

Held

April 4, 1960

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Present: J.W. Torrens; George F. Wince; John E. Kinney (S.D. Jewett-absent)

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented for payment:

1832	Spillman Hardware	Clamps, cable	8.10	M 5
1833	Utica Herald	Print financial statement	10.44	A 5
1834	Myers W. Hull	Payroll	57.67	M 2
1835	David Thompson	Tractor work	56.00	N 2
1836	Public Employees Retirement	Deductions	24.43	9.31 M 2
				15.12 N 4
1837	Myers Feed and Coal	Gravel & Spreading	518.70	N 2
1838	F.W. Van Wey	Gravel & Spreading	854.90	O 2
			<u>1530.24</u>	

I certify that there are sufficient funds in the depository to pay the above bills and that checks have been issued for same.

John E. Kinney
John E. Kinney - clk.

Mr. Wince moved that the bills be allowed and paid. Mr. Torrens seconded the motion. Vote* Mr. Wince, yes; Mr. Torrens, yes. Motion carried.

The trustees were confronted with what could be termed as "Operation MUD" and all concerned were knee deep in it.

The Township road situation had created quite a problem, both maintenance and fibancial. Several roads had been closed due to being impassable and the funds were becoming depleted.

Mr. Hull, road supervisor, and Mr. F.W. Van Wey, materials supplier, were present and a lengthy discussion was had concerning the means and ways of repairs. Consensus of opinion was that, in a few days, all roads would be passable providing that no excess rainfall occurred.

The meeting was adjourned till April 18th.

James W. Torrens
James W. Torrens-Chairman.

John E. Kinney
John E. Kinney-Clerk

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Shown above is the Washington township road maintainer mired in a mud hole on township road 205 just north of the Dave Thompson farm. When the picture was taken Tuesday, 14 loads of gravel had already been dumped in and the

trustees, Jim Torrens and George Wince, said that it would probably take 20 more loads. To the left in the above picture is Wince and to the right is Torrens. Myers Hull, who operates the maintainer is in the cab and his son Jerry is sitting on the front.

Council Will Install 13 New Street Lights

Engineer Joseph Hall of Joseph Hall and Associates, Newark, presented plans and specifications for the Jefferson and Church streets improvement project to Utica Village Council on Monday night. Council immediately authorized the advertising for project bids which will include a storm sewer along Jefferson street in the area of the high school, and the paving, curbing and guttering of that same street as well as Church street of Jefferson.

New Street Lights

Following a report of the light committee, the village fathers approved the installation of 13 new street lights in the village at an added monthly cost of \$44.45. The plans call for extending the bright 10,000 lumen lamps along Main street by placing one near the Wahl used car lot and another near the Riley Oil Co.

The new lights, a little brighter than most on residential

at the railroad crossing, Church street near the high school.

The light committee decided against raising brightness of existing residential lights because the limited benefit would not justify the added cost. Trees even now prevent existing light from spreading very far beyond intersections.

In other business council approved the installation of four way stops at the alley intersection by the Hugh Beever shoe shop and another near Miller TV.

Council learned that the village was delinquent two months

Four Motorists Are Cited Into Utica Mayor's Court

Four motorists were stopped Sunday by Deputy Marshal Donn Bangle and cited into Mayors Court for this Wednesday night. George N. Blocher of Mansfield was charged with excessive speed on Main street, as was Norma W. Cope of Lexington.

Nathan Nash of Geneva posted \$25 bond after being cited for excessive speed on U.S. 62 east. Leo G. Schleich of Utica was charged with driving with a temporary permit without a licensed driver in the front seat.

Begin 4-H Pony Project Tonight

Ponies will become a part of 4-H Club Work in Licking county for the first time this year. The pony breeding enterprise has become important in Licking county agriculture, according to Merle Scheetz, County Extension Agent in charge of 4-H clubs.

In response to a number of requests, the Licking County 4-H

Knee Deep In Mud

Building Programs Begin Here With Promise Of Spring

With the promise of spring in the air, several building projects got underway in Utica this week. The footers are poured and the grease pit is being dug for the new North Fork school bus service garage on the south side of Spring street, just east of the railroad crossing.

Hunter Brothers are now laying blocks for the self-service laundry building being built for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoffsis. The building is on North Washington street just south of Hop In Carry Out.

The contractor has staked out the ground for the Sohio station to be built on the northwest corner of the South Main and U.S. 62 intersection. Suppliers have been unloading steel, and concrete block at the site.

Several residents of the village are awaiting better weather before starting construction of new homes.

Will Sell Mystic Building

The Mystic Theatre building in Utica will be sold at sheriff's sale at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday, April 9 in the rotunda of the county court house in Newark. Because of little business, the theatre closed its doors about a year ago. The Mystic was purchased in 1952 by Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Russell from Stewart Anderson. The concrete block building was erected shortly after World War I by Bill and Sam Albert.



1960 will probably always be remembered as the Year of the Big Mud. Schools as well as many other activities in Ohio have virtually come to a halt as nearly all gravel and dirt roads have become seas of mud following the thawing of Old Man Winter's frost. Rural highways are in the poorest condition in at least 10 years, and many township governments are hard pressed financially to repair them.

Schools Dismissed Rest of Week By Executive Heads

At a special meeting held Wednesday, April 6, at the county board of education office the executive heads of schools and township trustees agreed on a cooperative approach to the emergency road conditions. The administrators would like to announce the following decisions:

1. School will not be held the remainder of the present week. Every effort will be made to open school Monday, April 11. Parents are asked to cooperate with bus drivers if they live on inaccessible roads. Some children may have to walk to meet the bus on Monday.
2. Some of the time missed in this emergency will be made up at Easter, some by having no spring vacation and some at the end of the year.
3. School people are fully aware of the problems that the trustees face and will cooperate as much as possible in this emergency.

Schools represented at the meeting were North Fork, North Ridge, Licking Valley, Southwest Licking, Licking Heights, and Johnstown.

Plan Union Services For Good Friday At Down Town Church

Four Utica churches will unite in presenting union services between 12 and 1 o'clock on Good Friday next week, in the Presbyterian church. The program will follow the theme "People and the Cross."

Short sermons will be given by Rev. Thomas Collum of the Nazarene church, Rev. Jack Six of the Presbyterian, Rev. John Graham of the Methodist, and Rev. Harold Prong of the Church of Christ.

North Fork school buses brought students to the schools Wednesday of last week, and after the roads thawed out during the day, had a difficult time delivering them back home. Nine of the buses became mired in mud holes, at least one clear to the floor boards. Practically none of the schools in Licking or Knox counties have been opened since that time.

Although Washington and Newton township roads are in pretty fair shape, more than 30 are still closed in Knox county. It is impossible to get to Morgan Center, and several people living in rural areas have temporarily moved to town. For the first time in many years, even rural mail carriers cannot make their complete rounds. Practically every rural carrier in this area has to be pulled from a mud hole several times daily.

Trustees of various townships in the area are asking rural residents to be extremely careful of fires, and not to kindle outdoor blazes, as fire trucks cannot travel rural roads. Last Thursday the Homer-Burlington fire truck bogged down on County Line road and could not get to a fire at the G. A. Ball farm which caused \$2,000 damages. A county gravel truck pulled it out after 1,000 gallons of water were drained from the fire vehicle.

Washington township trustees immediately had gravel dumped on all the bad spots beginning last Thursday. By Tuesday most Washington township roads were in pretty good shape with the exception of three holes on township road 205. One is near the end of the road near the Bell church road, another just north of the Dave Thompson farm, and the other south of the Blacksnake road near Orr Hill's. Washington township trustees Monday night approved the payment for 500 tons of gravel, and more is still