

RESIGNATIONS ON ST. LOUIS BOARD

MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD RESIGNED AT REQUEST OF STATE DEPT.

Investigation by the State Department of Public Instruction into the school situation at St. Louis, which was brought into the line light by a series of insulting typewritten notes to teachers and to some of the have been showing a big interest in have been showing a big interest in the schools there, brought to light conditions connected with the board, which have brought about the resignations of two of the board members, E. C. Phillips and Myron E. Hull.

Following the public expose by The St. Louis Leader of some of the letters or "poison pen" notes sent out in that community, the better residents of St. Louis became highly angered, and at a meeting of a number of them the state department of education was asked to look into the affair. The prosecuting attorney of Gratiot County, Romaine Clark and Judge James G. Kress were approached on the subject of a recall of the school board at the same time.

Last week Thursday Attorney W. L. Coffey of the state department of education and George Goodrich, assistant superintendent of public instruction, went to St. Louis and delved into some of the affairs connected with the note writing and matters connected with the school board.

So far they have been unable to ascertain the author of the "poison pen" notes, but the investigation into the school board affairs evidently brought to light some very interesting conditions.

It is reported that when the two men completed their investigation Thursday the two school board members, who have resigned, were requested by the state department to resign because of law violations, or else be removed by the state.

At a regular meeting of the board, held Tuesday evening, Hull and Phillips presented their resignations to the board, and they were accepted. A. T. Acker and W. J. West were immediately elected by the balance of the board to fill the vacancies until the time for the annual meeting which is to be held early in July.

Phillips, one of the board members who resigned, is in the insurance business and the books of the board showed, it is said, that he had sold insurance to the board and that the books also showed the premiums paid to Phillips. This is a law violation.

Hull, the second of the board members who presented his resignation, is said to have purchased a quantity of lumber and other materials from the board at the time of the building of the new school in that city. Such a purchase from the board by a board member is in violation of the law.

It is understood that the state department has not entirely completed its investigation. Efforts are still being made to locate the writer of the "poison pen" notes.

New Central Michigan Fair

Lansing, Mich., June 22.—One of the big features of the Central Michigan Fair to be held at Lansing August 22-26, will be the exhibits of farm machinery and farm equipment. Space has already been sold to enough dealers and manufacturers to assure a display even greater than that of the state fair at Detroit.

The promoter of this fair, the first one in this section of the state for years, announced today that nine of the largest implement dealers and manufacturers in the country have been sold space. The fair will be under tents, each exhibitor contracting for a certain amount of ground space. The smallest tent to be used in these exhibits will be 100 by 20 feet the largest 150 by 140 feet. All of them will be water-proof and a man representing the awning company will be on the grounds at all times to keep them in good condition.

It has been decided in the past few weeks to erect a large building for the showing of a portion of the exhibits but when a request was made to contractors for specifications it was found that it would take nearly 60 days to complete the kind of building desired and the idea, for this year, had to be abandoned.

ELY DISTRICT

Ruth Bacon is visiting at Norwell near Jackson for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howe of Alma visited Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nestle one evening the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burke are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday, June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Aie Eckert and children, and Bert Bailey and two grandchildren, Glen and Murie Teaham were callers in this vicinity Sunday.

Millie Husted has been helping her aunt, Mrs. R. D. Bradford for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neidhardt visited at Alfred Nestle's Sunday afternoon.

Ronald Baeou was in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Mr. S. Dalrymple and son Arthur and wife, attended the funeral of the former's brother in Elwell last week Tuesday.

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Local Happenings Tersely Told

Royal Hyde was in Owosso on business Monday.

D. L. Johnson was in Saginaw on business Thursday.

F. W. Ruggles is in Pittsburg on business this week.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-4c

Mr. and Mrs. James McPhaul spent Sunday at Clifford lake.

J. E. Barden of Ithaca was in the city on business Monday.

Miss L. Warner visited with friends in Lansing Thursday.

Evinrude row boat Motor at Winslow Bros' Drug Store—advertisement.

William Moody was in Owosso Tuesday for the Wright furniture store.

C. V. Calkins underwent a serious operation in a Saginaw hospital Tuesday.

For your cavestrouting call 447, E. W. Albright, 124 Allen Ave.—advertisement. 53-1f.

"Goin' fishin'?" Take an Evinrude motor with you. Winslow Bros.—advertisement.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-1f

G. V. Wright attended the furniture shows in Chicago and Grand Rapids the first of the week.

Mrs. William McLean and daughter are spending a few weeks visiting with her mother, Mrs. Rainer, near Breckenridge.

Roger Zinn and Donald Sullivan of this city are attending the summer school at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Blair of Middleton visited at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blair, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Iutzi attend of the commencement exercises at Ann Arbor where their daughter, Gretta, graduated.

Merrill Stuckey is enjoying a vacation from his work at the post office, and with his family, is spending some days at Bass Lake.

A lawn social will be held at the Ruggles home, Thursday afternoon June 29, at four o'clock. Everyone is invited.—advertisement.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Osborn and Mrs. Fred Patterson visited with the latter's brother, Sherman Tryan near Wheeler, Tuesday.

Roger Zinn, a graduate of Alma College this year, has accepted a position as principal in the schools of Mantion for the coming year.

Miss Mildred Cash of this city, a graduate of Alma College this year, has accepted a position in the public schools of Ecorse for next year.

You can bring the color to your cheeks and the sparkle of health to your eyes by taking Tanlac. Look for Tanlac Drug Co.—advertisement.

Professor George Rindel of Alma College left Tuesday for South Dakota, where he will teach in the summer school of a normal this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLean of Midland, visited at the home of the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. McLean, of this city Monday.

Remember to get your certificate of title for your car, also your license. It is necessary before July 1. Got blanks and get them filled out at Sharrar & Watson's. 47-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erwin and little granddaughter, Helen, left Monday to visit for a few days with the former's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin and children.

Miss Edna Swigart left this week for Ann Arbor, to spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. F. Barker. Mr. and Mrs. Barker are the parents of a son, Paul Raymond, born June 11th.

Miss Hulda Ward of this city, a member of the graduating class at Alma College last week, has accepted a position at Reffern for the coming year, in the public schools of that city.

Harry Stevens of Breckenridge, a graduate of Alma High several years ago, was in the city visiting with old friends Monday. During the past year he has been attending college in Colorado.

The last meeting of the Fortnightly Society of the Presbyterian church will take the form of a tea to be given at the home of Mrs. Wilcox on State st., Tuesday evening, June 27 at 3 o'clock.

Robert Adams, who has been attending the University of Michigan during the past year, has returned home and will spend the summer months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Adams.

Professor Roy Hamilton of Alma College and family are enjoying a short outing at Algonac before he goes to Mt. Pleasant, where he will teach English at the summer session of the Normal there.

Professor J. T. Ewing, registrar of Alma College, went to East Lansing Tuesday and on Wednesday represented Alma College at the inauguration of the new president of M. A. C., David Friday.

A petition was filed with the city commission Tuesday evening asking for a sidewalk on the north side of Washington street from Pine street to River. It was referred to the city manager by the commission.

On Monday, June 12, Miss Bernice Martin of St. Louis was united in marriage to Steward O. Richey, a well known Alma barber. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. church.

Bert Whitcomb and family of Allegan, motored to Alma last Thursday. They were accompanied by his mother and sister, Mrs. Robert Millard, of Grand Rapids, who are visiting at the home of Mrs. John Grosskopf on West End street.

State Pasture Lands Suffer from Neglect

That pasture lands are the most neglected of all farm areas in the state, and that Michigan farmers must consider proper pasture fertilization and reseeding measures if they would maintain production of these tracts, is the statement of Dr. M. M. McCool, head of the soils department at the Michigan Agricultural College.

A recent trip through central and southern counties of the state convinced Dr. McCool that Michigan pasture lands must be given immediate attention. The whole question of pasture fertilization is a comparatively new thing in the northern states, but the M. A. C. soils department has numerous experiments underway in various parts of the state on pasture lands, and is getting together a fund of valuable information on fertilization and management questions.

"The common impression that pasturing does not remove fertility from the soil is generally erroneous," says Dr. McCool in discussing the pasture land question. "A great deal of fertility is not returned to the pasture area, due to the fact that the animals spend much of their time in the barn yard or under shade trees.

"The majority of pasture lands are badly neglected on our farms. Many are pastured too early in the season and are over-grazed, with the result that yields are lowered because of injury to the turf, and weeds of various kinds creep in.

"Many pastures, especially in southwestern Michigan, are estimated to have more than 75 percent of sorrel in their vegetation. This means lowered feeding value, and the livestock get insufficient lime, a diet need recognized by livestock specialists.

"In view of the situation it is doubtless true that time would prove advantageous on these pasture lands, and that proper fertilization would result in good returns on the investment. If blue grass or June grass predominates in the pasture, top dressing early in the spring with about 100 lbs. per acre of nitrate of soda would be worth while. On one of our M. A. C. experimental plots, such treatment doubled the growth of forage by May 15, this year.

"If legumes are growing in the pasture it is advisable to use phosphates on the land, preferably about 200 lbs. of 16 percent acid phosphate. If the soil tends toward light texture, from 25 to 75 pounds of potash should be used in addition. Reseeding of pastures could be done to decided advantage in many instances."

ITHACA

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gibbs, Jr. and Mrs. Norton Gibbs and Miss Blanche Eggleston left Friday for a four weeks trip through the east. They are making the trip in the house car owned by D. C. Gibbs. They will go by way of Columbus, Ohio, to Washington, D. C., then to Baltimore, Philadelphia and other eastern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Convis left Wednesday of the past week for an extended auto trip through the west making the trip in their new house car that is equipped with all conveniences, consisting of a folding bed, cupboard, ice chest, clothes press, comfortable chairs and lavatory. Mr. and Mrs. Convis expect to visit Washington and California and will be gone about four months.

Mrs. L. W. Wolfe and daughter, Betty, are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shuler at Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCormack and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Chambers were in Ann Arbor the past week attending commencement exercises of the University of Michigan. Miss Marie McCormack and Miss Helen Chambers were among the number to graduate.

Edward Crawford, Deas McKay and Watson McCall students at Ann Arbor are home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hoffman are the parents of a son born Monday, June 12.

Grant Smith and Otis Lyon of North Star were in Ithaca, Saturday. They were on the way to Sandover lake where they will spend a few days fishing.

Mrs. Alice Jordan left recently for Potsdam, N. Y., from which place she will go into the Adirondack mountains for the summer to visit four sisters and their families.

J. F. Kelley who has been in Chicago for treatment at an army hospital has been transferred to the Marine hospital in Detroit. He spent a few days recently at the home of Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cullter.

The Nisa-Wau-Wau met Friday evening at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Probst. A pot luck supper was served.

Louis Emu is in St. Johns where he will spend some time with his uncle Curtis Eno.

Miss Alice Remaley visited friends in Lansing the past week.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Coss in Grand Rapids. Mr. Coss was formerly of Ithaca.

Fifteen State Journal news boys and their friends picnicked in Woodland Park, Friday afternoon. Games were played and a pot luck supper was enjoyed.

The round barn on the Wasson farm southwest of Ithaca was badly damaged by wind in the storm Friday evening. The southwest section of the roof was blown in.

The W. C. T. U. held a Flower Mission meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Remaley.

R. P. Reynolds and daughter, Eloise were in Middletown, Monday.

Mrs. Jessie Kernan entertained the Baptist ladies' Aid society Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. L. I. Dewey and son George, visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Clare Reynolds in Greenville.

Miss Charlotte Seath, a former teacher in the Ithaca schools visited Friday and Saturday in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Dean.

TOWN LINE

Wayne Hall called on friends in this vicinity one day last week.

Mrs. Pat Whitcraft and little son, Cyrus, of Merle Beach visited relatives here on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Frank Whitcraft and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Adams and family.

Charlie Smith and Claude Church were fishing at Bass Lake Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Adams and children called on relatives in Alma Sunday forenoon.

Miss Ida Huff has moved on her farm.

Mrs. Ida Lemon and two little grand children, and Maylon Hilda-bridge of Lansing were calling on the former's brother, Frank Whitcraft and family and sister, Mrs. Ed. O' bryant near Forest Hill.

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Chief Wannacott got two young fellows last night for throwing torpedoes on the street. This morning they were given a hearing before Judge Smith, who gave the boys a good lecture, read an interesting chapter of the law to them, and let them go. There is a state law prohibiting the use of fireworks on the public streets, and also St. Louis has an ordinance forbidding this practice and Chief Wannacott says this ordinance will be enforced. The public is hereby warned to exercise care with regard to this matter and avoid accidents as well as live up to the laws of the state and community. —St. Louis Leader.

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