

TEACHERS STANDARD MUST NOT BE LOWERED

There are many school problems facing the people of Ohio today; adequate revenues, increased salaries, better buildings and equipment, more attention to health, rooming facilities for teachers, community use of the school plant, modern textbooks, school curriculums of greater general service, sane supervision, the development of new teachers—these problems face teachers, patrons, principals, superintendents, board members, in fact, all the people need to be deeply concerned about their schools just now, says D. W. Pearce, county school superintendent and, he continues, "No one will doubt the need of more revenue when the following is noted. This is the salary record of one of Medina County's successful teachers. Please note the salary for ten years, \$30, \$320, \$320, \$320, \$320, \$400, \$440, \$520, \$560, \$640, another for eight years, \$320, \$320, \$360, \$450, \$450, \$540, \$540, \$630. These are not selected to show the bad side. They are typical of large numbers observed in connection with the retirement fund. I let one record for about twenty-five years pass before I thought of publishing it. A teacher worked the larger portion of this in one township of the county and what an outlay of energy, interest and painstaking care for so little a reward. The debt will never be paid. Teachers are now aware of the status of affairs. Many are retiring and the ones most needed and most useful. There is also a retirement at the other end, those who might become capable teachers are not considering the teaching proposition at all. So far but three have responded to the call for normal school to be established at Medina. A school can be no better than the teacher and the community. Some of our schools are not as good as they should be and could be. All possible care should be exercised in selecting teachers. Some feel if the standards set by a state are lowered then we can have teachers. Then we get those who never thought seriously of entering the profession at all. The reason some of the centralized schools of our county are not better is that the standard of qualification for such schools remains entirely too low. It is not unusual now for a mere beginner with the least possible training permitted to aspire to a position which ought not to be thought of until some ability and special skill have been demonstrated.

"Our summer schools should be crowded to the top this summer. Real teachers by hook or crook manage to meet conditions. Teachers are too often satisfied with a low degree of success or else feel almost at the outset that they are about as good teachers as may be found. Improvement should be sought for. Teaching is a science. To grow properly the teacher should be a real wide awake student. Problems in connection with their work should be divined and solutions sought. Our schools should offer the best possible opportunities to all the children of Medina County. In some cases the dollar and nothing else stands in the way. When a real educational need presents itself, it is very easy for some people to think deeply and emotionally about the merely material inanimate metal and while thus entranced or overcome to forget the real pulsating individual life of human children who have if they ever have educational advantages, must have them at the outset of life. One only has to contrast the homes and other improvements of some communities to see how little thought is given some matters of greatest importance to local community and state as well.

"No extravagance is advocated but the strictest economy in the long run demands that we now decide to invest more than ever before in the youth of the county. Before long the duty of voting extra funds for school purposes will be up in most of our school districts. Every one should vote right and to vote right one should be informed. The schools must run, the people want them to run, the people are able to have them run, and they will have them run."

MAY BE SEVENTH

If Senator Warren G. Harding is elected next November he will be the seventh president to be born in Ohio. Virginia heads the list with eight. The first chief executive to be called an Ohioan was William Henry Harrison, a native of Virginia. He was a resident of Ohio when elected. Here are the presidents born in Ohio: Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William H. Taft. Grant was elected from Illinois and Benjamin Harrison, was elected from Indiana. From 1869 to 1881, twelve years, Ohio had the honor of being represented continuously by its sons in the White House. That was during successive terms of Grant, Hayes and Garfield.

TO CLOSE OUT STOCK

The C. J. DeArmitt store closed Wednesday noon and will so remain until 9:30 Saturday morning when the doors will be opened to a big closing out sale which will continue until all of the stock is disposed of. Mr. DeArmitt is retiring from the mercantile game after 12 years in this town. He will devote his entire time to the home building association and, at present, is highly interested in politics, being a candidate for commissioner of this county.

PRISONERS ESCAPE IN SHERIFF'S CAR

George Talmadge, 19 years old, a native of Chicago and Herbert Fulford 17 years old, whose former home is at Norfolk, were arrested near Sharon last Thursday at the Snyder home by Sheriff Bigelow and his deputy, Al Hange, for the theft of a horse and buggy from C. J. Olin, who lives one mile east of Wadsworth. When arrested, the boys had two rigs in their possession. The other one was stolen from a farmer living twenty miles east of Pittsburgh. The Olin rig was taken, say the boys, because the first buggy stolen was broken and the horse interfered. The two boys are deserters from the navy, having left the U. S. S. Quincy at Boston May 20. Since that time they have been traveling by night. In the daytime, they would hide the rig in a wood or gulley and would bring their food at adjacent houses. In one instance, finding no one at home, they entered a house and cooked their own meal but touched nothing else in the house.

The boys still retain their navy uniforms which were worn beneath overalls. They had about \$5 a piece when they left the ship. The navy authorities were notified and it is very probable that the boys will be given a short term at the military prison at Perry Island. "We were just homesick," said one of the boys. Talmadge has been in the navy almost one year and Fulford about 18 months. The latter's parents are dead but he has a sister at Norfolk, where he expected to go after a short stay in Chicago. The sheriff took the boys out to his farm Tuesday to plant potatoes and while he was engaged across the road the boys stole his car and made off. He had no car to give pursuit but the telephones throughout the county were used freely. The fugitives were traced by phone and posse through several towns but managed to get away, their trail being led near Cleveland.

ORCHESTRA WELL RECEIVED SUNDAY

The first Sunday open-air concert presented last Sunday by the Medina Community Orchestra in the public square reflects great credit upon the organization, individually and as a unit. Director John Beck has been receiving numerous compliments upon the character of the program and the work of the orchestra. A varied program of high class offerings marked the first performance. In addition to the instrumental features, the solo work of Miss Schaffer and the chorus work of the High school girls were especially attractive. Violinist Kenneth Sedgwick and cornetist Leland Longacre were not able to appear at the initial performance. Fred Adams obliged with cello work. Rollin Hartman's cornet solo, "Roses of Picardy" showed wonderful execution and thorough technique. More than 500 were present to hear the opening program and the collection taken—more than \$53—indicates public appreciation and assures future concerts. The next one will be given Sunday, July 4. Fred Bohley will be soloist. The orchestra may be secured for special occasions by addressing the director, John Beck, or the secretary-treasurer, Miss Florence Sipher.

Many out-of-town autos were noted around the square, many driving in from Burbank, Granger, Litchfield and other surrounding towns.

WHEELER FAMILY HOLD BIG REUNION

The Wheeler family held its annual reunion Saturday at the home of Eli Reed on the Chatham road. Sixty-eight of the family were represented and an interesting time was had by all who attended from Akron, Cleveland, LeRoy, Medina and Chatham.

George Wheeler, the oldest member present, led in a very interesting program. The reunion will be held next year at the fair ground. Among those who attended were two members of the family who came directly from the Chicago convention. They drove 400 miles leaving the Windy City Friday morning.

One of the features of the reunion was the presentation by the Wheelers of a very pleasing gift to Mrs. Jennie Wheeler who, through illness, has not been able to attend the last two reunions. She was in the hospital for more than a year and is still in poor health. She was deeply affected by the gift. Mrs. Wheeler and her husband live north of Fenn's Corners, having moved from their farm in Lafayette Center.

Frank Schadt of Valley City was in town Saturday to pay his taxes.

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES ON REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

HARDING
1865: Born near Corsica, Morrow, Ohio, Nov. 2.
1877: Announced himself candidate for president, when 12 years old.
1879: Drove construction team for T. & O. C. Railroad.
1881: Graduated from Iberia College, Morrow-co.
1882: Taught school and studied law.
1884: Became editor of the Marion Star, purchased by his father for \$300.
1891: Married Miss Florence Kling, of Marion, daughter of Amos Kling, banker and business man.
1899: Elected state senator.
1901: Re-elected state senator.
1903: Elected lieutenant governor of Ohio, with Myron T. Herrick.
1910: Nominated for governor of Ohio by Republicans, but defeated.
1912: Nominated President Taft at Chicago.
1914: Elected U. S. Senator from Ohio, defeating T. S. Hogan, Democrat.
1916: Temporary chairman of Republican national convention, Chicago.
1920: Nominated for president.

COOLIDGE
1872: Born on a farm in Plymouth, Vt., July 4. Worked on father's farm and attended village school. Attended academies at Ludlow and St. Johnsbury, Vt.
1895: Graduated from Amherst College, as class orator.
1897: Admitted to the bar.
1899: Elected to Northampton City Council, later made city solicitor, then county clerk.
1905: Married Miss Grace A. Goodhue, of Burlington, Vt. Two boys.
1907: Elected to Massachusetts House of Representatives.
1912: Elected to Massachusetts Senate.
1916: Elected lieutenant governor.
1918: Elected governor of Massachusetts.
1919: Took stand against policemen's strike in Boston.
1919: Re-elected governor of Massachusetts, receiving the largest total vote ever cast for governor in Massachusetts.
1919: Made doctor of laws by Amherst, Tufts and Williams colleges.
1920: Nominated for vice president.

OHIO MAN CHOSEN TO HEAD REPUBLICANS

Warren G. Harding, Senator and newspaper publisher of Marion, Ohio, was chosen the republican nominee for president by the national republican convention at Chicago last Saturday on the tenth ballot. Senator Harding's selection came only after the leaders in the contest Wood, Lowden and Johnson, had failed to receive the necessary 493 votes.

When Wood and Johnson were eliminated, Lowden was the favorite, possibly with Old Guard leaders but the boodle scandal attached to his boom set not well with the delegates and the discretionary leaders pushed Harding into the fray. Governor Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts was nominated for vice-president by the convention on the first ballot.

The democratic convention will be held at San Francisco beginning June 28. The most prominent contenders at this time are McAdoo, Cox, Bryan and Edwards. Many of those dissatisfied with the results of the convention are to form a third party, according to an announcement. This party, which is said to be already organized in more than 30 states, will hold a convention July 10 at Chicago to name candidates for president and vice president and to perfect machinery to put its ticket on the ballots of every state in the union. Amos Funchot and Senator La Follette are prominently mentioned in connection with the third party, the latter as a prospective candidate for president.

COUNTY BUDGET FOR NEW FISCAL YEAR

The annual budget for Medina county for the fiscal year, beginning September 1, 1920, has been made up by the county commissioners. Valuations for the current year upon which the taxes are based are set at \$55,388,490, the 1919 valuation being \$55,394,780.

The net amount to levy in the several departments for the year beginning September 1, 1920 and those for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1920 are here given:

	New Levy.	Old Levy.
County Fund	\$35,000	\$35,000
Poor Fund	9,000	5,000
Bridge Fund	65,490	35,000
Indigent Soldiers	500	500
Blind Relief	2,000	2,700
Mothers Pension	3,000	3,000
Judicial Fund	1,900	2,000
Agricultural Society	1,500	1,500
Interest and Sinking Fund for debts incurred after June 2, 1911	49,510.49	47,040.13
Road Improvement	7,000	

Owing to the considerable damage to bridges and culverts, sustained as a result of heavy rains in the district, much money will have to be devoted to restoring these features, thus detracting from the road building fund.

MARRIED IN FALL BUT KEPT SECRET

Miss Elizabeth Rollins, who was formerly clerk in the auditor's office but who left here a few weeks ago for Cambridge in order to improve her health, writes to friends here announcing her marriage to Arthur Leach of this city which occurred last October but which was kept secret by the couple until this week.

The young couple are expected home next week and will take up their residence at the home of Mrs. Leach's mother. The announcement of the wedding came as a distinct surprise to their many friends here.

County Treasurer Moyer states that, though considerable in taxes has been collected, there is quite a large sum outstanding, July 1 will be the last day for paying taxes without the delinquent penalty.

EFFECT OF JAZZ ON COCKROACHES

The shimmy is fast becoming the popular indoor sport of cockroaches. This fact was divulged at Reed College recently when Dr. Helen Clark, head of the Reed psychology department, described the effect of dance music upon the lower organisms.

Miss Clark says soft, tuneless music will send a healthy cockroach into an emotional trance which finds expression in a rhythmic dance. High sounds produce an ecstatic response which has every resemblance of the shimmy.

Similar results have been observed in the angle worm, which was wriggled and shivered in perfect cadence with a popular dance step. Experiments, carried on by a Reed junior student, showed similar response in a captive mouse, which danced a "fox trot" to a tune whistled in its ear.

NEWSPAPER MAN TO SPEAK FRIDAY

Interesting talks on the Salvation Army were made at the Kiwanis luncheon last Friday by M. G. Kellett, Joe Seymour and John R. Moore and impetus was given the drive here by local Kiwanian interest.

The attendance prize—a hat brush—presented by N. O. Fuller, went to Howard Calvert. J. F. Burke, editor of the Chronicle-Telegram of Elyria, will address the club and the attendance prize will be given by Blake McDowell. The luncheon will be held at St. Paul's parish house.

FARMERS INVITED

The second annual tour for Medina County farmers to the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station will take place on Wednesday, June 23rd. Don't fail to set aside this day and make the trip.

Last year about 350 farmers with their families attended this meeting. Every one was well pleased with the experience. It was a real outing. Many valuable lessons were learned from the work viewed on the wheat plots.

There is a fine place on the grounds for lunch. Plenty of shade and room for all. Plan to start early. Take your lunch baskets.

SCANDAL STARTS TONGUES WAGGING

All the old hens in Medina have a nice juicy bit of scandal to talk about, since Dr. Will Wise's two bantams, Samantha and Cynthia, strolled down Main St. Wednesday with two husky goslings in tow. When a delegation of respectably immaculate White Orpingtons approached the bronze little hens about it, they were pertly told to mind their own business.

And so the chicken tongues are wagging in Medina. It all happened this way: Dr. Wise, reminiscent of the joy he got out of raising "banties" when he was a boy in Hametown, went in for bantam culture. And when the two little hens began snapping at him when he brot their breakfast and evinced more interest in moping in bed than in getting out for the morning constitutional, he decided to set them.

And he set them each on a goose egg. Now the eggs are hatched and the complications have started. The suspicious appearance of the thing is not the only advantageous feature.

One of the hens almost broke her neck when she fell off her child Wednesday night while she was trying to shelter it under her wing. And the other one didn't sleep a wink because she was sure the gosling would get cold from wading in mud-puddles. (Akron Times.)

County Agent S. M. Salisbury motored to Seville Wednesday.

ADVOCATES CHANGE IN SYSTEM OF VOTING

MEDINA COUNTY DAY AT WOOSTER STATION

The second annual tour to the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster will be conducted by the Medina County Farm Bureau on Wednesday June 23rd. This day has been set aside as Medina County day at the station. The staff will give their time in directing parties over the experimental plots and explaining results that have been accomplished thru the different methods of treatment. This should be a most valuable trip for the farmers of this county. The Ohio station stands as the most successful institution of its kind in the United States. It is considered second only to the English station, Rothamstead. No station in the country has at its head as successful an experimenter as Dr. Chas. Thorne who has been at the head of the station work since its establishment over thirty years ago.

The annual state wide wheat field day has been cancelled this year but this will not interfere with the local county tour. Some time will be spent in viewing the wheat plot work which at this time of the year is at its best. We want also to go over the lime tests as these have a very direct bearing on our own local farm practices. Probably no station in the country has more comprehensive tests on the lime requirements of the soil.

Last year over 350 people attended this outing. It was up to that day the largest county delegation attending the wheat field meetings. This year we would like to make it many more. We should have at least 700 in attendance this year as it will be the only wheat field meeting that will come to the attention of the Medina County people.

Start early. Take a full basket. There is a fine shady place to use for the lunch time. Every one will be treated cordially. Make this a real County Agent Salisbury is especially anxious that every farmer in the county attend this meeting. The time spent there, he says, will prove of great advantage.

EIGHT AFTER JOBS AS COMMISSIONERS

The time for filing for offices for the August 10 primaries expired last Friday and when the books were closed by D. Watkins, Clerk of the Board of Election Commissioners the following had registered and paid their fees.

For County Commissioner
C. J. DeArmitt, J. E. Gault, John Ewing, Willis E. Leach, C. H. Scanlan and R. M. Albert, republicans; E. A. Firestone and A. W. Baughman, democrats.

For Central Committeemen
James J. Nellis, A. S. Canfield, F. H. Weidner, P. A. Bunnelle, R. A. Auble, D. F. Wood, J. M. Reich, H. J. Gable, A. E. Young, J. A. Kruggel, Ora A. Ridker, William Bolich, H. C. Moore, E. J. Edwards, R. H. Lee, F. L. Tinsler, C. H. Harrington, Harry J. Haxen, W. E. Stard, P. C. Waldo, republicans; John Stoler, D. E. Long, W. M. Hart, L. O. Z. Caine, R. S. Brown and R. F. Herthneck, democrats.

For County Surveyor
Walter R. Bibben, republican.

For State Senator
F. O. Phillips, republican.

For Prosecuting Attorney
Joseph W. Seymour, republican.
Judge of Common Pleas Court
Nathan H. McClure, republican.

Clerk of Court
George C. Frazier, republican.

For Sheriff
Parke C. Bigelow, republican.

For Recorder
J. Frank Styer, republican.

For Probate Judge
O. Van Deusen, republican.

For Treasurer
E. W. Moyer, republican.

State Representative
Frank Lytle, republican.

Delegate State Convention
Parke C. Bigelow, republican.

The present board of election consists of B. G. Daniels, chief, LeRoy; H. A. Vandermark, Lodi; H. C. Bradway, Medina; R. A. Auble, Wadsworth. The latter succeeds Sam Andrews, the retiring member. D. Watkins is clerk of the board.

A. Ross Read of Akron has filed for the democratic nomination for Congress, opposing Martin Davey the present incumbent. He is soon to start an active campaign in every part of the 14th district, including Medina, of this city which occurred last Oct. Summit, Portage and Lorain Counties.

BUY A HOME

A large ad from a Wadsworth dry goods store was sent The Sentinel last week but in deference to local merchants, it was not included in our columns. The turning down of this advertising means loss to The Sentinel but we believe that local merchants offer just as good, just as reasonable, bargains as merchants in other towns.

Dr. Felix Adler's advocacy of changing our system of representation so as to have public officials of all kinds, including Congressmen and members of legislatures and municipal councils, selected by the people voting in occupational groups instead of geographical groups has brought this proposal to the front in intellectual circles. Naturally Dr. Adler's high character and high reputation as a scholar and thinker give weight to any proposal which he makes seriously.

In a general way, the system of occupational voting and representation would work as follows: Suppose that we were about to elect a new Congress.

At present our Congress consists of 531 members. Two Senators are elected from each state regardless of the size or population of the state. The people of Ohio, for example, elect two Senators by voting in a geographical group—that is to say, all the people grouped within the geographical boundaries of the State of Ohio.

The members of the House of Representatives are elected from similar geographical groups called districts—that is to say, a majority of all the voters living within the geographical boundaries of a district elect one Representative.

The practical result of this system is that persons living within certain geographical boundaries are compelled to make a choice between two or three or four candidates put up by political party organizations which are almost always operated by men who make a business of doing politics for what there is in it.

We talk about the elections registering the choice and the free-will of the sovereign American voter. But as a matter of fact the average American voter hasn't any more to do with picking the candidate for whom he must vote, if he votes at all, than he has to do with the procession of the equinoxes. A few professionals pick the candidates on both tickets, and all that the sovereign American voter is permitted to do is to make his choice between these hand picked candidates.

There are always rich and powerful individuals and corporations who are greatly interested in legislation to come and they naturally, both directly and indirectly, seek to control the election by first controlling the nominations on both tickets. Because if they can load up both tickets to their satisfaction they are perfectly willing to sit back and let the sovereign voter make a choice. Either way they are playing the game "heads I win tails you lose" with the voters.

Everybody knows that this condition exists, and Congress after Congress and legislature after legislature has attempted to cure this bad condition by an infinite number of curative laws, such as the direct primary, the secret ballot, the initiative, the referendum and the recall—all of them going to the root of the matter.

Dr. Adler and other men who agree with him, think that for voting according to occupations instead of according to geographical boundaries.

Now, how would this work out in electing our Congress? The census of the United States divides the producing hand-workers and brain workers of the nation into eight great occupational groups, as follows: Engaged in agriculture, 12,600,000; in mining, 1,000,000; in mechanical industries, 10,000,000; in transportation, 2,600,000; in trade, 3,600,000; in professions, 1,600,000; in domestic and personal service, 3,700,000; in clerical work, 1,700,000. In addition there are also 20,000,000 women engaged in home making. All together, the men and women above twenty-one years of age number about 60,000,000.

If these sixty million voters were divided into eight general occupational groups, and these groups were proportionately represented in the Congress by group voting, then the new Congress would line up as follows:

Agricultural occupations, 114; mechanical and manufacturing occupations, 99; mining occupations, 9; transportation and communication occupations, 29; trade and merchandise occupations, 49; domestic and personal service occupations, 39; professional occupations, 19; women—housewives, etc., not classified in either of the other groups, 173.

The contention of Dr. Adler is that such a Congress would be far more representative of the people of the United States—the farmers and mechanics and other brainworkers and hand-workers who form the masses—than the present Congress or any other Congress we have ever had.

It would be a lot more sensible and a whole lot more beneficial to all of us if we allow the farmers group and the mechanics group and the clerks group and housewives group to have at least as much representation and as many members in the National Congress as the lawyers and bankers: soviets.

MEDINA BOY TO BE PAROLED NEXT MONTH

Elbert Blakeslee of Medina is among the 131 who won paroles from the state reformatory by the action of the state clemency board at its June meeting. Blakeslee will leave the reformatory July 15.

Blakeslee was sent to the reformatory May 28, 1919 for the theft of a Liberty Bond. Previous to that, he had been in trouble through the larceny of an automobile.