

STATE EXAMINER SENDS REPORT

County Officers Receive Both Compliments and Kicks

FINDS ABOUT \$500 IN ILLEGAL PAYMENTS

Similar Findings by Former Examiner Said to Have All Been Made Good

Copies of the report of an examination of all the county offices made by State Examiner Geo. W. Barrere, a few months ago, have been received at the court house. The work of Mr. Barrere consisted in examining carefully the records and files in all of the county offices, boards, and commissioners to ascertain the accuracy of the accounting in each office, as well as the manner in which the laws were being administered.

In only seven cases, the report shows, were there found over-payments to officers, and notice served for the respective amounts to be refunded to the county treasurer. In all of these cases the report makes explicit that no reflection is intended on the integrity of any of the officers affected, the errors found being easily made similar ones being encountered frequently by examiners in various sections of the state.

The cases in Medina county above referred to occurred in the offices of Sheriff P. C. Bigelow, the recorder's office under the administration of C. S. Rice, predecessor to the present incumbent, Frank Styer; J. D. Dannley, Sealer of Weights and Measures; the village of Wadsworth, its Mayor, F. W. Boyer; Marshal Thos. J. Lucas, and assistant, Ben Weitchy.

The amount due from the sheriff was \$93.25, which was promptly repaid. It represented a bill to the county commissioners for fees for impounding dogs during the year 1919. Under the law costs for such services are provided to be taxed against the owner of the dog seized and in favor of the county. Hence there was no authority for the commissioners to pay a bill of this nature. The finding against former recorder C. S. Rice was for \$230.42, the discrepancy accounted for through errors in addition in the cash book. All fees shown by the records as collected have been entered therein, but the deposits in the county treasury in several instances did not correspond with the collections.

Illegal payments in the cases of Mayor Boyer, Marshal Lucas and Assistant Weitchy of Wadsworth, the report states were doubtless made through ignorance of an amendment to the law which formerly authorized the payments. In each of these cases the fees were in connection with the criminal cases of Dominick Cacciola, Phillip Simatio and Herbert Wagner, amounting with Boyer to \$14.70; Lucas, \$9.10; Weitchy, \$1.

The overpayment to J. D. Dannley was \$60.11, for expenses incurred in a trip to the National Conference of Weights and Measures held in Washington, D. C., May 21 to 24, 1919. The bill was allowed by the County Commissioners and paid. There is no section authorizing such use of public funds.

The amount due from the village of Wadsworth is \$131.41. This Wm. Plumb, while imprisoned at the Canton Work house. Plumb was sentenced by Mayor Boyer for the violation of a village ordinance. The bill was a legal claim against Wadsworth village, not Medina county.

Total findings, \$539.99. Findings of former examinations, not previously reported as collected, were paid into the county treasury during the period covered by the recent examination. The findings follow: A. E. Young, sheriff, \$229.78; J. C. Goodrich, constable, \$1.90; R. J. Hyde, treasurer, \$500; Chas. Frank, treasurer, \$7150; Lodi village, \$50; total, \$853.18.

In the examination of every office certain findings were made as to the methods of administration out of harmony with legal requirements, and which are merely alluded to in the examiner's report, with the recommendation that they be promptly corrected.

Concerning the committing and discharging of prisoners, the report says: "Prisoners have been discharged in many instances without any reason being given, and at other times on the advice of justices of the peace, or a notation that sentence had been suspended. The committing court is without authority to discharge a prisoner from jail sentence unless the terms of the sentence have been complied with. When a person is committed to jail until fine and costs are paid, or until he is legally discharged, the sheriff should hold him until one of the following things take place: (1) By payment of fine and costs to sheriff; (2) By discharging the fine and costs at the small legal rate per day; or, by action of the county auditor, county commissioners, the higher courts, or by habeas corpus proceedings.

The county commissioners were the only ones to come in for a good, solid

MEDINANS CAUGHT IN BRUNSWICK SPEED TRAP

While motoring home from Cleveland last Sunday night two Medina men and their wives exceeded the speed limit in trying to keep ahead of a car which, they believed to be following them with sinister motives. The Medina car was driven by Fred Snyder, accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West. Fred maintained supremacy in the race until just north of Brunswick, when the other car, a Ford, darted past him. The latter's car stopped when it got in front of Justice of Peace Eli Peck's residence, the driver got out, and as Fred approached, he was ordered to stop and get out, which he did, followed by West and the ladies after the latter had hastily and with fear and trembling thrust their finger rings in their mouths.

Instead of confronting a brace of guns they merely received the calmly delivered information that they were under arrest for violating the speed law, whereupon their informant, "Bill" Fordham, exhibited his badge as constable, and escorted the quartet into Justice Peck's home. When it was explained by Fred that his speeding was done through fright, Justice Peck's heart softened and he dismissed him with the small fine of \$1 and costs, amounting in all to a little over \$3.

TWO-MEDINA MEN HAVE CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

That two Medina men were not killed when the auto in which they were riding was struck by an interurban car at the junction of Union and North Court streets Sunday night about 8 o'clock, is little short of miraculous.

The car, an Overland, belonged to John Cordas, brother-in-law of Anton Horvath of the Candy Kitchen, and with him in the car was Clarence Hanshue. Cordas who was driving, turned his car south as he entered North Court street at the moment a Southwestern local approached from the south, the head of the machine being well on the car track when hit. The auto was turned completely and, but not upset, because of a high bank of sand just behind it, placed there for paving purposes.

The auto was almost completely wrecked and the rupture of the gasoline tank and simultaneous combustion of its contents, caused a considerable blaze which with difficulty was extinguished.

Both men were well shaken up and scared, but escaped with only a few minor bruises about their limbs.

Those who were present when the accident happened, state that the street car headlight was dimmed, as is customary in passing thru the village.

USUAL OBSERVANCE HERE TOMORROW

The Thanksgiving holiday in Medina will be observed quietly, as usual, with business of all kinds suspended, friends joining with friends at dinner, and an hour in the morning given over to worship by the combined membership of the churches, the service to be held at the Church of Christ and the sermon preached by Rev. A. Irwin, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The postoffice will follow its usual custom of keeping open for a brief time in the forenoon, but the court house will be closed throughout the day. There will be no foot ball game in Medina, the local team playing in Wadsworth Thanksgiving.

DESPONDENT MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Geo. Schultz, employed as a farm hand by William Buffington of Windfall, attempted self-destruction Monday night, by shooting himself with a 22-caliber rifle. The bullet took effect in Schultz's head, but missed a vital center, with the result that the injury proved to be not a very serious one. Dr. H. P. H. Robinson attended the unfortunate man.

Schultz, who had not been feeling well for several days, developed an abnormal state of despondency, and sought the quickest way out.

SLOANE TELLS GOOD ONE

Bob. Sloane, Mallet Creek merchant, relates the following incident which he says happened in his store recently:

"I was startled," says Bob. "to see one of my friends and customers rush into the store, frothing at the mouth and with eyes distended, when only a few minutes before he had been calmly conversing with me before he left the store. Before I could say anything the man, with a look I never shall forget, exclaimed: 'My God, Bob, what's in that barrel?' at the same time pointing to a barrel of soap flakes. When informed, he quieted down and, wiping the suds from his mouth, said: 'The joke is on me—I thought it was shredded cocoanut.'"

A Thought for Thankgiving

Richest of all the spirits of Thanksgiving day is the spirit of hospitality. Preach about prosperity and millions all you like, but certain it is that a man and woman without real old-fashioned friends is poverty stricken. Money will not buy friends. It does attract beggars and parasites. Only the sincere, honest heart makes friends who will stand by one in the hour of need, and warm one to hope and courage in the time of trouble. They may not have a cent to their names, but they have the richer treasure—friendship.

CHATHAM WOMAN SEEKS A DIVORCE

Within the past week another Medina county woman has found it impossible to longer endure the man she married, and has petitioned the court to relieve her permanently from the altar vows.

She is Minnie L. Brinker and her husband is Wm. A. Brinker, their place of residence Chatham township. They were married Jan. 6, 1898, and have three children. The petition of plaintiff cites that ever since their marriage defendant has made a practice of applying to her all manner of vile names, as well as to the children, and that on July 11 of this year he deserted plaintiff and family, since which he has utterly failed to provide for them the necessities of life, and that his present whereabouts are to her unknown.

Plaintiff also asks that the court award her all personal property and chattels, and such further alimony as it may deem proper. Jos. A. Seymour and F. W. Woods, attorneys for plaintiff.

GRANGER HIGH IN T. B. ERADICATION REPORT

Federal Agent Dr. Gillen, who is still conducting tuberculin tests of Medina county herds, submits the following report for last week, and the statement is made that from indications Granger township bids fair to be the first township in the state to rid itself of tubercular cattle:

Geo. Dunsha, 16 tested, 4 reactors; Geo. Hodgman, 28 tested, 3 reactors; Bert Hodgman, 7 tested, 3 reactors; C. E. Harris & Son, 23 tested, no reactors; John Martin, 22 tested, 11 reactors; Arthur Hoddinott, 12 tested, no reactors; Jim Renner, 9 tested, no reactors; Geo. Bailey, 2 tested, no reactors; G. A. Hottenstein, 4 tested, no reactors; Glen Clark, 4 tested, no reactors; M. Taylor, 6 tested, no reactors; Wm. Frederick, 4 tested, no reactors; H. W. Woodward, 20 tested, 2 reactors; Arthur Jones, 4 tested, no reactors.

It looks as if Granger will be the first township in the state to get rid of tubercular cattle.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT STRICKEN BY DEATH

His many friends in Medina were both surprised and sorrowed last Thursday at the announcement of the death of Ben Waters, which occurred at his home on West Liberty street at 1:30 in the afternoon, following an illness of only a few days. The immediate cause of death was given as acute indigestion.

The deceased was naturally of a large and robust physique, active in his work, and of a jovial and rough-and-ready disposition that won him friends and well calculated to set at naught any impression that he was so soon to depart.

He was a native of Guilford township, this county, where he was born 61 years ago, and resided until he came to Medina village many years ago. For some time he was a teaming contractor, later engaging in the automobile-taxi business, which business he was following when stricken by illness.

Mr. Waters was thrice married, his third wife and widow being she who was formerly Mrs. Anna Tibbets of Brunswick. Besides the latter there survive one daughter by his first wife, Mrs. F. L. Rollins of Charleston, W. Va., and a step-son, Fred Tibbets, three grandchildren, and two brothers, Frank Waters of Medina and George Waters of Sylvania, O., near Toledo.

Funeral services were held at the home on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. H. Bryenton, and interment made in Spring Grove cemetery.

WANT ALLOWANCES FOR CLERK AND DEPUTY HIRE

Court house officials have made their annual request of the County Commissioners for allowances for clerk and deputy hire for the year 1922. These requests are based upon the receipts of the various offices during the year ending Sept. 30 and the money expended during the same period. Following are the figures as they appear upon the journal of the County Commissioners:

Auditor—Fees, \$3,023.88; allowed under the law, \$4,414.33; asked, \$4,414.33; spent last year, \$3,891.53.

Sheriff—Fees, \$1,610.64; allowed under the law, \$644; asked, \$800 for deputy, \$420 for assistant, spent last year \$648.

Treasurer—Fees, \$8,265.44; allowed under the law, \$4,599.25; asked \$4,599.25; expended last year, \$1,947.58.

Clerk—Fees, \$1,601.54; allowed under the law, \$640; asked, \$1,020; spent last year, \$900.

Recorder—Fees, \$3,714.70; allowed under the law, \$1,828.52; spent last year, \$2,275.

Surveyor—Amount asked for deputy \$2,100, bridge engineer \$2,000, assistant engineer \$1,000, clerk \$1,200, transit man \$1,000, laborers \$1,000, total \$9,400.

Probate Judge—Fees, \$3,622.25; allowed under the law, \$1,773.35; asked \$900; spent last year, \$720.

Accompanying the request of Surveyor Bibbins the statement is made that the amount requested was merely as a working basis. That because some of his men are not employed the year around, together with a small road program, he believes that \$6,500 would be sufficient for his department. There was also a request made that an allowance of \$2.50 be apportioned to the map department as new wtax maps must soon be provided.

DEATH CLAIMS AGED CHATHAM RESIDENT

Alvin Rice Clapp, last surviving child of Levi and Lucinda Clapp, died at his late home in Chatham township, Nov. 15, at the age of 78 years, 8 months and 3 days.

The deceased was born March 12, 1843, on the farm where his entire life was spent and was actively engaged in the management of his farms until the infirmity of age made necessary his retirement though his keen interest in his life-long work, in community betterment and public affairs generally continued active, even as the shadows lengthened and the sunset came.

On Nov. 25, 1868, he was united in marriage to Martha M. Talbot. Together for nearly fifty-three years they shared each other's fortunes, whether ill or good, each year adding new evidence of the happiness of the union and companionship.

The widow and four sons survive. Edwin has for many years been a railway engineer and lives at Denver, Colo., Clyde is a prominent physician at Baltimore, Md., Charles owns and manages a very prosperous pharmacy at Columbiana, Ohio, while Ernest ranks as one of Chatham's progressive farmers.

Though of a retiring nature that found its fullest enjoyment in the quiet of his own home and fireside, Mr. Clapp served many years in various township offices, always with credit to his fairness of mind and his rare good judgment.

He was also for a number of years actively identified with the agricultural interests of his county as a member of the County Agricultural society. Words of praise are but feeble things in eulogy of the life and character of Alvin R. Clapp. In the same measure that he cherished honesty, uprightness and fair dealing, so do those who knew him best cherish the memory of his life and example.

SCHOOLS READY FOR XMAS SEALS

The Annual Campaign Will be Conducted by Teachers and Pupils

80 PER CENT OF SALES GO FOR HEALTH WORK

Will Provide More Equipment for Carrying on of Planned Hygiene Program

The sale of Christmas seals in Medina county will be conducted by the county schools assisted by the exempted village districts of Medina and Wadsworth. County Supt. Utery will have general direction of the movement. Eighty per cent of the sales are to be kept by the schools for health work. Eighty cents out of every dollar's worth of seals sold will be kept by the schools selling the seals. It was largely through the sale of Christmas seals last year that Medina county was able to purchase equipment for putting on the program of teaching hygiene that has been adopted by the state. It is hoped that more equipment may be purchased this year.

The sale of Christmas seals by the schools of Ohio is endorsed by Vernon M. Riegel, Director of Education, and Dr. H. H. Snively, Director of Health. Mr. Riegel says:

"Christmas seals will emphasize education in Health during Education Week in Ohio, December 4 to 10. Every teacher and almost every pupil in the schools of Ohio is familiar with the little Christmas seals sold each year. They are also familiar in a general way with the purpose of these seals. They know that they furnish the sinews of war in the campaign against tuberculosis."

The State Department of Education of Ohio is publishing a course of study prepared in co-operation with the Public Health Association which should be ready by the first of the new year. It is the purpose to continue this co-operation between the voluntary health forces of the state as well as the State Department of Health and local health commissioners with the schools to the end that every boy and girl in the Ohio public schools will acquire health-giving habits by becoming health crusaders and putting into practice certain rules of hygiene and health which hygiene only teach. In Ohio, Health has been placed as the first objective in the schools. A healthy start in life is certainly the very best thing that the children can have and it is recognized as the very best means of preventing tuberculosis. Since education is an integral part of the Christmas seal sale, Ohio schools may very properly take part in this 14th annual seal sale to fight tuberculosis, and may justly take pride in the part they have played in the Christmas seal sales of former years.

LAFAYETTE DWELLING AND CONTENTS BURNED

The dwelling of W. M. Schlichty in Lafayette was totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning together with all its contents, and but for her being aroused from sleep by the smoke which choked her, Mrs. Schlichty in all probability would have lost her life in the burning building.

Mr. Schlichty was out of town at the time and the two sons, Ralph and Eugene, had left the house a short time before to examine their traps, and had told their mother, who was alone in the house, not to be in any hurry about arising.

When she awakened the room was full of smoke, and this with a loud crackling sound, made plain to Mrs. Schlichty that her home was doomed. As she peered down the staircase it seemed that the whole inside of the house was already in flames. Mrs. Schlichty had barely time to get out of the house without dressing. She is at present staying with her son Charles in Medina. The family are unable to advance any theory for the cause of the fire.

Mr. Schlichty places his loss at about \$5,000. Insurance of \$800 was carried on the dwelling and \$300 on the household goods. Mr. Schlichty says he will probably rebuild, but not before next spring. He has accepted a position in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, not far from Youngstown, where he will be engaged through the winter.

MEDINA FAMILY TO RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES

Mr. A. L. Boyden and family contemplate making their home in Los Angeles, Calif., about Jan. 1, where Mr. Boyden will assume charge of the A. I. Root Co.'s extensive interests in California.

Mr. H. J. Bostwick, erstwhile in charge of the San Francisco office, has resigned to accept a very lucrative position as manager of a sanatorium at Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mr. Boyden will leave Medina in about two weeks for Texas, later going to Los Angeles to remain permanently. Mrs. Boyden and the children will not join Mr. Boyden until after the first of the year.

LOCALS

—The case of Martin Kuharski and Geo. Lisko against Rob. Bowman for \$295 for alleged damages to their car in a collision near Windfall two or three weeks ago, was to have been heard in justice of peace court at Norton Center, Summit county, this week, but was postponed when Bowman's attorney, F. W. Woods, raised the question of jurisdiction, holding that the suit should be brought in the county where the accident happened.

—Lafayette road, from the end of the present pavement running from Lodi into Lafayette township to Medina, a stretch of about five miles, is to be improved, the County Commissioners having passed a resolution to that effect at its meeting Monday.

—A petition to raise funds to put the North Broadway detour in passable condition, in lieu of the practical uncertainty of the North Court street paving being completed this year, was circulated the past week by Arthur Oatman and John Pearson, but not with the results anticipated. The amount needed in all is about \$450, half of which amount the County Commissioners have agreed to bear.

—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gage will entertain John Beck and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Beck, Thanksgiving day.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Branch will be dinner guests of H. C. West and wife on Thanksgiving.

—Willis Todd and wife will spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Todd in Cleveland.

—Medina county Holstein cattle men are looking forward to a big time on Friday of this week, when upward of 100 members of the County Holstein club are expected to meet at the Farm Bureau office and also enjoy a substantial dinner at the noon hour. H. C. Barker, field secretary of the state organization, will attend the meeting.

—Mrs. Eva Warner entertained Medina relatives at a picnic dinner last Sunday in honor of Mrs. Robert Martin of Gallipolis, O., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lemon of West Salem and Mr. Alfred Burdoin of Minneapolis.

—The Harvest festival and bazaar of the Church of Christ will be held Dec. 2 and 3 at the church. Cafeteria dinner and supper will be served Friday, the 2nd and cafeteria dinner on the 3rd.

—The clerks of Ziegler's store had a surprise party for Harold Ziegler Monday night.

—Mrs. Edith Brintnall moved to Lakewood last Thursday.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jason, Tuesday morning, a son.

—Rev. Moffett will give the address at the Father and Son banquet in Brunswick Wednesday night.

—Miss Mary House Davis, who is teaching in Akron this year, spent the week-end with Miss Marilea Gish. Miss Gish entertained Saturday evening in her honor.

—Maxine Brought entertained her cousins at a birthday party Monday evening.

—Frank Povicic of Homer township was fined \$100 and costs last Thursday by Justice of Peace Ainsworth for having in his possession two or more gallons of raisin whiskey.

Carey W. Hartman, at one time U. S. Indian Commissioner, now residing at Berkeley, Calif., where he is engaged in beekeeping, paid a visit to the A. I. Root Co. last Thursday.