

MANNINGTON IS AGITATED ABOUT SCHOOL MATTERS

Oil Town Facing Wholesale Change in Teaching Staff.

SCHOOLS STAND HIGH

Patrons are Afraid Board's Policy Will Reduce Standard.

David A. Ward, superintendent for the last seven years of the Mannington schools, has resigned.

Superintendent Ward was reluctant to give out information but stated that his reasons for resigning were that he could not conform with the policy of the Board of Education in setting up a condition in the school which he considered would lower the standard of the schools.

It was stated on good authority that the new policy of the board consisted primarily in placing one man in the position of two; in combining principal and superintendent's work.

The Mannington public schools are housed in one large building containing sixteen grade rooms, two rooms to a grade.

School people in Mannington feel that the combined position in the school is an impossible one and fear that a school organization possessing one of the highest standards in the state is about to be jeopardized.

The sentiment of the town is not represented in the policy of the board. One of the citizens said today—"Due credit must be given a minority of the board, not in favor of the present policy."

Mannington citizens fear their schools will come to be reckoned second class unless something can be done. The high school inspector of Pittsburgh grades the Mannington schools as of the best in this part of the country.

There are seven high school teachers besides the special teachers at Mannington. Out of these Miss Edna Scott is to remain and so is Margaret

Mockler. Mrs. Rosen is to remain conditionally. According to report today the rest are considering other positions.

The Mannington public school has been a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges for three or four years.

Superintendent Ward says that he has had no unpleasant relations with the board and that he is a good friend of all the members.

Many of Mannington's citizens were glad to express an opinion of the condition existing in Mannington.

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Move to Morgantown. Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hersey and family left Tuesday evening for Morgantown where they will reside.

Foot Improving. Bert Christy, who has been on crutches for some time, with a badly sprained ankle which he received in an auto accident has laid aside the supports, as the foot has begun to improve rapidly.

Dance at Park. An informal dancing party was given at Eureka park last evening in honor of Ray McGee, Joseph Cottrell and Howard Hollibaugh, who left this morning for Ithaca, N. Y., to enter the

U. S. Aero service. The party returned to the city by automobiles.

Moves to Brookside. J. R. Timms, cashier of the Bank of Mannington, has purchased the old Furber homestead in Brookside, and after some improvements have been made will occupy the property with his family.

Guest Honored. Mrs. M. F. Hamilton entertained a party of young ladies at a luncheon at her home in Main street yesterday, in honor of her guest, Miss Miller, of Berkeley Springs.

Sells Property. C. M. Lowther has sold his property in Franklin street where the Lowthers have resided for several years past, to James J. Allen, of this city.

Refused Admission. Harry Washington has returned from Camp Lee, Virginia, after having been refused admission to the U. S. military service on account of having lost an eye.

War Savings Campaign. Chairman Guy S. Furber has announced the meetings to be held in Mannington district during the War Savings Stamp campaign which ends Friday, June 25, and also his list of speakers, which includes both men and women, all of whom are capable of the task assigned them.

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Personals. Mrs. Emily Haube, of Tarentum, Pa., has arrived here for a visit with her two sons, Jesse Haube and Alexander Haube and families in Jefferson street.

William Muldrew has returned from a visit with relatives in Moundsville.

William Campbell will leave Saturday to spend a few months at his home in Masontown, Pa.

The Misses Helen Redmon and Edna Scott, teachers in the local high school the past term, left yesterday to spend the summer at their homes, the former going to Lancaster, Ohio, and the lat-

ter to Homer City, Pa. Dr. R. M. Hite has returned from a business visit in Wheeling.

Joseph Schwab left today for Port Allegheny, Pa., where he will spend the summer. Mr. Schwab has been employed at the Marion Window Glass factory.

Mrs. Mary Howell and son, Robert, of Morgantown, are guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. R. M. Johnson, in Sycamore. Mrs. Buena Beckett, a sister of Mrs. Johnson, has returned to Morgantown after a visit here.

HOPE GAS TO BUILD PRODUCER GAS PLANT

Barbour County Coal to be Turned Into Coke and Chemicals.

GRAFTON, June 20.—Tuesday evening's issue of The Grafton Sentinel contained the following story about the prospective construction by the Hope Natural Gas Company interests of a huge byproduct coke plant in Braxton county:

For several days The Sentinel has been hearing rumors from the Moatsville section up the river that plans were a foot to build at or near that little village an enormous coal-coking and chemical plant by the Hope Natural Gas Company and that much land was being bought up through that section as the first step in their great project.

For several weeks past agents of Pittsburgh capitalists have been at work taking options on all farms from the mouth of Raccoon Creek where it runs into Teter's Creek two miles above and East of Moatsville down both sides of Teter's Creek for a half mile back from the stream to its mouth at the river at Moatsville. The whole village of Moatsville and half mile of river and railroad frontage above and below the village were also included. Over a thousand acres of land has been optioned in fee on a four month's option for cash at an average of \$80 to \$85 per acre.

The understanding we gather of the matter is that the operating company proposes to build a \$4,000,000 plant two miles East of Moatsville on the J. O. Freeman farm at the mouth of Raccoon Creek for the purpose of mining and reducing coal. There will be no coal shipment in the usual mercantile form, but all the coal go into retorts for reduction to produce coke, gas, tar, ammonia and the innumerable by-products of coal and then other departments of the great plant will carry on the further manufacturing of these raw coal products into the myriads of chemical of which raw coal is the base.

The property which the Moatsville operation will work will be part of the great Hope Natural Gas Co. field in Eastern Barbour county comprising 28,000 acres originally taken up by J. M. Galey and associates thirty years ago and afterwards taken over by the Hope Gas Company. This enormous tract of coal runs all the way from lower Cove District of Barbour county through the whole East side of Barbour to near Belington in the southern end of the county and from the river East to the slopes of Rich mountain.

The coal did not comprise much of any surface and none at all where the proposed big operating plant near Moatsville designed to locate. Hence first necessary move was to secure the required surface for its operations.

A branch railroad will be constructed from the main line of the B. & O. to Belington and Elkins at Moatsville up Teter's Creek to the site of the manufacturing plant at the mouth of Raccoon Creek, two miles distant. Here the plant will be erected on the Freehand farm, which has been bought for that purpose.

Mrs. Alice R. Miller, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Merriman and Miss Milla Evans attended the Pythian Sister convention at Terra Alta today.

The Overhead. You'll have to work or fight, Ras-lus. Dey's can't touch me, sah. Use de manager ob a laundry. What's the name of the laundry? Martha—Boston Transcript.

Leathery. Excuse me, madam, but here is a strap. I thought I had a strap. No, madam, you were hanging onto my ear.—Kansas City Journal.

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