

Present Site Favored By School Board

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fons School Board go on record to the effect that the proposed new school building will be built on the present site; provided that said site is approved by the Department of Public Instruction and further provided that the cost of construction on the present site be not materially greater than on a new site."

Board member Horace J. Hartman cast the only vote in opposition to the resolution. Favorable votes were cast by Mr. Hughes, Mr. Cook, Bossart, DeHaas and George Hazel, president.

Mr. Sumner's application for a position on the High school faculty was one of nearly a score from persons in all parts of Pennsylvania who applied for positions in the local school system. After reading the applications Supervising Principal Stock declared that at this time he knows nothing of the teaching situation for the coming year, because of pending bills before the legislature; because some teachers now on the faculty may resign within the next few months; because of the uncertainty created through the temporary high school arrangements now in force, and for other reasons.

Consequently, Mr. Stock recommended that no action be taken toward the selection of teachers for next year—a suggestion in which various Board members concurred. Mr. Hughes demanded immediate action upon Mr. Sumner's application for reasons which he did not explain. He declared there is a need for an additional teacher in history and sociological subjects; declared that Sumner is fully qualified for the post and added that the favorable adjustment of the recent fire loss provides money for the additional salary. Concluding with the statement that he and Mr. Sumner wanted their answer at once, Mr. Hughes, when no other board member made any motion to act upon his requests, moved that Sumner be elected.

Mr. Hazel questioned Mr. Hughes' right to move for the election in view of the fact that the applicant is Mr. Hughes' nephew. After some discussion Mr. Hughes' right was established at least for the time being, and the motion was recognized. However, the matter did not come up for a vote, since Mr. Hughes' motion was not seconded. Accepting defeat on that score, Mr. Hughes at once launched into a discussion of the site for any new building which may be built to replace the one destroyed by fire.

He declared that he is satisfied that most citizens of Bellefonte are in favor of the present site and offered a motion that the Board go on record as approving the present site, with the reservation that, if the State requirements, or costs made it advisable, some other location could be chosen.

This led to a heated discussion on the site question. Mr. Hazel declared he is in favor of the present site if it meets the approval of the State and if the cost of building upon the present ground is not too much greater than it would be on a level lot.

Mr. Hartman declared it would be silly for the Board to pass such a resolution, since it would mean

nothing. He argued that for the Board to approve the present site if the State okayed it and if costs weren't too great, would give citizens no additional assurance as to where the new building would be located. Mr. Hazel added that the matter is not one of personal preference or feeling. He declared that the Board cannot say definitely where the new building will be located.

Mr. Hughes consented to a slight revision of the wording of his original motion and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Forced to a vote, all but one member of the board cast favorable ballots.

After the vote had been recorded Mr. Hughes turned over to President Hazel a paper which he asked to have read as soon as he left the room. He then walked out of the meeting.

Following is the text, in part, of Mr. Hughes' letter of resignation:

"Bellefonte, Pa. April 5, 1939 "President George Hazel and other members of the Board: "About two years ago I listened to the manufactured excuse of 'we have no money' offered by the President after I had made an earnest appeal in Mr. Sumner's behalf. The hushed silence of one and all regarding that startling excuse shall never be forgotten.

"Never before or after I became director had I ever heard of such an excuse being offered when any teacher whom the supervising principal had recommended had his or her application in the hands of the directors.

"During the years that are gone, the mere recommendation of Mr. Stock resulted in the prompt selection of the applicant. Observing carefully for months certain significant signs, I reached the unhappy conclusion that the unfair and discriminating policy so often pursued in the selection of teachers would be applied tonight and therefore I have gone to the trouble of preparing a circular letter explaining the reasons for my resignation to be sent out within a very few days to many citizens.

"In that letter I shall stress among other things, in full detail, the discrimination allowed by the directors to be exercised since 1932 against local applicants for teachers' jobs, with special reference to those who had been affiliated in any way with the Academy.

"In that letter I shall publicly challenge the Board's right to favor such a discrimination, for that is what your act of tonight spells in the final analysis.

"Other facts, not pleasing to the public, will be revealed. I have done everything in my power by personal and written appeals to prevent the publicity I have in mind.

"After the issuance of the circular letter, if naturally will be embarrassing for me to sit in further sessions of the Board. I desire to declare that for the most part I have enjoyed my fellowship with you.

"I now regretfully tender my resignation to take effect at once.

Very respectfully yours, JAMES R. HUGHES."

After the reading of the letter, Supervising Principal Stock declared that he admits and has admitted additional help in history

and sociological subjects is desirable, but he added that other departments are similarly under-manned, and that when additional teachers are employed it is upon a basis of respective needs in the departments.

Mr. Hartman objected to Mr. Hughes' statement that the Board acts or has acted unfavorably against teacher applicants who at any time were affiliated with the Academy. Upon unanimous vote of the Board, action upon Mr. Hughes' resignation was deferred indefinitely.

Mr. Hughes was elected to the Bellefonte School Board in the fall of 1935 for a six-year term. Had he served until next fall he would have completed four years of his term.

To Enforce Attendance

Acting upon a suggestion by Mr. Stock the Board instructed school authorities to enforce a more rigid adherence to the State's compulsory attendance laws. Each year, it was reported, there are a few families who are lax about school attendance. In the future such parents will be arrested and prosecuted if they fail to send their children to school, regularly, unless there is ample reason for their absence.

Arthur C. Hewitt, Bellefonte engineer, submitted a report upon his examination of the walls of the burned High school. His report tallied closely with the investigation made previously by Hunter & Caldwell, Altoona architects, in which it was held that the brick walls above the first floor are damaged beyond further use.

Jo Hayes, supervising principal of the State College schools, informed the Board that the 30 desks loaned after the fire may be used indefinitely, at no charge.

Routine matters include a report that all of the \$107,096 insurance allowed the school district for the February 13 fire, has been received by the Board. The school nurse reported an unusual absence of epidemic diseases and noted that the State Department of Health had examined 38 members of the freshman class for tuberculosis. Regret was expressed that more of the 200 members of the class did not avail themselves of the test.

The dental hygienist and school librarian submitted reports covering the past month's activities. It was reported that fire insurance, at a low premium, covering of pupils attending schools. With a view toward preventing such losses as occurred in February, the Board is to investigate the insurance.

A bid of \$31.75 was received from an out-of-town firm for the installation of a fire alarm system at the Academy. The system would consist of several horns, operated by switches at two stations in the building. Local prices for the installation are to be obtained before action is taken.

Ralph W. Haag, of Bellefonte, submitted his application for the position as janitor in the schools. The application was filed for future reference.

School Problem Is Clarified

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the school district that any building program seems hopeless. The only other course of action apparent at this time would be the continued use of the Academy property and the basement and corridor rooms provided in the Bishop and Spring street buildings.

6. How much will a new building cost? To meet the very minimum of needs \$300,000 will be needed. To provide average facilities for all phases of the present program will require not less than \$400,000.

7. Does the law require that Bellefonte accept non-resident pupils? It does not.

8. What assurance is there that no district from which we draw will build its own high school? It is legally impossible at the present time and would be economically impracticable if not impossible in most districts.

9. What is the legal tax limit? Twenty-five mills for general purposes and ten mills for debt service, a total of thirty-five mills.

10. May the school district build outside of the Borough limits? The law specifically says it may.

11. Would a site outside the Borough have to be annexed? It would not.

12. Would such a site be subject to tax by the district in which it is located? It would not.

13. What sites does the Board inspect or consider? None, other than the present one.

14. What would it cost to rebuild on the building about as it was on the old foundations. The architects estimate is \$196,000. Miller Construction Co., Harrisburg, estimate \$185,000.

16. What will be the difference in building requirements if non-resident pupils are not admitted? It will take not less than three-fourths as much building to accommodate resident pupils only as it would take to accommodate both resident and non-resident.

17. What will be done with the upper grades that were housed in the high school building? It is planned that they would be housed in the new building as part of a junior-senior high school system.

Plan Addition To Gap Hatchery

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creasing the total estimated expenditures for construction and maintenance to almost \$500,000.

The state will pay for materials and supplies. The refrigeration plant contemplated at Pleasant Gap would be used for keeping fish food in good condition until ready for use. Additional ponds at the hatchery would be used for the rearing of trout to proper size for distribution in streams throughout the state, and would increase the annual output of trout for stocking purposes.

Cake Baking Clinic Will Diagnose Pastry

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true Sponge Cake. And, believe it or not, Mrs. Bathgate beats the eggs for this cake for thirty minutes!

Cake Perfection

"I've selected this recipe for Cooking School," said Mrs. Bathgate when we asked her what was unusual about it. "Because it's one of the most difficult cakes to bake. Its success depends largely on sufficient beating and on controlled, even heat for baking. Of course this recipe isn't one I'd tackle if I had to beat the eggs thirty minutes by hand, but the electric mixer makes the task light, and I can let it beat away while I get the rest of the ingredients ready.

"When we tested this recipe, we were surprised that the beating time actually made such a difference. The eggs changed in appearance every five minutes and we soon found they needed this long beating to give our cake the true sponge texture.

"The mixer and the dependable electric range over are the two things that make this cake easy to bake. Of course, there are other things that contribute to the perfection of the cake—such as the age of the eggs—but I'll take those up at cooking class."

Another cake Mrs. Bathgate will bake is a delicate affair called Meringue Cake, which is both cake and icing baked at one time.

The remainder of the first class will be devoted to other types of cooking which modern electric equipment has simplified to the "third" degree. There'll be several one-process meals—one for the steam cooker, a beautiful broiled fish dinner, and one of the popular oven meals that are so time-releasing for the cook.

Second Class

The second class of The Centre Democrat School will be called "Budget Meals" and, as the name implies, Mrs. Bathgate has chosen meals to fit the most rigid budget

and economize in time, food and heat. She delights in showing her audience how modern kitchen equipment helps keep down household expenses.

There will be steam cooker meals, oven meals, and one-dish meals on this program—recipes for Jelly Roll, chilled puddings, soups, and cookies.

Recipes by Request

On Friday, April 21, Mrs. Bathgate is doing an "All Request" program. She is including as many of the recipes her audience has asked for as she possibly can—we won't tell you what they are, but many of the recipes you've wanted are sure to be on the list, so don't miss the final class.

All the recipes will be printed on the programs and Mrs. Bathgate explains each step carefully so you'll have no trouble trying these dishes at home.

Remember the time and place—next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Classes start each afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Man, 57, Dies After Being Hit By Car

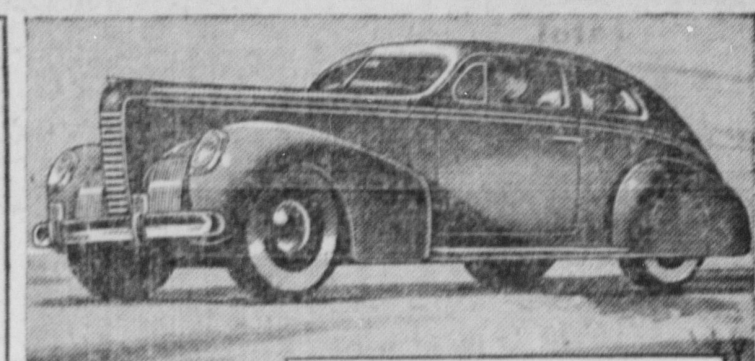
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struck about 9:15 o'clock Saturday night by Johnson's car which was traveling toward Akeman enroute to Jersey Shore where the driver and other members of his family planned to spend Easter.

Because of the heavy snowfall, Johnson testified, he did not see the pedestrian until he was within 15 feet of the man. He attempted to swerve the car to the left to avoid the accident, but the effort was unsuccessful.

Donald Meyer, of State College, who arrived at the scene a moment after the accident, placed Donahue in his car and brought him to the Centre County Hospital, where death occurred at 9:45 o'clock. He had suffered a fractured skull, compound fractures of both legs, broken ribs and other injuries. The Johnson car was damaged to the

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extent of about \$10 by the impact.

Among those who testified at the inquest Sunday were the driver of the car, Private H. R. Hancock, of the State Motor Police at Pleasant Gap, Johnson's wife, his sister-in-law, Josephine Russell, and Mr. Meyer.

Patrick Joseph Donahue was a son of John and Mary Sheehan Donahue and was born on March 17, 1892, making his age at time of death 57 years and 21 days. He married the former Marie Houtz, who survives with five children: Louella, William, Winifred, Eleanor and Violet, all at home. Also surviving are two brothers, Michael, of State College, and Jerry, of Willimatic, Conn.

Funeral services were held at the Koch Funeral Home, State College, Tuesday afternoon, and interment was made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

Port Matilda Presbyterian Services Sunday, April 16: Bible school, 10 a. m. Annual meeting of the Bald Eagle church congregation. A full attendance is desired. Unionville—The usual evening service will be omitted. This congregation uniting in the special service in the Methodist church. The regular Monday evening Bible Study class at 7:30. Howard E. Oakwood, Minister.

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