

Hilliards, Franklin County, Ohio.

The little city of Hilliards, situated on the P. C. C. & St. Louis Railway nine miles west of Columbus, is a thriving village of 500 people, each and every one of whom are up and doing, giving to Hilliards a business-like air seldom seen in a town of this size. Good pikes run through the town, leading in all directions out through the country, past farms of rich black land. These farms furnish Hilliards business men with most of their trade which accounts for the business activity in Hilliards since any town depending on a good farming community for its sustenance is bound to succeed.

Hilliards' Public Schools, presided over by Prof. Axline, have grown in importance until to-day they are known all over the state, while the good influences they have had upon the youth of Hilliards and vicinity will pay back tenfold in the years to come. The young ladies and young men leaving here will be prepared to face the world, and if they should make a failure of life it is their own fault, not the fault of their educators. In these columns there will appear at a later date a more detailed account of this school.

The only church in Hilliards, a handsome brick edifice, is the M. E. Church, whose pastor is Rev. Stewart, a good man well liked by all his congregation as well as respected and loved by all the citizens of Hilliards and surrounding country, who may or may not be members of the church. The Church is a noble institution and is so recognized by Hilliards citizens who use wisdom when they show their willingness to support the church, the cornerstone of our civilization.

Business life is represented by the following firms: D. J. Hamilton, who has two large rooms in one of Hilliards finest business blocks, is well known throughout this section of Ohio, he having been in business at Jerome, O., for several years, going from there to his present location where he has, by honest dealing and low prices built up quite an extensive trade. In one of his rooms he has a stock of dry goods, boots and shoes that would be a credit to a much larger town than Hilliards. In the second room he carries a complete line of groceries, all good and fresh, bought direct from the producers. Mr. Hamilton is an enterprising and an energetic man, one that helps life into the community in

Wm. Scofield, for a great many years foreman of the Hilliards Division the P. C. C. & St. Louis track at this place, but now in business for himself in one of the finest little rooms in town, a room which he had erected last spring for his use. In this room there is kept a good stock of grocery notions and dry goods. Mr. Scofield has been in business but a short time yet reports a good trade, a trade that is increasing in volume as the wheel passes by, and there is no doubt but that all the customers who start trade with Mr. Scofield will continue to patronize his place of business.

A neater little meat shop than the one kept by Asa Gatton would be hard to find. It is here that the foundation for a good meal can be had and it is here that the citizens of Hilliards and surrounding neighborhood buy their meat.

A. G. O'Harra has been for several years a resident of Hilliards, removing from the faces of Hilliardsites the troublesome beard. The neatness and dispatch in which his work is done has won for him a host of friends and customers. Tiring of paying rent he purchased a lot, and early last spring erected a fine tonsorial shop, where he can be found at any time ready with a well-honed razor to remove your beard or with sharp scissors to trim your hair. Hilliards couldn't get along without this genial artist.

The firm of J. W. Winterringer & Son, dealers in groceries, boots and shoes, are well known for miles around. Mr. Winterringer, Sr., having been a resident of Hilliards for many years, while F. G. Winterringer, the son, was born and raised here, growing into manhood in the village of his birth. He has remained faithful to his native town, becoming a partner in his father's business, where he practically has full charge of the store. In their place of business customers are constantly coming and going, signifying that their dealings are on the square and their profits small. In their business room Uncle Sam has the Hilliards postoffice located under the care of Postmaster F. G., who is giving as good satisfaction as a P. M. as he has a business man. On receiving his appointment Frank ordered from Indiana a White Oak Outfit with a general delivery and money order window, neat boxes, both ordinary and lock, the lock boxes working with a lock similar to that used on a safe. The center of the box is given the combination, which is supposed to be

such others as he may tell. Is may well be proud of her new Postmaster.

Among one of the most important branches of business of town in a farming community is that of the elevator man. This line is here represented by Conrad Koehler, ably assisted by his son, John G. Koehler. For many years the farmers for miles around have hauled their grain to Mr. Koehler where they have always been given good weights and the best prices that the market would afford. Cash is paid the farmer for his produce. The same cash is taken to the grocer, the meat shop, the dry goods counter, and at least part of it is spent for the necessities and luxuries of life. The more grain Mr. Koehler buys the more farmers he is the cause of bringing to town. The more people who come to town, the more business there is done, so by all means give Mr. Koehler credit for the good work he has done and is still doing for Hilliards.

Heels and half-soles will wear out, seams sometimes rip. Then it is that John VanSchoyck, the shoe shop proprietor, is appreciated since it is to him that we go for repairs of this nature knowing they will be done with neatness and care.

There is nothing that will wear forever. Even the steel shoes upon our horses feet soon see their day of usefulness and pass into horse shoe heaven where they are soon forgotten by our bustling, bustling world. When this happens we take them to the experienced blacksmiths, W. F. McNaughten, whose shop is located on the east side of the street just south of the railroad, and John Seeds, located west of D. J. Hamilton's store. These men, who are experienced smiths, know the anatomy of a horse's hoof, which guarantees you that they, with their experience at the anvil, can shoe your horse in a scientific manner. At their respective shops, our farmers get their repair work done: wagons made and tires set, saving them the time and trouble of going to the city for such work. Long may their anvils ring.

The only store of its kind in our city is the Hardware store presided over by the genial owner, J. R. Danbar. It is John we go to see when we want nails, bolts, a set of tools, or a bill of glass, a tin roof or better still, a roof of slate. Pumps, he has them, in fact, Hilliards could not do without this store, which is complete in its line and is as it should be, well nat

One of the men who has been longest in business in Hilliards is W. A. Crum. He is one of our most honorable and patriotic citizens, always willing to do that which he finds to do for the good of Hilliards. His council and advice listened to and heeded in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. In all business transactions you may rest assured that you will be treated like a brother. Since Mr. Crum, in his many years of business has pursued that course which those who would be happy and successful must follow, it is that honesty is the best policy.

Our hotel is presided over by Mr. and Mrs. George Lattimer, whose table is always furnished with the delicacies of the season. If you ever have the pleasure of eating there, the remembrance of the good things you had to eat will make you long for an opportunity to return. Our two drug stores, presided over by Dr. S. Townsend and Dr. J. M. Herriman respectfully, are up-to-date in every respect, the most complicated prescription can be filled from their pharmaceutical department. The above mentioned M. Ds. with Drs. Davidson, Benson and Deem complete the list, and a better one it would be hard to find.

We have one more business to present to you, and that is the Cabinet and Wagon makers shop of J. W. Gilberts, to whose ability as a workman we can all cheerfully testify as being the best.

In our municipal department we have at the helm Mayor H. Romick assisted by Marshal F. Grace, under whose care we have ample protection. There is one man we must all patronize and that is the undertaker. In our midst there has lately come Mr. J. T. Wells, whose business was recently disposed of in Plain City, he coming here. Mr. Wells has had an agency at this place for some time and his ability as an undertaker is well known, while his outfit is all new and complete in every respect. Mr. Wells is welcomed among us and we bespeak for him success.

This page will hereafter be devoted to Hilliards and Hilliards' interest, so make it a point to give the ADVOCATE representative any items of news you may have for publication.

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James Powers Jr. has gone West.

James Gray is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Cary Vogelgesang is very ill.

Mrs. Mattie Seeds is visiting in Columbus.

Mrs. Jewett, of Olentangy, was visiting here Sunday.

Chas. Clapsaddle is building a house on Railroad street.

J. M. Beach, of Plain City was in town Tuesday on business.

Mrs. John Seeds spent Sunday at Portsmouth with her parents.

The addition to the mill is ready to raise as soon as the foundation is completed.

Prof. H. E. Axline has purchased the Hyde land and will erect a dwelling in the near future.

Quite a number of the I. O. O. F. lodge of this place, attended lodge at Columbus Thursday evening.

The King's Daughters are busily rehearsing under the direction of Mr. J. M. Wright, the operetta, "The National Flower" which they promise will be ready in two or three weeks. The operetta engages nearly 80 people in costume and has some pretty solos, quartette and choruses, beside marches, drills etc. It is expected to be the prettiest entertainment ever given here.

The Railroad Company has set off two box cars for a depot here. The citizens are worked up over the matter; to think that we have never had the accommodations that we should have had. And when there was a change it was worse than ever. The agency here pays in the neighborhood of \$12,000 per year, while at Grandview there is a neat depot that is never used. There is talk of having everything shipped via T. & O. C. to North Hilliard and running a free "bus" to the trains on the T. & O. C. for passenger trains. The patrons refuse to use the box cars and also to buy tickets. Last Saturday there was but one ticket sold to Columbus; everybody paid cash fare. Of course this did not effect the Company but it showed the feeling of the patrons of the Road.