Fred Bohley as Johnny Grady, J. Seymour as Capt. Kidd, Florence Thatcher as Jennie, the Stewardess, Earl Thatcher as Alexander, and Louis and Landou Bartholomew as the comic sailors.

NEW LEGAL RULING FOR TUBERCULIN TESTING

The following communication from the State Department of Agriculture will be of interest to Medina county dairymen:

Rule 6 is modified to read as follows: "The maximum of appraisal on each animal shall be \$200 for pure-bred cattle and \$75 for grade cattle. The maximum paid by the Department of Agriculture to be one-third the difference between the appraised value and the value of the salvage thereof."

"Provided, that in no case shall any payment be more than \$20 for any grade animal or \$50 for any pure-bred animal reacting to the tuberculin tests conducted in accordance with the accredited herd plan."

Rule 7 is modified to read as follows: "Premises must be cleaned and disinfected by the owner under the supervision of a state or federal veterinary inspector within 60 days following the removal of the reactors."

Rule 8 is modified to read as follows: "No indemnity will be paid unless the reactors are slaughtered within 30 days of date of reacting. Owners desiring to maintain a reactor on their premises beyond this time limit for its progeny may have the option of doing so with the understanding that the animal is never to be appraised and that it must be satisfactorily isolated from the main herd until slaughtered."

BAND CONCERT

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Methodist church the Medina band will give a concert assisted by Fred Bohley, soloist. This will be the first concert of the season by the band, and will mark the last of a series of entertainments given under the auspices of the young people of the Methodist church.

The offering taken will be divided equally between the band and the Methodist young people, the latter turning their share toward defraying the cost of a new stop which is being installed in the new pipe organ of the church. The program of Monday's concert is as follows:

- March—"Tri-City" Manker
- Overture—"Alda" McCaughey
- "Forest Whispers" Losey
- Popular Song—"Just Like a Gypsy" Simons and Bayes

Brass Quartet—Messrs. Hartman, Venner, Case and Iper

- Waltz—"Vera" Lithgow
- Solo—"Rolling Down to Rio" Fred Bohley
- "Adoration" Borowski
- March—"American Legion" Barnard
- Cornet Duet—"Tranquility" Barnard
- Messrs. Venner and Hartman
- Valse—"Smiles and Dimples" Skaggs
- "Songs of the Old Folks" Arr. by Lake
- Baritone Solo—"Good Night, Be-loved" Piusenti
- Charles Iper
- March—"American Bandmen's" Miller

FARM WOMEN TO TAKE PART

One of the subjects discussed at the eighth district meeting held at Akron, April 30, related to the part women should play in the program of community improvement as is now being carried on by the various farm bureau organizations.

On May 20, at 1 p. m., a meeting will be held at the Farm Bureau office in Medina. All women and men who are interested in the welfare of their community or township should be present. Miss Marie Sayles of the University will be at the meeting.

COUNTY POPULATION BY CIVIL DIVISIONS

OFFICIAL FIGURES JUST MADE PUBLIC

Most of Units Show Substantial Increase Over Past Decennial Periods—Gain Over 1910 of 10.5 Per Cent.

A pamphlet containing the important statistics of population of the state of Ohio and its minor civil divisions, recently compiled by the Secretary of State from the certification made by the Director of the Federal Census at Washington, and known as the fourteenth Federal Census, taken as of January 1, 1920, has been received by the Sentinel.

According to the census the population of the state is 5,759,394, which represents an increase of 992,273, or 20.8 per cent. over the 1910 figures.

Medina county with an area of 435 square miles shows a present population of 26,067. In 1910 the population was 23,593; in 1900, 21,958; in 1890, 21,742; in 1880, 21,453; in 1870, 20,092; in 1860, 22,517; in 1850, 24,441. The per cent. of increase during the past ten years was 10.5. The average population to the square mile in Medina county is 59.9.

The population of the civil divisions of the county, according to the 1920 census, are given as follows, respectively for the three decennial periods as of 1920, 1910, and 1900:

- Brunswick, 997, 948, 950.
- Chatham, 943, 842, 904.
- Granger, 858, 868, 857.
- Guilford, including Seville village, 1,772, 1,741, 1,779.
- Harrisonville, including Lodi village, 2,192, 2,007, 1,833.
- Hinckley, 832, 871, 840.
- Homer, 662, 735, 764.
- Lafayette, 1,100, 1,143, 1,157.
- Litchfield, 750, 831, 760.
- Liverpool, 1,055, 1,126, 1,092.
- Medina, including part of Medina village, 1,076, 987, 968.
- Montville, including part of Medina village, 2,010, 1,477, 1,343.
- Sharon, 1,037, 1,123, 1,098.
- Spencer, 1,676, 987, 963.
- Wadsworth, including Wadsworth village and part of Western Star village, 5,065, 4,536, 3,255.
- Westfield, including Leroy village, 1,095, 1,028, 1,077.
- York, 828, 908, 983.

The total population of Medina village is given as 3,430 as of 1920, 2,734 as of 1910, and 2,232, as of 1900. Wadsworth village as of 1920, 4,742; as of 1910, 3,073; as of 1900, 1,764.

Seville village, as of 1920, 691; for the decades of 1910 and 1900 the population stood at 602.

Lodi village, as of 1920, 1,240; as of 1910, 1,015; as of 1900, 846. Spencer village, as of 1920, the first census of the village, 627.

Leroy village, as of 1920, 241; as of 1910, 192.

Ohio has 88 counties, of which 49 show increases and 39 decreases as compared with 1910.

The total land area of the state is 40,740 square miles, the average number of inhabitants to the square mile being 141.4.

MEDINA FARMERS JOIN IN SEED IMPROVEMENT

The following men have joined the Ohio Seed Improvement association, an organization of farmers who are primarily interested in the production and distribution of pure seed of the best varieties of farms crops:

- E. N. Whitman and Son, Chatham;
- C. R. Confield, Litchfield; C. E. Dickerman, York; Ira Fleck, Montville; C. H. Rodgers, Montville.

Only those fields of wheat will be inspected for which an application for inspection is sent to the secretary of the association together with the minimum fee of \$3.00, one dollar of which pays the membership dues for one year. If no inspection is called for only the membership fee of \$1.00 is required.

Application cards can be obtained at Farm Bureau offices, Medina.

LIBRARY LEFT \$1,000 BY ANNIE E. SHEPARD

By the will of the late Miss Annie E. Shepard, admitted to probate in Cuyahoga county the past week, the Sylvester Library in Medina is bequeathed \$1,000. Miss Shepard, a former Medina woman, an obituary of whom was published in the Sentinel last week, died in Cleveland on April 16.

WOOL GROWERS MEET

There will be a tri-township wool growers' meeting at Brunswick which will include Liverpool, Hinckley and Brunswick, Saturday, May 14, at the town hall.

Wool exhibits will be judged at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

A banquet will be held later in the evening.

J. W. Hammond, head of the Department of Animal Industry of Ohio Experiment Station, will speak on grades and preparation for market. Programs will appear in a later issue.