

SCHWIETERMAN

Building Again Changes Hands, Jeweler Fred Olmhausen Being Purchaser.

Jeweler Fred Olmhausen this week purchased from George Weber the brick business block on Main street known as the Schwieterman building and now occupied by the Olmhausen jewelry store.

The Celina lodge D. O. K. K. selected the following officers at a meeting last Friday night: George Kistler, Royal Vicer; H. J. Beam, Secretary; A. W. Fishbaugh, Grand Emir; J. M. Dull, Treasurer; O. Raudabaugh, Mahedi; C. H. Howick, Sheik; Grover Howick, Satrap; L. M. Murfin, Sahib.

MOTORIZING

Of C. H. & D. One of Hobbies of Judge Dwyer, Who Seeks Aid of Celina Business Men.

Judge Dennis Dwyer, of Dayton, was in this city Tuesday and Wednesday consulting with Attorney Jno. G. Romer in regard to the movement to motorize the Dayton-Mandale branch of the C. H. & D.

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CELINA

Will Help St. Marys Inaugurate Ball Season at That Place Next Sunday.

Captain Ellis, of the local baseball squad has picked the following lineup for the opening game at St. Marys next Sunday: McComb, catcher; Berger and G. Myers, pitchers; Joe Myers, first; Leeper, second; Karch, third; Ayette, short; Bets right field; Frederick, center field; Chas. Myers, left field.

MRS. CROX FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Wm. Crox were held at the Catholic church last Monday morning. Rev. Hefele read the requiem mass and Rev. Hindelang delivered the sermon. The remains were taken to Wapakoneta and placed in the mausoleum there for the present.

THE CHILDREN.

Jeweler George Weber and family have moved from the Henry Smith property corner Livingston and Cherry streets into one of the Vining bungalows on East Fulton street.

For bunions use Hanford's Balsam. Apply thoroughly for several nights and rub in well.

MUST HAVE THOUGHT THIS A DRY TOWN

Edward Bone, a well known character about town, was arrested by Marshal Duncan last Monday morning on a charge of boot-legging. Bone was accused of selling liquor to Chloe Yingling and John May, without a license.

DAN CUPID VICTIMS

Bans of the approaching wedding of George Hlicker, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Miss Cora Hemmert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hemmert, North Main street, were published for the first time at the Catholic church in this city last Sunday morning.

MOTORIZING

Joseph H. Backs, of New Weston and Miss Agnes Heuker, of Wendelin, were united in marriage at the Catholic church there last Tuesday morning, Rev. Ersing saying the nuptial mass.

Frank Seiferling and Miss Mary Evers, prominent young people of Wendelin, were united in marriage at the Wendelin Catholic church, last Tuesday morning, Rev. Ersing saying the nuptial mass.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Catholic church at Sebastian last Tuesday morning, when Julius Mestemaker and Miss Amelia Dorsten were united in marriage, the nuptial mass being said by Rev. Cortain.

They received many handsome and useful presents from their many friends. Among the presents was a table cloth embroidered by the groom's grandmother, who is 73 years old.

August M. Dues, of Philothea and Miss Ethel Entrup of St. Henry, were united in marriage at the St. Henry Catholic church Wednesday morning, Rev. S. Kunkler officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party drove to the home of the groom's parents, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served to the immediate families and a few close friends.

The groom is a prominent young Butler township farmer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Dues, of Philothea, and a brother of Deputy Herman J. Dues, of this city.

The girls of the local high school will hold a market at Laudahn & Mesarvey's grocery to-morrow (Saturday) for the benefit of the domestic science class of local schools.

Arthur Stein left last Monday for Waverly, where he has accepted a position with the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company.

Mrs. Arthur Behringer and son went to Dayton last Monday to join her husband, now employed there.

PIKE DIRECTORS' BILLS P. Kuntz & Herr Lbr. Co., pike repair, . . . . . 42 84 Lima Stone Co., same . . . . . 53 84 Fred Detsch, same . . . . . 28 25 Ed High, same . . . . . 21 70 Peter Heyne supt. of pike . . . . . 28 50 W. H. Weaver, same . . . . . 25 52 Frank Brunswick, same . . . . . 5 40 Chas. Stuckenborg, same . . . . . 32 75 Columbus Frysinger, same . . . . . 17 50 Fred Moorman, same . . . . . 25 00

PETITION

For Municipal Park on Site of Present Eye-Sore in South End Widely Signed.

A petition has been circulated about town and signed by almost every business man and many residents which will be presented to the Council probably next Tuesday night. The petition is as follows:

To the Mayor and Council of Celina: Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, respectfully submit to the Mayor and Council of Celina for their earnest consideration the following propositions.

First—In-as-much as Celina is located upon the banks of Lake Mercer, which for its natural beauty and possibilities is unsurpassed by any other inland body of water in the great state of Ohio, it is our desire that our municipality take advantage of the splendid opportunity thus afforded by causing to be established on the banks of Lake Mercer a Municipal Park.

Second—That the proposed Park should be established on the plot of ground described as follows: being that portion extending south from the L. E. & W. railroad to the re-vestment well-constructed by the State and lying between Main and Ash streets.

Third—That a levy be made on all the taxable property in the village of Celina, the amount and duration to be determined by the Mayor and the Council the proceeds of which shall be used in payment for the land appropriated for said park and the laying out and completion of such park according to plans and specifications to be designated by the Mayor and Council.

Fourth—That it is our desire that the Mayor and Council take immediate action towards the establishing of the Municipal Park as above petitioned.

C. & M. C. T. CO. ELECTS OFFICERS

The stockholders of the Celina & Mercer county Telephone company elected the following directors at a meeting last Monday afternoon, who immediately organized for the ensuing year: President, I. E. Cranpton; vice president, J. H. Pulskamp; financial secretary, A. M. Riley; corresponding secretary, A. L. Sharp; treasurer, C. J. Hemmert; general manager, Ed G. Ungerer; Philip Beiersdorfer, director.

EASTER CANTATA

To Be Reproduced Here Next Sunday by Famed Choir of Trinity Church, Ft. Recovery.

The choir of Trinity Lutheran church, at Fort Recovery, has consented to render their Easter cantata at St. John's Lutheran church in this city, next Sunday evening. This musical organization has the reputation of being one of the best church choirs in this part of the state.

A CYCLONE-PROOF WINDMILL

On March 21 there occurred a very severe storm over most of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. In Ohio it was largely rain, in Michigan snow, but around Van Buren, Ind., there occurred a regular cyclone. Trees were broken off, fences torn down, barns demolished, roofs of houses damaged, small buildings upturned, and the wreckage was very serious.

Right in the path of the storm were located some half-dozen or more wind mills. One of these was a Monarch, made by the Celina Manufacturing Company, Celina, O. Surrounding it on adjoining farms, were five other mills, all of which were blown down, the Monarch not being damaged at all.

J. E. Raudabaugh, North Walnut street, has sold his interest in the Celina Hardwood Manufacturing company to J. J. Vorp and G. F. Wood. Mr. Raudabaugh was one of the organizers of the Celina Hardwood Manufacturing company, and previous to organizing this concern conducted for many years a saw mill. He expects to devote his time now to farming.

John C. Sheeley, of Montezuma, who has been in the Oklahoma oil fields the past few months, returned home the first of the week. He says it takes a millionaire to get in on the ground floor out there since oil has gone skyward, and the big interests dominate everything. One of the things you can't get out there is a good drink of water for love or money, and he says that he would not live there for a considerable amount of "filthy lucre."

NOTED SPEED DEMON IN TOWN TUESDAY

Barney Oldfield, the famous auto driver and speed demon, stopped in this city last Tuesday night while enroute from New York to Indianapolis, Ind., to do some preliminary driving before the big races there on Decoration Day. His big Packard six touring-car was viewed by many of the curious at the Celina Auto company garage.

LOCAL MEN GET CONTRACT

John Karch & Co. were last week awarded the contract to build the portion of the Celina-Greenville State road, between Marion and Granville townships, from Cartiagena south of the county line. Their bid was \$45,314.17.

HENDERSON ESCAPES FROM HOSPITAL

Partick Henderson, adjudged insane and sent to the State hospital at Toledo from this county last January escaped from that institution on April 12 and has not as yet been located, according to information received here from the hospital authorities by Probate Judge Raudabaugh.

CLASS PLAY

"Mid-Summer Night's Dream," to Be Given by Celina H. S. Seniors on 16th.

The senior class play, "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" will be given at the city opera house, May 16, with the following cast:

- One setting—Duke's woods near Athens. Theseus, Duke of Athens, . . . . . Ross Beauchamp Egeus, father of Hermia, . . . . . Dee Young Lysander, in love with Hermia, . . . . . Dee Springer Demetrius, in love with Hermia, . . . . . Ray Younger Philostrate, master of the revels to Theseus, . . . . . Howard Bowser Quince, a carpenter . . . . . Iris Hart Snug, a joiner, . . . . . Oran Miesse Bottom, a weaver, . . . . . Nora Shively Flute, a bellows-mender, . . . . . Oscar Myrenius Snout, a tinker, . . . . . Paul Nickel Starveling, a tailor, . . . . . Ruth Dedrick Wally, . . . . . Dussel Lorentz Hippolyta, Queen of Amazons, betrother to Theseus, . . . . . Bernice Lewis Hermia, daughter to Egeus, in love with Lysander . . . . . Louise Andrews Helena, in love with Demetrius, . . . . . Sarah Davis Oberon, king of fairies, . . . . . Vermont Young Titania, queen of fairies, . . . . . Florence Dicke Puck, or Robin Goodfellow, . . . . . Olga Junod Fairies attending their king and queen—Mary Dugan, Lester Eichenauer, Louise Brune. Attendants on Theseus and Hippolyta in the pageant—Pansy Shambaugh, Mary Schueck, Irene Wagner, Maxine Wilson, Edith Slabaugh, Flossie Stoll, Dulah Pulsakamp, Erial Wilson, Cloyd Brookhart, Herald Roettger, Hazel Eichar, Bonnie Goslee, Myrtle Beougher, Golda Carroll and Iey Martz. Other fairies will be little boys and girls from the grades.

"JOSHUA JARVIS"

To Be Produced by Washington Township Schools, Directed by Bess H. Wilt.

"Joshua Jarvis," from "Way down in Vermont, a four-act farce comedy, under the direction of Bess H. Wilt, will be staged at the Washington township high school on next Wednesday, the 10th; at Ft. Recovery on Thursday, May 11, and at Wabash on Saturday, May 13. The play is given under the management and for the benefit of the Washington township high school. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brandon have moved into the J. M. Howick property, East Fulton street, just vacated by Clerk George A. Petrie, of the Board of Public Affairs, and family, who have moved into the property recently purchased of the Cron heirs, also on East Fulton street.

There will be a dance at Hierholzer hall at Coldwater on Tuesday, May 9. Music by the orchestra.

Mrs. John Laudahn, North Mill street, sustained a slight stroke of paralysis last Tuesday evening. Her condition is reported as critical.

Joe Rihler, who for some time past has been employed as clerk in the harness department of the W. H. Schuck leather store, has resigned his position and accepted a job as traveling salesman for a Troy harness firm.

ANDERSON

Endeavorers Awarded Banner at Great Rally of Societies in This City.

The Mercer County Christian Endeavor Rally was called to order and opened by the president, Rev. Snavely. Devotion was then conducted by Rev. Lance, of the M. E. church, of Celina. The minutes of the C. E. convention of this county, which was held in the Church of Christ at Montezuma, October, 1915, were read and approved.

The State Vice president, Rev. Speer, of Toledo, gave a very interesting talk, the theme of which was: One must come in personal contact with people of the outside world in order to lead them to Christ. He compared the workers of the C. E. with the parable of the leaven and the meal. He also spoke of the wonderful work of the Juniors and told them of the possibilities of them bringing other Juniors and even older people to the C. E. and finally to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The president then turned the meeting over to his Celina Juniors, and they under the leadership of the Misses Rutherford and Quinby, rendered such a splendid entertainment that all of the seniors were surprised at their ability.

Miss Smith, State Junior Supt., then gave an excellent talk to the Juniors. The grown people as well as the little ones were well pleased when she suggested building a C. E. auto. The various parts of the machine were given as representing the officers of the Endeavor societies. By the time that all of the officers were named, the auto was quite complete. Miss Smith then told to the little folks the story of Mollie and her black cats. This was interesting and helpful and presented the value of a willing self denial. The talk was closed by a prayer to God. Rev. Snavely urged the Endeavorers to organize Junior Societies. The little people then voted to have a Junior Endeavor Rally and picnic sometime this summer. Miss Smith will arrange to be with them.

The new efficiency chart was next explained by Miss Smith. The p.m. services were dismissed with the C. E. benediction. The evening session of the rally was opened with a fine selection rendered by the Montezuma orchestra. Devotion was then led by the County vice president, William Preston, of Montezuma. Rev. Shafer of the Celina Presbyterian church gave a sincere and good welcome to the visiting societies.

The societies then responded to the roll call and the banner was given to the Anderson society, for it had the highest per cent of members at the rally. Miss Smith again addressed the people. On request she talked on J. C. E. in the rural church and says that we can all have a Junior society if we want it sufficiently bad. And the only requirements are prayer and sacrifice. She gives the names of Moses; Samuel and Jesus as workers and says that their work was brought about by dedication, training and service.

Historical examples were also put forth. The crusades of Richard the Lion Hearted, and the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. The third is the great hand of the Junior Endeavorers. Children are naturally religious. Proof was gotten from Genesis. The seed of piety, virtue and faith are implanted in the heart and will grow if cultivated, but like a tender plant, if trampled on, or if it is not taken care of, it will naturally die. They need not only an education but a chance to discuss topics and develop. God gave us his only son, may we not give to Him our life, our work and our best.

Rev. Speer then read a passage of scripture from the apostle Paul. He then proceeded to show the work, ideas and life of this writer. He said "Man does not die but the spirit returns to the one who gave it." So we should live and work for Christ. What is it to know Christ? It is more than to have a nodding acquaintance with him. It is wrong to say that you know Christ when you only have been baptized. The church is a necessity or Christ wouldn't have given it to us. He that loveth knoweth God, for God is love. He is too great to be known intellectually, so we must know him through love. Mr. Speer quotes from the Bible and says "The natural man knoweth not God, neither can he, for He is spiritually discerned." He also says, "Without the sense of beauty, we can not have a knowledge of the beautiful. Neither can you know Christ without Spirituality."

Rev. Bouse offered the benediction. The strangers and all out of town people were very pleasantly entertained at supper at the home of Rev. Shafer, by the Presbyterian Society.

E. W. Lockhart, of Rockford, made The Democrat a pleasant call while in town, Tuesday leaving one of the old Bryan dollars to put his subscription to 1917.

DAD'S USUAL SPRING STUNT

Little packs of garden seed, Little drops of rain, Makes a great commotion, Dad's insane again. Says he'll have a garden Surest thing, this year, But he'll forget about it When the weeds appear. Done it now for twenty years, Every coming spring; And never once in all that time Has raised a blooming thing. But if it please dear old dad, Naught is there to complain, So fetch along the packs of seeds And little drops of rain.

THE GRIM REAPER

Bernard Osterfeld, aged 85 years, died suddenly last Tuesday night at the home of his son, Joseph, two miles south of St. Henry. He was in his usual health when he retired on Tuesday evening. About an hour later his daughter-in-law, before retiring, went to his room to see if he was resting alright and found the body lifeless. He is survived by four children—Joseph, at whose home he died; John, of Dayton, and Mrs. Anna Bruns and Mrs. Lizzie Toth, both of Coldwater. Funeral services will be held at the St. Henry Catholic church this morning. Interment at Coldwater.

Mrs. Susan Foreman, aged 76 years, until recently a resident of East Market street, this city, died on last Friday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Hill, at Albany, Ind. Death was due to dropsy from which she had been suffering for sometime past. Several months ago she went to Albany for a visit with her daughter and while there became worse. The remains were shipped to this city and taken to Chattanooga for burial. Funeral services being held at Duckcreek, last Sunday afternoon.

Deceased was born in Ashland county this state, December 13, 1839, but came to this county, with her parents, when a child. She is survived by four children—the daughter at whose home she died; C. O. Foreman, of Blackcreek township; A. M., a resident of the state of Washington and Lambert, living in Illinois.

REUBEN

Must Come Down With the Cash for Indiscernment—Long and Steady Job Ahead.

The jury hearing the case of the State of Ohio ex rel Bessie William vs. Reuben Rauch, indicted for grand larceny, returned a verdict of guilty, last Monday afternoon. Judge Miller fined the defendant \$400 and costs; \$100 to paid within ten days, and thereafter \$50 every six months until the amount is paid. After the six months defendant is to pay \$1.50 per week towards the support of the child, until it is sixteen years of age. The child is now six months old.

GAVEL FOR USE AT MEET OF NATIONAL PRESBYTERY

Mrs. Eleanor Townsend has forwarded to Dr. Roberts, clerk of General Assembly, of the Presbyterian church, at Philadelphia, a gavel, which she hopes will be used at the Presbyterian General Assembly when it convenes at Atlantic City next month. The gavel was fashioned from red cedar, a limb of one of the big trees that grow on Mrs. Townsend's farm in Center township. Frank Zender, one of Celina's most skillful and finished wood workers, employed at the E. E. Stephenson Lumber company's plant made the gavel. Jeweler George Weber attached the silver plate to the end of the gavel which reads: "General Assembly, Presbyterian church, U. S. A. 1916."

SCHUCK HOUNDS POPULAR IN WEST

Sheriff Carl Moore, of Concordia, Kansas, this week purchased of Leo Schuck, the local blood hound fancier, another of the hounds from his Schueck kennels, which have become famous the country over. Several months ago Sheriff Moore purchased five hounds and they have given so much satisfaction that he secured another one.

E. L. Bright was pleasantly surprised, last Thursday. His three sisters, Mesdames W. T. Hudson, of St. Marys, W. B. Fishbaugh, of Flat Rock, Ill., and Asa Craft, of northeast of town, and others to the number of 25 or 30 quietly took possession of his home; Lamp said that it was a good thing that they brought baskets well-filled, as they were not in the habit of providing for so many at one time. If E. Wright of New Mexico, had been present all of that family now living would have been together. A delightful time is reported—Mendon Herald.

City Electrician Don Emerson and family, have moved from the Snyder property, East Livingston street, into one of the Mrs. S. J. Vining bungalows on East Fulton street.

COMMISSIONERS

Have Busy Week, Many Road and Ditch Contracts Being Let—Other Business.

Meeting on the hearing of the engineer's report and apportionment on the Hook joint ditch, Mercer county's portion, the Board found same not in all respects fair and after making the following changes confirmed same: B. L. Baumgardner from \$165 to \$155; J. E. Snyder from \$30 to \$31; John H. Sipe from \$100 to \$95; S. E. Ireland from \$175 to \$164; Michael Hopf from \$75 to \$70; Otto Brandt from \$50 to \$75.

The Board ordered a change of grade on the Koch ditch and accepted the following report of sale by Surveyor Hinton.

The on main ditch to Michael Linn for \$1075, to be completed by Sept. 1. Estimate \$1150. Labor on main to Adam Bollenbacher for \$440, to be completed October 1. Estimate \$480.

Labor on branch to Adam Bollenbacher for \$185, to be completed October 1. Estimate \$207.35. The on branch to Wm. Roettger for \$266 to be completed Sept. 1. Estimate \$272.35.

At a joint meeting of the commissioners of Mercer and Van Wert counties, it was declared necessary to build a concrete retaining wall about 70 feet long and 6 feet high on the county line road between the two counties. It was also decided to place the work of preparing plans, specifications, etc., in the hands of the Van Wert surveyor and the Van Wert commissioners were authorized to sell the work.

The Board last Friday received bids and awarded contracts on five road improvements as follows:

Weitz—Kinnison & Rittenour, \$278.595; Mannix, Wagner & Son, \$278 and \$3444; John F. Heumelgarn, \$2645; Frank Stangler, \$3320 and \$2465; Harvey Manning, \$2894 and \$3594. The bids were on different kinds of gravel. The contract was awarded to Frank Stangler on his bid of \$2465 for Roamel gravel.

Sloan—Kinnison & Rittenour, \$9-000 for gravel; Morrison & Evans, \$10,250, stone; John W. Karch & son, \$9445, stone; C. W. Kanorr, \$10258, Karch stone, \$10237, Bluffton stone, \$9937, gravel, \$10137, crushed boulders. The contract was awarded to John W. Karch & son at their bid of \$9445.

Rentschilling—E. & G. Alexander, \$4100, gravel, \$4598, crushed boulders; White & Fishbaugh, \$4-414, gravel; Kinnison & Rittenour, \$3775, gravel; G. F. Spohn, \$4102, crushed boulders, \$3942, gravel; Mannix, Wagner & Son, \$4190, gravel; Harvey Manning, \$3940 gravel. The contract was awarded to G. F. Spohn at his bid of \$4102 for crushed boulders.

Addy No. 2—W. Bartling, \$19-598; Oliver Putnam, \$19800; S. M. Burnett, \$18990; A. G. Tripper, \$18-200; Mannix, Wagner & Son, \$19-790. The contract was awarded to A. G. Tripper at his bid of \$18200. Cummins—White & Fishbaugh, \$1875; Wm. & Seth Spriggs, \$1698; Howell & Stemen, \$1434; W. H. Bryan & son, \$1589; C. W. Kanorr, \$18-87. The contract was awarded to Howell & Stemen at their bid of \$14-34.

M. Freewalt, contractor on the Penn ditch, was granted, upon his request, an extension of time to June 30 to complete said ditch.

The Board meeting last Monday, granted the following road improvements:

Buxton, Snavely, Miesse, Raudabaugh and Keller. They also granted W. H. Berry damages in the sum of \$15 on the Buxton road.

The Board last Tuesday viewed the prospective route of the Zenz road, petitioned for by Peter Zenz, but reserved final action until May 19, at 1 p. m. The following ditch assessments were ordered placed upon the duplicate for collection as stated: Sudthoff in December, 1916; 7 per cent added. McChristy, same; 4 per cent added to Main ditch.

Clover, same; 5 per cent added. Evers in December, 1916 and June 1917; 15 per cent deducted. Dierksen in same; 12 per cent deducted.

Berry in December, 1916. Karch, same; 14 per cent added. Smalley, same; 4 per cent added. Boroff, same; 7 per cent added. Rockford, same.

Prenger, same; 8 per cent added. The Board ordered \$2,00 transferred from the county fund to the infirmarium fund.

Bernard Post Jr., was appointed ditch superintendent of the Wabash ditch, beginning where Big Beaver enters Wabash; thence west to the State Line, at \$2.50 per day.

The Board on May 1 viewed the route of the proposed Moler road petitioned for by F. P. Moler, but reserved final hearing until May 19 at 2 p. m. For thrush use Hanford's Balsam. Get it to the bottom of the affected part.