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## A START TOWARD IMPROVED ROADS

WAS MADE AT A WELL ATTENDED MEETING IN HUFF'S HALL SATURDAY NIGHT

### DEMAND NOW APPEARS GENERAL

For Roads That Will Serve the Needs and Convenience of our People and Keep German Township a Breath of her Neighbor.

The first definite, tangible progress in the campaign in favor of good roads that quietly has been prosecuted since the Farmers' Institute launched the question some time ago came in the meeting held Saturday night in Huff's hall.

It was the third meeting held and was fairly well attended, chiefly by farmers. The subject was discussed again in a general way. One important fact that developed is that the fear felt by some that the construction of good roads will be enormously costly, amounting, a few greatly alarmed gentlemen proposed some time ago, to confiscation of property, has subsided. It has been removed by learning more about the matter.

It may be stated on this point that no township can issue bonds for roads for a greater amount than four percent of its appraised valuation. Payment of the bonds is strung over ten to twenty years. From this it will be seen that the cost cannot be excessively burdensome. Without doubt some may be inconvenienced to pay it. That is always true. There never will come a time when everybody interested will be prepared and willing to make any proposed improvement. Yet while all well disposed people sympathize with those inconvenienced, progress and improvement cannot be stopped because of them, and in most cases their inconvenience will be far less serious than they anticipate.

After general discussion Saturday night, in which it was pointed out that so far no progress had been made, James B. Snyder made a motion, which was seconded, that Chairman Elmer Berg appoint a committee of three to issue a proposition or committee of five from different parts of the township, one member to be John L. Mosberger, township trustee, and that they be instructed to prepare a plat or plan showing what roads shall be improved to best serve all the people of the township and report it at the next meeting or as soon as possible. Also that they prepare a petition to the county commissioners asking that an election be called to allow the voters of German township to say whether or not they want the improvement made, and circulate the petition for signatures upon the approval of the plan of roads to be improved.

The motion carried without a dissenting voice and Chairman Berg named George W. Huff, Lewis Foltz and Albert Leeper as the nominating committee. They met Monday night and appointed Trustees, Mosberger, William Schlosser, Edward Landeman, Joseph R. Loefer and William Carls as the committee. They are busy laying out the plan of roads to be improved and preparing and circulating a petition for election upon approval of the plan submitted, or to comply with any modification of the plan that may be agreed upon.

Looks like business, doesn't it? In the hands of the energetic gentlemen named the question will undoubtedly be rigorously pushed to a conclusion in an election. If a majority of the voters of German township, including Bremen, want improved roads, the Enquirer is convinced from talks with many progressive farmers

that they do, they will be built, and paying for them in the small installments along with other taxes scarcely will be felt.

In the almost four years that the writer has lived in this community repeatedly has been impressed upon him that the most prominent, predominating characteristic of its citizens is conservatism. They do not too readily take up with new things and they fear proposed changes very closely before accepting them. But when they once decide to do a given thing of a public kind, the tireless, restless energy with which they address themselves to the task and the superlative completeness with which they accomplish it leaves nothing to be desired.

Unless we are desolved in the sentiment in the township, our people are ready for improved roads and will go about their construction with characteristic zeal and energy. We do not believe they will rest content to drag over road roads while Bremen township on the south and the territory to the east construct good roads. At all events, an election will make that test clear.

### Will Leave Bremen Soon

Many friends will learn with sincere regret that Rev. Whiskin and family will leave Bremen May 1. They have been here more than five years. In which time they have served and enjoyed the respect and friendship of the entire community. They go to the little town of Warren, Mich., where Rev. Whiskin will have charge of a church several times as large as the one here, both in membership and building. The church has a fine pipe organ and is located in a very prosperous community. Friends will be glad to know that they will be so favorably situated.

Pecuniary considerations are the cause of the change. Rev. Whiskin finds it necessary to earn more money or rather to receive more money for his work in order to keep his family in comfort. It is not flattering to churches that they appear to flunk a minister who has spent years in fitting himself for his work, should be content with barely enough to exist, accumulating nothing. It is as much the duty of preachers as of men in any other profession or occupation to make some provision for the future when their period of earning is past.

Churches that wish to pay ministers \$200 or \$300 a year cannot expect to secure, or retain, men of ability, and do not deserve to have them. Churches that pay a cheap preacher should be content with cheap sermons, because we normally get no more than we pay for in this world. No preacher who is compelled by a stingy congregation to be eternally skimping and practicing stingy economies can be expected to preach broad, able sermons. Preaching for love of the work and hope of a future reward is all very well as a theory, but it is of the first importance that the pulpit be kept boiling for the present.

### Sentenced For Life

Charles N. Conway and his wife, Beatrice Ryall Conway, were convicted Saturday in Judge Kersters court in Chicago of the murder of Sophia Stinger in that city several months ago after she had befriended them. Conway was sentenced to prison for life and his wife for fourteen years, but the jury will recommend to the pardon board reducing Mrs. Conway's term to eleven months on the ground that she did not assist in the actual killing and perjured herself in an effort to save her husband.

Conway will be remembered by many Enquirer readers as the man with the wooden leg who did the high dive at the Nappanee union show two years ago.

## MUCH BATTLE, LITTLE GORE

Arrest and Fine are Most Serious Results of Two Days' Conflict.

A two-days fight, with some changes in the line-up of warriors, attracted local attention Monday and Tuesday and reached its climax Tuesday night in Justice Legner's court, when a J. Manning of Chicago was fined \$1 and costs on conviction of assault and battery on complainant of Ervin Bellman. John Vanskyhawk stayed the docket and Manning gave notice of an appeal to the circuit court and threatened Deputy Prosecutor George M. Daneman with dire vengeance because the latter declined to prepare an affidavit charging Bellman with assault with intent to kill.

Trouble started Monday evening in Sheridan's saloon when Manning and John Vanskyhawk had a fight with Joseph Vollaglio. Nobody was badly hurt, although perhaps worse when he got a rap across the neck from an iron pipe that Vollaglio was trying to use against his opponent. Probably the origin of the trouble is a grade following the settlement of the Daniel Vollaglio estate.

Then there was a cessation of hostilities until Tuesday, when Manning hunted up Ervin Bellman and assaulted him after numerous threats. The apparent cause for this assault seems to be that Bellman is an associate of Vollaglio. For this Marshall Roth arrested Manning and says that John Vanskyhawk undertook to interfere to prevent the arrest. It was an unseemly affair as a whole and steps should be taken to prevent the occurrence of more like it.

### Hand Mangled in Saw

While working Friday on a sawmill which John Rhoads recently installed on J. R. Loefer's farm northeast of town William Kimes by a moment's thoughtlessness threw his left hand into the saw, which was running, and in a fraction of a second the little finger was cut off and the remaining fingers, the palm of the hand and the wrist badly lacerated. He was brought to Dr. Newburn's office and given surgical attention.

At the time of the accident Mr. Kimes was in the sawmill pit under the mill attempting to put on a belt. In making a motion to show an assistant what to do, he threw his hand into the saw. The mill is the one formerly in the Gregg mill in Bremen. Mr. Rhoads bought it and set it up on the Loefer farm to cut some timber for him. This leaves him decidedly short of fingers, as he lost the second third and fourth fingers of his right hand some years ago in an accident on a sawmill, and has only the thumb and forefinger left on that hand.

### Aged Lady Dies

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Dickman, who was brought here some three months ago to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Rosener, died suddenly Monday evening from a stroke of apoplexy at the age of 78 years, six months and one day.

The body was taken to Springfield, Ill., her former home, yesterday for interment, after funeral services here. Rev. and Mrs. Rosener and their son, Mr. Adolph Mottl, Rosina Sahli, Minnie Mottl and Henrietta Wagner will be confirmed with appropriate ceremonies by Rev. Weiskalk in the evening a reunion will be held of those confirmed in the church at the sacred cantata in Jerusalem will The given by the choir.

### Confession Services

At the German Reformed church Sunday morning a class composed of Frederick Sals, Walter Sahli, Adolph Mottl, Rosina Sahli, Minnie Mottl and Henrietta Wagner will be confirmed with appropriate ceremonies by Rev. Weiskalk in the evening a reunion will be held of those confirmed in the church at the sacred cantata in Jerusalem will The given by the choir.

## CONTRACT AWARDED

For Big Addition to the American Radiator Co's. Bremen Plant

Superintendent Morrison of the local plant of the American Radiator Co. has received notice that the contract for the big addition to the plant has been awarded to the Warden-Alton Co. of Chicago and that work upon it will begin shortly. It is understood that E. G. Leber's bid was perhaps low enough to land the contract, but he specified six months time to do the work, which is longer than the company is willing to allow.

As stated before, the addition comprises eight new buildings, five of brick and three small ones of frame. Two of the brick buildings are to be approximately 80 by 100 feet in size and of the most modern style of factory construction. The whole cost is understood to knock a big hole into \$100,000 and to make the Holland plant rank among the company's best. It is a most gratifying addition to the town, and even in anticipation is putting ginger into every line of business. Empty houses, of which we have had a few for some time, are again being bought and everything is feeling the impetus of the enlarged plant and business.

The Warden-Alton Co. is building an immense new plant for the American at Rayonne, N. J., and doing work for them at Kansas City and elsewhere. This doubtless had something to do with their securing the contract for the enlargement here.

### A Pleasant Reception

About sixty ladies enjoyed the generous hospitality of Mrs. George Siefer yesterday afternoon at a combined musical and luncheon at her cosy home on West Plymouth street.

Miss Lulu Wahl, contralto, of South Bend, and Miss Edna Stavek of Bremen, soprano, each gave several vocal selections that were greatly appreciated and Miss Maude Siefer rendered several piano numbers in her usual brilliant manner. A dainty afternoon luncheon was served and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

The three hours spent on the intricate puzzle of the case proved short, as the time was extended to four hours or more. "Splendid" appears to be the universal verdict of the guests in expressing their opinion of the function.

### Starting Confession

One of the most astounding confessions ever heard was made Sunday in the South Bend jail when Ben Fink, confined and awaiting trial on a charge of being a member of the "arson trust" alleged to have made a regular business of causing fires by the score for profit, weakness and told the whole story. He admits having been for several years employed to start the fires and implicates 60 or 70 men including merchants, insurance adjusters and others. Most of the fires were in Chicago, but several were in Indiana, at Ft. Wayne, South Bend, Remington and elsewhere. It appears probable that Fink's confession will put a number of men behind the bars and reduce the number of incendiary fires for a while.

### Institute at Wyatt

Mr. Garver, the Purdue man who conducted the Farmers' Institute here and at Nappanee recently, will hold a similar meeting at Wyatt Friday, March 14. All farmers are invited and urged to attend.

William Tramp and Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Stump were called here Tuesday because of the serious illness of Wilson Tramp. Mr. Tramp returned yesterday, leaving his brother better, and Mrs. and Stump remained for a few days.

## High School Notes

The Athenian literary society held its first regular meeting Friday evening. An interesting program was presented. At the business session the members of the Bremen school board were elected to honorary membership. There are forty five active charter members.

Miss Peterson, a reader from a Chicago school of oratory, entertained the high school for a few minutes Friday afternoon. The eighth grade pupils were invited into the assembly room to hear her and were given a round of applause when they were introduced as the class of 1917.

The last number of the lecture course given under the auspices of the public schools will occur on Thursday, March 20, when Mr. Battis, an impressor of characters from Dickens, will appear. All of the cash admissions on this evening will be devoted to the establishment of domestic science in the high school. Here is a chance for friends of progress to aid the school in a great forward movement.

The Marshall county contest in athletics, oratory and music will be held at Plymouth on Saturday, April 26. Our students are now preparing for his event. To be eligible as to who shall have the honor of representing Bremen High School in oratory, a preliminary contest will be held to which the public will be invited. Medals and other prizes will be given to the best speakers.

On Thursday evening of last week the members of the senior class and faculty were pleasantly entertained at the home of Ernest Landeman.

The juniors this week began work on their class play, "Topsy Turvy," which will be given in about three weeks.

The anti-cigarette pledge which was signed some weeks ago by every boy in the high school seems to have been faithfully kept. That such a pledge should be signed and adhered to by high school students is distinctly credit to the town of Bremen.

The first report cards of the second semester were given out on Tuesday afternoon.

A very strong track team may be expected to represent Bremen at the county meet. Practice will be commenced as soon as weather conditions are favorable.

As a part of their English work, the seniors have been making a special study of the novels of Dickens. They will now be able to better appreciate the entertainment by Mr. Battis.

A large book case has been built which will occupy the north side of the library room. Additional shelf room was made necessary by the recent donation of more than five hundred books to the library.

Under the directions of Miss Higgins, several students are trying out for the quartet which will contest at Plymouth.

The senior class have decided that they will not wear caps and gowns at the closing events of the school year.

The high school commencement address will be delivered by Charles A. Greathouse, the state superintendent of public instruction.

As the years which we spend in high school are the ones which mould our characters, Mr. Winner has had framed and hung in the assembly room a large chart entitled "Our Personal Record." It is meant to impress on young people the things that go toward the making of strong character.

### Seniors

Henry Longfield has sold his farm of 70 acres near Oak Grove to William Gardner and one of his sons. The price was \$100 per acre. Mr. Longfield and family expect to move to Bremen soon.

## LEGISLATURE IS BROUGHT TO END

LAST ACTS RECORDED FOR ENQUIRER READERS AS THE EVENTS TRANSPIRE

### BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Who is an Experienced Newspaper Man with a Keen Nose for News Who Can Be Relied Upon to get at the Meat of what goes on.

Indianapolis, March 11.—The 1913 session of the Indiana Legislature passed into history Monday night—or rather about 1:15 Tuesday morning, although the clocks in both houses were stopped in order that the work might technically be completed Monday. The closing days were taken up with mostly routine or minor business, although that action on some of the larger matters remains for the last few hours. This was especially true of the appropriation bills. The house some days ago dropped practically all its increases in their bills, but the senate amended them by putting back a number of these increases. Two separate conference committees were appointed before the two houses finally got together on the six—and the houses were at the end, as only a few of the smaller and probably deserved increases were left in.

One of the things that took a lot of time during the closing days was the proposition for celebrating Indiana's centennial—the hundredth anniversary of the state's admission into the union, which comes in 1916. Strommen and repeated efforts were made to pass some bill providing for observing the occasion. Half a dozen different bills were presented, some of which passed for a time, but they were all rejected at the end, as only a few of the smaller and probably deserved increases were left in.

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