

TWO ALTERNATES FOR JUNIOR HIGH

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the present time, Dr. Downes says. Relative to this, he said to-day: "The plan contemplates providing a third junior school in the present Technical High school. The present Technical High school, however, cannot be remodeled until a place is provided for the senior high school students already housed in that building. It stands to reason that this part of the program could not be completed at the same time as the rest. There was never anything else in the mind of the surveyors than that the process of organization of the junior schools should be gradual. Regional Units

It has always been the plan to conduct the junior high schools as regional units. This is given as the reason why some seventh grade students have been admitted to the two new institutions while some eighth grade students have been compelled to remain in the grade schools.

These seventh and eighth grade students who have not been admitted to the Junior High schools, are receiving just as good instruction as they received in former years, the superintendent says.

The students of these grades who have been admitted to the Junior High schools, he adds, are receiving some added instruction, which it is impossible to extend to all at this time because of the lack of suitable facilities. All ninth grade students have been admitted to the Junior High schools, because even under the old arrangements, they would have had the advantages that are now being accorded them.

Urges Unit System The plan always was to make the Junior High schools regional affairs. Relative to recommendations at the Junior High schools, made after the school survey, Dr. Downes says: "I might say that during the period of the survey all that was suggested relative to the organization

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of the schools indicated that the experts had in mind that the schools should be regional. I might more specifically answer your question by quoting a letter received during the week from the surveyor himself. The letter is contained in the report to be read before the board."

Dr. Downes' Statement

Dr. Downes' statement in full follows: "I submit the following relative to the organization of the grading of the Junior High Schools which, as is doubtless known by the Board, has caused considerable unfavorable criticism:

"First, our thought of course from the beginning was to organize the schools according to the best educational procedure elsewhere as to grading, namely, by housing in them the pupils of the full three years beyond the sixth grade."

"Second, the schools were organized as regional schools, also in accordance with established practice, with the exception that the ninth grade of the entire city was provided for. The ninth grade could not be accommodated in the Senior High Schools, and hence it was thought best to include all of them in the Junior Schools.

"Third, it was thought that the distance was too great to require pupils below the ninth grade, particularly of the seventh grade (pupils about twelve years of age), to attend. Probably a majority of them, at least a large percentage of them, would be compelled to go by trolley, which many doubtless could ill afford, and the thought of them would have had to walk long distances.

"Fourth, in planning the opening we have always had in mind, and assumed the public had the same view, that the center of the city was to be taken care of by a third Junior High School just as soon as the Board could be persuaded to construct it, and that in the meantime the schools in the center of the city would be conducted under the usual 8-4 plan of organization.

Van Sickle's Advice "Fifth, the plan now in operation is too great to require the expert employed by the Board, Dr. James H. Van Sickle, who recommended the entire Junior High School system in collaboration. I submit the following letter from Dr. Van Sickle which was recently received:

Mr. F. E. Downes, Superintendent of Schools, Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Downes: Since your two Junior High Schools that are nearing completion do not accommodate all of the pupils of the city belonging to the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, it is inevitable that you will attempt to admit children from the entire city, but to make these two schools regional schools as they undoubtedly will be anyway when your Junior High School system is complete. Of course this will deprive some of the city of Junior High School advantages for a time, but I am inclined to think I should rather meet that objection than to form an organization in the completed schools that could be only temporary.

Very truly yours, J. H. Van Sickle, Superintendent of Schools.

MOTHER OF 8 GETS QUICK AID

Household duties, together with the care of eight children, was a little more than Mrs. P. Linderman, 226 W. Sunbury st., Shamokin, could stand, she says.

"My nerves became unruly, I couldn't sleep right at night and finally my appetite went back on me. Catarrh, which I had suffered with for years, added to my misery, until one day I decided to try Tanlac."

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members of the board had in mind as to the plan of organization of the present schools, but I do not know that the superintendent and principals who have been responsible for the planning have never had any other conception of the plan of organization than the one I have outlined, which is the one now in operation. When the plan was incidentally mentioned and informally discussed in the spring in the presence of some of the members of the board (the budget committee, I think), the present criticism was forecast, and it was suggested that all of the eighth and ninth grades of the entire city be taken care of in the new schools and that the seventh grade continue as in the past. While this did not appear to me as fulfilling the full purpose of the plan, still the possibility of this plan of organization was studied carefully, and it was found that by such a plan we should be unable to accommodate anywhere in the upper end of the city between two hundred and two hundred and fifty of the seventh grade pupils who would be affected.

"Having thus outlined briefly the basis of the action already taken, I will state that our organization at present is as follows: The Edison school is accommodating all of the pupils of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the school building east of the Pennsylvania Railroad and also all of the ninth grade pupils west of the Pennsylvania Railroad and on or south of Locust street. The Camp Curtin school is accommodating all of the seventh grade pupils west of the Pennsylvania Railroad on or north of Hamilton street, all of the eighth grade on or north of Rely street, and all of the ninth grade north of Locust street. This leaves us approximately five hundred pupils of the seventh and eighth grades living in the central section of the city below the limits mentioned.

Recognizes Disappointment "I appreciate keenly the disappointment occasioned. The criticism, I think, is but natural and was to some extent expected. I have no explanation to offer, so far as I am personally concerned, except that I desired to see the schools organized in accordance with uniform educational practice, and it seemed impossible to do this and at the same time accommodate all the pupils of the city who were concerned. In other words, it was impossible to get 3,000 pupils into buildings of 2,400 or 2,500 capacity. To state it another way, it was impossible to get into two buildings as many pupils as were supposed to be provided for eventually in three buildings.

"However, I am very desirous of having the board take some steps looking toward supplying, to some extent at least, to the pupils in the central section of the city who are affected, the advantages of which they have been deprived. Many suggestions have been made to remedy the difficulty, but most of them have been found to be impracticable. Only two, I think, are at all feasible. They are:

Two Suggestions "First, the after school plan: By this plan the regular sessions of the junior schools would open at 8.30 and close at 3.15. The pupils affected by the central section would be dismissed from the grade schools at 2.45 and would then go to the junior schools to pursue such studies, under the same schedule, as they will not be able to pursue in their grade schools. All pupils of the seventh and eighth grades on or south of Locust street, would go to Edison and all above Locust street would go to Camp Curtin. Acceptance of the privilege should be optional with parents in order to avoid the forcing of children of this age to go such long distances to school. Of course in instances where the privilege is not accepted, pupils would remain in their regular schools until 4 o'clock, as usual. The studies to be taken in this way would include, commercial branches, Latin or French, algebra, general science, physical training, sewing, cooking and manual work for boys, all, of course, in accordance with the pupil's grade and the prescribed course of study. The plan would involve the added expense of remunerating such teachers as might be concerned for the extra service rendered. It also has the disadvantage of imposing a slightly longer school day, estimated to the time of dismissal, upon the pupils involved. In actual time spent on the school-room, however, it would be exactly the same length as the regular Junior High School day.

The Second Plan "Second, changing the present organization: I am presenting this plan by request, even though it does not have my approval. It has been suggested that if we should drop out the 7B grade entirely, we could this year accommodate all of the eighth and ninth grades in the entire city in the two schools in regular organization and without after school work. This is doubtless true. The plan has the advantage of taking care of pupils of certain grades throughout the entire city, giving pupils in these grades identical advantages. Of course, if this plan were adopted, we should have to require the attendance of a no matter how great the distance. An even greater drawback, however, to my mind, is that it would mean the disappointment of more than 600 pupils now enrolled, who would have to go back to the grade schools. These pupils have for several months been attending in the school buildings going to Junior High Schools and to exclude them now would seem almost like breaking faith.

"These two plans, so far as I can see, are the only two plans that are at all practicable. That something should be done is perhaps to be desired under the circumstances."

Dig Potatoes at Once in Big District

For the first time in the history of the State an effort is being made to get people to dig potatoes in the same week in a certain district as a means of preventing spread of potato disease. The State and Federal Agricultural Experiment Station experts who are in charge of the areas under quarantine for the potato wart disease have arranged to have the digging done under supervision during the disease being controlled. The dates will be September 9 to 12.

The special committee named by the State Game Commission will have a general code for protection of eyes and head of workmen in industries where there are special hazards will have its final conference tomorrow and will go over the draft of the proposed regulations. They will be made effective late in the year. The chief requirement will be wearing of goggles.

Bids for the borings for foundations for the new State Capitol office building will be opened by the Board of Public Grounds tomorrow and it is the idea to have the work carried out within a month. If possible the contract will be let for the new building this year.

Vacancies in the staff of the State Game Commission will be filled at a meeting to be held here on September 15. Some game protection extension plans and new preserve propositions will be taken up. The secretaryship will also be discussed.

State Police officials believe that in the arrest of John G. Miller, a Berks county farmer, they have solved the mystery attending the poisoning of a cow near the neighborhood feud has been ended. Miller is accused of having sent threatening notes.

State mining officials are greatly interested in the reports from Scranton that through an error of a mining engineer the Scranton Coal Company mined coal from under the city's central school buildings and the Masonic Temple. It is understood that the company has offered to make a settlement.

Reports made to the Department of Agriculture indicate a good attendance at the Monroe county, Byberry and other fairs held last week. This week the Lackawanna county fair is being held at Ackery.

The State of Pennsylvania's own sheep have the pinkeye. A flock is owned by the Commonwealth and kept at Valley Forge. The sheep are grass on the park short. Pinkeye has hit the animals and several have died.

Shooting of six grey squirrels cost Edward McCray, a Franklin county man who hunted without a license, \$70, according to a report coming here. Red squirrels can be shot, but the grey squirrels season is not on yet.

Standing of the Crews HARRISBURG SIDE Philadelphia Division. — The 123 crew to go first after 3.30 o'clock. Engineers for 123. Firemen for 123. Brakemen for 123 (2). Engineers up: Gaeckler, Binkley, Snyder, Barton, Lenney, Coudren, Coble, Kaufman. Firemen up: Holman, Kintz, Leonard, Fry, Kirchoff, Utley, Biekle, Wilder, Hoch, Malone, Westfall, Thompson. Brakemen up: Stambaugh, Yingst, Reigel, Weaber, Kautz. Middle Division. — The 215 crew to go first after 1.40 o'clock: 224, 244, 245 and 246. Front End, 30, 32. Engineers up, Sweger, Bevelin, Pfitler, E. R. Snyder, O. W. Snyder, Dunkel. Firemen up: Acker, Rumberger, Sanderland, Elicker, Decker, Arndt, Gill. Brakemen up: Stehinger, Shive, Clouser, Page, Hildebrand, Parapew, Foltz, Rhoads, Shade, Roush, Roebuck, Lake, Reinecker, Montgomery, Kiff, Hollenback, Altor, Baker, McNaughty, Sholley, Hawk, Forbes. Yard Board. — Engineers wanted for 11C, 23C, 29C. Firemen wanted for 12C, 17C, 22C, 23C. Engineers up: Monroe, Beatty, Fease, Kautz, Shade, McCord, Snyder, Heffleman, Buffington. Firemen up: Henderson, Selway, Gilbert, Mount, Dill, N. Lauver, Bormley, Wirt, Kiley, Young, J. E. Lauver, Bartless, Shaner, Shopp, Swab, Hoover, Holtzman, Rice, Stine, Roberts, Burns.

ENOLA SIDE Philadelphia Division. — The 246 crew first to go after 3.45 o'clock: 230, 251, 216. Engineers for 251. Firemen for 246. Conductors for 245. Flagmen for 246, 251. Brakemen up: Shank, Krow, Rudisill, Hornberger, Trostle, Fields, Leo, Butolo. Middle Division. — The 117 crew to go first after 2.45 o'clock: 106, 102, 114, 119, 107, 125, 239, 260. Firemen for 102. Brakemen for 106 (2), 125. Yard Board. — Engineers for 1st 126, 3rd 102. Firemen for 1st 126, 135, 2nd 102, 3rd 102, 1st 104. Plickenger, Shuey, Myers, Gelb, Hinkle, Holland, Sheaffer, J. Hinkle, Fortenbaugh, McNally,

Steelton News

John C. Craig Will Succeed W. W. Leck Announcement was made at the steel plant this morning that John C. Craig will succeed W. W. Leck as superintendent of the rolling mills on October 1. Leck presented his resignation to take effect on that date. It is understood that Leck has accepted a similar position in New York City. Craig has been assistant to Leck for some time, and has been in the roll shops for a number of years. He is the present councilman from the Third ward, and a candidate for reelection.

Borough Council to Meet This Evening The regular monthly meeting of the borough council will be held this evening. Little business is expected other than the routine affairs. The petitions signed by many hundreds of residents of Steelton requesting council to take action on the matter of continuing the daylight saving time, will be presented to council this evening. The matter will most likely be held over for the October meeting.

Scouts Arrange For Field Day in October The Activities Committee of the Steelton Council of Boy Scouts has called a meeting for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in Trinity Parish House. Arrangements are to be made for the field day to be held on the second or third Saturday in October. The presence of all the scoutmasters of local troops has been requested. Their suggestions for the program are desired.

STEELTON PERSONALS Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bannan and daughter, Miss Anna Bannan, left for

Anti-Prohibitionists Will Go Into Politics

New York, Sept. 8.—The Association Opposed to National Prohibition announces that it will go into politics at the November elections. It will devote its attention to working for the election of anti-prohibitionists as governors and members of state legislatures, explaining in a statement that "legislatures may be called upon to consider enforcement measures and governors to sign or veto them."

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Mexicans to Signal U. S. Fliers Warning

Mexico City, Sept. 8.—Frontier troops will flash red, white and green signals to American aviators who have crossed the frontier into Mexican territory before opening fire on them as an additional warning. A circular issued by the War Department containing this order to the troops was made public yesterday.

DESTROYED OUT OF FUEL USES AWINGS AS SAILS Ponta Delgada, Sept. 8.—On account of water in its fuel oil supply the United States destroyer Maddox ran short of fuel 1,000 miles from the Azores, and was forced to resort to the expedient of using its awnings for sails. The Maddox has just arrived safely at Ponta Delgada.

PRUSSIA TO SEIZE FARMS Berlin, Sept. 8.—The Prussian Minister of Agriculture has empowered the local communities to seize farms whose owners refuse to enter into labor contracts with their employes, or who fail to live up to the wage schedules and other terms fixed by contracts. The lands seized are to be administered by the respective communities for the common good.

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