

DIRECTORS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY SCHOOLS WANT SEVERAL CODE CHANGES

Revision of teachers' tenure act and enactment of a law providing for payment of school per capita tax as a qualification for voting was urged on Wednesday last at the closing session of the annual meeting of the Cambria County School Directors' Association held in the court house at Ebensburg.

The following revisions of the Teachers' Tenure Act were urged:

- 1—Provide a probationary time for beginning teachers.
2—That boards formulate their own policy relative to the employment of married female teachers.
3—That insubordination on the part of the teacher should be made a valid cause for termination of contract.

4—In case the professional employee concerned considers himself or herself aggrieved by the action of the board of school directors, an appeal by petition setting forth the grounds for appeal may be taken to the State Council of Education instead of the County court.

The proposal to make payment of school per capita a qualification for voting was attacked by M. F. Doran of Barr township. He declared that enactment of such a measure "would be a step backward in our civilization."

A study of the needs of the various districts as to buildings to be made by a committee appointed by the Governor was urged in another resolution. It read: "Resolved, that we present to the State School Directors' Association and deliver to our honorable governor a request that in lieu of the Thompson act he appoint a special committee to study the conditions of the various school districts and having in mind that relief money be used, that a proportionate share be used for the construction of school buildings, playgrounds, etc."

The directors also declared "that, since the alien census has imposed additional expense on the school districts of the state, we recommend that the state find some means to finance this enumeration other than from the local school districts."

Resolutions of regret were adopted in the death of eight directors who died in 1938. They were Peter Holtz, Elder township; Adam Keppeler, Upper Yoder township; Dr. A. W. Leech, Summerhill; E. B. McCordell, Barnesboro; Rush Ober, Lorain; W. F. B. Shaffer, Conemaugh township; A. T. Stauffer, Gallitzin and H. H. Yost, Ferndale.

Votes of thanks were given Dr. A. M. Stull, county superintendent and his assistants; the county commissioners and the judges; the speakers at the sessions and the students of the Southmont High school, the later fur-

The Whole World Topsy-Turvy to Him



Frank Balek, 12, Chicago youth, sees everything upside-down. He originated his own method of writing by beginning at the bottom, in the lower right hand corner, and writing from left to right. Not only does he read and write in this manner, but objects are also visually upside-down. He is in the fifth grade, and averages 85 in his studies, which indicates that his visual defection does not impede his educational progress.

nishing musical programs.

Revival of the plan to further construction of school buildings under the Thompson act was urged in an address by Otto T. Strittmatter, secretary of the Hastings-Elder township Joint School Board. He pointed out that \$75,000 had been expended by school districts of the county in having plans prepared for buildings which the 25 interested districts believed would be built under the terms of the Thompson act. The estimated cost of the building work in Cambria county was \$6,000,000.

"The hopes of progressive, but handicapped school districts are reduced to memories of a promising future in school possibilities," Mr. Strittmatter said, "and the burden of paying the bill for trying to be progressive with nothing but possibly some blueprints of what they thought they were working for to show for their efforts."

Mr. Strittmatter pointed out that because of the raising of the age for compulsory school attendance, that institutions in the county are overcrowded. He declared, "the children are the victims and the same children will soon help make up the citizenry of our country."

Equalization of the tax burden to aid school districts was urged by Dr. C. E. Overberger of the Barnesboro School Board. He pointed out that assessments vary according to the individual assessor's opinions and declared that the creation of a tax commission would be a forward step in arriving at properly assessed values.

The directors were urged by Herbert J. Stockton, member of the Johnstown School Board and president of the Pennsylvania State School Directors' Association to join the association before the state convention being held this week. C. J. Bearer of Susquehanna township and Joseph Koller of East Conemaugh borough are representing the Cambria County Directors at the meeting.

Others speakers at the meeting included Mrs. S. A. E. Braller of the East Conemaugh Borough Board, who spoke on the campaign for cancer prevention; Paul F. Adams, president of the Richland Township Board, who delivered an address on "Transportation Costs" and G. Harry Isaacson, vice-president of the Gallitzin Board, who spoke on the various laws dealing with the transportation of students.

AMERICAN VERSUS THE ENGLISH CONDITIONS

By Dr. Charles Stelzle, Executive Director, Good Neighbor League.

A certain type of American citizen who in most respects is a perfectly normal human being, and who really has some very excellent qualities, seems to lose his mental balance completely when he compares the so-called "bad" conditions in the United States with the allegedly "good" conditions in certain foreign countries—in England for example.

A famous English corporation lawyer is now in the United States, for the purpose of investing large sums of money in this country for his English clients because they believe that their

money is safer here than it is in the old country. He presented his plan to the legal representative of some wealthy Americans. The American lawyer smiled, as he said:

"I have been sending large sums of money to England for my clients because they have been greatly disturbed that America is 'going to the dogs' due to the labor legislation which has recently been enacted by Congress. And then he added: 'Recently, they have been eager to have their new English investments sold out, even at a loss, because they have discovered that conditions in England are not as good as they are in America.' The two lawyers agreed also that taxes in England are higher than they are in the United States.

Quite a good many American employers of labor, and some industrial "experts" had been getting red in the face when they discussed the "tyranny" of organized labor in this country, as compared with the labor conditions in England, where, it was believed, they had labor where it should be—completely "hog-tied" and "safe."

Then President Roosevelt appointed a commission to study the relations of Organized Labor to Industry in England—and he did it without fear as to what would be the result to American Labor. The Commission made its report, and to the amazement of the American industrialists who had been envying their English associates with regard to labor relations, it was discovered that in most respects Englishmen had learned by long experience to deal more reasonably with each other than we do in our country because of the antiquated methods which have long been practiced in the United States.

On the whole, therefore, American investors are pretty well off when comparisons are made with the way things are going in England, although American employers may learn from English employers how to avoid strikes and other labor troubles by dealing collectively with the workers through a mutually accepted program.

Resolutions of Respect.

St. Mary's I. C. B. U., Patton, Pa. Whereas, it has pleased God in His Goodness and Mercy to remove from our ranks by death our sister member, Mary Anne McCauley.

Whereas, the noblest tribute we can pay her is that she led a pure Christian life and departed from this world like a child of God, Whom she so faithfully served.

Resolved, That by her death this society has lost a good member and her family a kind and loving sister.

Resolved, That in respect to her memory, our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days. These resolutions entered on the minutes of our society and published in the local paper and a copy be furnished to the family of the deceased, Mary Ann McCauley.

Committee—Mrs. Angeline James, Mrs. Josephine Lilly, Mrs. Mary Donahue.

A meadow mouse in a year eats from 24 to 36 pounds of food.

Sea Scorpions From Ancient Era Found

Fossils Believed Oldest Yet Discovered.

GEORGETOWN, OHIO.—A party of geology students under Prof. Walter H. Bucher of the University of Cincinnati is excavating a rock layer here which already has produced parts of at least five sea scorpions that roamed this area several hundred million years ago.

The fossils discovered so far are the rarest in years, according to Dr. Kenneth E. Caster, curator of the university museum. The species is new to science, he says, and the genus hitherto unknown in the country outside of a small area in New York state.

However, the rock strata in which the fossils were embedded belongs to the Richmond groups, which is several million years older than the strata in New York where related sea scorpions have been found in the past.

The excavating party is seeking to uncover the remainder of a fossil nearly three feet long, which indicated the sea scorpion must have been nearly three and one-half feet in length when alive.

All the material is being studied by Doctor Caster. Enough now is on hand, he says, to make possible a fairly complete description of what the scorpion looked like 350,000,000 years ago and to reconstruct to life conditions the ancient sea bottoms when the rock layer was formed.

Doctor Caster explained the fossil sea scorpions had bodies covered with horny material of the same texture now prevalent on crabs and lobsters. Like the modern sea dwellers, periodically shed their skins in order to grow larger.

Sea scorpions are distant cousins of later marine types from which today's desert scorpions have originated. The Ohio fossils are designated as pterygotids or winged forms because of their wing-like paddles. Quarrymen in Scotland, where pterygotids first were found, called them "seraphims" also because of their paddles.

Traffic Perils Are Cited In Bible Book of Nahum

BIRMINGHAM.—"Chariots shall rage in the street, they shall jostle one against another on the broad ways, they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightning."

From the Bible, Birmingham Police Inspector E. A. Lyons has extracted this 2,673-year-old prophecy of today's traffic problems.

Announcing his Biblical research, Lyons took occasion to plead for more strict observance of traffic laws to prevent accidents.

A mishandled auto is more of a menace than a murderer, a bandit and an attacker all in one, Lyons said.

"Every autoicide is a loss of \$50,000 to the community," Lyons said. "One autoicide means not only loss to one family, but costs to countless others in doctor and hospital bills, garage bills and lawsuits for damage claims.

"The auto accident constitutes the greatest single threat today against public safety and convenience."

Inspector Lyons said his Bible traffic commentary was taken from the Book of Nahum, second chapter, fourth verse.

Indians of Old Called Best of Soil Conservers

WINONA, MINN.—The white man still lags behind the Indians of Peru and Mexico of a thousand or more years ago in erosion control, believes Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of the bureau of soil conservation in Washington, who recently inspected the Gilmore Valley demonstration.

"I consider the project one of the best ever done by white man on the American continent," he said. "The Indians of Peru and Mexico of a thousand or more years ago, of course, did better work."

Doctor Bennett said the value of the work in years to come will be many times its cost to the government. Thirty-one years ago he said he had difficulty finding signs of erosion in southern Minnesota.

"Today it looks as if about half the top soil is gone," he said.

Minnesota Mounds Yield Trace of Indian Culture

MINNEAPOLIS.—Dr. Lloyd Wilford, head of the University of Minnesota anthropology department, is studying results of excavations of Minnesota Indian mounds in an effort to trace cultural development of Minnesota Indians.

At Spring Lake in northern Minnesota, the group often found mounds in the front yards of homes of more recent Indians. One of the mounds contained 40 skeletons, of which one was found in a sitting position.

Near Mankato, excavations proved civilization had flourished some 2,500 years ago. Many pits were found, in addition to the mounds. Some had been used for corn storage, others for refuse, and some contained skeletons.

Grubstake for War Vets CALGARY, ALTA.—Unemployed war veterans on provincial relief will receive a "grubstake" of \$25 to permit them to seek employment outside Calgary.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

In the Estate of Thomas J. Durbin, late of the Township of Clearfield, County of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same

will make them known without delay to the undersigned.

GORDON DURBIN, GERTRUDE DURBIN.

Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Durbin, deceased. Patton, Pa. R. D. Shettig & Swope, Attorneys, Ebensburg, Pa.

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