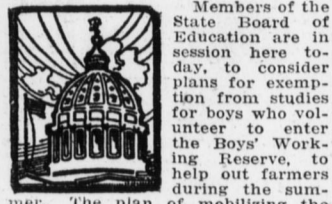


STATE BOARD HAS GREAT PROBLEM

Must Decide Whether to Grant Exemptions For the Boys on the Farms



Members of the State Board of Education are in session here today, to consider plans for exemption from studies for boys who volunteer to enter the Boys' Working Reserve, to help out farmers during the summer. The plan of mobilizing the boys, is being worked out by the State Committee of Public Safety, and the educational authorities will probably grant some privileges to boys who volunteer to do agricultural work.

The board is also considering studies made of educational conditions at various cities and towns where expansion of industry has caused an increase in population of school age and where facilities are not adequate. The board some time ago extended the advice of its experts and architects, to such communities, in order to aid them to care for the children in need of school accommodations.

The Department of Public Instruction is also extending the aid of its bureau of vocational education.

To List Big Case—The Public Service Commission has listed for argument on April 1, the application for right to do business in this state of one of the system of Pure Oil companies, and for leases of various parts of pipe lines in Pennsylvania to different companies. These applications are the first to come before the commission for merging or changing of pipe lines.

Can Enlarge Supply—The state has granted approval to the plans for improvement of the water supply of the Everts Creek Water Co., which has a large plant and reservoirs in Bedford county. The company is the only one which secures its supply and has works in Pennsylvania and furnishes the water to another state. It supplies Cumberland, Maryland, which has had an expansion of its industries, requiring a greater water supply.

Must Lay Track—The Public Service Commission has issued an order directing the Pittsburgh Railways Co., United Traction Co., and Second Avenue Passenger Railway Co., operating in Pittsburgh, to construct a double or single track with turnouts in Wheatland street, Pittsburgh. This order was issued in a complaint brought by the city of Pittsburgh that the companies had not constructed a line as required to do.

Henderson Named—Harry B. Henderson, of Kilmanning, has been appointed compensation referee to succeed Thomas J. Dunn, Pittsburgh, removed, according to a statement issued by the Department of Labor and Industry.

Contracts Let—Highway Commissioner O'Neil has awarded contracts for bituminous material for highway purposes to the United Gas Improvement Co., Atlantic Refining Co., and Barrett & Co., Philadelphia.

Papers Filed—Representative W. W. Jones, Republican, 5th Lackawanna, and Maurice J. Hoffman, Republican, First Berks, have filed nominating petitions.

Much Fertilizer—Statisticians at the State Department of Agriculture have figured out that the farmers of Pennsylvania used \$20,000,000 worth of fertilizer last year, when the crops gathered were worth over \$600,000,000. Seventy seven per cent. of the farms of the state are reported as using commercial fertilizers, an increase in the number, and they used 337,715 tons valued at \$9,000,000, while forty per cent. of farmers are using lime fertilizer. There have been a decline in the use of this material as many kilns did not burn lime last year owing to scarcity of fuel. It is estimated that over 18,420,000 bushels of lime were used, having a value of \$3,315,000. Stable manure used is estimated at 14,322,000 tons, which is rated as worth \$17, 900,000. This year owing to the snow farmers did not get out their fertilizing material as early as usual.

Lancaster Leads—Lancaster county leads as a steer feeding county in Pennsylvania, according to live stock reports received at the Capitol as fifty five per cent. of the farmers are raising beef. Adams and York are next. It is estimated that seven per cent. of the farmers of the state are feeding steers.

Westmoreland Leads in the number of pure bred stallions with Washington second.

Department of Agriculture estimates are that on March 1 there were 5,746,414 bushels of wheat in growers' hands in Pennsylvania, twice as much as at the same time in 1917, but 500,000 less than on March 1, 1918.

Governor to Speak—Governor Brumbaugh will speak at the Lancaster centennial to-night.

Trustees to Meet—The trustees of Juniata College will be guests of Governor Brumbaugh at the Executive Mansion to-morrow. Their annual meeting will be held here.

Compensation Case—The State Compensation Board has ordered a new hearing in the claim of Minnie M. Sellers, Chambersburg, vs. Beechwood school, Jenkintown, which the question to be settled is whether the claimant, while engaged in course of employment, should have been at the point on the property when she was hurt. The board holds that in such cases exact information must be obtained. The board has dismissed the appeal in the case of John Hart vs. Delaware and Hudson Co., Scranton.

Inspector on Duty—Joseph Skelton, of Cynwyd, new factory inspector, began his duties to-day.

Charters Approved—The State Water Supply Commission has approved the charters for the water company of Sayre, Athens Borough and Athens Township Water companies to operate on the Northern tier.

More Smallpox—Some secondary cases of smallpox have appeared in towns on the northern tier and in Tioga county, while vaccination has been ordered.

Speaker Here—Speaker Richard J. Baldwin and Chief Clerk Thomas H. Garvin, of the House, were here yesterday on their way home from the funeral of Representative G. W. Hilschman, of Lancaster county. The speaker did not say anything about his candidacy for re-nomination.

Bowmansdale Bridge—The Water Supply Commission last night approved plans for the York and Cumberland county bridge over the Yellow Breeches at Bowmansdale.

Petitions Filed—Nominating petitions were filed to-day for House nominations as follows: Samuel McCurdy and Charles A. Marks, Republicans, Second Blair; James Cui-ver, Republican, Fourth Schuylkill; Reuben H. Trach, Democrat, Northumberland; James A. Milligan, Democrat, Clearfield; L. F. Benchoff, Republican, Franklin.

Justice Named—Thomas C. Hoskins was to-day appointed justice of the peace for Avoca, Luzerne county.

New Question Up—Right of a public utility company to refuse to give a discount to a customer when a check mailed in time fails to arrive within the designated period because of weather or railroad conditions was argued before the Public Service Commission to-day in the case of the New York Central Railroad Company vs. the Clearfield Water Company. The railroad contends conditions over which it had no control held up delivery of mail.

Reserve Militia—Reese Roberts, Ambley, was to-day appointed first lieutenant and assigned to Company I, First Infantry, and Lewis A. Blanton, Philadelphia, a second lieutenant and assigned to Company B, First Infantry.

The machine gun company of the Second Infantry will be mustered in Friday at Lancaster.

Big Payment—The New York Central Railroad to-day paid the State \$138,000 in state tax.

Commissioner Here—County Commissioner A. C. Gumbert, of Allegheny county, was at the Public Service Commission offices to-day.

Oppose Fare—The fare increase of the Chambersburg and Gettysburg Railway Company from Chambersburg to Caledonia Park was opposed by Ira W. Brown and others at a hearing at the Public Service Commission offices to-day.

MAYOR ASKS PEDESTRIANS NOT TO CUT CROSSINGS

Mayor Keister last night sounded a warning to pedestrians who have become accustomed to cutting across the streets between crossings. While this practice is not dangerous through the winter, the advent of spring bringing with it an increased amount of vehicular traffic, the habit of cutting across the streets at random is liable to entail serious accidents to pedestrians, said the chief executive.

TO SING EASTER CANTATA

The Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal choir will sing, Palm Sunday evening the cantata, "The Cross," by J. Flaxington Harker. The following soloists will take part: George Sutton, baritone; Miss Hazel Fraim, soprano; Mrs. John Beam, alto; Robert Bratton, bass; Thompson Martin, tenor and director; Miss Violette Cas-

sel, organist. The same choir will sing Easter Sunday evening, the cantata, "Death and Life," by Harry Rowe Shelley.

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