

NELSON PRAISES GRAND JURY FOR RECORD IN SPEED

Comment Is Caused When Venire Completes Its Investigations In Four Days.

What is said to be a speed record for a Cambria County Grand Jury was established last week when the March term venire completed its work of criminal investigations and inspection of county institutions after meeting four days.

Commending the jurors for their "speed and efficiency" Judge A. A. Nelson, who received their report on the condition of county institutions, asserted that "it is the first time in many years, at least, that a grand jury in this county has completed its work in four days."

"It usually takes the jury five days to complete the work," Judge Nelson continued, "and in many instances they take six days. This is due to the fact that they work in the jury room four days and they spend another day of two visiting the county institutions and in compiling their report of the inspection of these institutions."

"In some instances, I believe, the juries have dragged out the time they served so that it meant money in their pockets. By your promptness of action you have not only established an excellent precedent but you have saved the county money."

The jury in its report, recommended that lockers be installed for male inmates at the county home; that a screen be placed around the hot water heater at the County Juvenile Home, as the children play in the room where the heater is installed; that padding be placed around the steel pillars in the recreation room of the institution for the protection of the children; that walks between the main building and school be kept clear of snow and ice and that an entrance be provided from the main floor of the school to the basement to provide easier means of ingress and egress.

The heads of the three county institutions were "commended for their efficiency" by the jurors who also thanked the district attorney, his aides and the court officers "for the kind treatment" accorded them while here.

DIRECTORS SUGGEST AMENDMENT ON ACT COVERING WED TEACHER

The Cambria County School Directors' Association at its meeting last week in the court house at Ebensburg adopted a resolution urging passage of a bill calling for the amendment of the teacher Tenure Act so that women teachers marrying after July 1st could be dismissed.

The bill at present is in the hands of a committee on education in the general assembly. The directors in session last week urged the passage of the following legislation:

House Bill 1—providing for a minimum salary for teachers of \$1,000 with additional state aid.

House Bill 56 to provide \$4,000,000 aid for financially distressed school districts.

House Bill 50 for the repeal of a provision of the school code, which provides for directors visiting schools.

House Bill 148, which prohibits the passing of school buses, stopped, to take on or discharge children, by persons traveling in the same direction.

Senate Bill 119 which prohibits the issuance of any license registration or permit, except a license to marry, without a declaration that the applicant has paid his or her per capita school tax.

The directors also urged increased subsidies for transportation and tuition payments.

Defeat of House Bill 73, which provides that school buses must be painted red, white and blue, was urged by the directors.

The resolutions committee was composed of C. E. Jones, C. H. McGuire,

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TWELVE MEN TO BE THE MARCH 17 DRAFT QUOTA FROM COUNTY BOARD 1

Nine volunteers are included in the total of 12 ordered for March 17th induction by Cambria Board No. 1, with headquarters at Crescon, and the following names have been posted:

Harold Erling Noren, volunteer, Hastings.

Joseph John Kunka, volunteer, Box 24 Elder township.

Matthew James Walt, volunteer, Hastings.

Gordon Charles Fultz, volunteer, of Powell avenue, Crescon.

John Kenneth McIntosh, volunteer, George Street, Lilly.

Sheldon Theodore Noel, volunteer, Pershing Street, Gallatin.

Thomas Ryan Rodgers, volunteer, R. D. 1, Lilly.

Anthony Jerome Martino, volunteer, Railroad street, Lilly.

James Clarence Donahue, volunteer, Beach avenue, Patton.

Stanley Andrew Anaman, Gallatin R. D. 1.

George Vrabel, Box 283, Cassandra.

James Bellows, Hastings.

George Barank, Box 73, Patton.

Hugo L. Gardini, Coupon.

Robert William Cooke, Crescon.

Leo William Hart, Crescon.

John Preich, Jr., Patton.

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HOURS AND WAGES

An Editorial Taken from the United Mine Workers Journal.

Wage-Hour Administrator Philip B. Fleming has said on several occasions that the short work-week—forty hours—no drag on national defense preparations, although some antagonists of the shorter week make a great to-do about it, hoping to stifle the march of labor to fewer hours.

There is nothing in the law, as has been said numerous times, to prevent any concern from working forty-four or forty-eight hours or any other number of hours, provided the worker is paid time and a half of his regular wage for overtime work over forty hours.

It is only fair, if the worker is to sacrifice some of his leisure time by working, that the employer make a sacrifice by providing slightly higher wages for overtime work, especially if it is so-called defense work.

Corporate earnings have skyrocketed here of late under the acceleration of heavy defense buying. Labor feels, eminently justified, in sharing in some of this " gravy," and doubtless wage contracts with various corporations will be reopened shortly so as to give the workers better wages that they may justifiably share in the big profits now being made in by these corporations. This is especially true in the steel industry and other defense industries.

Another valid reason for reopening these wage contracts is the rising living cost in many sections of the coun-

NEW TYPE OF EXAM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF STATE NOW REVEALED

An entirely new type of examination for children in the public schools—one that has all the appearance of being enjoyed by pupils—has been sent to school administrators throughout the state, Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has revealed.

Called "Self-Inspection Blanks for Pedestrian Safety," the tests represent the first release from the State Department of Education in Safety Education. The committee was organized by Dr. Haas about a year ago in an effort to reduce the great toll of life and injuries suffered by children on streets and highways on the way to and from school and at play.

Roller skating and bicycle riding present so many hazards that the committee has prepared special self-inspection blanks for them. In these lists the pupil taking the test indicates by a check mark whether or not he observes the best safety practices.

A general safety practice check list is intended to reveal how the pupils cross streets or walk on highways, obey traffic signals or signs, refrain from jay walking and running into the street from behind parked cars, playground coasting in the streets, how they get in and out of automobiles, school buses, and a dozen other items of safety.

try, and the increased taxation now imminent. The time for taking excuses is past. Why not give Labor a break?

An analysis of the results obtained from these self-inspection blanks will show the relative importance that the school's safety education program should give to each of the activities in which pupils engage and in which the factor of safety is involved. Teachers then will know which safety practices should be stressed in their classroom instruction in safety.

To accompany the self-inspection blanks for pupils, the Safety Committee provided another set for use of teachers, principals and superintendents. Through their use, these school officials can determine the effectiveness of existing school programs in safety education, such as the school patrol, and prepare lists of desirable practices for further improvement.

DO YOU KNOW

Joseph Priestley, who discovered oxygen and other gases, was a resident of Northumberland, Pennsylvania.

On the fringes of the Education Building in Harrisburg are carved the names of 25 educators, statesmen and philanthropists who have rendered an outstanding service to Pennsylvania.

The earliest iron works in Pennsylvania were built along the tributaries of the Schuylkill River.

Robert Fulton, who operated the first steamboat in 1807, was born in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

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