

ADVOCATE HOMES FOR TEACHERS

Editor of Pennsylvania School Journal Makes Plea For Permanent Dwellings

The editor of the Pennsylvania School Journal has prepared the following article under the head of "Homes for Teachers": "The parsonage is usually under the shadow of the church. The school manse, the Home of the Teacher—almost as much needed as that of the preacher—is coming soon in the better days ahead. Senator John G. Homsher, of Lancaster county, has introduced in the Senate at Harrisburg, a bill providing that school districts of the fourth class may purchase or build dwelling houses for principals, teachers and janitors, in cases where such dwellings are deemed necessary by the board of directors. "The bill was introduced at the instance of certain school districts where the question of finding a dwelling has been a serious obstacle in the way of procuring such services. In fact, in any townships and in the smaller boroughs, it has become an increasingly difficult proposition for unmarried teachers to find boarding places. Often a prin-

cipal or teacher with a family cannot accept a position and find a comfortable home within easy distance of the school. Senator Homsher says that in such districts it has been observed that much of the general efficiency of the schools is dependent upon the principal and teachers residing or boarding in proximity to the school. The principals or teachers who merely come on Monday morning from a point without the neighborhood of the school and leave on Friday evening, being thus removed from the social life of the community, cannot do their best work for the schools. In the case of janitors it is almost imperative, especially in high schools or consolidated schools, that the person who attends to the school property should reside nearby, and if there is no dwelling available, there is nothing to be done but to buy or build. "The Brown Mouse," a story by Herbert Quick, of an unusual schoolmaster, is worth reading for its suggestion to thoughtful people. Mr. Quick believes the largest single problem in American rural life is rural education, because it has to do with that third of our people who feed the other two-thirds. He tells here the story of a Lincoln-like farm hand, a genius in blue jeans, who upsets an Iowa district, and in the end a whole countryside with a new kind of country school. "In Volume 17 of the Pennsylvania School Journal, July, 1918—more than fifty years ago—Dr. Thomas H. Burrows says in an ar-

icle on this subject, "And, rising still higher, to the rural home of the married teacher, with all the moderate comforts, appliances and adjuncts of domestic life around—comfortably furnished home, good garden, cow and poultry, pigs in the pen and fruit on the trees—we find him in the position in life which Providence intended, and to which the common rights of society entitle him. "Were we a millionaire such as Girard or Astor, and resolved to dedicate our wealth so as to do most good to the work of the schools, through the teachers, we would devote it to the establishment of a comfortable permanent dwelling house with sufficient garden ground, in connection with every common school in the State—thereby both settling down and raising up the Profession of Teaching. "Senator Homsher has opened up what we think a great question. He points the way of progress in a direction in which people have steadily refused to look or go. Dr. Burrows had the vision, and this journal has repeatedly urged the home for the teacher as a wise policy in progressive rural districts, in the hope of attracting and retaining more married men of ability and scholarship in the profession. In the State of Washington, and perhaps Oregon, something has been done of late years in building such homes. Let us have this good law upon the statute book in Pennsylvania."

MEDALS FOR WAR GARDEN WORK

Women Were Among Those Who Have Been Honored by Commission

Alma, Mich., June 26.—In recognition of work in encouraging food production during the war, the National War Garden Commission has awarded a medal to Mrs. Francis King, of this city, the president of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association. The presentation was made by Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the commission. A similar medal has been presented to the heads of the governments of the United States, England, France, Belgium and Italy, and to the world leaders in food control. The medal was designed with the object of representing the country's military service and the support given to it by those who worked in their war gardens. On the obverse is the figure of a young woman over garden plants. In low relief are soldiers marching. The decorative motive for the reverse is a basket hamper filled with the varied product of a war garden. Under the basket appear the words: "The seeds of victory insure the fruits of peace." A hoe and a rifle crossed and the dates 1914-1919.

the Methodist parsonage, in North Union street, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, by the Rev. James Cunningham. The ring ceremony was used. They were unattended. Mrs. A. L. Miller, who had been a patient at the St. Joseph's Hospital for the past several weeks, was discharged from that institution yesterday and will spend several days at Lancaster when friends before returning home on Saturday. Miss Lucile King left yesterday for Pittsburgh, where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Grant Shirk, for some time.

Importation of Pearls From India Arrive in Paris

New York.—The first importation of pearls from India since the outbreak of the war has arrived in Paris. The pearls were of good quality but small size, but there was spirited competition among dealers to buy them and high prices were realized. The quality was not large and the gems were all disposed of two days after their arrival and could have been sold in an hour if the facilities had been adequate. Many pearls are being bought in Paris for German jewelers by agents from neutral countries. Germany may be tottering on the brink of bankruptcy but its jewelers seem to have plenty of money to invest in pearls and diamonds. Many of these gems are being sent to Germany from the Parisian market. All the dealers in Paris are in the market to buy pearls and as the British government has now abolished the restrictions on exportations of pearls from India, fresh shipments are awaited eagerly. American dealers recently returned from Paris, say pearls are selling for the highest prices ever paid. All dealers are willing to pay high prices because the demands for pearls are coming in from all countries in unprecedented quantities and the market can not be supplied. Foreign buyers are flocking to Paris from every nation in Europe.

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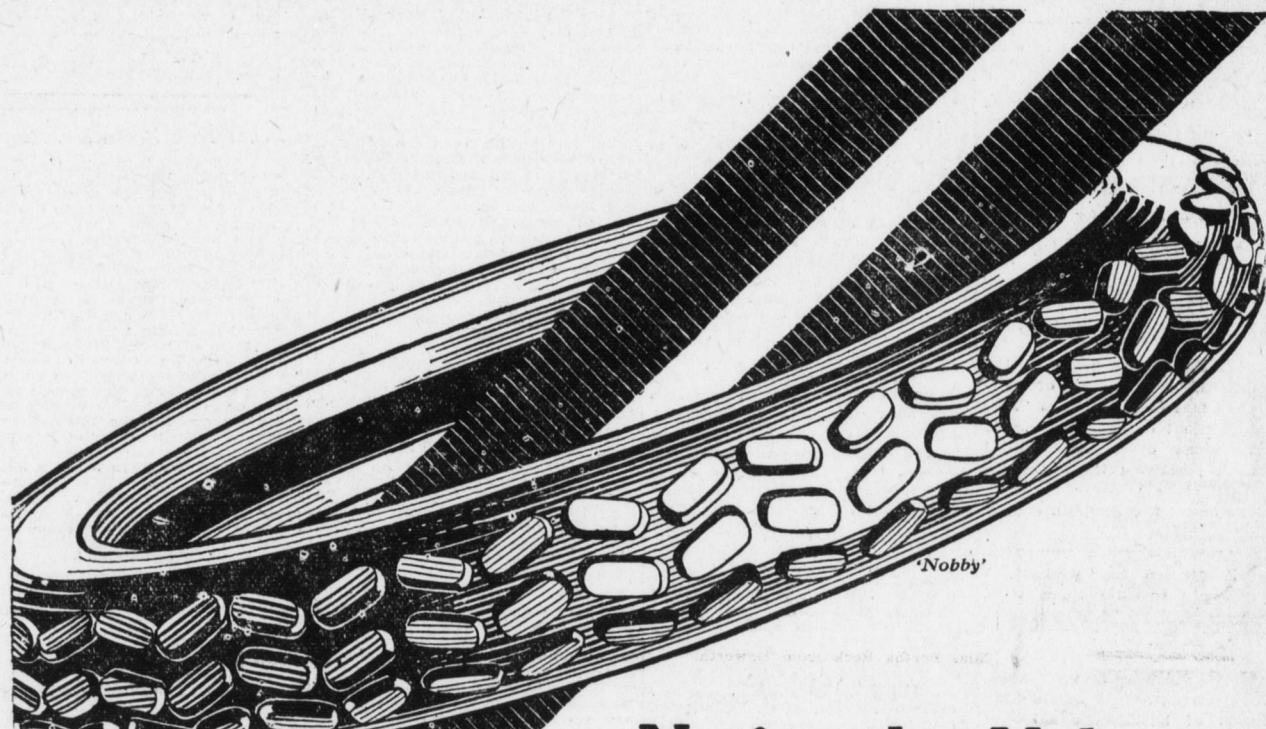
Calgary, Alta. — Sheep raisers of southern Alberta figure they throw away \$10,000 a year in transportation charges on grease and dirt in wool shipments to eastern cities. With southern Alberta furnishing 85 per cent of the wool handled annually by the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, members of the Southern Alberta Wool Growers Association are planning to build a scouring plant to place their product on the market as clean wool. Southern Alberta raised 1,750,000 pounds of wool last year. All the scouring has been done in eastern cities and in the scouring process, the wool shrinks 65 per cent, on an average. The western wool growers have been accustomed thus to pay about twice as much freight as would be necessary if the wool were secured before being shipped.

Berlin Swindlers Reap a Fortune

Berlin, June 26. — Two clever swindlers took advantage of the procedure prevalent nowadays, by making a coup which resulted in netting them half million marks through advertisements. They interested wealthy men in platinum which they produced in some underground way and offered to sell it for cash which was to be delivered at a point not far from Berlin in a lonely road. The purchasers appeared in autos, delivered the currency and received the platinum, but on returning to the city they were challenged by alleged soldiers. The car was searched as if for weapons and the platinum taken by accomplices of the swindlers.

Middletown Christian Endeavorers Elect New Officers

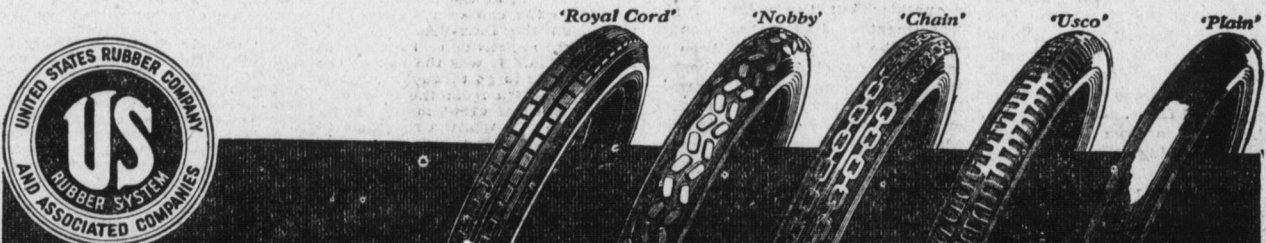
The Christian Endeavor Society of the First United Brethren Church elected the following officers: President, Harry McGill; vice-president, Miss Elsie Bachman; secretary, Miss Mary Myers; assistant secretary, Miss Pearl Schaeffer; treasurer, C. N. Jackson; corresponding secretary, E. E. Robinson; pianist, Miss Mildred Parthomere; assistant pianist, Miss Pearl Schaeffer; librarian, Martin Brinser; chorister, E. E. Robinson; superintendent Junior Society, Miss Myrtle Bachman; assistant superintendent, Miss Kathryn Shoop; chairman of committees, the Rev. A. E. G. Bossler, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. Harrison Heisey, Mrs. E. A. G. Bossler, Harry Detweiler, Mrs. M. G. Bossler, Miss Kathryn Shoop, H. R. Bauder, Grant Auch. Clarence Philip, who spent the past year overseas, has resumed his position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, where he was employed before he was drafted into the service. Miss Minerva Peters, a Red Cross nurse, and who spent a year and a half overseas, but at present at one of the hospitals in the South for her health, is spending some time in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, Water street. Miss Mildred Stoner, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baumbach, of West Main street, had her tonsils and adenoids removed by Dr. Edwards, of the Aviation Hospital, and Dr. O. M. Swartz, of town. William Stewart attended the Shannon-Mathias wedding held at Highspire yesterday afternoon. The Rosewood baseball team, of Harrisburg, will play the Middletown Independent team on the fair grounds this evening in a twilight game at 8 o'clock. Miss Ethel Hendricks, of Royaltown, left yesterday for Chambersburg, where she will visit relatives for a week. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shellenberger will go to housekeeping in the home of the former's mother, in Emaus street. Mr. Shellenberger was recently mustered out of service and secured a position in the office of the local car plant. Mrs. H. H. Shellenberger, who spent the past month in town, has returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where she will make her home with her daughter. Miss Ruth Geyer, who had been the guest of Miss Georgia Testman, at New Hampshire, for the past two weeks, has returned home. Miss Gladys Fitzwater, of Devon Manor, is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hann, West Water street. The General Cigar Company, of New York City, has re-leased the three-story brick building, Wood and Wilson streets, which it used as a cigar factory for ten years, but shut down three years ago on account of labor shortage. It will reopen it July 1 to manufacture cigars. Men were put to work yesterday morning to make all necessary repairs. Mr. and Mrs. David Heigist and two daughters, Alice and Dora, who spent some time in town, returned to their home at Altoona. Miss Laura Hand has returned home from a week's visit to relatives at Washington, D. C. Miss Reba Mae Meisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meisler, of South Wood street, and James F. Thompson, of Steelton, were quietly united in marriage at



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