

REOPENING OF ROAD IN SOMERS TOWNSHIP SOUGHT IN PETITION

EATON, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Petition has been filed with the county commissioners seeking to reopen a portion of a roadway in Somers township that was ordered vacated after a contest in the courts. The road in question is known as the Somers road.

M. J. Coleman and others petitioned the commissioners to vacate a part of the roadway, upon the grounds that it was no longer used for travel. The commissioners refused to order the roadway vacated and they dismissed the petition. The petitioners appealed to probate court, where a jury reversed the commissioners. The commissioners appealed to common pleas court. Upon motion of the petitioners the appeal was dismissed, upon the ground that the commissioners had not legally authorized the action, as there was an absence of any record providing for the proceeding. The case was remanded back to probate court for execution of the jury verdict.

Ed Overholtz filed the petition seeking reopening of the road. He and J. E. Flora have filed a \$500 bond required by the commissioners. Besides Overholtz and Flora, signers of the petition are: Charles Dunlap, W. D. Ross, J. E. Coombs, D. W. McQueen, George D. Goodman, Ernest Bertsch, Milton E. Ross, Alvah B. Howard, Hazel Howard, J. F. Decker, J. V. Stalzer, C. C. Hoel, Porter Reeve, B. L. Maxel, Katie I. Craig, Mary E. Kirk, Frank Davis, B. F. Ross, Frank Jones, William Miller, Wallace Casey, Rettle M. Pierce.

LEGION INDIAN OPERA TO BE GIVEN JAN. 17

Music by Campbell Tipton, with interpolations by Lieurance, Cadman and Troyer, some of it copied from the operettas of the western Indians, will give an actual Indian flavor to the Indian opera to be given under the auspices of the American Legion band, on Jan. 17, according to W. A. Baker, directing the production.

Paul Steen, as the leading tenor, will sing, "I Hear A Thrush at Eve," a song well fitted to display the timbre of his voice. William Roney, baritone, in the opening song, "King of the Forest Am I," has made a strong impression upon his co-workers at rehearsal. Comedy parts are taken by George Krueger, Howard Klute, Willard Crandall and Thomas Nolan. Miss Rhea Crandall will sing the interpolation, the duet with the flute, "Wild Bird," by Lieurance, and Miss Helen Mashmeyer, taking the part of Laughing Star, will sing the Minnetonka song.

Zuni Indian music will furnish the score for Miss Goldie Van Tress' opening song, and she will sing a duet with William Roney in the third act, "Oh Moment That I Bless."

Miss Pauline McPherson sings the Canoe song, by Lieurance, and a song addressed to the children. Miss Anna Nicklas will be heard in the song "Beware".

Beck Installed Master Of Monroe Grange

WEST MANCHESTER, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Officers for the coming year were installed at the regular meeting of the Monroe Grange Friday evening. E. B. Creager, past master, acted as installing officer. New officials are C. E. Beck, master; Garfield Kimmel, overseer; Helen Blackford, lecturer; Claud Davison, secretary; Verto McGriff, steward; Roy Laird, assistant steward; Alta Mae Brunner, lady assistant steward; Mrs. R. W. Oliver, chaplain; Walter Trump, treasurer; Mrs. Cletus Beck, Pomona; Mrs. Verto McGriff, Ceres; Mrs. Leonard House, Flora; John Grube, gatekeeper; James Juday business agent; Fern Woolf, corresponding secretary. A lecture hour followed the installation.

Called by Death

JOHN CLARK
CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Jan. 9.—Funeral services for John Clark, former Cambridge City resident will be held at the Presbyterian church at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery. The deceased died at Warren, Ind., at 11 o'clock Sunday night, of a paralytic stroke. He was 66 years old and is survived by the widow, one son, two sisters, Mrs. Allice Strayer, of Minneapolis and Mrs. Sarah Hunt of Cambridge City; and by four brothers: Silas and Isaac of Cambridge City, Grant Clark of Indianapolis and Mylas of near Greenfield. The body will be brought to Cambridge City at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

MRS. ELSIE STOBACH
CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Jan. 9.—Funeral services for Mrs. Elsie Stobach of Muncie, formerly of this city, who died Sunday evening, will be held in Muncie, where the brother and sister-in-law have gone to be in attendance. Mrs. Stobach was the wife of Walter Stobach of Muncie and is survived by the husband, a son, a daughter, and a brother, Dan Winters of Cambridge City.

TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE
WOMAN'S BARRIAGE
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A bill to prohibit immigration into the United States was introduced in the house by Representative Danders, Democrat, of Texas.

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MAINTENANCE OF WATERS FROM POLLUTION IS OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE

(By John C. Diggs, of the Conservation Department)

Much that has been written by investigators during the earlier years in their efforts to reduce the pollution of streams was done under a policy that public waters should be retained in the condition of their pristine purity as nearly as possible. The motives back of such a policy were more or less aesthetic and largely considered the problem of pollution from view point of public health, and the distasteful practice of taking a drinking water supply from a stream into which sanitary sewage is discharged. Increase in population, the growth of industry and commerce and the passive attitude of legislatures have so changed the condition of the rivers and creeks of the state, that they have become little more than open sewers, receiving whatever waste a city, or town or an industry may choose to drain into them.

Today the question is not one of sentiment but one of economic importance. The requirements of modern civilization demands the conservation and economical utilization of our national resources, and the reasonable use of the water carriers of the state can not be excluded from their requirements. However, reasonable use of a stream for waste disposal certainly should not produce a condition which will render its water unfit for the uses which property owners and other citizens of the community may have a right to demand. In the matter of the economic use of a water course the question of agricultural demands, industrial requirements, the relation to fish and stream life, and the effect upon recreation grounds must be considered.

Must Move Stock

In the numerous investigations made of alleged cases of stream pollution during the past year there is scarcely one which has not shown that one or more farmers have been compelled to remove stock from pasture lands bordering a contaminated stream, because the animals refused to drink the foul smelling water. The loss of the use of these lands or the expense of providing an auxiliary clean water supply is rightly chargeable to the cost of stream pollution, and is held by the court as grounds for legal action. Not infrequently the atmosphere along waste contaminated streams becomes so foul-smelling that residence in the close proximity is undesirable. Farm lands are frequently depreciated with further financial injury to the owners.

Many industries require large volumes of fairly pure water for their operation. Few factories locate in a community without first making an investigation relative to the quality and volume of water which may be available for its processes. When a prospective industry finds that the water supply had been reduced, unsuitable to its needs, as that purification untold be required, it is probable that a more desirable location will be sought.

In other cases when pollution of a stream develops to such an extent that a formerly pure water supply becomes unusable the plant must purify the water, or develop a new source of supply. Some years ago the Muncie Water company attained its water supply from White River. With the

development of the oil industry, and the discharge of oil and salt water wastes into the stream, the company was forced to seek a supply elsewhere.

And deep wells were dug, to be in turn reduced unfit for use because oil and gas well operators turned the excess salt water into the outer casings of their wells, thus rendering the drinking water supply of Muncie unfit to 10 miles distant decidedly salubrious. Stream pollution in Indiana is beginning to react upon its manufacturers, as they are finding themselves handicapped and put to a considerable expense in treating the water supplies used in their industries.

The value of fish in our streams and the use of our lakes and streams and the land bordering them for recreation is an intangible one. The actual food value of the fish killed by a factory waste may not be great, yet during the past summer on more than one occasion a ton or more fish were killed within a period of three or four days, by a small vegetable packing plant. A ton of fish at 10 cents per pound has a money value of \$200 an amount in many cases sufficient to have properly cared for the waste.

Small Streams Available.

The smaller streams of the state, if uncontaminated, not only furnish excellent living conditions for fish life, but ideal spawning grounds as well. If these smaller streams can be spared from the waste of cities and factories each will at least contribute to the larger streams and lakes a quantity of fingerlings equivalent, to that turned out of a state hatchery maintained at a cost of \$5,000 per year.

Each year thousands of Indiana residents go to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan or Canada for a week's fishing. Were the lakes and streams of the state adequately protected against injurious wastes there would be no necessity of this annual exodus of sportsmen, with the loss to the state of at least one hundred thousand dollars.

The question of public health cannot be overlooked. The state must pay for pollution by city sewage, either with the lives of its citizens or additional costs for water purification. Waste from each canning factory and stream board mill means additional cost for water purification. The cost should rightly be borne by the industry, city or town contributing the waste.

Dislike Legal Action.
Local citizens of a community are usually more or less reluctant to take legal action against an industry which openly contaminates a stream. Such industries usually put up the cry that there is no method of treating a waste similar to theirs or, that the cost of such treatment will be so excessive that they will be compelled to seek a new location where stream pollution laws are less stringent or less rigidly enforced.

This talk is usually bluff, first because all factory waste may be treated for at least a partial removal of their toxic properties and second the treatment of the waste of an industry need not be an excessive item, and certainly would not compare with the cost incidental to that of moving a factory. Also there are few thickly settled states which are not guarding their streams against excessive pollution of

water and any industries seeking a new location would find statutes as those of Indiana on matters relating to the protection of the public water courses.

The laws now in force in this state are very broad and do not give to any state department sufficient power to properly handle the question of stream pollution. One act grants to the state the authority to prosecute offenders who contaminate the streams to the extent that fish are killed or injured. Considerable improvement in stream conditions has been accomplished under this act but its use has not been resorted to except in extreme cases where moral persuasion failed to convince a manufacturer of his duty. There is great need for specific legislation which will grant to the department of conservation, after investigation, authority to compel cities and towns as well as manufacturers to install proper waste treatment devices, establishing penalties if such orders are not complied with.

GERMAN LETTER COSTS

80 MARKS POSTAGE
EVANSVILLE, Jan. 9.—Postage on a letter John O. Chewing of this city received from Germany recently cost \$0 marks, which would have amounted to about \$20 before the war. The letter was from Daniel Zutt, a graduate of central high school, of which Mr. Chewing is principal. Zutt is attending the University of Berlin.

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STARTLING CHARGES MADE AGAINST JUDGE

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 9.—Public charges of extra judicial activities of a former circuit court judge which resulted in a practical disbarment without process of law, and destruction of his business have been made by Isaac Carter, former lawyer of Shelbyville, and now located in Indianapolis.

A letter was written by Alonzo Blair, Mr. Carter states, to a number of attorneys, regarding a case in which Kingan and company of Indianapolis were defendants with Mr. Carter as their attorney. Mr. Blair, then on the bench, stated in the letter that he would not try a case in which Mr. Carter appeared as attorney.

Mr. Carter remained ignorant of this action for some time, according to his statement, and when he did discover it, was compelled to resign his business. Mr. Carter has prom-

ised further sensational revelations of business in the Shelby county circuit court.

County Auditor Prepares

Delinquent Tax List

Preparation for the publication of the delinquent tax list of Wayne county is being made by County Auditor Howard Brooks. Taxable property upon which taxes have not been paid for the year ending will be listed in

the published notice. Delinquent taxpayers will have until Jan. 19 to pay their back taxes before the additional cost of paying for the publication of the public notice is assessed. Records show that only a comparatively few properties were sold because of delinquent taxes during the year preceding.

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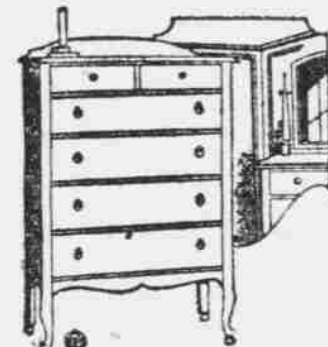
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\$15.75

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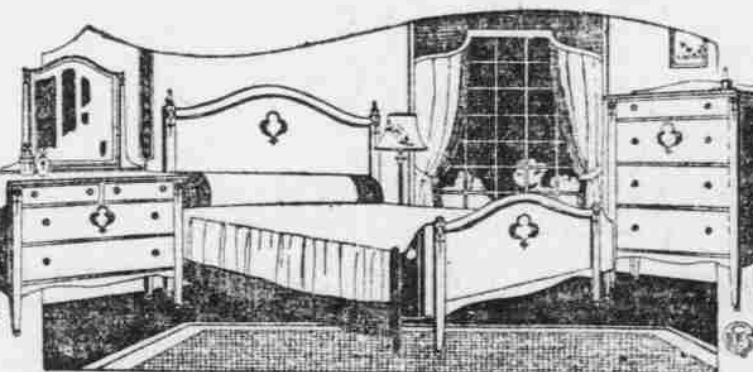
Oversized Leather
Rocker
\$19.50

This oversized model rocker offers one of the most satisfactory mediums with which to fully enjoy the pleasure of an evening. Has full deep seat, spring filled and large, comfortable back with wing sides. Finely upholstered and covered in genuine Spanish Leather. Lowly priced for January selling at \$19.50.

Golden Oak Colonial Buffet
at \$39.75



Regardless of the many woods and dignified designs in furniture which are to be had, it yet remains a fact that this oak furniture is in popular demand, because of its long serviceable qualities. And for that oak dining set we can offer, as a supplement, a well chosen buffet, well proportioned, solidly built and pleasingly finished. Made with two large top drawers, one velvet lined. Two cupboards and full width bottom drawer for linens, etc. As shown, has plate mirror. Indeed an outstanding value at \$39.75



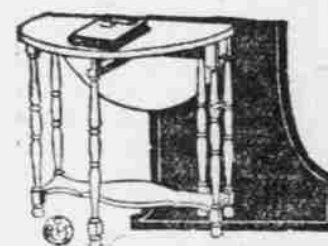
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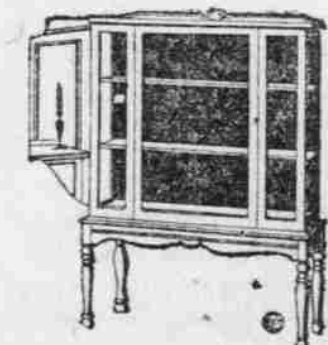
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