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STINK FACTORY MUST DREDGING OF THE WABASH AGAIN BE A NUISANCE

So Long Complained Of or Take a Hike to More Hospitable Shores.

Health Board Takes Up Stearic Acid Plant Problem and Issues Ukase.

The stearic acid plant, opposite the L. & N. station, must quit business, get out of Celina or banish the sickening odors that arise therefrom.

Ever since the plant was put in operation its foul smell has been a source of much complaint from our citizens, and there has been no escape from it. It is right under your nose whatever way you turn. It is irrefragable and is no respecter of persons. Its output of odor has finally resulted in open rebellion and a demand for its suppression that can not be ignored.

The village board of health was called in special session Wednesday and a petition signed by a number of citizens laid before it, the prayer of which was for relief from the odors that meet us on awaking, the meal hour and on retiring, and declaring it a nuisance intolerable.

Upon the certain facts cited in the petition, and knowledge of the situation forced upon themselves as well as those filing the complaint, the Board of Health could not sidestep the question had they any desire to do so, and in a resolution adopted, declared:

"That in the opinion of the Board of Health the Celina stearic acid plant, located in Celina, constitutes a public nuisance, and the same is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, the same to be removed, abated, suspended, altered or otherwise improved or purified within ten days of serving of this notice."

The clerk of the board was instructed to send a copy of the resolutions to the owners and managers of the objectionable concern, putting them in possession of the official action of the board.

This decision of the board as well as

the complaints of the people has no elements of spite or vindictiveness in it, and it is hoped that some means of abating the nuisance can be found without forcing the removal of the plant or its abandonment. It is of general knowledge that the promoters of the concern, before its establishment here, maintained with much of show of sincerity that there would be no objectionable features such as complained of, and it is now up to them to make good or travel.

The public welfare comes first, and a nuisance is a nuisance no difference how well hedged in by dollar and cents.

GOOD MEETING IN SPIRIT OF WEATHER

Between two hundred and fifty and three hundred people, an exceedingly good crowd considering the inclement weather, attended the annual meeting of the Mercer County Pioneer Association, held at the fair-grounds at this city yesterday. The program was an entertaining one and thoroughly enjoyed.

The principal address was delivered by Attorney Orville Raulabaugh of this city. Music was furnished by a portion of the Celina band.

The following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, H. B. Bennett; Vice President, D. H. Robinson; Secretary, R. H. Chapman; Treasurer, Wm. Hansel, Celina.

The young ladies class of Beaver Chapel Sunday school will give an ice-cream social (to-morrow) Saturday evening, at the residence of D. W. Brookhart, four and a half miles west and three-quarter miles south of Celina. The public is cordially invited for a good time.

WHEAT CONTESTS TO BE INAUGURATED

To Be Conducted on Plans Boy's Corn Contests—South Part County to Be Invaded.

State Institute Lecturer Nicodemus and Merchant Gast Listed in Work.

A meeting was held at Lima last Friday, attended by the officers of the Northwestern Ohio Grain and Hay Dealers' Association, the Ohio Millers' Association, the instructors of the Ohio Farmers' Institute and Secretary Sandles of the State Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of discussing wheat growing in Ohio; and it was decided to conduct a campaign with that object in view. A wheat growing contest will be held during the coming year and the boys in every part of the state are invited to enter. The contest will be conducted along similar lines as the corn contest now proving so popular.

J. W. Nicodemus, of Van Wert, a state institute lecturer, is now going over this county in the interest of the corn growing contest and the new wheat growing move.

Mr. Nicodemus met at the Mayor's office Wednesday evening with the local grain dealers and a few business men, who turned out in response to a call for a public meeting. Mr. Nicodemus told of the great interest being manifested over the corn growing contest now on, and the valuable results coming about through the contest. He spoke of the situation in this county, and the fact that the entries of the boys in the corn contest were all in the central and northern part of the county.

Owing to the fact that the southern townships of the county were the best wheat growing sections, he thought that special efforts should be made in this section. J. J. Gast, of the J. A. Roemer clothing firm, and W. T. Palmer, of the Palmer & Miller grain firm, also joined in with this move and through their efforts persuaded Mr. Nicodemus to make a special trip to Chickasaw and Montezuma Thursday morning. It is intended to get the school teachers in Marion and Franklin townships to pushing things along. Mr. Nicodemus while in this county is making a visit to every boy entered in the corn growing contest to date.

State Interested in New Scheme for Boys

Five thousand Ohio boys are wanted to enter a one-acre wheat growing contest this year in Ohio. The great success of the Corn Growing Contest has encouraged the Ohio State Board of Agriculture to promote the same contest in the growing of wheat. The Ohio State Miller's Association and Ohio grain dealers, many Ohio bankers and business men, have pledged support to this enterprise. Many lessons and valuable experiences are being gained from the Boy's Contest on corn.

Ohio can be made a great wheat producing state. The wheat failure this year is no sign that a good crop cannot be grown next year.

The prize to be offered to the boy who wins in each county is a free trip to the National capital. Every farmer's son should get ready to go into this fight. It costs nothing to try. The wheat will grow and the crops will ripen while the boy is in school.

Meetings will be held in every county in Ohio to arrange the details of this contest. For further information address the Secretary, A. P. Sandles, Columbus, Ohio.

The New Bremen town defeated the Celina-St. Marys school at St. Marys, last Sunday by a score of 11 to 8. The first defeat suffered by the two-town nine this season is certainly as bitter a dose in the nature of a loose egg.

YOUNG LADIES OF BEAVER CHAPEL TO HOLD ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

A New P. O. Regulation of Importance

Romantic young girls and boys who like to make "dates" with their lovers through the Postoffice general delivery service will hereafter find this trust larver. Following complaints from all over the country, Postmaster General Hitchcock has issued new regulations to postmasters who use the general delivery system to furnish a statement in writing, specifying the full names of their parents so that the latter may control delivery of mail. Postmasters are also permitted, at their discretion, to notify parents where it appears that minors are obtaining mail by mail under objectionable circumstances.

The board last Saturday confirmed the work of Engineer Smalley in the sale of the S. Decker road improvement to the Lewisburg Stone Co. for \$12,490.

The board on Friday ordered the improvement of the Nickamp road improved in Marion and Franklin townships.

The following bills were allowed:

F. E. Ayers, coroner's inquest	\$4.90
Same, Lavinia Meister	3.80
M. A. Kessen, pay in full for Cassella and Upton bridges	388.00
Elliott Fisher Co., typewriter repairs	30
Mrs. H. I. Schunck, repairing clock	1.00
Yale & Town Mfg. Co., cleaning lock on Treasurer's vault	1.00
John Shott, extra labor on Kessen ditch	10.00
Pt. Recovery Spoke Works, tile Buck ditch	1.20
Orn Ford, assisting engineer	6.00
G. A. Reuter, bridge lumber	20.30
A. B. Grotjahn, repairs	1.25
Jess Boss, assisting engineer	1.00
Clifford Alexander, same	6.00
Chas. Barger, same	1.00
Merle Alspach, livery hire	8.00
Celina Electric Light Co., light	9.40
E. W. Price Co., supplies	1.50
Wm. Beitz, assisting engineer	2.00
H. L. Hight, salary as humane agent	25.00
Western Union Tel. Co., time service	5.00
Myrtle Loughridge, nursing service, caring for Mrs. Jacob Deitrick	6.00
Mrs. C. Scherer, cleaning surveyor's office	4.00
E. M. Smalley, engineer fees	4.00
F. Staumhaug, assisting engineer	2.00
Raymond Williams, same	1.00
Geo. Nettfield, same	1.00
Dale Kostz, same	1.00
P. E. Ayers, coroner's inquest	3.40
Peter Bach	1.00
Leo and George White, labor on Kinard bridge	101.67
Wm. Romer, assisting engineer	21.00
Fred Morrison, same	2.00
Warren Williams, same	1.00
J. C. Figley, same	2.00
Pet Miller, hauling rubbish	5.00
H. E. Schwetermann, extra pipe on Schwetermann ditch	5.00

The Lewisburg Stone Co., secured the contract last Thursday for the construction of the Shingledecker joint pike, located on the Mercer and Van Wert county line. The improvement is six miles long, the successful bid being \$12,490. The pike will be built of crushed stone, with a double track. The other bids were as follows:

Brie Stone Co., \$13,100; J. W. Karch, \$15,800; G. M. & L. H. Warren, Van Wert, \$13,105; H. B. Hughes, Tamah, \$13,722; Edgerton & Bennett, Rockford, \$13,620.

PARABLES OF 1912

Who took your little tooter And then lay aside your horn, And who's got a son with dirty days Will know that you were born.

The man who advertises With a short and sudden jerk, And who the other fellow beats, For like the man in Scripture, That you read from week to week.

We can help you toot your trumpet, We can bring the people in, We can help you build your business, Are you ready to begin?

Moral—He who toots his little trumpet Can withstand a sudden shock, For like the man in Scripture, He builds his business on rock.

[Defiance Crescent-News] About three weeks ago we saw the Anglake Power Co., hydro-electric plant in operation. Workmen are now preparing to put in the floors. Carey & Hall who have the contract for the job have almost completed their part of the job. A drier is at work cleaning out the entrances to the wheel-pit. A relay of three men have charge of a pump, which supplies him air. A rope and a piece of hose looking like the regular garden hose, with a pair of mud coming out of the water intervals, are the only signs that the drier is at work. He is hidden by about ten feet of very muddy water. He goes down twice a day, and staying four hours at a time. His part of the work will not be finished before the end of the week. Plans are being made to build six cottages near the dam to house the workmen who will be employed there after the plant is in operation. Six men will work at an eight hour shift.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Baecher, widow of the late Joseph Baecher, died last Monday night at the home of her son, David P. Baecher, about seven miles west of this city.

The deceased was born in Fairfield County, this state, May 16, 1829, and at the time of her death was 81 years of age. She was united in marriage to her late husband in Hancock County and moved to a farm in Hopewell township in 1878. Five children survive—David J. Baecher, Mrs. J. V. Dyess and Allen Baecher, of this county; Peter, of Crystal, Mich., and A. J., of Sandusky.

Besides the children, she was survived by a brother, Geo. Fenstermaker, of Findlay, and a sister, Mrs. Nell Baughman, of Chatsworth, Pa. Interment in the cemetery near by.

Mrs. Mary Sudhoff, aged seventy-two, died rather suddenly at the home of her son, St. Anthony yesterday morning. Death is attributed to heart trouble. Her maiden name was Mary Baecher, and she was the widow of the late Louis Sudhoff, a pioneer resident of the county.

She is survived by five step children—William, John and Henry Sudhoff, Mrs. Wendel Coldwater and Mrs. Adam Allen of Indiana.

Funeral services will be held at the St. Anthony Catholic church at 100 West Fulton street, this morning, Rev. Chas. Nothel, officiating.

Robert Lloyd Gardner, aged 8 years, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gardner of New Liberty, died at his home at Findlay, after a brief illness. Such is the information conveyed in a letter to this office. The parents are well, and the family of The Democrat in this county who will be sorry to learn of this misfortune.

A woman may be given the credit of capturing the murderers of Herman Rosenthal, the New York Gambler.

She is Mrs. Isabelle Goodwin, city detective, who was responsible last Friday for the arrest of Whitey Jock Lewis, alleged to be the gunman that fired at Rosenthal.

Had it not been for Mrs. Goodwin, police say, Lewis would have been hiding in the far west. He was arrested at Fleischmanns, Delaware co., while trying to slip across the border.

Mrs. Goodwin has the calculating powers of a man, and the ability to act promptly.

In the Rosenthal case as in others, Mrs. Goodwin used her own methods, for which police here have respect.

Mrs. Goodwin's first case, one of getting evidence against a woman's pool-room 14 years ago, is typical.

She introduced herself to women in the neighborhood. Finally she found one who asked her how she liked horses.

After several conversations, Mrs. Goodwin got herself an invitation to enter the pool-room.

In other cases Mrs. Goodwin has taken the part of a scrub-woman, window cleaner, wash-woman, peddler, housekeeper, matron and prisoner. She says she has done it all.

Mrs. Goodwin has a daughter, Margaret, a pretty girl of nineteen, who runs the household for her mother.

Wanted—A good Christian country home for a boy of twelve years old. Inquire of P. F. Dugan, Probate Judge, Celina, Ohio.

LeRoy Snyder and Miss Flossie Mae Miller, prominent young people of Washington township, were united in marriage by Rev. Rice at the M. E. Church, Sunday, August 5, at 10 o'clock.

The groom is a prominent young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Snyder, of Franklin, Pa. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Washington township.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Rev. Betz announces the following services for his congregations next Sunday: Celina—Sunday-school at 8:45 a.m.; German service 10 a.m.

A short business meeting of the congregation will be held directly after the service. It is important and all should attend. Hopewell township—Sunday-school at 1 p.m.; German service at 7 p.m.

STRAIGHT PUNCH HADED OUT

To Those Who Misuse the Family Ticket Privilege—Takes Money to Run Fair.

[By S. J. Vining, Sec'y.]

The Banner Fair will give you more for \$1.00, than any other association in Ohio.

We must have \$12,000.00 to pay expenses on races, premiums and attractions. The greater part of this sum must be secured by gate admittance.

We are asked many times how we can run a Fair like the Mercer County Fair, and admit a man and wife, and all children under 12, for four days, for only \$1.00, when almost every large Fair in Ohio and Indiana, are compelled to increase the price to eliminate it.

The managers of the Banner Fair, hope to retain it. But if they do retain it, here are some plain facts to be remembered.

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