

REPORTERS FIND BIG SHORTAGE IN COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Report Charges That Ex-County Treasurer Fred E. Ames is Short Over Twenty Thousand Dollars.

TRIES TO SHIFT BLAME ON HIS DEPUTY

Reports Indicate that Accounts of Mr. Price, Ames Deputy and Predecessor in Office, are Correct Discrepancies Occur During Ames Term

Arthur Young & Company, who are employed by the Lake County board of supervisors to audit the books of all county officers for a period of two years ending August 31, 1936, have completed their work and made a report to the board at a meeting held Tuesday.

From their finding it appears that the annual reports made to the board of supervisors by the various officers were correct with the exception of the county treasurer where it is shown that there is a shortage of \$27,200.00 of this amount it is charged that a shortage of \$12,200.00 is directly chargeable to Fred E. Ames former county treasurer.

The report is as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8, 1936.
To T. M. Clark, Esq., Chairman of Audit, Finance Committee of the Supervisors of Lake County, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request we have examined the books and records kept by the following officers of the county by the period of two years ending as above:

County Treasurer's office ending August 31, 1935.

Inheritance tax funds	\$3,367.27
Institute funds	25.66
Treasurer's report of fees, etc.	2,428.38
Disbursements	916,027.00
Total	\$922,128.31

To ascertain that his balance was intact we examined statements which were obtained from the various banks which the treasurer had accounts on. The balances in these accounts on August 31, 1935 are as follows, being the total funds which the Treasurer could produce to us:

People's Bank, Waukegan	\$9,048.42
Security Savings Bank, Waukegan	2,538.32
Wisconsin State Bank of Waukegan	1,667.43
State Bank of Lake Forest	1,065.97
First National Bank of Lake Forest	6,796.30
First National Bank of Libertyville	3,172.90
Lake County National Bank of Waukegan	728.90
Mechanics & Farmers Loan and Trust	15.93
Highland Park State Bank	21,675.00
First Bank of Antioch	2,177.00
First Bank of Libertyville	6,274.94
Cash on hand	888,263.20

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where their funds were deposited. The balance of the funds which the County received a large sum being a personal interest. If this shortage is correct, it is charged that the funds had not been materially reduced and the interest saved. The amount of the shortage which is a serious interest matter. We suggest that all those questions bearing on interest be referred for legal opinion.

2. The practice of using County funds in a private bank account should not, in our opinion, be permitted. The balance due by the Treasurer in bank account which will open in inspection at any time.

3. The present examination does not carry the audit down to the date of the closing of the present term, it should be done forthwith.

4. The practice of installing periods of records in the various offices which will enable a proper check to be made on the responsibility can be placed where it belongs and the funds properly supervised.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur Young & Company, Inc.

FRED E. AMES Ex-County Treasurer Whose Accounts are \$27,200.00 Short

discussing a shortage of \$1,725.00. The whole of this amount has been misappropriated during the period from December 3, 1935, to August 31, 1936, and is therefore chargeable to Mr. Ames, who was Treasurer during that period.

We have been able to locate the misappropriation of the records, as well as the balance sheet, to approximately \$27,200.00.

1. That Mr. Ames has drawn by checks and there have been charged to the disbursement check books, but his name in excess of his salary for the period aggregating approximately \$1,725.00.

2. That the till book, which is the only record of daily cash receipts and disbursements, shows deposits in the till book in excess of actual amounts deposited, as per schedule 1st, of at least \$18,250.00.

3. That the till book shows county bonds and jurors warrants, etc., paid in excess of actual warrants, etc., issued, per schedule 1st, \$18,405.43.

4. That the till book shows cash collections which have not been recorded in the till book amounting to \$1,525.00.

5. That it was the practice of the

HUNTINGTON IS DEAD

Prominent Elk Township Man Suddenly Calfed—Dies in Chair at Home of Son.

Deshaun Huntington, a prominent citizen and former Supervisor of Elk township and an early settler, passed away suddenly at the home of his son Fred Huntington, Fairfield, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Ampley is given as the cause of death. Mr. Huntington was 71 years of age. He was a native of Ohio and had lived in this country since 1850. He was married to Mrs. Mary Huntington and they had three children. His wife died in 1910. He was a member of the Elk township board of supervisors and was a member of the Elk township board of health. He was a member of the Elk township board of education and was a member of the Elk township board of fire.

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WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

Ladies Listen to Address by Mrs. Elizabeth Mendenhall Everett of High Land Park This Afternoon.

The members of the Woman's club had the pleasure of listening to a talk this afternoon by Mrs. Elizabeth Mendenhall Everett of High Land Park. The address was given at the meeting of the club which was held at the home of Mrs. Everett at High Land Park. Mrs. Everett is president of the Illinois State Association of Women's Clubs and was a member of the club at the annual convention held at Peoria last month. She was elected to the office of state secretary. She is a leader in woman's club circles and the honor she has for her address, Mrs. Everett and her husband, James H. Everett, are also active temperance workers.

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SUTTON STORE ROBBED

Fairchild Merchants Home at Sutton Store, Then.

Last Thursday night the store owned by L. G. Fairchild at Sutton, Wis., was robbed by three who took merchandise valued at \$100.00.

The store was opened by a rear door which Mr. Fairchild was at the time. The robbers entered the store and took the merchandise. The store was closed at 10 o'clock.

R. N. A. Election

At their regular meeting last Tuesday evening the Royal Neighbors of Elks of Waukegan held their election for officers. The officers elected were: President, Mr. Kate Leonard, orator. Mr. Mary Banks, vice orator. Mr. Mary Jane, chancellor. Mr. John A. Johnson, secretary. Mr. Lena Jacobson, inner sentinel. Mr. Dickson, outer sentinel. Mrs. Freda Mack, treasurer. Miss Mary Estlin, reporter.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate of this vicinity have been recorded recently:

John W. and wife to Michael Kepp, W. D. \$7,000.00, 85 acres in W. Wisconsin.

Calista A. Hollister to Henry Healy, W. D. \$500.00, 14 1/2 acres 2 1/2 north 23, E 1/2, S 1/2, W 1/2 sec 26, T 12 N, R. 10 E.

CLEAR HOUSE SUP.

Barrett Ladies' Chess Club Meeting Enjoyed by Many Men About 875.

The banquet given by the ladies of the Baptist church Tuesday evening was patronized by a goodly crowd and the ladies' chess club meeting was held at the same time. The ladies had several prizes and one exchange book containing some fine articles. The ladies had a very successful evening and all of which were discussed to advantage.

The money derived from the banquet was used for the general fund of the Women's society and the proceeds amounting to \$100.00 were used for the fund for a new church organ. The ladies now have about \$100.00 in the fund and are planning several more banquets.

Mrs. M. A. Spang is the secretary of the club and is a member of the committee in charge of this work of which Mrs. A. L. Robertson is chairman. She has promised to take charge of the next function which will probably be in the nature of a play or talent.

WILL WORK ALL WINTER

Work on Waucoda-Palke Electric Road to be Completed by Winter. Extent to Fox Lake.

Following is a statement of the work with the Waucoda-Palke electric road in progress as told by the work's superintendent, Mr. J. W. H. Robertson.

The board of directors of the Rockford & Elgin Traction company met last Saturday afternoon and the matters voted to retain the engineer and to improve the road between Waucoda and Palke.

They will lay out the permanent line between Waucoda and Fox Lake. The board also voted to improve the road between Waucoda and Palke. The board also voted to improve the road between Waucoda and Palke.

8TH ANNUAL MEETING

Illinois State Dairywomen's Association Held Session at Elgin in January.

The thirty-eighth annual convention of the Illinois State Dairywomen's Association was held at Elgin, Ill., Jan. 17, 18 and 19.

This will be the first time in the history of the association that it has met in this dairy center, and it is to be maintained in the future.

The whole convention, including the sessions of the associations, exhibits of dairy products, and the sale of dairy supplies, butter and exhibit of dairy cows, will be in the coliseum at Elgin.

The program will be very address by prominent dairymen in the dairy field and much practical work for recovery and dairymen.

WEDDING

Barrington Young People United in Holy Bonds of Matrimony Last Evening.

A pretty home wedding occurred last evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert Purcell, when the marriage of their daughter Miss Hazel Purcell to David DeWitt of Chicago was solemnized by the Rev. Fletcher of Christian church, Chicago. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Purcell and is a sister of Mr. and Mrs. Purcell. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt and is a brother of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt. The wedding was a very pretty affair and was attended by many guests.

REDUCES THE COST OF LIVING

Several hundred dollars are wasted each year by purchasers of common ice. The following are some of the ways and returning them to the dealer for credit or cash. In checking over our bills for the past several weeks we find that there are several hundred dollars in the bills for ice which are not worth the cost each if returned in good condition and we are ready to do so. We will be happy to return them to the dealer for credit or cash.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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OLD VETERAN IS DEAD

Charles A. Partridge, Prominent Politician and U. S. A. Man Dies in Chicago.

Charles A. Partridge, 67 years old, an Illinois native who was nine months in the United States Army during the Mexican war, died at his home in Chicago, after a two-week illness, on Tuesday. He was born in Chicago, his father was a prominent politician. He had two sons and two daughters. He was a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and had been a member of the Illinois State Bar Association since 1882. He was a member of the Illinois State Bar Association since 1882. He was a member of the Illinois State Bar Association since 1882.

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