

Examiner's Report

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but no payment to the Treasurer appeared to have been made at that time. Loan No. 2065 executed April 13, 1939 in the name of Christian and Clara Bucher in the sum of \$1000.00 was released on April 15, 1941 but no payment to the Treasurer was made at said date.

"The first of these items was received into the Treasury on October 16, 1942 on Receipt No. 6613 and included interest to said date in the total sum of \$328.42. The second item was paid into the Treasury on October 14, 1942 on Receipt No. 6607 in the sum of \$1077.28 which included interest to date.

"There appears in the Register of School Fund Loans under No. 1256 a loan to a Mr. Brewster in the sum of \$325.00. The original mortgage was foreclosed by the County in the year 1927 and later sold and the balance of the purchase price not having been paid

the deed has not been delivered and the loan still carries as in force. It appears, however, to be a contract of purchase but is carried in the tabulations in this report as a loan in force.

"During the course of this examination no effort has been made to contact the mortgagors in order to verify the balances due on the principal of loans outstanding nor the status of interest accounts.

"In making the examination of the School Funds a number of warrants had been issued on the several funds for which no mortgages could be found in the office of the Auditor nor could a record of any of such mortgages be found in the records of the Recorder. On inquiry the Auditor advised that no such mortgages existed and that said county warrants were issued without authority and that he would have to be responsible for said funds."

The following tabulation shows the detail of all data relative to said county warrants:

COMMON FUND				
Date of Warrant	Number of Warrant	Issued to	Amount of Warrant	Interest to Oct. 31, 1942
5-6-1941	5795	Fred T. Liddy	\$500.00	\$ 37.08
5-22-1941	5916	Samuel E. Johnson	224.00	16.15
8-16-1941	6558	Earl Jones	247.50	21.00
9-27-1941	7302	Ralph Luginbill	725.00	39.57
10-14-1941	7685	Marl Adams	510.00	26.88
10-29-1941	7667	John Bauck	300.00	15.98
11-14-1941	8029	Charles Adang	290.00	9.58
4-18-1942	9568	John Hillman	260.00	6.93
5-8-1942	742	Joseph Shimp	325.00	7.72
8-21-1942	346	John McCune	300.00	6.66
7-17-1942	1123	Ralph Goldner	350.00	5.95
8-12-1942	1480	John J. Schwartz	400.00	4.33
Amounts due Common School Fund			\$4,441.50	\$195.78

CONGRESSIONAL FUND				
Date of Warrant	Number of Warrant	Issued to	Amount of Warrant	Interest to Oct. 31, 1942
6-16-1941	6282	Charles Todd	\$600.00	\$ 41.25
11-14-1941	8029	Charles Adang	100.00	4.79
1-23-1942	8849	George Greice	286.00	11.04
2-7-1942	9195	Ralph Strayer	162.50	5.94
3-12-1942	9550	Henry Myers	300.00	9.59
3-29-1942	9968	William Baer	240.00	7.06
8-26-1942	1487	Ralph Goldner	500.00	4.51
9-29-1942	1854	John Kaeh	300.00	1.75
Amounts due Congressional School Fund			\$2,488.50	\$85.84

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND				
Date of Warrant	Number of Warrant	Issued to	Amount of Warrant	Interest to Oct. 31, 1942
6-5-1941	6066	William Jackson	\$150.00	\$ 10.42
6-19-1942	718	Ralph Bunney	200.00	3.66
Amounts due Permanent Endowment School Fund			\$350.00	\$14.18

All the foregoing amounts are due Adams county on account of the various school funds as held in trust as of October 31, 1942.

SUMMARY		
Amount due Common School Fund account of two mortgages having been paid and released and not being paid into treasury	See Page 17	\$1360.00
Interest due on said amount to date of payment into treasury	See Page 17	195.70
Total		\$1405.70
Credit by payment to treasury as listed	See Page 17	\$1405.70

ITEMS NOT ADJUSTED AT CLOSE OF EXAMINATION: Amount due School Funds on account of warrants drawn for which no mortgages were made:

Common School Fund Principal	\$4441.50
Congressional School Principal	2488.50
Permanent Endowment Principal	350.00

Total due School Fund Principal \$7,280.00

Amounts due School Fund Interest Accounts to Oct. 31, 1942, being 5% on each amount from date of Warrant:	
Common School Fund Interest	\$ 195.78
Congressional Interest	85.84
Permanent Endowment Interest	14.18

Total interest due 295.80

Total amount due from Victor H. Elcher, County Auditor \$7,575.80

Amounts due from members of County Council account of excess meetings and payment therefore	See Page 16	\$140.00
Illegal Loan No. 2127 made 4-11-1942		
Common Principal	See Page 17	125.00

Lost Leg in Philippines



ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Lieut. Bartholomew Passanante, who lost a leg in the Battle of the Philippines, and Irene Dunne, motion picture star, discuss the urgency of buying War Bonds to help our fighting men, during a War Bond rally held here recently at the Eastman Theatre. Price of admission to the rally was paid in War Bonds, and \$200,000 was taken for the "performance," the biggest "one night box office" in the history of the city.

Sea Blockade May Bring Dakar Fall

Belief Is Expressed By Military Experts

Washington, Nov. 11 — (UP) — Military observers believe that Dakar—by-passed in the invasion of French Africa—can be brought to terms by sea blockade.

They say that the big base on the western bulge of Africa already is suffering an economic blight. For months, speculation on an invasion of French Africa has centered on that belief that the Allies would strike first for Dakar, but the experts say, the actual form of the invasion largely has nullified the strategic usefulness of the base.

Once Morocco is occupied, Allied forces will possess strongholds on both sides of Dakar. The British have the ports of Bathurst and Freetown south of the French naval base. And European reports declare that American troops are in Liberia, also south of Dakar.

All these, the military men declare, probably were reasons for by-passing Dakar. But there were others. For one thing, Dakar, containing powerful French fleet units, would be a tough nut to crack. And what's more, with French North Africa in Allied control, it is hoped that West Africa may give up voluntarily.

ROMMEL REARGUARD

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ful condition after wandering for days in the desert, bear mute testimony to the state of at least part of the Axis African forces.

Britain, rejoicing over the desert triumph, has not spared the honors for the victorious commanders. Lieutenant-General Montgomery who delivered the smashing blow at Alamein is now a full general, and knight commander of the Bath. And the middle east commander, General Sir Harold Alexander, has been named knight of the grand cross of the order of the Bath.

BITTER WEATHER

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destruction of enemy troops and equipment in heavy fighting.

To the east, along the Black sea sector, Red army forces have successfully wiped out a German infiltration of their mountain positions.

BIG SHORTAGE

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without their knowledge, are listed in the official copy of the examiner's report, printed in another part of this newspaper.

In the summary of the examiner's report, an adjustment, covering \$1,405.70, which Elcher paid in to the county treasury, is listed. This is in addition to the \$7,575.80 which the examiner's state Elcher owes to the county. The items included in the credit are \$300 received from Susie F. Ward for release of mortgage and \$1,000 from Christian and Clara Bucher. The report states that Elcher did not pay these amounts, plus interest of \$105.70, until later. On October 16, 1942, he paid the treasurer \$328.42 and on October 14, 1942, he got a receipt for \$1,077.28 from the treasurer.

Explaining the uncovering of the discrepancy, the examiners state, "In making the examination of the school funds a number of warrants had been issued on the several funds for which no mortgages could be found in the office of the auditor, nor could a record of any such mortgages be found in the records of the recorder."

Their report was sworn to November 9, 1942, presumably in Indianapolis.

It was understood that a copy of the report, together with photostatic copies of the warrants and the endorsements thereon, had been mailed to Judge J. Fred Fruchte of the Adams circuit court.

Probably the first act in the matter will be a demand on Elcher to pay the deficit. It was stated that the casualty company having his bond had already been notified and a representative was expected here momentarily.

Other Accounts in Balance

The examiner's report shows that funds are in balance and that prescribed records are kept, with the notation, that "the prescribed forms and records are in use and are properly kept and in balance except as noted in the discussion of the school funds herein."

Under the law, the county auditor is responsible for the school funds, maintaining the proper control records and granting of loans to those who wish to borrow money on real estate mortgage.

Successor Talk Starts

The political angle to Elcher's probable resignation before the end of this year, and the appointment of a successor, not only for the next 40 days, but until a successor is elected, loomed as a major point of interest today.

If Elcher resigns now, there is

Accepted Men Of November 3 Contingent Leave November 17



Pictured above are the men who formed one of two bus loads of selective service registrants which left here November 3 to take final army exams at Toledo, Ohio under selective service orders. Accepted men from the group will leave November 17.

Men in the upper photo are: First row: Max Moser, Wilbert Hoffman, Willis Taylor, Charles Timmons, William Felton, Roger Arnold and Dale Grandhild. Second row: Paul Hendricks, Amos Moore, Otto Baker, Harry Heuer, Donavin Sprunger, Roger Augsbarger, and David Habegger. Third row: Carl Schamerloh, Loyal Geyer, Merle Burkhead, Simon Schwartz, Elmer Harshman and Eugene Gase. Back row: Earl McCagg, Robert Braden, Floyd Hitchcock, Raymond Puelling, Loren Warthman and Dale Stalter.



Men in the above photo occupied the second bus in the November 3 contingent. First row: Joe Steele, Norbert Hess, Russell Watkins, Gerald Lengerich, Loyal Geyer (who through an error appeared in both photos), David Smith and Biddle Johnson. Second row: George Andrews, Norbert Lose, Herman Franz, Leo Hackman, Robert Lord, Floyd Andrews. Back row: Elmer Nussbaum, Arnold Ostermeyer, Robert Butler, Allen Kistler, Benjamin Miller and Arnold Martin. Of the two above groups Burkhead, Hitchcock, Heuer, Hoffman, Lose and Lord were rejected.

Accepted Men Already In Service With U. S. Forces



In the above photo are the men who took exams on October 15. Accepted men from the group are already in service. The photo was delayed from publication by government restrictions on photographers' materials. First row: Doyt Miller, Parry McRae, Amos Sommer, Charles Ross, Dwight Felty, Ralph Vanette, DeWitt Williamson. Second row: Floyd Engle, William Habegger, Harry Young, Herb Braun, Melvin Miller, Bob Gangerdner, Donald Gage. Third row: Charles Feasel, Ralph Spade, John Kruse, Vaughn Liechty, James Bietler, Carl Sheels, John Everett. Back row: Walter Garwood, Homer Inniger, Arthur Moeschberger, William Coffee, Harry Suman, Charles Taylor and Al Gelmer. All but Kruse, Sheels, Garwood, Gage, Doyt Miller, Ross, Taylor and Habegger were accepted.

no question about the county commissioners' authority to name a successor for the balance of the present term, which expires December 31, 1942. Then, if Elcher does not qualify for the term to which he has been elected, a four-year vacancy may exist.

A legal point arises in the discussion of a successor for a longer period. Attorneys differ on the interpretation of the law, which gives the county commissioners authority to name a person for an indefinite term. Some contend that a successor can be named only until the next election, which will be in 1944.

Another political aspect is that a new board of county commissioners takes office January 1, 1943. The majority of the members will

be Republican. This board may act on the assumption that it has the authority to name a successor to Elcher, since the contemplated vacancy will not exist until January 1. The new board of commissioners also will have authority to name a county attorney.

Several men were known to be active already in the interest of landing the appointment, either for a short or long term.

Heller Is Mentioned As Minority Leader

Indianapolis, Nov. 11 —(UP)—The 15 Democratic state representatives and 12 senators who survived the recent Republican-dominated election in Indiana will meet on

November 17. Governor Henry Schricker also will attend. State Democratic chairman Fred Bays announces that committees will be named at the meeting to draft party platform bills for the next session of the legislature. Candidates for the minority floor leaders also will be considered at the convolve.

Representatives Robert Heller of Decatur, Roy Darneal of New Albany and Frank O'Rourke of Hammond are mentioned as candidates for minority leader of the house. Senator William Vermillion is considered the most likely candidate for the corresponding position in the upper house.

Cotton acreage reported in the U. S. in 1940 was less than for any year since 1899.

Berne Company Fined For Wage Violation

Federal Judge Fines Smith Furniture Co.

Mammond, Ind., Nov. 11 — (Special)—Smith Bros. Furniture Mfg. Co., Berne, Ind., was fined \$500 plus costs by Federal Judge Thomas W. Slick in the U. S. District Court here Tuesday. It was announced by Thomas O'Malley, regional director of the wage and hour and public contracts divisions of the U. S. department of labor.

The firm was indicted by the federal grand jury at South Bend on Oct. 9, after Alexander M. Campbell, U. S. district attorney, presented an 18-count indictment charging violations of the fair labor standards act.

The company was charged with falsification of wage and hour records and failure to pay employees at the rate of time and one-half for hours worked in excess of 40 in each work-week.

During yesterday's hearing the defendant's attorney, Samuel Jackson of Fort Wayne, Ind., presented the court with the corporation's plea of nolle contendere, whereupon Judge Slick assessed the fine. The corporation employs about 100 workers and is engaged in the manufacture of upholstered furniture.

WIN FULL CONTROL

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talking with Petain. Apparently, he wanted to give his Vichy colleagues the latest batch of German orders.

The situation has developed into a grim struggle between the Axis and the Allies with the French fleet as the immediate prize.

A trainload of Nazi troops was sent speeding straight for Toulon to seize the ships.

The British radio broadcast urgent appeals for the fleet to steam out of Toulon before the Nazis get there, head for Gibraltar—and to scuttle any ships left

behind. The Canadian radio has cast information from Vichy that some portions of the fleet already have quit the port rendezvous with British and American navies. But other Vichy ports heard in London state the fleet still was there just before dusk.

If the fleet fails to leave the Germans get there, a little chance that the Axis will prevent it from sailing. However, the Allies believe the French crews would rather be another matter.

That's where the United States comes in. American hands at Algiers are believed to be considering a proposal to join the Allies against the Axis. And the French fleet is a great asset. An appeal from fellow officers not to fall ably would not go unheeded.

The fighting French General Charles De Gaulle broadcast an appeal to all Frenchmen to join the Allied cause. He promised certain victory.

An Allied spokesman said to the French people that the final for a general appeal to the Axis will be given—and soon.

On the North African front, Americans now hold complete control of the Moroccan and Algerian lines.

Casablanca, the last major French colony in Morocco, has been taken. Rabat, the Moroccan capital, is believed to have been in American hands for some time.

In Algeria, our troops have captured Bougie, 120 miles from Algiers—and about one-third distance from Algiers to Tunis. There have been official reports, however, that the Tunisian waters, one mobile column of Axis believed to be heading westward—toward the west of Asia. Apparently that column to head across middle Tunisia a quick clash with the Axis Tripolitania—western Libya.

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