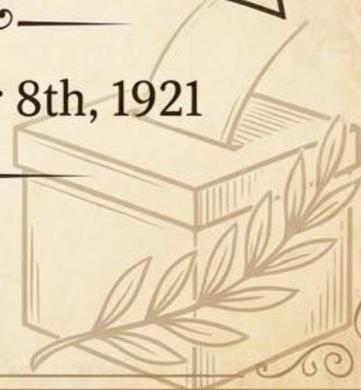




Laura M. Fisher

Village of Gahanna's First
Woman Council Member

Elected on November 8th, 1921



Ross Fisher and Laura Blue met at Union County Rural

CLASS OF 1895.

Colors: Blue and White.

Karl Ford, Min., 907 Chuckdaw Ave., Chickasha, Okla.

Idella Fox Ford (deceased).

Ray Barnett, 6109 Crane Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Vira Willis Barnett, 6109 Crane Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Jesse J. Wyeth, Min., Akron, O.

Eva Fox White Laird, Marion, O.

Milton Welch (deceased).

Ross M. Fisher, M., Gahanna, O.

Wm. H. Willis, M., Unionville Center, O.

Ernest C. Reed, F., Broadway, O.

CLASS OF 1898.

Colors: White and Lavender.

Laura Blue Fisher, H., Gahanna, O.

Zella Gosnell Bird (deceased).

Ethel Kerns (deceased).

Myra Maskill Woods, H., Columbus, O.

Leota Willis Kerns, North Lewisburg, O.

Parker Shearer, Cleveland, O.

Bert Shelton, Marion, O.

Nettie Wyeth Shelton, Marion, O.

Laura May Blue (Fisher) marriage record from December 25th, 1900

Laura M. Blue

MARRIAGE RECORD.

PARTIES.
Rose M. Fisher
 AND
Laura M. Blue
LICENSE
 Issued the *Twenty-Fifth*
 day of *December*
 A. D. 1900, to the above named parties
John M. Brodrick
 Probate Judge.

Marriage License.
 STATE OF OHIO, UNION COUNTY, SS.
 To any Person Legally Authorized to
 Solemnize Marriages in the State of Ohio.
 I, **John M. Brodrick,**
 Judge of the Probate Court within and
 for the County and State aforesaid,
 have Licensed and do hereby License and
 Authorize
Mr. Rose M. Fisher
 and *Mrs. Laura M. Blue*
 to be joined in Marriage.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
 subscribed my name and
 affixed the Seal of said
 Court at Marysville, this
Twenty-Fifth day of
December
 A. D. 1900,
John M. Brodrick
 Judge of the Probate Court.



APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT.
 IN THE MATTER OF
Rose M. Fisher
 AND
Laura M. Blue
 Probate Court, Union County, Ohio.
 No. 404
 Marriage License Application

To the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said County:
 The undersigned respectfully makes application for a Marriage
 License for said parties, and upon oath states, that said
Rose M. Fisher was *20* years of age on the *15th*
 day of *March* 1900; his residence is *Wesley, Ohio*;
 his place of birth was *Union Mills, Ohio*; his occupation is
Telegraph Operator; his father's name *Jacob Fisher*;
 his mother's maiden name was *Anna D. Seibert*; that he
 was *NEV* previously married, and that he has no wife living.

That said *Laura M. Blue* was *21*
 years of age on the *15th* day of *March* 1900;
 her residence is *Wesley* in said Union County, Ohio;
 her place of birth was *Union County, Ohio*; her occupation is
Teacher; her father's name *Jacob Blue*;
 her mother's maiden name was *Sarah Ann Vombush*; that
 she has *NEV* been married, and is *NEV* a
 widow or divorced woman, her married name being

that she has no husband living. Said
 impediment to their marriage.
 It is expected that
Rev. J. W. Kline
 will solemnize the marriage of said parties.
 Said *Rose M. Fisher* being under age, and not
 having had a former consent of his
 given to the marriage,
 which consent in writing, certified under the hand of said
 and attested by two witnesses is hereby presented.

Rose M. Fisher
Rose M. Fisher being duly sworn says that the
 statements in the foregoing Application are true as he so verily believes.
Rose M. Fisher
 Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this *24th* day of
December 1900 *John M. Brodrick* Probate Judge.
 By *John M. Brodrick* Deputy Clerk.

RETURN.
Marriage Certificate.

To be Returned Promptly to the Probate Court.
 No. 403
 The State of Ohio, Union County, ss.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That on
 the *25th* day of *December*
 A. D. 1900 I solemnized the Marriage
 of *Mr. Rose M. Fisher*
 with *Mrs. Laura M. Blue*.

Rev. George W. Kline
Marysville Ohio
 Filed and Recorded this *27th*
 day of *December* A. D. 1900
 Attest: *John M. Brodrick*
 Probate Judge.

Ross and Laura Fisher married 51 years





Gahanna Fisher Bros. General store established in 1908 until 1932

In 1908 Ross Fisher & W.W. Fisher Opened Fisher Brothers General Store

Jean Jarvis's: "Along the Big Walnut"

Gladys Baughman born 1906 kept a daily journal & recalls the store:

Shadwick's store used to be Fisher Brothers. It was a general store which you don't see any more. You could buy anything in that store, food, clothes, furniture, just everything. We never bought food there because of my husband working in a grocery store. We bought clothes, ready-made.

We even bought carpet there. They didn't have the carpet there in the store, but when you went there, the store man would take me to the warehouse down in Columbus to pick out my carpet. We just depended on that place to do our Christmas shopping and everything. They had toys. They would just handle everything.

They had a second floor. They took me up there one time to pick out my linoleum carpet. That's the only time I was ever up there. People didn't go up there usually. The door to the upstairs was kept shut. When they took you up it was to choose something that was up there and you picked it out up there. I bought a big coal range when we lived on Clotts Road. We had a coal range in the kitchen. It was a beautiful one. It wasn't just all black. It had a gray finish. Then we had a coal stove to keep warm. We had a coal stove in the living room, too. That coal stove sat in Fisher's when Fisher's still had the store. I wanted it so bad. It was very expensive. We had a stove but it was kind of an old-fashioned stove. It sat there and nobody bought it so finally one time when I went in,



In 1908 Ross Fisher & W.W. Fisher Opened Fisher Brothers General

Store

he said, 'Gladys, do you still want that stove?' And I said, 'I sure do, but I can't afford it.' And he said, 'Well, rather than for the store to keep it over the summer, you can have it for cost.' And he sold us that stove and I had it until I moved out here on Shull. I still used that stove in my house on Clark State Road.

I had a gas stove, too. So, I didn't have to use that one but just kept it because it fit in the kitchen and for sentimental reasons, as much as anything. I just loved that stove. I'd cook turkeys in the oven and a vegetable on the side and plenty of hot water and a shelf up on the top of. I baked everything in that oven, cakes and just everything. We had a little small kitchen, like a pantry-like type and we had a gas stove out there, so didn't have to use the coal stove in the summer time. We bought so much stuff at Fishers and then Shadwicks. They just sold anything. Most anything you'd want, you could go there and buy it.

Then I remember the movies we used to have at Shadwicks store. On the north end, there is one great big wall. They would bring out movies and show them at night there on that wall.



In 1908 Ross Fisher & W.W. Fisher Opened Fisher Brothers General Store

Louise Bobb recalled the layout on part of Mill Street as, "Going on past where that office supply (Summerfield's) is now, was an Islay's Ice Cream Parlor where you could get sandwiches and such like that. One time there was a beauty shop. Then there was a big double house where families lived, then Joe Ryan's old ice house. The other side of that was Shadwicks. Of course, Shadwicks was *the* store in Gahanna, you know. There was the Post Office, too, in there."

One thing Dr. Arnold Johnson recalled about old Gahanna was, "...the old grocery store, Fisher Brothers grocery store and Ross Fisher. Bill Fisher owned the store and Ross Fisher was my Sunday School teacher. He was quite influential in my roots in the church. Then it was taken over by Shadwick. They had a general store, hardware and dry goods."

What Lucille Kring remembered about the store was, "It was nothing for us to take a sled and go down there for mother for some little thing. It was right at Mill and Town Street, near where the post office was. You know how kids used to run and fall on the sleds and keep going. At that time it was very, very bad out. We had a lot of cold weather and deep snow. We'd start right outside our house and go all the way down to Fisher's store. Snow covered enough so we could do that. I remember when there was a hitching post in front where people could tie up their horse and go in and shop."



According to Jarvis: Fisher Bros./Shadwicks was the longest running Gahanna business

Gahanna resident Ross Fisher signs petition for Congress

CONGRESS CANDIDATE

Ten Petitions for County Positions Are Filed with Board of Elections.

Considerable interest attaches to the weighing in, as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman from the Twelfth district, of Hugh Huntington, young Columbus

attorney. His declaration of candidacy was filed, Friday, and brings to a head the long-agitated rumor that Huntington would enter the contest.

The petition filed Friday bears the signatures of six young men, all of them under 35 years of age. Huntington himself is 31 years of age. The signers are: **Ross Fisher**, merchant, Gahanna; Frank Welling, garage owner, Worthington; C. M. Valentine, physician, Linden Heights; Harley D. Culp, banker, Columbus; Edward B. Armbruster, merchant, Columbus, and W. W. Summers, railroader, Columbus.

**Columbus Evening Dispatch
June 2nd, 1916**

The 19th Amendment was ratified by the U.S. Congress

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified on August 6th, 1920, prohibits the denial of the right to vote based on sex, effectively granting women the right to vote. This landmark amendment was the culmination of a long, multi-generational struggle for women's suffrage that involved protests, lobbying, and civil disobedience. Key figures like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, and Susan B. Anthony were critical in this movement.



The results of the November 8th, 1921 election

Office	Number	Name	Party	Term
Gahanna	317	Mayor	A. C. Dickerson	R Dec. 31, 1923
		Clerk	S. C. Stone	R Dec. 31, 1923
		Treasurer	Hoyt Shull	D Dec. 31, 1923
		Marshal	Jacob Dawson	D Dec. 31, 1923
		Members of Council	D. L. Stygler	D Dec. 31, 1923
			W. X. Brown	R Dec. 31, 1923
			Philip Shiffler	D Dec. 31, 1923
			B. P. Dawson	R Dec. 31, 1923
			Mrs. Grace Dawson	R Dec. 31, 1923
			Mrs. Laura Fisher	R Dec. 31, 1923
		Board of Education	W. W. Fisher	--- Dec. 31, 1923
			Pr. d Souters	--- Dec. 31, 1923
			Chas. Clamforth	--- Dec. 31, 1923

This election had record breaking results

- **Laura Fisher** was one of the first of two women to run for and win any elected office in the village/city of Gahanna.
- **Laura Fisher** was the first woman to win and serve in any elected office in the village/city of Gahanna.
- **Laura Fisher** was one of the first women ever elected to serve in a Municipal office in Franklin County.
- **Laura Fisher** was one of the first women elected to serve in a Municipal office in the state of Ohio.
- **Laura Fisher** was also one of the first women to serve in a Municipal office in the United States.

Description of the Village of Gahanna in the 1920's

A Rural Village: In the 1920s, the village of Gahanna was a small, rural community distinct from the growing city of Columbus, characterized by its agricultural setting and connection to Big Walnut Creek. The 1920 census listed Gahanna at having **347 residents total**. It was also home to the Big Walnut Country Club, a pioneering social and recreational retreat for the African American community of Central Ohio; one of the earliest in the nation.

Rural Atmosphere: Gahanna was a very small village nestled in a rural landscape, quite different from the nearby bustling city of Columbus. Gahanna is a Native American term meaning “three creeks joining into one”.

Connection to the Past: The area was historically tied to its mill town origins, with remnants of the millrace, the channel for a mill's water wheel, still visible along Big Walnut Creek.

Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from 1922

Held Feb 8th 1922

Council called to order by Mayor. ordered Clerk to call roll
The following Council were present
W. X. Brown; B. F. Dawson; Philip Shiffler; Mrs. R. M. Fisher;
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A Complaint was made to Council in regard to
Rev. Wolf's Boys throwing stones at other boys
a motion by W. X. Brown, 2nd by Philip Shiffler that
Rev. Wolf be served with notice in regard to above
Complaint

after remarks on motion
Mr. Brown withdrew his motion with consent of Second
and that Mayor order Clerk to issue notice for
Marshal to serve on Rev. Wolf.

No further Business before Council for the night

A Motion by B. F. Dawson 2nd by W. X. Brown that
we adjourn

Motion Carried

S. C. Stone
Clerk.

A. C. Dickerson
Mayor

Minutes approved 2/22/22

Meeting held Feb 8th 1922

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The following Council were present:

W. X. Brown, B. F. Dawson, Philip Shiffler, Mrs. R. M. Fisher.
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

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A motion by W. X. Brown, 2nd by Philip Shiffler, that Rev. Wolf be served with notice in regard to above complaint.

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A motion by B. F. Dawson
2nd by W. X. Brown that we
adjourn. - Motion Carried.

S. C. Stone
Clerk

A. C. Dickerson
Mayor

Minutes approved
2/22/22

John Wolf
(the boy who
threw rocks)
was a WWII
Veteran at 99
years of age.



Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from

Resolution # 28

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Whereas our village is without suitable lighting systems, and, whereas the cost of installing an adequate lighting system for the village will exceed one percent of the total taxable valuation of the property of the village:

Be it resolved and declared that it is necessary to issue bonds for the purpose of installing an Electric Lighting System.

Be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Gahanna, County of Franklin, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to issue and sell bonds in the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 1922, for the purpose of installing an Electric Lighting System in an amount greater than one per cent of the total taxable value of all the property in said Village as listed and assessed for taxation, to-wit; in the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00).

And that the question of issuing and selling bonds of said Village in excess of one per cent, that is in the sum aforesaid be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said Village at a special election to be held in said Village for that purpose on the 20th day of July 1922, at the regular places of voting in said Village and said election shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the same manner as other General Municipal elections.

That the Mayor be and he is hereby directed to give public notice of the time and place of holding said election in the manner provided by law.

That the Clerk be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Deputy State Supervisors and inspectors of Elections for Franklin County, Ohio

Passed June 14 1922

S. C. Stone
Clerk.

A. C. Dickerson
Mayor

Resolution to install electric lighting

Meeting held July 7, 1922

Council met at Special Called Session for the purpose of submitting to the prosecuting attorney for the issuance of bonds for electric lights.

Roll was called and following members present: A. C. Dickerson, Mayor Council: W. X. Brown, **Mrs. Fisher**, B. F. Dawson, Jess Fitzwater, D. L. Stygler, Philip Shiffler

A motion made by W. X. Brown, sec. by Phil Shiffler that the Clerk be authorized to submit to the prosecuting attorney the resolution passed by Council - **calling an election for the issue of bonds for electricity, also to ask if under such resolution it will permit the sale of electricity to individual citizens for street lighting.**

Vote: W. X. Brown Yea, D. L. Stygler Yea, Philip Shiffler Yea, Jess Fitzwater Yea, B. F. Dawson Yea, **Mrs. R. M. Fisher Yea** Motion Carried.

A motion by BF Dawson that we adjourn to next regular meeting
Motion Carried

S. C. Stone
Clerk

A. C. Dickerson
Mayor

Held July 7

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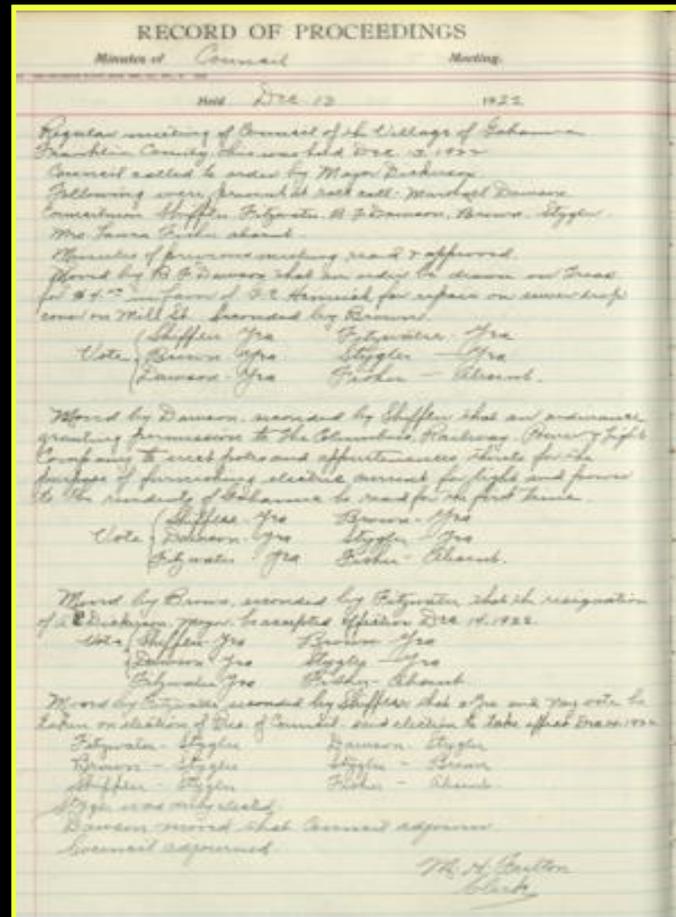
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Motion Carried.

A motion by B. F. Dawson that we adjourn to next regular meeting

Motion Carried

Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from 1922



Regular meeting of Council of the Village of Gahanna, Ohio, was held Dec. 13, 1922

Council called to order by Mayor Dickerson. Following were present at roll call: Marshal Dawson. Councilmen: Shiffler, Fitzwater, B. F. Dawson, Brown, Stygler. **Mrs. Laura Fisher absent.** Minutes of previous meeting read & approved.

Moved by B. F. Dawson that an order be drawn on Treas. for \$4.00 in favor of G. E. Heinrich for repair on sewer drop cover on Mill St. Seconded by Brown.

Vote: Shiffler – Yea, Fitzwater – Yea, Brown – Yea, Stygler – Yea, Dawson – Yea, **Fisher – Absent**

Motion Carried

Moved by Dawson, seconded by Shiffler that **ordinance granting permission to the Columbus Railway Power and; Light Company to erect poles and appurtenances thereto for the purpose of furnishing electric current for light and power to the residents of Gahanna be read for the first time.**

Vote: Shiffler–Yea, Brown–Yea, Dawson–Yea, Stygler–Yea, Fitzwater–Yea, **Fisher Absent**

Motion Carried

Moved by Brown, seconded by Fitzwater that the resignation of A. C. Dickerson, Mayor, be accepted effective Dec. 14, 1922.

Vote: Shiffler–Yea, Brown–Yea, Dawson–Yea, Stygler–Yea, Fitzwater –Yea, **Fisher–Absent**

Motion Carried

Moved by Fitzwater, seconded by Shiffler that a Yea and Nay vote be taken on election of Pres. of Council. Said election to take effect Dec. 14, 1922.

Vote Results: Fitzwater – Stygler, Dawson – Stygler, Brown – Stygler, Stygler – Brown, Shiffler – Stygler, **Fisher – Absent**

Stygler was duly elected.

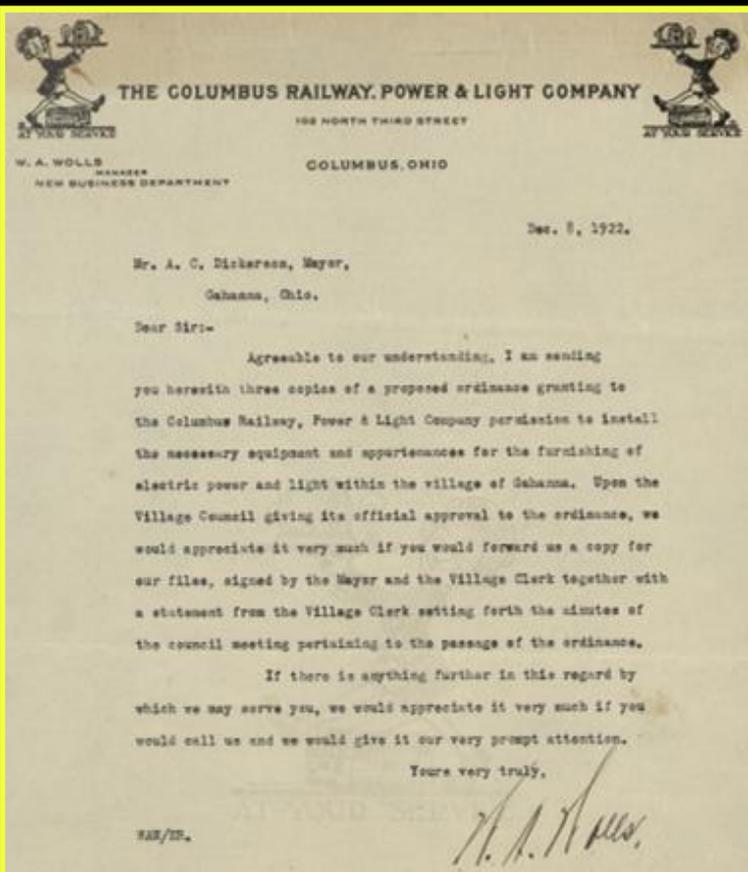
Dawson **moved** that Council adjourn.

Council adjourned.

M. H. Fulton
Clerk

A. C. Dickerson
Mayor

Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from 1922



Historical Highlights of Council–Village of Gahanna 1922

- Transition from Gas to Electric Lighting
- Ordinance and Franchise Regulation
- Street and Sewer Maintenance
- Clean-Up and Sanitation Orders
- Chronic Budget Shortfalls
- Administrative Turnover
- Utility Franchise Negotiations
- Damage Liability for Public Property

Conclusion for the calendar year of 1922

Gahanna's #39's council in 1922 embodied responsive, hands-on municipal governance. Council members addressed the everyday needs of a growing village while undertaking the ambitious and transformative task of bringing electricity to residents. Though often constrained by funding and dependent on volunteerism, Council conducted its business with attention to due process, community input, and legal integrity. The year ended with new leadership, new infrastructure partnerships, and a community on the brink of modern illumination.

Ordinance to install electricity

Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from 1923

Minutes of Council

Meeting.

Held January 3

1923

Council of Village of Gahanna, Franklin County, Ohio,
met in regular session Jan. 3, 1923 at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stygler. Reading of minutes.
Calling of the roll: Following members were present:

Dawson, Shiffler, Brown, Fitzwater, Mrs. Fisher absent.

R. B. Price was sworn in by Mayor to fill unexpired
term of D. L. Stygler, who was elected Mayor.

Discussion concerning the matter of taking flag pole
down account being in decayed condition. Advisability of
taking it down was left with the street committee, their report
to be submitted at next meeting.

Street lighting proposition was then taken up and
discussed. Final decision was to turn out all public
street lights on January 4, 1923, and to hold mass meeting
at Presbyterian Church on Monday January 8, 1923.
Clerk instructed to write up some notices concerning
mass meeting.

Brown moved to adjourn to meet in regular
session Wed. night January 10, 1923. Seconded by Shiffler.

Motion Carried. Council adjourned.

M. H. Fulton
Clerk.

D. L. Stygler

Meeting held January 3, 1923

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Meeting called to order by Mayor Stygler. Reading of minutes. Calling of the roll.

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Motion Carried.

Council adjourned.

M.H. Fulton
Clerk

D.L. Stygler
Mayor

Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from 1923

Minutes of Council Meeting.

Held January 10, 1923

Regular meeting of Council of Village of Gahanna Franklin County, Ohio, January 10, 1923.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stygler.

Calling of roll. Following members of Council were present: B. F. Dawson, Phillips Shiffler, W. X. Brown, Mrs. Fisher, J. B. Fitzwater, R. B. Price.

Reading and adopting of minutes.

Report of Street Committee concerning taking down flag pole. Street Committee recommended that flag pole be removed.

Fitzwater moved that flag pole be cut off two feet above gas light. Seconded by Fisher.

Motion carried.

Discussion concerning electric lights by Mr. Wolls of Columbus Railway Power & Light Co.

Report of light committee by W. W. Fisher. Amount taken by public subscription \$66.00 to date.

Dawson moved to adjourn to meet at regular meeting January 24th. Seconded by Shiffler.

Council adjourned.

M. H. Fulton
Clerk.

D. L. Stygler

Regular meeting of Council of Village of Gahanna, Ohio, January 10, 1923.

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M. H. Fulton
Clerk

D. L. Stygler
Mayor

Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from 1923

Gahanna, O. Jan 10. 1923 -
 Gentlemen of the Council -
 Statement of the number of lights
 now burning

Beginning at the Bridge going North

- 1. two mantle light
- 1. " Mill + Walnut
- 1. mantle light between Walnut + N. St.
- 1. two " Mill + North

Beginning South High St -

- 1. two mantle light - High + Dickerson
- 1. mantle light at alley + High
- 1. two mantle light - High + Granville
- 1. " High + Town
- 1. " High + Walnut
- 1. mantle High + North St -

Going East on North St -

- 1. mantle light near school st
- 1. " J. Benedict

Beginning North on Shepard St

- 1. mantle light - J. Bender
- 1. " alley South
- 1. " Shepard + Walnut
- 1. " School + Walnut
- 1. " School + town
- 1. " M. E. Church

Total No Mantle 24

New Lighting Plan for the Village of Gahanna (1923)

Going East on Granville

- 1. 2. mantle light front Presby. Church

Clark + Oklahoma Street

- 1. 1. mantle light

Statement of the number of lights now burning

Beginning at the Bridge going North

- 1 two mantle light -
- 1 two mantle light - Mill and; Walnut
- 1 mantle light - between Walnut and; N. St.
- 1 two mantle light - Mill and; North

Beginning South High St.

- 1 two mantle light - High and; Dickerson
- 1 one mantle light - at alley and; High
- 1 two mantle light - High and; Granville
- 1 two mantle light - High and; Town
- 1 two mantle light - High and; Walnut
- 1 one mantle light - High and; North St.

Going East on North St.

- 1 one mantle light - near School St
- 1 one mantle light - J. Benedict

Beginning North on Shepard St

- 1 one mantle light - J. Bender
- 1 one mantle light - alley South
- 1 one mantle light - Shepard and; Walnut
- 1 one mantle light - School and; Walnut
- 1 one mantle light - School and; Town
- 1 one mantle light - M.E. Church

Total No. Mantles - 25

Going East on Granville

- 1 two mantle light - front Presby. Church

Clark and; Oklahoma Street

- 1 one mantle light

Village of Gahanna Council Minutes from 1923

NOTICE OF MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution of the Council of the Village of Gahanna, Ohio, adopted on the 31st day of August, 1923, there will be submitted to the qualified electors of said village of Gahanna on the 6th day of November, 1923, the question of making a tax levy of not to exceed three mills in addition to the maximum rate authorized by Section 5649-2 of the General Code of Ohio, on each dollar of the tax valuation of the taxable property of the said Village of Gahanna, for the following Municipal purposes, to-wit: street lights, street repairs and general fund. Said increase to be for three years, namely, in the tax levy for the years 1923, 1924 and 1925. Said election will be held at the usual place of voting in said village between the hours of 5:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M., Central Standard time.

D. L. Stygler

Mayor of the Village of
Gahanna.

M. H. Fulton
Village Clerk.

Tax Levy for 1923, 1924 and 1925

Historical Highlights of Council–Village of Gahanna 1923

- Traffic and Safety Regulations
- Public Utilities Oversight
- Street Repairs and Maintenance
- Stormwater and Alley Management
- Street Lighting and Financial Hardship
- Rent and Utility Pressures
- Appointments and Transitions
- Community Engagement and Use of Public Space

Conclusion for the calendar year of 1923

The Village of Gahanna reveals a local government navigating the tension between limited resources and increasing civic demands. Through procedural integrity and a commitment to public welfare, council members enacted meaningful ordinances, maintained vital infrastructure, and set in motion long-term solutions for funding public services. Their records reflect a year of steady leadership and measured progress, for the village's development.

Fisher named Township Farm Bureau Nursing

Leader

NURSE LEADERS TO MEET.

Farm Bureau Workers to Be Instructed by Miss Wanda Przyluska.

Township home nursing leaders of Franklin county will meet Thursday, Nov. 13, at 1 p. m., at the New Southern hotel, for training to be given by

ing specialist of Ohio State university, in the care and prevention of contagious diseases.

Township Farm Bureau home nursing leaders in the county are: Mrs. Albert Francisco, Madison township; Mrs. O. W. Finley, Norwich township, Miss Mary Quas, Pleasant township, Mrs. Ross Fisher, Millin township, and Mr. C. B. Etle, Plain township.

Columbus Dispatch - November 4th, 1924

Honor Fisher graduates Gahanna

C. C. Miller of Lancaster will give the commencement address at Jefferson Township High school, **Gahanna**, May 28. Graduates are: Edward Pallet, Cecelia Butler, Alice O. **Fisher**, Corine Thomas, Kathryn D. Banner, Helen F. Kring, Leona M. Sagar, Gladys J. Kidd, **Honor J. Fisher**, Lester Lemig, Lester C. Mahr, Edith Pallet, Iva M. Evans, Ruth M. Kring, Dorothea E. Wolfe, Aiva W. Hern, Thelma E. Emig, Freda L. Bayman, Hilda M. Doddroe, Elnora M. Lechler, Robert L. Stygler, and Susie K. **Ross**.

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CLASS OF 1925 — Gladys Kidd, O.S.U. graduate, Blacklick; Helen Kring, business, Gahanna; Ruth Kring, business, Gahanna; Elnora Lechner, business, Sunbury; Lester Mahr, business, 2407 Palmetto Rd., Columbus; Edith Pallet, New Orleans, La.; Edward Pallet, Columbus, Ohio; Susie Ross Sager, Woodland Ave., Columbus; Leona Sagar Klamforth, Blacklick; Robert Stygler, Gahanna; Corrine Thomas, Blacklick; Dorothy Wolfe Miller, New Albany; Kathryn Banner, business, Blacklick; Freda Bayman, Blacklick; Cecelia Butler Evans, 288 Kelton Ave., Columbus; Hilda Doddroe Price, Gahanna; Lester Emig, 4914 Olentangy Blvd., Columbus; Thelma Emig, Columbus; Iva Evans, teacher, Gahanna; Alice Fisher, teacher, Blacklick; **Honor Fisher**, business, Gahanna; Alva Hern, Gahanna.

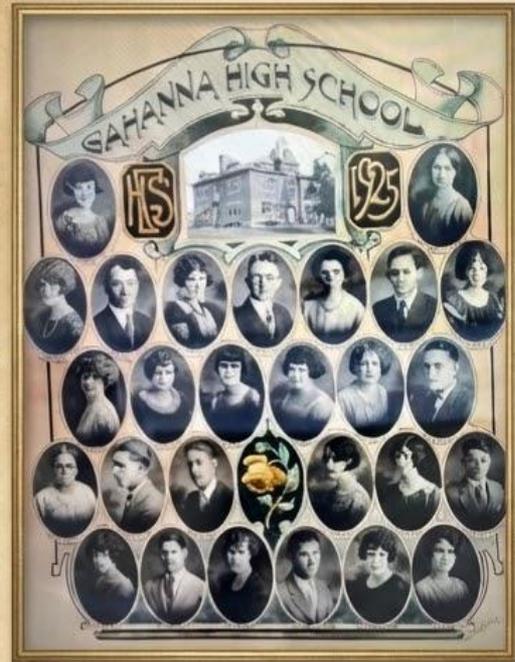
Gahanna: Mifflin and Jefferson Township History Book



Honor
Fisher
Gahanna
Basketball
Team
Varsity
Captain
1925

Gahanna H.S. Class of 1925

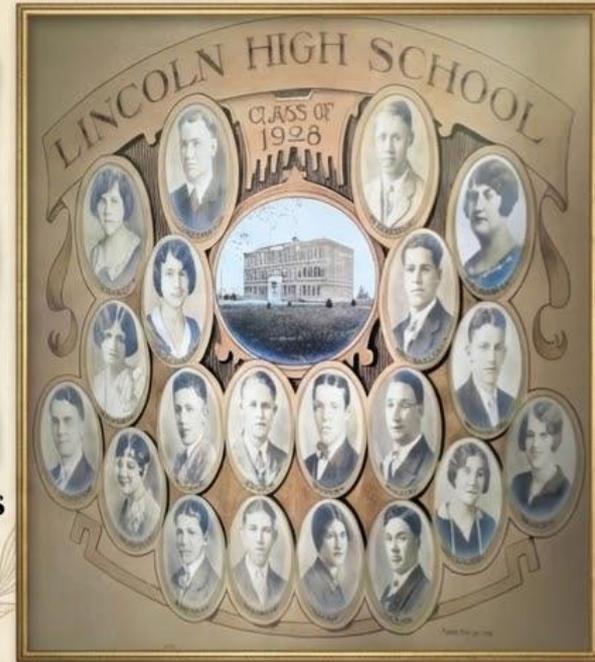
Gahanna Lincoln Class of 1928



Honor Fisher
Class of 1925



Marguerite Needles
(1928 Class President)



Gahanna High School sweethearts Honor Fisher (Class of 1925) and Marguerite Needles (1928 Class President) marry, move to Johnstown, Ohio and have one son, Carroll Fisher.

Laura Fisher to help judge at annual Gahanna Fair

CHILDREN TO PARADE TO FAIR AT GAHANNA

Farmers' Community Exposition Will Open Friday.
Continues Saturday.

Gahanna school children will parade from the school grounds to the Gahanna fair grounds, Friday afternoon, at the formal opening of the seventh annual farmers community fair. The fair will continue Saturday.

A feature of the former Gahanna fairs has been the baby show, and last year nearly 40 babies were registered. The baby show this year will be at the Methodist Sunday school room with registration from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., Friday, and examination from 2 to 4 p. m. Mrs. R. H. Schneider will be in charge. Cups will be awarded.

Judging of poultry, vegetables, fruit, home economics department and floriculture will be Friday afternoon. A. W. Kring is in charge of poultry; J. F. Stelzer, vegetables; R. L. Denune, fruit; R. H. Schneider, grain; Mrs. George Yearling, domestic science; Mrs. Ross Fisher, domestic art; Mrs. L. H. Whitehead, fine arts; Mrs. W. W. Fisher, floriculture, and Miss Cora Lintner, the Girls' club work.

Saturday is livestock day. N. L. Sumption is in charge of horses; Ralph Agler, hogs, sheep and goats, and L. G. Mathews, in charge of cattle, and the Boy's club work.

At 1 p. m., Saturday, athletic contests will be held. At 2 p. m., a horse show will be staged on the school grounds by the Rocky Fork Country and Riding club in charge of William Calhoun. At 4 p. m., Saturday,

Columbus Dispatch: Sept. 30th, 1926



Village of Gahanna Fair Video from 1940 (3 minutes)

Mr. Ross Fisher leads Gahanna Troop

GAHANNA HAS TROOP.

Gahanna has a Scout troop all of its own now. These suburban lads have hiked six miles heretofore to go to Scout meetings at East Columbus. Last Wednesday they held their first meeting with **Ross M. Fisher**, former Scoutmaster of Troop 29, in charge, and Assistant Executive Bernard S. Mason of Scout headquarters was present also. Walter Kidd, their Eagle Scout, is senior patrol leader.

Columbus Dispatch Feb. 23rd, 1924

GAHANNA O.
Fisher Bros.

HANNA
PAINTS



Mr. Ross Fisher brings Gahanna Troop back

GAHANNA

Intensive efforts are being made to bring Troop 29 of **Gahanna** back in good standing, and **Ross Fisher** is again arranging for meetings.

Scout Executive Edwin J. Bath, after a conference with **Fisher**, secured the co-operation of Rev. W. F. Wolfe, pastor of Peace Lutheran church, and likewise is assured of the continued interest and co-operation of Rev. A. L. Lindembolt, 2285 East Fifth avenue.

Rev. A. P. Rivet for several years pastor of Central M. E. church, and now pastor of the Methodist church in Shepard, has expressed an interest in the organization of another troop of Scouts in Shepard.

Columbus Dispatch Nov. 27th, 1927

Mrs. Ross Fisher represents Gahanna for the Christmas Seal Campaign

LUDWIG, 2401 Bryden road, is chairman of the 1930 Christmas health seal sale which will be carried on in the county outside of Columbus from Nov. 28 to Dec. 24 by the Franklin County Public Health association.

Ludwig was selected at a luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at the Fort Hayes hotel when 20 seal sale workers from all parts of the county made plans for the coming campaign.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. R. N. Birdwhistell, Rome; Mrs. Brough Richey, Jr., Alton; Mrs. Oran Hoover, Grove City; Mrs. H. E. Lavelly, Galloway; Mrs. Rose Schleppl, Canal Winchester; Mrs. Ross Fisher, Gahanna; Mrs. A. S. Pullen, East Columbus; Mrs. Claude Longenecker, Worthington; Mrs. Ollie Strait, New Albany; Mrs. Howard Orr, Dublin; Mrs. C. H. Wilson,

Reynoldsburg; Mrs. Seymour Lane, Harrisburg; Mrs. Walter H. Whissen, Grandview, Marble Cliff and Upper Arlington; Mrs. Ray Teegardin, Bexley; Mrs. Anna Aldridge, Groveport; Mrs. Don Sifrit, Hilliards; Mrs. John Schleser, Lockbourne; Mrs. Mabel Baldwin, Amlin; Mrs. Harry Hance, Westerville; Mrs. S. B. Winters, Briggsdale.

Dr. I. C. Wohrley, Hilliards, president of the Franklin County Public Health association; Mrs. S. E. Ludwig, Bexley, vice president; Mrs. John Huber, Columbus, secretary, and C. N. McAllister, Grandview, treasurer, were also present. Instructions in mail sale technique were given the workers by Miss Catherine Morgan, executive secretary of the organization.

Fisher names committee for better Homes and Garden

Homes, Garden Group Named for Gahanna

The committee on better homes and gardens for Gahanna, Ohio, was named by **Mrs. Laura Fisher**, chairman for the Gahanna district, Friday.

The committee is composed of Mrs. Ora Shull, Mrs. Harry Bagshaw, the Hell sisters, Mrs. Charles Fravel, Mrs. W. W. Fisher, Mrs. William Luft, Mrs. Ervin Saveson,

Mrs. William T. Wolfe, Mrs. S. A. Stone, Mrs. Frank Viars, Mrs. Charles Gray, Mrs. Charles Shull, Mrs. Lizzie Poth, Mrs. James W. Anderson, Mrs. Ray Dawson.

Mrs. Floyd Mann, Mrs. William Bauer, Mrs. Ray Gordon, Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. William Sagara, Mrs. Leon Clotts, Miss Vera Gorsuch.

Mrs. Bert Beem, Mrs. E. A. Storey, Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Mrs. William Shelby, Mrs. R. L. Penney, Mrs. Claude Chrysler.

Columbus Dispatch - June 20th, 1931



1932 Ross Fisher moved to Summit Station, Pataskala and opened a grocery store



Ross Fisher also opened another general store in Lewisburg, Ohio in 1932

Train near Gahanna kills W.W. Fisher brother to Ross Fisher

Gahanna Man Dies In Crash; Athens Woman Is Killed

Train Hits Auto

William W. Fisher, age 64, proprietor of a general store in Gahanna for more than 30 years, was killed Tuesday morning, when the truck which he was driving was struck by a Pennsylvania flyer at the Bagshaw road crossing, near Port Columbus.

At the time of the accident he was en route to Columbus to purchase supplies for his store. The

body was placed on the west-bound train and brought to Union station. It was later removed to the Glenn L. Myers funeral home. The truck was demolished.

Mr. Fisher is survived by two sisters, Belle Fisher of Columbus and another residing in California; two brothers. **Ross Fisher**, who conducts a general store at Summit Station and another in Lewisburg.

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September 29th, 1936

After W.W. Fisher dies, Fisher Bros. store is sold to W.

Shadwick



WITH a history dating back to 1908, nearly thirty years ago, the general merchandise store on Mill street in Gahanna, originally owned by Ross and W. W. Fisher, will be the scene on Saturday, May 29th, of a grand opening under the new ownership of William L. Shadwick.

It was in April, 1908, that the two Fisher brothers moved their business from the Wilson building over to the present location on Mill St.

After nearly 25 years in business together, the Fisher brothers dissolved partnership in September, 1932. W. W. Fisher retained the store here and operated it under his name until his sudden death last fall. Early in 1936 he made several improvements to the building.

William L. Shadwick purchased the store property from the estate in April this year. His grand opening is Saturday.

Tri-Community News: May 27th, 1937



The Village of Gahanna's businesses, owners and workers in early 1940 (4 minutes)

Laura May Blue Fisher
Obituary: 1879-1951



Mrs. Laura May Blue Fisher, 71, wife of Ross Fisher, resident of Depot Street, Johnstown, died Tuesday in a Columbus Hospital, where she been a patient two weeks. Mrs. Fisher was a former resident of Summit Station and came to Johnstown a year ago. Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Honor J. Fisher of Johnstown and a grandson; also a brother, Howard Blue of Marysville and a sister, Mrs. Ada Goff of Richwood. Born March 10, 1879, in Byhalia, Union County, she was the daughter of Jacob and Samantha (Van Buskirk) Blue. Mrs. Fisher was a member of the Methodist Church of Summit Station and was a past matron of Caledonia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Lodge of New Albany. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Crouse and Son funeral home in Johnstown with the Rev. Samuel E. Bruner of Summit Station and the Rev. W. F. McFarlan of Johnstown officiating. Burial will be made in Green Hill Cemetery.

Honor J. Fisher - 57 years old - Obituary

FISHER

Honor J. Fisher, age 57, of Johnstown. North American Aviation employe. Survived by wife, Marguerite; son, Carroll of Westerville; father, Ross Fisher of Granville. Service, Monday 2 p.m., CROUSE & SON FUNERAL HOME, Johnstown. Burial, Green Hill Cemetery. Friends may call after 7 p.m. Saturday. • 22-23

Columbus Dispatch - May 23rd, 1965

Obituary: Ross M. Fisher 1877-1970



Funeral services for Ross M. Fisher, 93, of Johnstown, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of the Crouse and Son Funeral Home, with the Rev. Homer Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery. Mr. Fisher died Monday in the Licking County Home. He was born March 13, 1877 in Scioto County. Mr. Fisher was a former grocer in Gahanna and Summit Station, a member of the Center Lodge No. 86 F. & AM of Johnstown, and the United Methodist Church at Summit Station. Surviving are one grandson, Carroll Fisher of Westerville, Ohio; and four nieces. His wife, Laura Fisher, died in 1951. Friends may call at the funeral home anytime today. There will be Masonic services in the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. today. Ross was indeed born in 1877 in Scioto County, Ohio, per his SSDI and WW I Draft Card.

The Fisher Family: A Legacy of Public Service in Gahanna

The Fisher Family in the early 1900s was very connected to public life in the Village of Gahanna.

W. W. Fisher (Council)



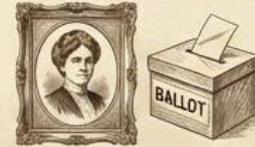
- Councilman from **1908-1909**

R. M. Fisher (Treasurer & Council)



- Elected Treasurer from **1916-1919**
- Councilman from **1926-1927**

Laura Fisher (Council)



- Councilwoman from **1922-1923**

The Fishers show how in 1900 through 1932 a family of ordinary people from the Village of Gahanna, population 350, can **make a real difference** in the lives of residents in a small rural community.

