

## CHANGES IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS FORBIDDEN BY COURT DECISION

EATON, O., July 2.—Court of appeals has reversed Judge Barnes of Sidney, in the J. E. Flora-L. M. Biddinger and Freddie Locke-J. W. Shively injunction cases against the board of education of Preble county and the plaintiffs are declared all relief sought.

The decision, which was received here Friday at the office of Clerk of Courts V. O. Rookstool, was rendered by Judge J. L. Allard and was concurred in by Judges Ferneding and Kunkle.

The decision is regarded as one of importance to county boards of education operating under the centralized school plan.

The suits against the board of education grew out of the board's proposed creation of new school districts or territory, one involving the Lanier township school district and Casper township school district and the Lewisburg village school district and Harrison township district. Flora and Biddinger opposed the Lanier-Casper proposal and Locke and Shively the Lewisburg-Harrison township proposal. Temporary injunctions were issued by Judge A. C. Risinger in each instance.

### Wanted New District.

The board sought to create a new district from Lanier township, a permanent centralized district, and from two sub-districts from Casper township, the latter township operating under the old sub-district school plan. The Lewisburg village district, centralized, was to be created a new district by reaching out and taking in sub-districts in Harrison township, operated under the old sub-district plan.

It was alleged the board proceeded under two sections of the general code to accomplish the purpose, one section dealing with creation of new school territory and the other dealing with the transfer of school territory.

The appellate court opinion cites the two sections and opines that they occupy separate fields. The referendum to the original act of 1914 is held by the court to be important. Both cases passed upon are declared by the court to be similar.

In the affected territory in Gasper township every eligible signed a remonstrance against the board's proposed action, while in Lanier school district there were no signers. Upon this ground the board held all the signers in Gasper township did not constitute a majority of the "affected territory." Flora and Biddinger alleged the Lanier school district is insolvent, with a high rate of school tax, and that the board proposed to make Gasper township help shoulder the burden, against its wishes.

The plaintiff in the two suits against the board were represented by Attorneys E. P. Vaughan and Harry L. Risinger, while Attorney Hugh R. Gilmore represented the board.

## CARELESS MAILING IS CAUSE OF DELAY IN DELIVERING LETTERS

Mail is delayed very often at the local postoffice by insufficient addresses on the envelopes according to a statement issued by Postmaster Beck of the local office. This difficulty is experienced in every office in the states and could be avoided if the senders of the mail would be a little more careful about the addresses.

The local office has two men who work daily on the directory mail at a cost of \$3,600 a year. Much of the delay in mail is caused by the negligency of the stenographers of various concerns in addressing the letters. The postoffice department has been working on this defect for years but very little improvement has been shown by the people in sending the mail.

Not only do these insufficiently addressed letters mean added expense, which eventually finds its way to the taxpayer's pocketbook, but they cause delay in delivery. According to Postmaster Beck, letters which must be given directory service are delayed in delivery from two to twenty-four hours.

Postmaster General Will H. Hays in a communication addressed to all postmasters, has just requested them to emphasize the importance of addressing all mail to street and number. As one means to obtain this end it is urged that all firm letterheads should bear the street address.

It is also recommended that whenever possible the full name of the addresses be given instead of merely the initials. Furthermore, when addressing a letter to a building, it is advisable to include the name of the street on which the building is located because in every city there are many buildings bearing names with which the distributors in the postoffice are unfamiliar. In sorting mail they are unable to throw the letter to the proper carrier if no street address is given. Another suggestion of the postoffice department is that the address of the writer should be placed in the center of every letter and a return address should be written or printed in the upper left hand corner of every envelope placed in the mails.

**Purdue Expert Comes Here to Direct Farmers' Battle**  
John J. Davis, author of several treatises on Indian chinch bugs will be in Richmond for a consultation with local officials Sunday in regard to fighting the chinch bug. A call was put in to Mr. Davis Saturday morning, and he started for Richmond immediately. He is head of the department of Entomology at Purdue university.

**Return Property to Countess Bernstorff**  
(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Alien Property Custodian Miller was ordered today by Justice Hitz of the District of Columbia supreme court to return to Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the former German ambassador to the United States, stocks, bonds and cash amounting to \$1,000,000, which was seized under the trading with the enemy act.

## Erastus Bond, Aged 69, Dies; Services Monday

Erastus C. Bond, 69 years old, died at his home, 73 State street, Friday night.

He is survived by the widow, Mary H., and one daughter, Mrs. Mark C. Shissler.

Funeral services will be held from the home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Mitchell will officiate and burial will be in the Earlham cemetery. Friends may call at any time. Mr. and Mrs. Bond had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary about one month ago. Services will be held by the Red Men and the I. O. O. F. lodges at the home Sunday evening.

## JUNE RECORD MONTH FOR CITY TREASURER; INCOME OVER \$60,000

The month of June proved to be a big one for the city treasurer's office. Collections for the month for the general fund totaled \$60,024.06. Of this amount \$55,976.72 was for taxes.

City light plant receipts totaled \$44,235.25. This amount, added to the balance on hand June 1, makes a total of \$60,266.58. With the general city fund receipts totalling \$60,024.06 and the balance in the general fund June 1, \$19,166.35, the grand total in the city general funds is \$79,190.41.

Disbursements for the month were \$46,269.38. This sum from the grand total of \$79,190.41 leaves a balance on hand July 1 of \$32,921.03. Light plant disbursements for the month totaled \$45,140.49. This leaves \$15,126.09 in the light plant general fund.

Special election costs for the month of June alone totaled \$2,450.25.

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## EASY CONDITIONS FOR ENTRANCE INTO CAMP

Weight not less than 100 pounds, height at 16 years not less than 58 inches, chest expansion not less than two inches and a good general physical condition are the requirements for entrance into the military training camp at Camp Knox, Ky., July 21 to Aug. 20.

Vaccination and inoculation are recommended by the officials as a part of the preparation that should be gone through with as soon as notice of the applicant's acceptance has been received.

The army surgeon at the nearest post will give them without charge or they may be given by a civilian doctor at the expense of the applicant.

If this matter is attended to before entering camp the applicant loses no time from his one month's training period in going through with the formalities.

Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia are included in the fifth corps area which draws recruits for the camp. Application blanks may be obtained from Robert Heun, in this city.

## Short News of City

**Fire Damaged Home**—Loss estimated at \$200 was caused by a fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tull, John and Sheridan streets, Saturday morning. A spark from the flue is believed to have ignited the root.

**Granted Marriage License**—First of those to seek a marriage license for the month of July were Lewis M. Stone, of Cincinnati, and Florence Reynolds, of Cambridge City. They were issued a license late Friday.

**Fined for Intoxication**—Henry Quide of Muncie arrested at midnight Friday by officers Wierhake and Yingling, pleaded guilty to charge of public intoxication in city court, Saturday morning, and was fined \$1 and costs.

**Fined for Trespass**—Charles Moore was fined \$5 and costs in city police court Saturday morning by Mayor Zimmerman. He was charged with malicious trespass by Orville Ward.

**Sues for Divorce**—John M. Wehrley is the plaintiff in a divorce suit filed against Lucile Wehrley, in Wayne circuit, Friday afternoon. The plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and statutory offenses. He asks custody of an infant child.

**Visit Friends Here**—Mrs. M. L. Addington and daughter Rosella, of Indianapolis, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bescher, 101 Lincoln street. Mrs. Addington is a sister of Mr. Bescher.

Mr. and Mrs. Addington and their daughter are moving from Indianapolis to New York.

**Second Presbyterian Services**—Order of services at the Second Presbyterian church Sunday are as follows: Sunday school, 9:15; William Massey, Supt. Morning church service, 10:30 o'clock; reception of new members and administration of sacrament of Lord's Supper. There will be no evening church service.

**Mrs. Pearl Sheard, 39, Dies Saturday Morning**

Mrs. Pearl Sheard, 39 years old, died Saturday morning at Reid Memorial hospital. She is survived by her husband, Walter Sheard and one daughter, Honore Marie.

Funeral services will be conducted from St. Mary's church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The Rev. Walter J. Cronin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

**Births**

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horton, 745 South Seventh street, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weeks, 223 Kinsey street, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Brown, 812 South B street, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Thompson, Webster township, boy; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hunt, Wayne township, boy; Mr. and Mrs. George Whirley, Harrison township, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Buford M. Brooks, Jefferson township, girl; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Linginfelter, Center township, boy.

**CERTIFY BUDGET**  
(By Associated Press)

AKRON, O., July 2.—The budget and estimated revenues of the city for 1922, amounting to \$2,925,324, have been certified to council.

## DIRECTORS OF LOCAL CHAUTAUQUA SETTLE ON PROGRAM FEATURE

Directors of the Richmond Chautauqua meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Friday night, selected a camp secretary for the coming season, naming Walter B. Miller to take charge of the work. Joseph W. Outland was named assistant secretary. Mr. Miller will have active charge of the camp sites, reservations, and disposition of tickets, before the formal opening. Mr. Outland will assist in the same work during the session.

Members of the advertising committee were named as follows: Ed R. Thompson, Lewis E. Bowman, F. F. Riggs, E. K. Shera and Julian Smith. In addition to the features already announced, the directors made public Saturday the fact that the Cincinnati Choral club consisting of 20 voices would have charge of the music on the afternoon and evening of Aug. 28. The choir is led by a former Richmond citizen, William H. Duning, and every member is an artist. The program will consist of solos, duets, quartettes, an da massed choir.

## WANDERER IS SANE, SAYS JURY VERDICT

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, July 2.—Carl Wanderer, convicted of killing his wife, his unborn child, and a "ragged stranger," is sane, a jury in Judge David's court decided today. Attorneys for the court contended this verdict exhausted Wanderer's resources to escape hanging. It is within the power of the judge to order Wanderer executed within 48 hours.

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## Suburban

MILTON, Ind.—Mrs. Anna Little spent the weekend with her brother, Thomas Revolee at Cambridge City.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Warren, of Indianapolis are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Warren.

The Women's Cemetery association held a market Saturday morning at Bragg's grocery instead of the penny supper Friday night.

Lawrence Brother, of French Lick was the weekend guest of Dayton Warren. The boy were roommates last year at Ohio State.

Mrs. Mary Reese, of Richmond, was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Moore.

The Cemetery association met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Kinney.

At the close of the meeting the ladies were pleasantly surprised by Mrs. Kinney, who served ice cream and cake.

Andy Higgs and daughter LaThea, were weekend guests of Richmond friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Newman were at Oxford, O.

Wednesday, Mrs. Halsley from Columbus, O., was the guest of Miss Marie Elwell, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. George Wagner and father, L. H. Warren went to Richmond Thursday.

WEST RIVER, Ind.—Mrs. Kate Howell and daughter Faye of Muncie are spending this week with Mrs. Lottie Durbin.

Robert Holcomb and Miss Gertrude Freer were united in marriage Monday.

They are staying with Jack Holcomb for a few days, and will spend their honeymoon in Dalton, Ind.

Miss Faye Howell of Muncie, dined with Mrs. Emma Beckerdite Wednesday evening.

Miss Garnet Vorse, who has been spending the summer in Muncie, has returned.

The children's meeting was largely attended by Mrs. Kinney, who served ice cream and cake.

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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wood Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. King and daughter Mae called on Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood Wednesday evening.

See Our Big Domestic Science Display in Our East Window

In Our New Home

920-926 Main Street

... Miss Lena Smith of Mooreland is visiting Miss Fredith Holcomb this week.

PHILOMATH, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McCashland spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shank.

... Mrs. Samuel Fisher, daughter, Darlie, David Plessinger, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stinson were in Richmond Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Hendrix and daughter, Thelma, were in Centerville, Tuesday evening.

... Virgil Plessinger spent Tuesday afternoon with Sylvia Stinson.

J. O. Plankenhorn, daughter Etta and Jacob Plankenhorn were in Richmond Wednesday morning.

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... Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McCashland, of Abington, spent Wednesday with his daughter, Mrs. J. O. Plankenhorn.

... Mrs. Herbert Holmes and sons of Richmond, spent Monday with Mrs. Jennie Plessinger and daughter, Virgil.

... Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCashland and son, of Boston, spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McCashland.

LOSANTVILLE, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin entertained at a birthday party Tuesday evening, in honor of their daughter, Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Koons and daughter Magnolia, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crawford and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Caldwell and daughter, Mary, Mrs. Gussie Miller, Miss Ruth McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones and sons, will spend the week at Crooked Lake.

The State Journal of Lansing, Mich., has this to say: "Emerson Gause of Chicago, representative of 'The Rotarian,' a periodical published by the Rotary organization, arrived here last evening. Mr. Gause is a regular store house for items of interest to Rotarians and foreign organizations are now functioning. Many of these are in countries where the English language is not spoken and natives are members.

The beauty of Rotary work, stated Mr. Gause, is that no organization workers are paid for their efforts. It is simply the spirit of gratitude and helpfulness which prompts the effort.

According to Mr. Gause, President Harding was recently the recipient of a beautiful statue wrought by a Honolulu sculptor exemplifying the work done in Rotary.

It was presented to the president by the sculptor and a delegation of Washington Rotarians.

Mr. Gause is a Milton boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gause.

He is secretary of the Rotary association, and is sent all over the country in organization work.

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