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RESUME OF SCHOOL LEGISLATION ENACTED THIS TERM

The State School Department sends us the following: We are enclosing a resume of school legislation enacted by the 50th General Assembly. This possibly does not include everything touching upon school matters, but it does include all of the most important measures, as follows:

Senate Bill No. 324, provides for an increase in salary of 50 per cent for County Superintendents throughout the State of Missouri. This bill was signed by the Governor on March 28, and carried an emergency clause, therefore it was in effect at the time of the election of the County Superintendents on April 1.

Senate Bill No. 559. Passed and signed at the same time as No. 324. This bill effects St. Louis County only, and fixes the salary of the County Superintendent at \$4,000 per year.

Senate Bill No. 17. This is the new Compulsory Attendance Law. It provides that every child between the ages of seven and fourteen shall attend school regularly for the entire term, and between the ages of fourteen and sixteen they must attend unless actually and regularly engaged for at least six hours each day in some useful employment or service. As a means of enforcement, this law provides for a county attendance officer being selected by the County Superintendent of schools, placed under a bond of \$1,000 and being paid a salary not to exceed \$4.00 per day for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his duties and his actual expense incurred.

This attendance officer is appointed for the entire county and has authority to arrest and place in school, children who are not in attendance. He may bring action against the parent or guardian in any court of competent jurisdiction. Only children mentally or physically incapacitated or who have completed common school courses and received certificate of graduation are exempt. Teachers shall report non-attendance direct to the County Superintendents and cities may employ separate Attendance Officers and pay them from the funds of the district, otherwise the County Attendance Officer will act in these districts.

This is considered the best Compulsory Attendance Law in any of the States, and we see no reason why this should not greatly increase the attendance in this State, as it is made the duty of the State Department of Education and of all school officials as well, to enforce this law.

Senate Bill No. 335 provides for the apportionment of school funds upon the basis of the previous year's attendance in case of an epidemic such as has existed this year. Instructions are going forward to County Clerks and County Superintendents as to the method of carrying out the provisions of this law.

House Bill No. 570 provides the necessary appropriation for carrying out the Smith-Hughes Act, establishing Vocational Schools.

House Bill No. 571 provides for part time schools, to be established in any districts in the State where in there shall be issued and in full force and effect not less than twenty-five employment certificates for children under sixteen years of age. This bill provides that such children shall attend these part time classes for not less than four hours per week for so long as the schools are regularly in session in such districts. When such schools shall have met the standards of the Federal Act and the standard established by the State Board for Vocational Education, they shall be entitled to share in the distribution of the Federal funds available under the provisions of the Federal Act. The Compulsory Attendance Law applies to part time schools.

Senate Bill No. 449 provides for the legal creation of the existing Negro Industrial Commission.

House Bill No. 414 permits the State Superintendent of Schools to pay to the Teacher-Training Inspector in the State Department a maximum salary not to exceed \$2,500.00 per year.

House Bill No. 391 amends Section 10,797, Revised School Laws, pertaining to tax levy for erecting school houses by adding the following provision, namely, "when the proposition to be voted on refers only to repair or furnishing, or both repairs and furnishing such school building the proposition shall be deemed to have been carried at the election if a majority of votes cast are cast in

favor of the proposition.

Senate Bills Nos. 378 and 482 provide for the payment of tuition for children attending high schools outside of the district in which they reside, in certain counties having a population of eighty thousand or more, and two hundred and fifty thousand or more respectively.

House Bill No. 1009 provides for an appeal from the decision of the County Superintendent to the Judge of the Circuit Court in cases of revoking certificates.

House Bill No. 48 provides for establishing of schools in any district, under certain conditions, for children who are blind, deaf, crippled or feeble-minded.

Joint and Concurrent Resolution No. 18 provides for the submission of a constitutional amendment at the next general election, allowing rural districts to vote \$1.00 for school purposes on precisely the same conditions that cities may vote \$1.00.

Under provisions of House Bill No. 1071, the general appropriation bill, the State Department of Education was given additional help in the way of two Rural School Inspectors, and an addition to the clerical force. This, we feel, will be of material assistance to us in carrying out the work of this department.

Below are a number of bills pertaining to education, which failed of passage:

House Bill No. 337 providing for raising the qualifications of County Superintendents of Schools.

Senate Bill No. 713 providing for free text books for all schools of the state.

Senate Bills Nos. 70 and 288 requiring that all instruction in the Elementary schools be given in the English language.

House Bill No. 807 raising the maximum salaries and valuation in rural districts applying for State Aid Law remains as it was before the Legislature met.

Senate Bill No. 480. This bill amended Section 10,944, by making definite the disposition of any balance from examination fees, etc., remaining in the hands of County Superintendents after the payment of expenses of teachers' association, teachers' meeting, etc.

Senate Bill No. 871. This bill provided for the County Unit System of administration throughout the State. It excited a great deal of interest and was endorsed by the Educational Committees of both Houses, and for a time seemed sure

of passage. However it was a rather radical departure from the old order of things, and some of the members became scared, evidently for this reason alone. This bill should easily be put through the next legislature.

Senate Bill No. 640 providing for the establishment of a system of physical education throughout the State.

Senate Bill No. 690 empowered the Board of Education in school districts having population of twenty-five thousand inhabitants or more, to require a physical and mental examination of all children attending the public schools.

In addition to the above mentioned bills, a bill requiring common school districts to pay high school school tuition where no high school is provided in their district, failed of passage, as did a bill empowering

Boards of Education of a city or town to elect a Superintendent for a term of years.

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YOUTH DROWNED AT CHUTE SIXTEEN

The first fatality of the swimming season occurred yesterday afternoon about three o'clock when L. B. Holt Jr., fourteen year old son of Luther B. Holt, former grocer of this city, was drowned while in bathing with a bevy of youths at this favorite swimming hole. He had attempted to follow one of the smaller boys who had swam across the chute, became exhausted as he neared the opposite bank and sank in water about fifteen feet deep in spite of the efforts of Herman Friderich, one of his companions, who endeavored to rescue him.

Word of the tragedy was soon brought to the city and a number of people went to the chute, which is situated about four miles below the city, and his body was finally located and brought to the surface by Jeff Rogers, after diving several times in search of it. The deceased lad was unusually heavy for his age, weighing about 178 pounds, we are told, and it was with some difficulty that his body was brought to the surface.

Young Holt had been employed at the post office as special delivery carrier since the school term closed and was an industrious and likable boy of whom everybody thought well. His death cast a gloom over his youthful associates here and comes as an especially hard blow to his parents and other members of the family, to whom it was so unexpected and apparently un-called-for. The fatal occurrence probably will have a tendency to discourage the practice of bathing at this deep and more or less dangerous place, too.

Funeral services have been set for this (Tuesday) afternoon at the home of the family on West Sixth street, conducted by the Baptist minister, Rev. W. H. Setzer, after which interment will be at Little Prairie Cemetery.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Helmets Worn by German War Lords on Exhibit at Methodist Centenary Celebration



THREE helmets, absolutely guaranteed to have been worn by the former Kaiser William of Germany, Von Bethmann-Hollweg and General Ludendorff, will be on exhibition in Columbus, O., as a part of the Methodist Centenary Celebration, June 20 to July 13. They were brought out of Germany during the revolution by Lowell Thomas, world traveler and explorer, whose travelogues will be given in Columbus as a feature of the celebration.

Thomas entered Germany at this most critical period, without pas-

sports or authority of any kind. To do this he was forced to hide out for days on the border. He was turned back twice, but on his third attempt succeeded in getting past a Swiss guard. He made some wonderful pictures in Berlin, showing street riots and the general chaos of the city at that time.

In addition to these views and incidental lectures, Mr. Thomas will show pictures taken in Palestine at the time of General Allenby's occupation. Thomas accompanied the British troops on this expedition.

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CARUTHERSVILLE DEFEATS GOODBARS SEVEN TO FOUR

The first of a three-game series between Caruthersville and the Memphis Goodbars was played on the Caruthersville diamond Sunday and resulted in a cleanup for the local crew by a score of seven to four. Despite the rather high score, this has been declared one of the very best games ever played in Caruthersville and it was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season so far, there being just a few under six hundred spectators there, and of this number almost two hundred were present from this city.

The Goodbars are leading the city league in Memphis this year and they comprise some of the best players in and around Memphis. This announcement that this would be one of the best games ever played in Caruthersville was made in perfect good faith and developments showed that the assumption was correct.

Patterson pitched a good game for Caruthersville and his support was never better. Likewise Benham delivered good stuff from the mound for the visitors, getting more strikeouts, even, than did "Pat," but his crew could not co-ordinate their work so well as did Reiney's men, it seems, for they secured nine hits to Caruthersville's eight. Out of the eight Caruthersville netted seven runs, whereas, Memphis could only pull four over the plate to show for her nine hits.

Sensational fielding by Manuel and Collenberger saved the day for Reiney's troop, seventeen chances without an error being their part in copping off the series for "Cap." However, it was by no means an errorless game, for Caruthersville stacked up four mistakes to Goodbars' five. All in all, it was a ripplin' good game and the fans felt repaid for the time and money spent in watching it. Next Sunday's will be just as good, possibly better, and if the Goodbars should happen to come off first best the test game on the following Sunday will draw some crowd, if weather conditions should not happen to prevent.

The following is the box score and summary of victory No. 1 in the series:

Caruthersville— AB R H PO A E
Moore, cf -----3 1 0 0 0 0
Quellmalz, 1b ----4 1 1 1 2 0
Meatte, 3b -----4 1 1 2 1 0
Manuel, 2b -----4 2 1 2 7 0
Collenberger, ss --4 0 1 4 4 0
Schmidt, c -----3 1 2 5 1 1
Clayton, lf -----3 0 1 1 0 1
Friend, rf -----4 0 1 1 0 2
Patterson, p -----4 1 0 1 6 2

Totals -----33 7 8 27 21 4

Goodbars— AB R H PO A E
Benham, p -----3 1 1 1 8 0
Reitz, ss -----4 1 1 1 2 3
Bender, 1b -----4 1 0 12 0 0
Handwerker, 3b --4 0 1 1 1 1
Harris, c -----4 0 2 5 0 1
Flautt, cf -----4 0 0 1 0 0
Streull, 2b -----4 0 1 1 3 0
Jehl, lf -----3 1 2 0 0 0
Hughes, rf -----4 0 1 1 0 0

Totals -----34 4 9 24 14 5

By Innings—
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H E
C'ville—
1 0 0 1 2 3 0 0 x 7 8 4
Goodbars—
0 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 4 9 5

Summary—Two-base hits, Handwerker 1, Hughes 1, Meatte 1, Schmidt 1; three-base hit, Jehl 1; double plays, Meatte, Collenberger to Manuel 1; struck out by Patterson 3, Benham 5; base on balls, Patterson 1, off Benham 1; hit by pitched ball, Schmidt, Manuel, Jehl; left on bases, Caruthersville 8, Goodbars 5; sacrifice hits, Moore, Meatte, Quellmalz and Clayton; attendance 600; umpire, Myers; time, 1:50.

MOONLIGHT PICNIC

Twelve in number left this city at the hour of eight p. m. Monday in cars on their way for a good time, which was had. The girls took sandwiches and the boys soda water. They made their headquarters between Hayti and Caruthersville, where the cars were parked and lunches were spread and soda water opened, and as the old saying is, "all ate, drank, and were happy."

BULL FOR SALE

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