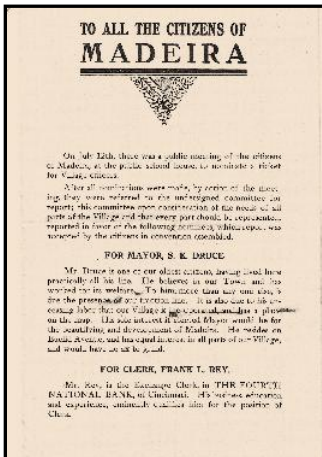


“To All the Citizens of Madeira”

by Carol (Klenk) Heck



I recently found a printed nomination ticket in the form of a 4-sided leaflet from 1910. I would like to copy this for you with a few relevant pictures. This is the time in history when Madeira became incorporated as a Village and Samuel K. Druce actually became its first Mayor. Not only did I find these names interesting, I thought the qualifications and the words used to describe these men were quaint. The headline is, “To All the Citizens of Madeira” and the leaflet was written as follows:

On July 12th, there was a public meeting of the citizens of Madeira, at the public school house, to nominate a ticket for Village officers.

After all nominations were made, by action of the meeting, they were referred to the undersigned committee for report; this committee upon consideration of the needs of all parts of the Village and that every part should be represented, reported in favor of the following nominees, which report was accepted by the citizens in convention assembled.

FOR MAYOR, S. K. DRUCE

Mr. Druce is one of our oldest citizens, having lived here practically all his life. He believes in our Town and has worked for its welfare. To him, more than any one else, is due the presence of our traction line. It is also due to his unceasing labor that our Village is incorporated and has a place on the map. His sole interest if elected Mayor would be for the beautifying and development of Madeira. He resides on Euclid Avenue and has equal interest in all parts of our Village, and would have no ax to grind.



School House in 1910

FOR CLERK, FRANK L. REY.

Mr. Rey, is the Exchange Clerk, in THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK, of Cincinnati. His business, education and experience, eminently qualifies him for the position of Clerk.

The position of Clerk is the most responsible of all our Village offices. Upon him depends the accuracy of all proceedings of Council, as well as the correctness of all accounts. He is the only person to keep check on our receipts and expenditures and at times protect the tax-payers of the Village. Mr. Rey is married and owns his own home on the Corner of Miami Avenue and Naomi Avenue. That he is a permanent resident of our community is shown by the fact of his building his home here. He is a pleasant, capable, affable gentleman; you should meet him.



Druce home on Euclid

FOR TREASURER, JOSEPH GREAR.

Mr. Grear is a bright, keen, young business man. Before moving to Madeira, he was the Treasurer of Loveland, and hence well qualified from experience for the office of Treasurer. While he himself is not a property owner, yet he is a son-in-law of Mr. Stevens, whose family have recently moved into our Town, and have purchased property to make it their home.

Mr. Rey as Clerk and Mr. Grear as Treasurer, would be an absolute assurance of scrupulous care and accuracy in all matters of finances of our Village. His residence is on South Miami Avenue.

FOR MARSHALL, JOHN T. LAFFEY.

At the Convention Mr. Dennis Ryan, one of our most industrious and reliable citizens was nominated, but through lack of time declined to serve. The committee then selected Mr. Laffey, who lives on Laurel Avenue, and is one of our old citizens and a property owner. He is known to all our people to be an honest, earnest, and enthusiastic supporter of Madeira. He is one of the signers for the incorporation of our Village, and his name is a symbol of integrity in his office.

FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

GEORGE E. GOFF-- Mr. Goff, is known by all our citizens. Our people have shown their confidence in him by keeping him in the school board. They now will have the pleasure of electing him to Council with the assurance that their interests will be safe.

He is a responsible business man, and Superintendent of the great Warner Elevator Company. He is a property owner and resides on Miami Avenue near the Traction Depot. His faith in our Town is shown by his recent purchase of additional property.



Traction Depot on Miami

JOHN G. HUDSON—Mr. Hudson, is an attorney and a large owner of real estate in our village. While he is not one of our old residents, yet he has lived here several years. He believes in our community and Village as his investment shows. He is a quiet, conservative, honest, competent citizen, and will make an excellent member of Council.

CLYDE DeMAR—Mr. DeMar, is a young man, yet his family is one of the oldest in this community. No one can remember the time when the DeMar family was not a part of this Section. Four of his uncles were soldiers in the Great Civil War, one of whom lies buried on a Southern Battle Field. He has a splendid education, fitting him for public service. He has just built a fine new home on Camargo Pike, and is a teacher by profession. Every matter coming before the Council will have intelligent and conscientious consideration by him.



Clyde DeMar's home on Camargo

E. H. SIDWELL—Mr. Sidwell, is one of the newer citizens of our Town. There is no better or more active, hustling young man in our community than him. His ability is shown by the high position he holds in one of Cincinnati's big industries, THE PECK-ANDERSON & PECK COMPANY. He has made heavy investments here in his home and is a firm believer in our future.

If you are cold or luke warm, as to the future of Madeira, Mr. Sidwell, can warm you up. He is married and has two children and has an interest in all matters pertaining to our community, both civic and educational.

FRANK CLARK-- Mr. Clark, is one of the trusted employees of THE BULLOCK ELECTRIC COMPANY, now Allis-Chalmers Company.

With a modest home on Laurel Avenue, we know that no waste of money will be permitted by him. He knows what it is to earn a dollar, and as an officer will get value received before he spends a dollar. The interests of the individual home owner will be safe in his hands.

AUGUST BUTZ—Mr. Butz, is a contractor and carpenter and has a good idea of mechanical work in every department. He is now in a way retired and would be able to give a great deal of time to our Village affairs. He has purchased property here and built a fine new brick residence on south Miami Avenue and is closely connected to the Village by relationship and association. He would make an ideal councilman.



August Butz's property on Miami

THE ABOVE LIST of candidates with their interests as tax-payers in our Village, and their associations and the prior experience of many of them as officials, and above all with their belief in and support of the incorporation of our Village are each and all of them earnestly recommended for the various offices named.

A NEW ENTERPRISE is sure to succeed in the hands of its friends.

WE THEREFORE ask the unanimous support of the Citizens' Ticket.

VOTE IT STRAIGHT.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Aiken

John W. Harris

W. S. Morrill

E. K. Mooney

J. Blaine DeMar

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Also see "Madeira's Second Historic Area" under Maps and Homes and "Madeira Village Hall, Then and Now", under Madeira City Hall.