

WAR MAY HURT STATE'S SCHOOLS

Serious Condition Growing Out of Demands for Men, Women and Supplies



Effects of the war may have upon the schools of Pennsylvania if it continues another year will be seriously considered by the State Board of Education at a meeting to be held here on Wednesday.

Reports coming here indicate very plainly that many small districts are going to face difficulties because of lack of resources. In quite a number of counties teachers have left that service because of military service or the more attractive conditions to be found in industrial occupations. While the demand for women in offices and in many walks of life opened up to them by the war is making inroads upon the female teaching staff.

In addition to the shortage of teachers which will be more or less of a big problem before long many districts are complaining of the cost of supplies, all kinds of which appear to have gone up in price. Furniture is hard to get and a score or more districts have reported that they are unable to purchase the buildings or new schools because of the big advance in prices of building materials. In districts where schools have had to be consolidated the cost of transportation is another item that is looming up menacingly.

State Road Work—Provision is being made in all contracts by the State Highway Department for road construction whereby the contractor would be relieved in the event that time would be lost and completion of the improvement delayed through inability to obtain deliveries of materials because of the priority order in the use of open topped cars on the railroads. In a dozen counties the state has been compelled to suspend construction work of its own and maintenance operations generally have been seriously interfered with where the department was dependent on transportation of materials by cars. Where the stone needed can be obtained from quarries located along the highways and prices are reasonable, work will go on as long as weather permits. Repair work on the main highways much in use for motor truck traffic and which are expected to be much used this winter is being rushed and trucks have been pressed into state service where possible to haul stone and other materials.

Wild Turkey Season—Pennsylvania's wild turkey season will open this day, November 15, and will continue until the last day of the month. The law allows one turkey in the season and from all accounts reaching the office of the State Game Commission, there are plenty of the birds in the state, especially in the vicinity of state game preserves. Considerable success is reported to have attended the propagation of the turkeys.

Farmhands Asked—Secretary of Agriculture Patton's call to the farmers of the state to save double the ordinary amount of seed corn this winter so as to provide corn for farmers whose crops were ruined by frost, has brought a number of responses, but more requests for the aid of the state in providing hands to help get in corn not yet husked. The Department of Agriculture has been asked to secure men for potato gathering and now the demand is for husking help.

To-day the first of the series of hearings are being held by the commission's representative at Sharon in the proposed uniform system of accounts for water companies. Hearings are to be held in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Scranton later in the week.

Name Pre-empted—The name of the Town Meeting party was today pre-empted for the Eighth, Thirtieth and Sixteenth legislative districts of Philadelphia. The party is to be heard to-morrow afternoon instead of to-morrow morning, as originally planned, by the Public Service Commission in the Springfield consolidated water rate cases will be the culmination of proceedings before the commission for over a year. The case is probably the largest water company

proposition ever before the commission being different from the Ohio Valley and Westmoreland water cases. It involves the valuation of properties of the company supplying a considerable section of suburban Philadelphia and will establish precedents in a number of other water cases.

Commissioners In—Six commissioners to-day filed their duplicate returns of Tuesday's elections at the camps. One of the number was the commissioner to Fort Sill, Okla.

Bank Answers—The Dauphin county court to-day received the answer of the Sons of Italy State Bank, of Philadelphia, to the proceedings instituted by the State Banking Commissioner. A date for a hearing will be set.

Inquiry Begun—Investigation into conditions surrounding the conduct of the office of the Register of Wills, of Northampton county, was launched to-day at Easton by direction of the Auditor General. It will require a couple of weeks.

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Material Scarcity Is Relieved by Shipment

Several shipments of materials to be used in work on the intercepting sewer have arrived relieving the material scarcity situation. According to the contractors, work on tunneling out in under the Reading Railroad freight tracks will be started in about three weeks. The material that has arrived enables the contractors to complete the north section of the sewer along the canal.

STEEL WORKER DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Funeral services for Joseph W. Bleyer, aged 45, who died at his home, 435 Catherine street, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. A. K. Wier, pastor of the Centenary United Brethren Church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Highspire Cemetery. He was employed at the frog switch and signal department of the local steel plant. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Eimer Clepper, of Reading; Robert H. Aaron, Howard, Melvin, Charles Bleyer, of the borough, and Chester M. Bleyer, of the 624 United States Infantry, stationed at San Francisco.

NEWS OF STEELTON FUND COMMITTEE TO MEET TONIGHT

Committeemen to Get Instructions at Session in Frey's Hall

How Steelton's drive for the Y. M. C. A. War Fund will be made will be explained to members of the committee of 100 units in Frey's Hall to-night at 7.45 o'clock.

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PLAN TO STIMULATE ARMY RECRUITING HERE

In an effort to stimulate recruiting through the Steelton substitution of the Harrisburg Army Recruiting station, officers in charge of the local substitution announced this morning that they would conduct a personal soliciting campaign. This station has charge of Steelton and Middletown. Since the station opened several days ago three have enlisted.

OPENS STUDIO DeWitt Waters, of Lemoyne, today opened a studio in Room 6, Electric Light Building, North Front street.

Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE Philadelphia Division—The 117 crew first to go after 4 o'clock; 113, 101, 112. Engineer for 101. Brakemen for 117 (2), 113, 112 (2). Engineers up: Maxwell, Martin, Schwartz, May, Albright, Gehr, Yeater, Dolby, Steffy, Tennant, Sellers, Broke, Simmons. Firemen up: Briggs, Killheffer, Highley, Hoffman, Deatrick. Conductor up: Gallagher.

Middle Division—The 227 crew first to go after 3.05 o'clock; 20, 248, 228. Preference crews: 9, 7, 10, 2, 3, 11, 8, 5, 6, 1, 4. Engineer for 11. Firemen for 20, 2. Flagman for 3. Brakemen for 4. Engineers up: Peighal, Numer, E. R. Snyder, Hawk, Asper, Rensel, Elizzard, Corder, O. W. Snyder, Moritz, Fisher, Ford. Firemen up: Primm, Campbell, Kurtz, Gault. Conductors up: Leonard, Klutz, Bennett.

Brakemen up: Murphy, Steger, Furlow, Johnston, Frank, Arnold, Reynolds, Kepler, Hollenbach, Beers, Hancock, Vanbuskirk. Firemen up: Hoffmann, Essig, Myers, Ney, Miller, Beaver. Firemen up: Mowery, Rote, Gardner, Lightner, Sadler, Taylor, Miller, Peters, Wright, King, Dissinger, Young Sellers. Engineers for 4th 7C, 1st 18C, 32C. Firemen for 4th 7C, 5th 7C, 3rd 15C, 4th 15C, 18C, 23C.

ENOLA SIDE Philadelphia Division—The 232 crew first to go after 3.45 o'clock; 226, 202, 208, 230, 229, 222, 208. Firemen for 230, 227, 222, 208. Conductor for 98. Flagmen for 98, 2, 26. Brakemen for 92, 96, 98, 29, 32. Flagman up: Meck. Brakemen up: Lookenbaugh, Worley.

Middle Division—The 219 crew first to go after 2.10 o'clock; 241, 214, 224, 242, 204. Firemen up: Holmes, Sanders, Cameron, Lightner, Sadler, Taylor, Miller, Peters, Wright, King, Dissinger, Young Sellers. Engineers for 1st 129, 110. Firemen for 1st 129, 2nd 129, 1st 102, 2nd 102.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT Middle Division—Engineers up: Buck, Crane, Riley, Crum, Sparver, Miller, Keiser, Robley, Keane, McDougal. Firemen up: Lyter, Naylor, Beverlin, Huggins, Cornpropt, Huss, Keller, Ramsey, Bealor. Engineers for 55, 64, 48, 15, 15. Firemen for 1, P-21, 29, 35, 15. Philadelphia Division—Engineers up: Bless, Pleann, Kennedy, Welsh, Gibbons, Gilluma, Lindley. Firemen up: Cover, Hershey, Shindler, Everhart, White, Dodd, Ault-house. Engineers for M-22, 28. Fireman for 578.

THE READING The 9 crew first to go after 12.30 o'clock; 24, 16, 68, 63, 67, 55. Engineer for 9. Firemen for 55, 68. Flagmen for 63, 16, 24. Brakemen for 55, 64, 48, 15, 15. Engineers up: Massimore, Freed, Lackey, Deardorf, Wireman, Landis. Firemen up: Scheetz, Groff Jr., Looker, Erb, Durrif, Anderson, Decker, Heister, Kreisgre. Conductors up: Ford, Keifer. Brakemen up: Spangler, Thompson, Snader.

Central Grammar Holds First Literary Meeting

The first meeting of the Central Grammar school Literary Society was held on Friday afternoon. The program was along patriotic lines. A debate, "Resolved, That Women Do as Much for the Success of the War as Men Do," was the feature of the program. The debaters were: Affirmative—Charles Housman, Cynthia Lamke, Park Wagenbaugh; negative—Robert Knight, Mildred Grove and Pas Sacco. Robert Hummer, president, presided. Others who took part were Myrtle Snell, Oscar Kohlhaas, Mura Weaver, William Green, Grace Brown, Edith Blyler, George Fisher, Harold Nickey, Helen Bush, Ruth Donley, Ethel Douglas, Allen Longaker, Christie Hudson.

Arrest Women Believed to Be Implicated in Thefts

In an effort to break up gambling in the vicinity of Steelton, Chief of Police Groves and a squad of patrolmen and constables yesterday raided a game in the Pine street woods and arrested Charles Page and William Brooks. Ten other colored men engaged in the game. They will be given a hearing to-morrow.

Three colored women were arrested Saturday night on suspicion, believed by police-officials to be the thieves implicated in bold holdups. They were later released, the police not having sufficient evidence to hold them.

According to the police, two white men living in Swatara street, reported that two colored women accosted them at Swatara street and River alley and relieved them of \$75.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT GRACE U. E. CHURCH

The third week of the Union Evangelistic services conducted by pastors and members of the Pentecostal Steelton and Harrisburg United Evangelical churches will open in the Grace United Evangelical Church, Steelton, this evening. Rev. J. C. Hoffman, pastor of the church, will have charge of the services.

MIDDLETOWN

To Hold Bergstresser Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services for Paul Bergstresser, who died from a rifle shot wound in the head Saturday morning, will be held from the home of his parents to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. O. M. Kraybill, pastor of the Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Oberlin Cemetery. Coroner Eekinger after an investigation Saturday rendered a verdict of accidental death. It is believed the boy was shot while cleaning his rifle.

Middletown Plans to Raise Share of Funds

This borough has completed its plans for waging the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. war fund campaigns. Committeemen have set \$2,000 as the goal to reach by the end of the week. At a meeting of the committee at the home of Mrs. G. S. Young yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Young was elected president; Miss Myria Laverty, secretary; Mrs. J. Colhoun, treasurer. The following ladies were appointed captains from the various churches with instructions to appoint assistants: United Brethren Church, Miss Mary Nissley; Church of God, Miss Agnes Markley; Presbyterian, Mrs. B. E. Longenecker; Lutheran, Mrs. E. S. Gerberich; Methodist Episcopal, Mrs. H. S. Roth; Royalton, United Brethren Church, Mrs. William Baker. Business men met in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Edward Bailey, president of the Harrisburg Trust Company, gave a talk on the work. The following were elected officers: E. S. Gerberich, vice-president; J. W. Few, secretary; H. E. Longenecker, treasurer; Rev. T. C. Mecker, and those who acted as captains on the Liberty Bond Loan will be asked to fill the same positions, and appoint assistants.

CHILD GETS SICK CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

Look at tongue! Then give fruit laxative for stomach, liver, bowels.

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm children and they love it.

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign of stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once. When pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

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ants. The outline of the work will be laid out in districts similar to that of the Liberty Bond campaign. A meeting of both the organizations will be held in the High school building this evening. Mrs. Ira Springer, vice-president of the Y. W. C. A., spoke in all of the Sunday schools yesterday on the work council of national defense and urging all ladies

to fill out cards. Mrs. Claude Fox, of Philadelphia, is visiting in town. The Bible study class of the M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Jennie Slack, Wood street, on Tuesday evening. George W. Lynch and daughter, Alice Lynch, of Columbia, spent Sunday in town.

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