

# Overall-Clad Trio Passes Worthless Checks In Plymouth

## Chief Says Four Places Cash Papers

Nearby County Officers Altered

PLYMOUTH—Officers of nearby counties are assisting Police Chief Robert Meiser locate an overall-clad trio that passed worthless checks here a week ago. Four business establishments were victimized.

Donald Willet, who operates a business shop here, cashed one check for \$46 while Songer's restaurant cashed one for \$27 and the local Texaco gas service station got one for \$5. The other, of an undesignated amount, was cashed at an unidentified tavern here.

There were two young men and a middle-aged man in the group, Chief Meiser reported. They drove a stock-car type truck and secured cash by stating they had nothing but the check on their persons when they were presented with bills at the various business places.

Three of the checks were drawn on the New London Savings bank and the other on an Ashland bank. They were returned marked "funds." Meiser notified sheriffs in adjoining Huron and Crawford counties to aid him track down the trio.

The trio has not returned here and no warrants have been issued but prosecution is promised if the men are apprehended, Meiser stated Saturday. One of the suspects has been seen frequently at cattle and horse sales in Bucyrus.

Two of the checks bore the signatures of Robert Gray and E. E. Williams while another had the signature of E. L. Boyd and Eugene Walton, the chief said.

## 'Queen' Gets Post's Aid

CRESTLINE—The candidacy of Beverly Bausch, local girl chosen District 10 queen by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for state queen selection was backed by the local VFW organization as \$50 was forwarded to the district president. Gifts also were sent to Willard McCutts who has been ill at home.

The post announced a banquet, followed by a dance, in the local hall on Saturday, Feb. 2, which will be open to the public. The Postmaster's Ball has been scheduled in the VFW hall for Feb. 2.

Last week's scholastic grid banquet was held at the hall and Coach Eldon Smith addressed the post members. The organization donated \$25.

Purchasing of material and reconstruction of the kitchen were discussed at the meeting. When completed the post's kitchen will be equipped with the latest modern conveniences.

**Crestline Cast Rehearsing Play**  
CRESTLINE—The Dramatic club of Crestline high school under the direction of Robert O'Brien are practicing the play "We Shook the Family Tree," which will be presented in the near future.

The cast consists of the following: Ruth Pott, Floyd Roston, Patricia Meyers, Karen Maynard, Jean Klopstein, Martin Kemle, Jean Emery, Elaine Wimmeler, Janet Forman, Jimmy Ryan, George Lacey and Dorothy Sherer.

**Leesville Lutherans Sponsoring Minstrel**  
LEESVILLE—St. John's Lutheran church here is sponsoring a minstrel at the local high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m. on Jan. 31. It will be presented by the Friendship class of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Bucyrus.

The Leesville church is engaged in an extensive improvement program and the minstrel is expected to provide additional funds for the church. A minstrel last year proved to be a great success.

**GET EGYPTIAN ORDER**  
LOUDONVILLE—Public company has received a letter of commendation for five more coaches from El Alami, the representative from Cairo, Egypt. Eleven Fitch coaches already are operating in Egypt.

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**SWISS PRODUCTS ADMIRER**—Mrs. Karl Oesch (standing and holding a tray of edibles) and her daughter, Emily, Mrs. Harold Went of 917 Herring avenue, Mansfield, look over souveners in the Oesch farm home near Shelby. These were obtained in Switzerland which the Oesch parents visited last fall. A beanie cap, on the arm of the chair, is a child's favorite and carries emblem the larger cow bells scattered on the floor and on the table. Mrs. Went holds a Swiss Christmas cake in her lap. It is inscribed with a greeting and frosted outline of the town's church.

## Yodeling Secondary on Karl Oesch Farm

### Swiss Cow Bells To Peal In County

By BILL HERRING  
N-J State Editor

SHELBY—Swiss music will peal out on the Karl Oesch farm south of here this spring when the cows are turned out to pasture.

It'll not be traditional Swiss yodeling but will emanate from cow bells Oesch secured on his recent visit to his native Switzerland.

Oesch and his wife, Tillie, sailed Aug. 7 on the Queen Elizabeth and returned Dec. 9 on the Queen Mary. The return trip was an eventful one made in foggy and stormy weather and found the visiting American shores at the height of the east coast shipping strike.

**GETS A BARGAIN**  
He was to order cow bells for a Mansfield resident but couldn't resist getting some for himself when the make offered them at cost. They all bear his initials, the year of manufacture, the Swiss flag shield and either "cow bells" or "edibles" (the Swiss native flower) cast on the bell. They also bear the name of the maker—Gebr. Berger, or Gebr. Boller in England.

Two have been given away—one to his wife and the other to his brother, Fred, of Alto, Mich. Leather collars are attached so they may be hung on the cow's neck.

Karl was born in Schwarzenegg and Friday observes his 68th birthday anniversary. He has

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been in the United States for 48 years, first settling at Alto, Mich. He has been a Richmond county citizen for 17 years and now owns two farms near here. One, of 278 acres, is on Shelby, R. D. 1 while the other, of 123 acres, is a mile, and a half distant on the Amoy road. He does general farming, specializing in dairy farming.

He became acquainted with his wife while she was visiting in Alto with her father, Rev. John Fuhrer of Bern, Ind. The Fuhrers are Russian and the Oesch were married in Mansfield in 1914 and have 10 children, between the ages of 35 and 18 years. They are Benjamin, Ann, Rose, Edith, John, Emma, Martha, Helen and Robert. There are eight grand children.

Emily now Mrs. Harold Went of 917 Herring avenue, Mansfield, helped Martha care for the three younger brothers while the parents were abroad.

**COUSIN WELL KNOWN**  
Karl has a brother, Fred, in Alto, Mich., a sister in Germany and two other sisters in Bern, Switzerland, and an aunt, Mrs. Eliza Giger, 75, who lives in Edmore, Mich. A cousin, Karl Lenz, is a staff of the Finnish army unit in Finland surrendered to Russia.

He was sentenced to 11 years in prison but was released after serving three years in a prisoner of war camp and now serves as an interpreter as he speaks several languages.

The address is the last flower to bloom before snow falls and is found on the south side of the mountains. It is

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## Ohio Jeweler, 'Rocks', Given Lengthy Flight

DAYTON — Jack Werts, a Dayton jeweler, breathed easier yesterday after an overtime plane ride with \$1,500,000 worth of diamonds in his pocket. The jeweler had been in New York and Washington the past week appearing in television programs.

Returning to Dayton aboard a TWA Constellation, the plane hit a 200-foot ceiling over Dayton and the pilot decided to continue on to Chicago.

With all the glittering "rocks" aboard—including the 16.25 carat Vanderbilt diamond which Werts owns—the plane sailed ahead and two policemen met Werts in Chicago to protect the jewels.

The jeweler caught the next plane back to Dayton, landing here at 11:38 p. m.

## Pay Boost Given Clerk

Action Approved In Loudonville

LOUDONVILLE — Council last week boosted the annual salary of the village clerk from \$1800 to \$2,400 to become effective next year. Mayor J. F. Church recommended the action. Money from the waterworks and general fund will make up the difference.

Fire Chief Harold Stockman requested council time on the pumper type fire truck are the original ones at the time of its purchase in 1938. He also recommended the fire alarm area be relocated and given electrical attention.

Fairview residents reiterated the surface water drainage problem in the community.

Action was deferred on a petition by Will Snyder to have an allotment plot within the corporation limits accepted as an extension of East Washington street.

## Bucyrus P-TA Purchasing Lot

BUCYRUS — The playground area at Norton grade school here will be enlarged this spring through the efforts of the Parent-Teacher association at the school.

Mrs. Edwin Winters, P-TA president announced Saturday.

The association is purchasing for \$100 a lot of 20 for adjoining the present playground area. The lot is being purchased from J. F. Stiles of Los Angeles and it is expected to be ready for use in late spring.

A benefit bridge and a family night meeting, both events planned for February, will be sponsored by the association.

## Minstrel Show Bookings Made

BUCYRUS—Eight out of town bookings already have been made for presentation of the annual spring minstrel by the Friendship class of St. Paul's Lutheran church here.

Robert Streiff, production director, announced last week.

Initial presentation of the minstrel will be at Bucyrus high school on Thursday night.

Out of town appearances include Nevada, Jan. 1; Leesville, Jan. 31; Sulphur Springs, Feb. 8; New Robinson, Feb. 12; Sycamore, Feb. 14; Wheatstone, Feb. 16; Holmes-Liberty, Feb. 18 and Mr. Zim, Feb. 28.

Proceeds will be used to help furnish the parish house, which will get under construction this spring.

## Distinguished Award Given Ashlander, 33

By VIRGINIA LEED, N-J State Correspondent  
ASHLAND—Newly announced 1948 winner of the annual Distinguished Service Award of the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce is 33-year-old Elton Whitted who received the award at Thursday night's dinner meeting of the Jaycees.

The award is made annually to the young Ashlander business man selected by a committee of Ashland civic leaders. Chairman of the selection committee this year was G. Reed Page, president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

Whitted, graduate of Ashland college and father of three small daughters, is at present one of two Ohio directors of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of the local Jaycees and during 1948 was a vice president of the Ohio Junior chamber.

Active member of the First

Assistant to the chief chemist at the Fausliss Rubber company, Whitted is a member of the American Chemical society. Achievement, leadership and service to the community during the calendar year are the requirements for selection of the annual award winner.

Directors re-elected are: David Van Alstyne Jr., New York City; Edward L. Elliott, New York City; Joseph E. Dempsey, Chicago; Clarence J. Reese, Detroit; Allan Emil, New York City; E. P. Monroe and George C. McClure, both of Galion.

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## Bucyrus Vets Plan Affairs

BUCYRUS—A full week's celebration of the golden jubilee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is being planned by Walter E. Bauer post here beginning Monday night.

Highlight of the week's events will be a military ball on Tuesday night. The ball will include a drill by Battery B, 14th Field Artillery battalion, stationed here, ball arrangements are in charge of Capt. Carl Kaplanoff, local ONG commander, and Frank Howard, Foster Schreier's orchestra of Upper Sandusky will play for dancing.

Monday night's event is a card party sponsored by the Ladies' auxiliary. Mrs. Howard Williams is chairman of the event, which will include a smorgasbord supper. A tag party will be held Tuesday night and past presidents of the auxiliary will be in charge of a special program on Wednesday night. Both the Cootie and Cootie organizations will sponsor the program Friday night when a Dutch lunch will be served.

Jack Fenn's band will play for the regular Saturday night dance, which will conclude the week-long celebration.

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## Galion Native Promoted At Springfield

GALION—Of interest to many Galion friends and relatives is the promotion of Thomas (Tom) R. Dougherty, from the position of night general yardmaster of the New York Central railroad at Springfield to the position of day yardmaster.

The night vacancy will be filled by V. E. Lineau of Bellefontaine. Dougherty was yardmaster in Galion for 16 years before being promoted to Springfield.

He was born in Galion, and during his high school days was prominent in athletics. For a number of years he refereed athletic contests in this vicinity. His wife is the former Ethel Thomas. They have four children.

## Ashland 'Y' Names Staff

ASHLAND—S. F. Jamison, superintendent of Ashland public schools, is newly elected president of the Ashland YMCA.

Other officers elected include: A. Ross Stewerling, vice president; William Eyer, recording secretary, and E. F. Lersch, treasurer.

At the annual meeting of members held at the Ashland hotel, John C. Myers, Jr., and Harold Rader were elected directors and Dean Duffey was named a new member. H. M. Clark was elected as a trustee for four years.

## Ship of First War Finished In 2nd

NEW YORK — (AP) — Most freighters can be constructed in a few months, but there is still today a former American cargo vessel the required all of two World Wars and twenty-one years to build. Launched too late for World War I, this holder of a unique shipbuilding record was

launched up as an unfinished hull until World War II forced its completion, the American Merchant Marine Institute reveals.

The Trento slid down the ways at Pascagoula, Miss., in 1920, but was decided not to finish the ship which was placed in layup at Mobile. But in 1941, when war broke out, the ship was quickly completed, renamed the Phila and placed under the Panama flag because of Neutrality Act restrictions on the movements of American ships. She served throughout the war. Recently she was sold to Norwegian owners who named her the Thoracape.

CRESTLINE—The New Washington Lutheran Pastors' conference will be held in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church Monday.

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