

# HIGHER SCHOOL TAX CALLED INADEQUATE

Board Members Say Added \$1,500,000 Can't Increase Number of Buildings

Doubt whether any of the approximately \$1,500,000 addition to the funds of the Board of Education accruing from the prospective increase in the school tax would be available for carrying out of the contemplated building program in event of the passage of pending legislative measures relative to teachers' salaries is expressed by members and officials of the board.

In view of the congestion existing in many schools, the numerous antiquated structures and the insanitary conditions in these buildings, which the Bureau of Health has condemned as illegal, this revelation that the additional funds shortly to be acquired would probably prove inadequate for comprehensive construction comes to school circles like the news of a disaster.

Favorable action by the state Senate Monday completed the passage through the Legislature of the Stott bill, which amends the school code by permitting in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh increase of the present school tax of six mills to seven mills in 1920 and to eight mills in 1921 and thereafter. It is considered certain the Governor will sign the bill.

**Provide for Salary Increases**

Two other measures now before the Legislature provide, respectively, for the equalization of the salaries of men and women teachers and for the advance of teachers' salaries generally by adding to these an increase of 10 per cent to be appropriated by the state and a supplementary 10 per cent to be paid by local school boards.

Members of the Board of Education said that until the passage of these two measures they would be unable to determine their exact financial situation. They foundered their predictions of a temporary abandonment or curtailment of the building program, however, on the reduction of the increase of the school tax for next year to seven mills. The board has been unanimous in advocating an eight-mill tax, on the ground that nothing less would be adequate to meet the demands for both the sufficient compensation of teachers and the erection of new schools and the improvement and reparation of old structures.

"I am told the net increase in the school tax at seven mills on the dollar will be about \$1,500,000," said Joseph W. Catherine, of "But the prospect is that most of this sum will be consumed by the increase of salaries, which the state law may compel us to pay. Just now we don't know where we stand."

**Await Legislative Action**

"We must await action by the Legislature. How much of the building program we will be able to go ahead with we don't know. New buildings and improvements are extremely necessary and we had looked forward to having these upon the acquisition of more funds through an increase of tax. Of course, we want to help the teachers as well. I believe we would have been able to take care of both the building program

and the teachers if we had procured an eight mill tax. With only a seven mill tax things are doubtful. However, we are letting out contracts for minor improvements on numerous schools."

Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of schools, pointed out that, in addition to the salary measures pending in the Legislature, a provision in the Woodward charter bill would possibly have a considerable bearing on the proportion of the sum to be appropriated to teachers and to the total funds of the board.

"The Woodward bill provides for 'compensation,'" Doctor Garber said. "Much depends on the meaning of the word. The question is, Does 'compensation' mean just salary or both salary and bonus? That is a thing that will have to be definitely settled before we can accurately know our situation."

**Have \$400,000 for Buildings**

Doctor Garber agreed that with only the accession of funds supplied by a seven mill tax the immense sum likely to be consumed in salary increases would be very detrimental to the building program.

"But at any rate we have \$400,000 at hand which cannot be appropriated for salaries," he added, referring to the amount represented by a property on Arch street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets acquired by the board of education for the erection of a new administration building. "With that money we are going ahead with a part of our program."

Franklin Smedley, when asked whether in his opinion the payment of salary increases would preclude the building of schools, replied:

"It looks that way. But we will have to wait and see."

"Most of the tax increase will go for salaries," said William Rowen. "I think, though, we will have a little for buildings."



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**BROWN COMMENCEMENT**

Thirty-four Preparatory Students Received Diplomas Last Night

Brown Preparatory School graduated thirty-four students at the commencement exercises held in Witherspoon Hall last night. After the graduates had marched to their places the salutatory was given by George W. Kessler.

An oration, "Reconstruction and the United States," was delivered by W. N. Ashman Rowe, while the valedictory was pronounced by Walter E. Knoxe. Five gold medals and the Rensselaer medal were awarded the students receiving the highest credits in English, history, French, scholarship and athletics, science and mathematics and debate.

Music numbers were furnished by Harry C. Hartman, of the class of 1916, and Thomas McConnell, of the

graduating class. The honor roll was read by Abraham L. Myers and the medals were presented by Howard H. Prouse.

**Captain E. C. Smith Cited**

Captain Earl C. Smith, of 820 South St. Bernard street, has been notified of his citation by General Pershing "for distinguishing and exceptional gallantry at the battle of Chantreville, France, October 5, 1918." Captain Smith served with the Ordnance Reserve Corps, of the Seventh Infantry Brigade.

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Hats of our usual standard and well-known refinement of style—in fact, many are hats from our regular collections, which have been greatly reduced; others are made up in our own workrooms from special purchases of Hats and Trimmings, bought at price concessions from manufacturers who supply us all the year around. For tomorrow—

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Colored Trimmed Hats that were formerly double and triple their present price. Some are not quite as fresh as new, but all are wonderful values at this price.

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Some entirely of pineapple braid, others with split crown and pineapple brim. In all the newest sweater shades.

**Crepe Georgette Hats, Special at \$3.95**

In navy blue, black and white.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, Market Street, West

## This is Boy Scout Week

The President of the United States recognizes the great good the Boy Scout organization has done in developing manly character and habits in the boys of America, and endorses the national campaign for 1,000,000 Associate Members—June 8th to 14th.

## For Men

**Four-in-hands, at 95c**  
**Four-in-hands, at \$1.15**  
**Four-in-hands, at \$1.45**

Through some very fortunate purchases from several prominent manufacturers, we are in a position to dispose of an unusual collection of handsome Neckwear at savings men will find well in keeping with the Anniversary Sale standard of value giving. Distinctive fabrics and patterns—new and desirable in every way.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 1, Market Street

## So Many Men Are Looking for Soft White Shirts

We feel that as many men as possible should know of the unusually comprehensive collection here to choose from. With or without collars and at exceedingly attractive prices:

**With Neckband**

White Madras Shirts, at \$1.25.  
White Poplin Shirts, at \$1.50.  
White Mercerized Pongee, \$2.  
White Radium Pongee, \$2.50.  
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White Radium Pongee, \$2.50.  
White Cheviot Shirts, at \$2.50.  
Of Ox-weave Cheviot, \$3.00.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—East Store, Eighth Street

## The Home Anniversary Values in the Section Devoted to Cut Glass, China and Art Wares

Of course we could not begin to give a detailed list of ALL the attractive values displayed in this section, but here are a few of the many unusual opportunities made possible by special purchases for the Anniversary Sale:

**CUT GLASS BOWLS**—\$3.60.  
Composites—\$2.85.  
Vases, 8-inch—\$2.90 and \$3.00.  
10-inch—\$3.60, \$4.00 and \$7.25.  
12-inch—\$5.65, \$8.00 and \$10.00.  
Olive Trays—\$1.25.  
Sugar-and-Cream Sets—\$2.75 and \$2.90. Pitchers—\$6.35.  
Celery Trays—\$2.75. Oval Fruit Dishes—\$5.50.  
Round Dishes—\$1.60. Ice Tubs—\$4.80.  
**CHINA** Hundreds of Dinner Sets of American and Imported China and Porcelain, as well as single useful pieces and Sets at substantial savings.

**ART WARES** American Pottery Vases and other pieces—80c to \$5.80.  
Brass Jardiniere, and other Brass Wares—\$1.85 to \$6.35.  
Imported Marble Bureaus and Figures—\$4.75 to \$33.00.  
Imported French Bronze Pieces—\$9.90 to \$35.00.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Basement

## For Women

**Washable Skirts**

One of the most popular of summer's separate Skirts, probably because it looks so well and gives such good wear. Two unusual Anniversary values:

Special at \$1.85—With extra belt and smart, button-trimmed pockets; fancy stripes.

Special at \$3.50—Two attractive models with button-trimmed pockets and extra belt.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Second Floor, Centre

## Porto Rican Undergarments

Of fine, soft material, hand-made and hand-embroidered. On some the neck and sleeves are scalloped; on others, they are finished with hemstitched casing, ribbon-run. Some of the Englewood Chemise and Undergarments. All have fine hand-embroideries on the front—special at \$2.95.

For trousseaux and summer outfits, the opportunity to save on Undergarments of the exclusive sort.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—French Salon, Third Floor, West

## Petticoat Variety

Pretty Heatherbloom Petticoats in white with designs in color are just what many women are looking for to wear under summer frocks; plain regular. Specially priced in the Anniversary Sale—at \$1.50.

Extra-size Petticoats, special at \$1.25—White satin with tucked flounce finished with plaiting.

Striped Gingham Petticoats, special at 55c—Serviceable for everyday. Sectional flounce.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Third Floor, West

## Miss Cloud's Well-Known Toilet Goods

Miss Cloud's Toilet Preparations rank among the best for quality and purity. Seldom are they to be had below regular prices. But the Anniversary Sale brings two of the most wanted articles at a saving.

Perspiration, special at 19c and 42c—An antiseptic, deodorizing powder that removes odor and relieves prickly heat and chafing.

La Perle Face Powder, special at 26c and 58c—Four shades.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 10, Centre

## Sewing

**Silk Muslin and Satine—Save**

Fast-black Satine—The kind wanted for children's bloomers, petticoats, aprons, bathing suits, and such needs in the Anniversary Sale—a saving of almost one-half at 38c a yard.

White Satine, special at 45c a yard—Worth one-third more.

Silk Muslin, special at 40c a yard—A sheer, lustrous silk-and-cotton fabric.

All are 36 inches wide.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Aisle 5, Filbert Street

## Buttons Come in the Anniversary Sale

Buttons have a way of flying off dresses and underclothes that makes the news of less-than-usual prices for them most welcome.

Ocean Pearl Buttons—Large and medium sizes, in a variety of styles—50c to \$1.35 a dozen.

Ocean Pearl Buttons—Medium and large sizes; two-hole and self-shank—12c a card.

Ocean Pearl Buttons—Small sizes—8c and 10c a dozen.

White Cotton Crochet Buttons—Large sizes—18c a card.

Black Ivory Buttons—Large and medium sizes, for trimming—12c and 18c a card.

Fresh Water Pearl Buttons—Large and medium sizes—10c a dozen.

—Strawbridge & Clothier—Filbert Street, Cross Aisle

## Music

**Player-Piano Rolls**  
35c each, 3 for \$1

You will find in the lot at this special price nearly all the popular rolls. Also a few classical and word rolls. In fact, there's a good choosing—special at 35c each, 3 for \$1.

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## Golden Special To-morrow

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## In View of Market Conditions It Will Pay You to Buy RUGS at These Anniversary Prices

It is a known fact that Rug prices have been gradually advancing, owing to difficulties encountered in securing raw materials and other causes. Despite this fact, we have marked the greater part of our regular stock at reductions from the retail prices based on cost to us. Our present stock was purchased some time ago, when market prices were much lower than they have been recently. There are now unmistakable indications that manufacturers' prices will go still higher—and that the same grades will cost much more in the near future. The Anniversary Sale—therefore—presents a truly remarkable opportunity without benefiting thereby. Practically every desirable size and kind of Standard and Summer Rug is included in the Sale at much less than the present market value—but let these two items give an idea of the character of the savings:

**Crex De Luxe Grass Rugs, 8x10—\$15.50**

All fresh, clean and perfect. They are in cool, summer colorings and most attractive patterns.

**Old Colonial Rag Rugs, 9x12—\$11.50**

Of clean, new selected cloths woven in well-harmonized "hit-and-miss" patterns—both light and dark colorings.

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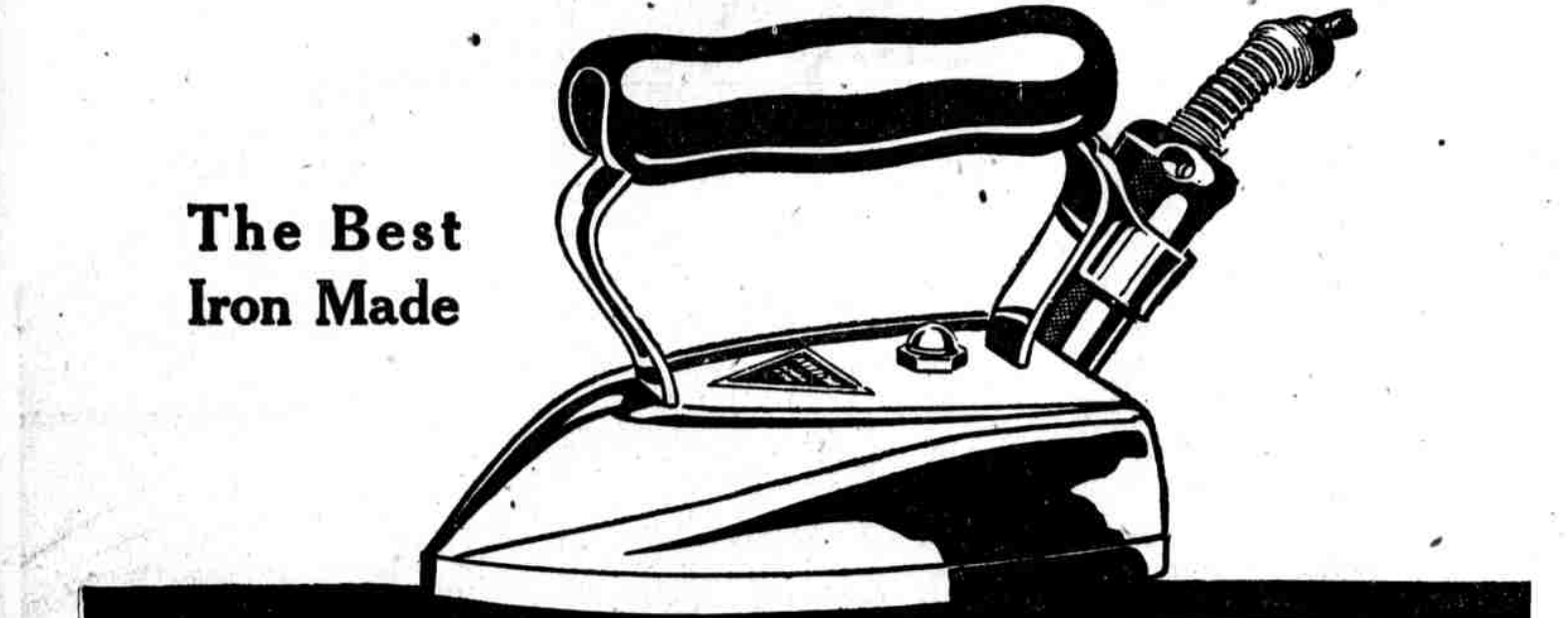
## 1000 Pairs of Grover's Shoes for Tender Feet

**High Shoes, Special, \$6.95**  
**Oxfords and Pumps, \$5.95**

A really extraordinary occasion! A fortunate special purchase of 1000 pairs of J. J. Grover's Sons' famous Shoes for women who require soft, comfortable footwear, at an average saving of about one-third. High Shoes of black glazed kid, button or laced, cloth or kid tops, or white canvas, laced, special at \$6.95. Oxfords of black glazed kid with hand-turned soles, or white canvas with welted soles, also plain common sense Oxfords made especially for tender feet. Pumps of black kid, turned soles, also of gun-metal calf or dark tan calf—\$5.95.

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