

to produce the search warrants used in the case was one of the deciding factors in the trial. Officers who served the warrants stated that the last time they saw them was when they were returned to Hugh Maddox, who was the prosecutor at the time. Mr. Maddox stated that he had returned them to the office of the justice of the peace. However, no trace of them was to be found there.

Charged With Forgery.

Sam Norris, a salesman well known here and at Muncie, who lives three miles south of the city, was taken to Anderson today to face a charge of forgery. He was arrested for passing a forged check in the amount of \$29 on a store in Anderson, in payment for a rug. Norris admitted his guilt when arrested by officers here, where he came and surrendered after he heard that the officers were looking for him.

Schools May Merge.

Petitions are in circulation asking the consolidation of the Licking Township schools, and it is said that the movement has much promise of success. It is expected that, if the consolidation is effected, the schools may be made joint with those of Hartford City, which is located in the center of the township. The one-room buildings in Licking Township are in a poor condition.

Hartford City Notes.

Two fire alarms were sounded

last night. The department was called to extinguish a fire which threatened an automobile owned by Virgil Kegerreis. The second call was a false alarm to the **White Hotel.**

The members of the Masonic Chapter and Council had a most enjoyable time last night, when a banquet was served by the women of the Eastern Star, and joint installation of officers followed.

Fifth street, on the south side, is being repaired by the city street department.

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals came to \$764.42 this year, the largest amount in the history of the movement.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Troop 14 at the regular meeting practiced its part for the rodeo which is to be held in the Ball gymnasium, February 16. Following the rodeo practice one scout entertained the troop by playing an organ with his feet. Ray Lightfoot, assistant scoutmaster, was in charge of the meeting.

Troop 19, of the Normal City M. E. Church, will meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Whittier School. Practice for the rodeo will be held.

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