

Thurs. Aug 18, 1938

Sherman Liechty, 17, Admits Guilt to Judge DeVoss Today

Sherman Liechty, 17 of Monroe Township, three miles northeast of Berne, pleads guilty today before Judge Huber DeVoss, in Adams circuit court at Decatur, on a charge of malicious trespass of public property. He was arraigned before Judge DeVoss this morning. The charge is the outgrowth of extensive damage done recently at the Monroe township district No. 8 school building.

Judge DeVoss withheld sentence in order to consider the case, which is a rather unusual one. It is believed, however, that the youth will not only receive a heavy fine, but will probably be faced with the task of "cleaning-up" the mess he created. A maximum sentence of 12 months is also provided by law for conviction on this charge. The damage to the school building and contents of the building were estimated at \$75.

Following his guilty plea this morning, Liechty was returned to jail where he will remain until sentence is passed. He still insists that he did not have any help in wrecking the interior of the school.

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Wednesday, August 24, 1938 at 1:30 p.m.

120 - Acre Farm - 120

In order to settle the estate of Ira Wagoner, deceased, the undersigned administrator will sell at public auction, without reserve, the following described real estate. Sale will be held on premises, 2 miles south and 1 ½ miles west of Monroe, Ind., 4 miles north and ½ mile west of Berne, Ind., ½ mile west of U.S. Road No. 27.

Land: 120 acres all under cultivation except about 20 acres in good timber, the land is level, productive, will tiled with good drainage.

Improvements: Good 7 room house, 4 rooms down and 3 up, slate roof, cellar; splendid 2 room summer house with slate roof; good 2 room milk house; good up-ground cellar; two 150 bbl. Cisterns; drove well; 2 car garage; granary for 2000 bu. Grain, metal roof; hip roof barn with concrete floors, cattle shed adjoining, hog house and crib with large cistern near; poultry house with concrete floors; good implement shed. The buildings on this farm are all in good condition. Mr. Ira Wagoner had owned the farm for over 50 years and it is recognized as one of the best farms in Adams County.

The present tenant, Mr. Fred Zuercher, is known as an exceptionally good farmer and his wife is a splendid housekeeper and the farm has been cared for, crops have been rotated, no farmer could do a better job of farming than Mr. and Mrs. Zuercher have done.

Terms - Sold free of liens or debt, 1-3 cash, balance on or before March 1, 1939, when full possession will be given. Loan representative will be at the sale for those desiring to make a loan.

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