

## HINES TO MAKE CAMPAIGN FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Country Teachers Are Paid Less Than Unskilled Laborers.

### MANY DO EXTRA WORK

By KATHLEEN McKEE

Plans for an active campaign for the purpose of improving the rural schools of the state are being formulated by the state department of education under the supervision of L. N. Hines, state superintendent.

Mr. Hines, who returned from the five-day conference at Bloomington, is very optimistic regarding the results of the meeting.

"Action by the trustees and the teachers who were present," he stated, "is

the first step in the campaign.

"Earnest interest, which indicates de-

termination, was in evidence among all the delegates."

In discussing the plans for the campaign Mr. Hines said that well-known men and women in the Indiana schools will speak in the communities in all parts of the state.

"There are 4,881 one-room rural schools in Indiana, as far as reports have been received," said Mr. Hines.

Fully one-half of this number will be without teachers next fall unless relief is found, was his assertion.

### SIX OUT OF EIGHT EXPECTED TO QUIT.

"Last spring one young man reported to our department that of the eight teachers in his village school building, six expected to abandon teaching in the immediate future."

Mr. Hines said that young men and women are unwilling to enter teaching as a profession on account of the low salaries paid.

"The cost of living," he said, "has more than doubled in the last three years, while the increases in teacher salaries for the United States in the same time have been about 12 per cent."

"Hundreds of teachers have answered my questionnaires with such remarks as 'I work in a drug store during the summer' or 'I do housework for my room and board,' or 'I take in sewing to help my expenses.'

"Teachers are paid much less than thousands of unskilled laborers whose preparation is nothing in comparison to the years of hard study of the would-be teacher, and who have no expenses for 'professional upkeep,'" he said.

The state superintendent said that more than 100,000 positions in the public schools of the country are either vacant or filled with teachers below the standard.

"In the last three years the attendance in the normal schools and the teachers' training schools has decreased 20 per cent," he stated.

"County and district superintendents from all parts of the United States made a report to National Educational association showing a shortage of 14,000 teachers."

Mr. Hines said that there are estimates to be 650,000 teaching positions in the United States, 39,000 of which are vacant and 65,000 filled by teachers below the standard of efficiency.

### TEACHERS CAN NOT LIVE ON SALARIES

"In three counties investigated in Indiana," said Mr. Hines, "a majority of teachers said that they could not live twelve months on the salaries."

Figures show that Indiana stands second in manufacturing, third in production of hogs, fourth in soft coal, third in corn, third in stone and tenth from tenth to fifteenth in education, according to Mr. Hines.

"Our rural situation is also far from encouraging," said Mr. Hines. "We spend approximately twice as much on the education of the city child as that of the country child."

"Letters come to our office complaining about this, and is or is not done in rural schools of a certain type."

"When we get these things," said Mr. Hines, "We will have social justice throughout Indiana."

Mr. Hines declared that the time should come in Indiana in the immediate future when the rural teacher should receive as much as the city teacher; when the rural term should be as long as the city term; when the rural child should have a schoolhouse as good as the city child.

"During the twelve months preceding June 30, 1919, we spent nearly \$13,000,000 on amusements and self-indulgence."

Mr. Hines declared that the people who spent this enormous amount complain that schools are too many and money.

"At the same time they save, and work in order to accumulate what they consider a competence, they neglect the education of their children."

### Christiansen's Plan Touches All Phases

CHICAGO, July 19.—Parley Christiansen, farmer-labor candidate for the presidency, left his campaign plan with supporters here while he sped toward his Utah home today.

The plan is for a twenty-four hour day, seven days a week, hall, street corner and front porch campaigns," he said.

### Blackford County Treasury Runs Dry

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., July 19.—The Blackford county treasury is without funds to meet current expenses.

The county council has authorized the loan of \$20,000 to meet the deficiency and to pay a debt of \$7,000 which the county owes on its war debt.

### Borrows Motor Car of Friend; Is Arrested

LOGANSPORT, Ind., July 19.—William Carter is under arrest in Peru charged with the theft of an automobile which did not belong to him.

Carter and William Walker were fast friends and Carter borrowed Walker's machine, promising to return it within a couple of hours.

The evening and the night were away, but the machine did not return.

Saturday, Walker reported the matter to the police and Carter's arrest followed.

### 2 Women Rivals for Former Mate's Estate

Special to The Times.

NORLESVILLE, Ind., July 19.—Rivalry has developed in connection with the estate of Charles N. Huffman, killed June 29, when a train struck an automobile in which he was traveling.

Huffman had been divorced from his first wife, Clara, and at the time of his death was living with his second wife, Blanche.

The first Mrs. Huffman has applied to the court to have a trust company appointed administrator of the estate.

The second wife, property which he left his estate has a claim for damages against the railroad company and the case has been filed in court.

Saturday, the second wife, Blanche Huffman, applied for letters of administration, in which she sets forth that she is one of the Huffman heirs, including the three children by Huffman's first marriage.

## What's What In Indianapolis

### "Know Your Own Home Town"

(By the Reference Department, Indianapolis Public Library, C. E. Rush, Librarian)



### Pennsylvania Will Decrease Employees

BALTIMORE, July 19.—Ten per cent of the employees in the maintenance, equipment and clerical departments of the Baltimore division of the Pennsylvania railroad will lose their jobs Wednesday.

Notice of this reduction in the working forces has been posted in all local shops and offices, and is believed to foreshadow a general order affecting the entire Pennsylvania system.

### Mrs. Martindale Head of Republican Women

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Mrs. Clarence Martindale of the Catholic church as head of the Republican women's organization.

Mrs. Martindale was formerly actively connected with Red Cross work in the state, and has a wide acquaintance in the city and county.

She will enter actively upon her work at once by naming workers in each precinct to work in connection with the men's county organization.

### Crown Chemical Co. Opens Its New Plant

The Crown Chemical Company today opened up at its new plant, 439 and 441 East South street, a site at one time occupied by the Wheeler Rescue Mission, the manufacture of the Boudin toilet preparations.

The company was formerly at 311 East South street, and was engaged not only in the manufacture of toilet preparations but also in the manufacture of grocery products, such as washing powders and washing tablets.

Callan & Sons' Company of Lebanon, Ind., has purchased the grocery products interests of the Crown Chemical Company, and will operate the former plant of that company at 311 East South street.

### It's Coming, Boys, Lions 'n Everything

Kringling Brothers' and Barnum and Bailey circus has been booked to appear in Indianapolis Monday, Aug. 9.

The circus will arrive here Sunday, Aug. 8.

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