

BETTER SCHOOLS URGED FOR THE COLORED RACE

Governor Brumbaugh and Superintendent Schaeffer Address Educational Meet

A meeting of great significance to white and colored races was held in the Technical High school auditorium last night where the most important question of negro education, as it concerns Harrisburg and the whole nation, was discussed by Leslie Pinkey Hill, principal of the Cheyney Training School for teachers and one of the foremost leaders of the colored folk. Perhaps the uppermost topic was the tremendous influx of colored people from the South, especially since war industries offer so many opportunities for earning big wages. One of the speakers, Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, made this very plain with statistics showing that Philadelphia alone has been increased by \$5,000 from the South. No estimate was made of the added population to Harrisburg, but it numbers in the thousands and great efforts are to be made here to see that these new citizens are educationally provided for.

Governor Brumbaugh, once a school administrator, gave some solid advice with regard to the training of more colored teachers and he took occasion to bitterly denounce the traffic in traffic. "If the colored people are to make a good soldier with us in the camp," he challenged, "now can persons hope to become men and women with such an evil in their midst?"

It was the best attended and most enthusiastic gathering the progressive and intelligent colored folk of Harrisburg ever planned and results on it must shortly appear. The Peoples Forum was responsible for

the event and the Cheyney School ably co-operated. Its splendid singing choir with negro ballads, old and new, made a delightful diversion. The committee which deserves so much credit consisted of: J. M. Auler, C. L. Carter, W. J. Carter, the Rev. H. J. Cooper, Dr. Charles H. Crampton, the Rev. A. J. Greene, C. S. Johnson, F. L. Jefferson, Dr. M. H. Layton, M. H. Layton, Jr., Dr. Stephen Lewis, Dr. A. S. Marshall, Robert J. Nelson, F. N. Robinson, J. T. Scott, the Rev. B. M. Ward, George Vaux, Jr., Stanley R. Yarnall, James G. Biddle and William Biddle.

A free will offering amounted to over a hundred dollars. The money raised will go to the Cheyney School, Dr. F. E. Downes, superintendent of the Harrisburg schools, presided.

State Must Recruit 600 Men For Y. M. C. A. Work

Six hundred men is Pennsylvania's quota in a campaign just launched for Y. M. C. A. secretaries for war work in trenches, camps and cantonments. General Pershing has turned over to the Y. M. C. A. the canteen work of the American Army in France. The best businessmen available are needed for the positions, officials say. An extract from a statement recently issued by J. B. Carruthers, general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Y. M. C. A. follows:

"Executive and administrative experience are at a premium. Men of large caliber are wanted. To secure our quota is the challenge now before us. We are confident that the men will be forthcoming from the small towns, organized and unorganized, as well as from the big cities. They'll come from the business offices, from lawyer's offices, from corporation directors, from the school-room, from the pastor's study. Pennsylvania will find this noble 600."

Men required must be between the ages of 31 and 50. They must have a conversational knowledge of French, must pass a physical examination, and must have a Christian character.

Special Good Friday Service at Grace M. E.

Dr. Robert Bagnell, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, has announced a special Good Friday service to be held from noon until 3 p. m. This is the second year for this special service at Grace Church, and the service which was held last year for the first time by Dr. Bagnell was considered one of the most helpful and inspiring services held in Grace Church last year.

The service will be divided into fifteen-minute periods. During each one of these periods Dr. Bagnell will give a short address on one of the seven last words of the cross, and between each address, W. R. Stoniesier, the organist of Grace Church, will play a part of Otto Malling's "Seven Last Words of the Cross." All those unable to stay for the entire service are privileged to leave the auditorium during the organ interludes, which will be about every fifteen minutes. The usual friendly greeting will be omitted in this sacred service and all those entering and leaving the church will do so in silence.

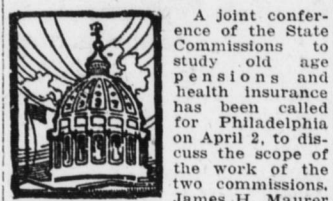
PRELIMINARY WORK ON LIBERTY LOAN UNDER WAY

Preliminary work on the third Liberty Loan began to-day, when J. Clyde Myton, executive secretary for the Harrisburg district, took up temporary headquarters in Perry and Juniata counties. At Mifflin and Newport meetings will be held on April 6 for the purpose of instructing the solicitors and campaign committees of these counties. State Senator Scott S. Leiby is arranging a series of conferences to be held in Perry county following the Newport meeting.

The drive for Harrisburg will be discussed at a conference early next week with Chairman Donald McCormick for complete handling of the campaign in this district, which includes Dauphin, Perry, Juniata and Cumberland counties.

STUDY PENSIONS COMMISSIONS TO

Old Age and Health Policies to Be Considered Next Week



A joint conference of the State Commission to study old age pensions and health insurance has been called for Philadelphia on April 2, to discuss the scope of the work of the commission. James H. Maurer, chairman of the Old Age Pension Commission, said that there had been found much which the two commissions had in common, and that a plan to avoid duplication and to facilitate work would be worked out. The meeting next week will be executive, and will be followed later in the year by public sessions.

The commission to codify the banking laws will meet in Philadelphia, Monday and Tuesday and come here on the fourth.

The commission to codify the state's insurance laws, will have a session here next month, when reports on the assembling of the laws of the state, relative to insurance, will be received.

Co-operate—Arrangements whereby the State Employment Bureau and the State Public Safety Committee's employment agencies will co-operate with the United States army in the construction of the big ordnance and quartermaster's depots being constructed along the lower Susquehanna

below this city, have been made by director Jacob Lightner and Major William Gray, the officer in charge. There will be a big demand for men, but the plan is to help obtain them without disturbing industries and also so as not to interfere with Delaware river shipbuilding or farming.

Decisions Given—The Compensation Board has affirmed the disallowance of compensation by Referee W. W. Champion in the claim of Crisman vs. Pennsylvania Railroad, Williamsport. It being stated that dependency was not shown and that the "testimony of the father, one of the claimants, positively denies dependency." The board also dismissed the appeal in the claim of Adomas vs. Raub Coal Co., Luzerne.

Transit Hearing—The Philadelphia transit lease hearing, which began at Philadelphia yesterday, bids fair to be a prolonged matter. Certain defects, notably regarding right to increase fares, were pointed out yesterday.

One City Only—The mine cave problem is up at Scranton again and the committee of owners has given notice that any arrangements it may make will be with Scranton only and not with other municipalities.

To Free on Monday—The freeing of the Lancaster, Elizabethtown and Middletown turnpike is fixed for Monday when the formal transfer will be made.

Commissioners Here — County Commissioners Frank J. Harris and Gilbert Mayer, of Allegheny county, were here yesterday. L. R. Goshorn, of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, was also a visitor.

Merger Approved—The big merger of Bradford and Smethport power companies has been approved by the Public Service Commission.

Senator Here—Senator Frank E. Baldwin, of Potter county, was a Capitol visitor.

New Camp Hill Bid—Highway Commissioner O'Neil has rejected the single bid for \$127,000 for construction of 1.45 miles of paved highway on the state main highway in Camp Hill borough, a state aid proposition, and asked for new bids to be opened on April 23. He has asked for bids to be opened on the same day for construction of a number of other road units, among them 1.09 in Clifton Heights borough, Delaware county, and highway in Duncansville, Blair county; Pine Creek township, Clinton county; West Mead township, Crawford county; Morgan and Franklin townships, Grene county; Plains and Jenks townships, Luzerne county; East Bethlehem township, Washington county; and Youngstown borough.

Petitions Filed—Jacob Lightner, of Pittsburgh, member of the last Legislature, to-day filed a petition to be a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket in the Thirty-second district. House nominating petitions were filed to-day by John A. Schill, Republican, Sixteenth Philadelphia; Samuel Hutchinson, Democrat, Northampton; William A. Doughten, Democrat, Juniata; C. H. Kennedy and John G. Marshall, Republicans, Beaver.

Can Tap Mines—The chief of the State Department of Mines has authority to approve plans for tapping an abandoned mine of water which has been accumulating in dangerous quantities, according to an opinion given to Chief of Mines Button today by the Attorney General's Department. "If there be an objection on the part of the owner of the surface, that is a matter for settlement between him and the operator who desires his mine to be protected," says the opinion.

Appointed Trustee — Mrs. Clark Seltzer, Lebanon, was to-day appointed a trustee of the Lebanon county mothers' pension trust fund.

Now Major Curtin—H. Laird Curtin, of Bellefonte, who formerly commanded Troop L, of the First Pennsylvania cavalry, was to-day appointed major of the cavalry squadron of the Reserve Militia. He succeeds Major Innes Forbes, who retired to enter the United States service. Major Curtin will assume command at once.

Rates Go Up—The Locomotive Edison Company, operating in Williamsport and vicinity, has filed notice of increased rates effective April 14, with the Public Service Commission. Notices of increase of trolley fares from five to six cents were filed by the Jefferson Traction and Pittsburgh, Mars and Butler Railway Companies, while the United Lighting Company, operating in Erie and Crawford counties has filed increase in rates.

Contracts Let — State Highway Commissioner O'Neil awarded two contracts to-day for road construction in Butler county. The sections to be improved are links in the project to connect Pittsburgh and Erie with a modern thoroughfare and are located on Routes 73 and 309. State Highway Route 309, in Adams township, will be improved from Mars borough line to the Allegheny county line, a distance of 1.60 miles. The contract was awarded to William Vette, of Mars, Pa., at his low bid price of \$47,931. The other contract went to Norman J. Boyer of Butler, at his low bid price of \$19,895.30, and calls for the construction of 3.69 miles of roadway located on Route 73, Slippery Rock township, extending from Slippery Rock borough to the Mercer township line.

Plan Conference in Sunday Schools on the Country

Anticipating the annual convention of the Dauphin County Sabbath School Association which is to be held this year at Hershey, June 25, a comprehensive tour is to be made, starting on April first, covering the district minutely. The officers of the association are H. Howard Hoy, Millersburg, president; W. H. Rupp, Harrisburg, treasurer, and Colonel H. C. Demming, Harrisburg, corresponding secretary. The catch word is to be "efficiency" and chief of the speakers who will make the tour is Norman H. Johnson, field worker of the Pennsylvania State Association. The itinerary follows:

April 3, Middletown, Methodist Church; April 2, Oberlin, Methodist United Brethren Church; April 3, Langestown, Union Chapel; April 4, Steelton, Centenary United Brethren Church; April 5, Hummelstown, Zion Lutheran parish house; April 6, Dauphin, Methodist Church; April 7, Swatara Hill meeting house, Bach-

manville meeting house and Hillsdale United Brethren Church; April 8, Williamsport, Emmanuel, Lutheran Church; April 9, Wiconisco, First Baptist Church; April 10, Gratz, United Evangelical Church; April 11, Berryburg, Lutheran and Reformed Churches; April 12, Elizabethtown, Reformed Church; April 13, Hallfax, Reformed Church; April 14, Pikesville, Lutheran Church of God; Hanoverdale, Church of the Brethren and Hoernersville, Lutheran Church; April 15, Derry Street United Brethren Church; April 16, Reformed Salem Church; April 17, Fishersville, Lutheran Church; April 18, Harrisburg, Bethlehem Lutheran Church; April 19, Millersburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church; April 22, Penbrook, United Brethren Church.

RUSH AT TAX OFFICE

To-morrow, Saturday and Monday are the last three days in which income tax returns may be filed, and any tardy one should hurry to report for the Internal Revenue office at the post office are jammed to the doors. The office will be open until

Applications Pour in For City War Garden Plots

The agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce was prepared to do a land-office business to-day in war gardens, for when the books closed last night over fifty applications had been registered, and the rush was expected to be more intense to-day. Never before has the demand been so prompt and consistent, and the committee is doing everything to help. When an applicant cannot afford to instantly furnish the \$1.50 fee for rental he is indulged to certain credit, which is certainly more than fair. For this price the renter has the use of a lot six months and, seeing that the committee plows and cultivates the lot and furnishes expert advice as to cultivating, no one should complain. Every one making a contract is required to

SELLING WAR STAMPS

Columbia, Pa., March 28—A meeting to promote the sale of War Stamps in Columbia will be held in the Merchants' and Manufacturers' rooms this evening. President Lucas having called a special meeting to further the project. The association will act in conjunction with the Lancaster committee in the movement to increase the sales.

BISHOP CONFIRMS CLASS

At St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church last evening eleven persons were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. James Henry Darlington, Bishop of this diocese. After the ceremonies there was an informal reception.

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