

# LESH OPINION ON EDUCATION AID PUZZLING

Rules Vocational Department  
Support Is Imperative Re-  
gardless of Funds.

## BARES ODD SITUATION

The State vocational education department has been placed in the predicament of being required to spend fixed amounts without having the money to spend, as a result of action of the Legislature and of an opinion issued by U. S. Lesh, attorney general.

Under the vocational education act the department is required to pay half the salaries of county agents and half the salaries of teachers in approved vocational schools or vocational departments of schools.

The attorney general held that, while the board might refuse to approve the appointment of county agricultural agents on the grounds that it had not sufficient funds to pay them it may refuse to approve establishment of vocational schools and departments on this ground and that they must be approved if they come up to requirements. He expresses the opinion that it may be necessary for county agents and teachers to await further legislation before receiving their pay.

L. Hines, State superintendent of public instruction, insists that the 1/2 cent levy granted by the Legislature is far from sufficient to meet required expenses and submits figures to show that even 1 cent levy would not be sufficient.

## LESH GIVES LEGAL RULING.

Mr. Lesh's opinion on the payment of money to schools for vocational work follows in part:

"It is my opinion pursuant to the claim division of the statutes that the State board of education cannot legally reduce the expenditures of its vocational funds by paying to school corporations less than one-half of the sum expended by such corporation in vocational schools, departments for industrial agriculture and home economics education approved by the State board of education."

"It is my opinion that the State board of education has no legal right to refuse to approve vocational schools or departments except in cases where they fail to measure up to the standards prescribed by the board as to organization, buildings, location, equipment, courses of study, qualifications of teachers, length of term, methods of instruction, conditions of admission, employment of pupils and expenditures of money."

"The State board of education is required to pass on these things, and if it has done so and the school or department as to such things is up to the standards prescribed I do not think that the State board has any legal right to refuse to approve them on the ground that sufficient funds are not available to reimburse such schools or departments on the ratio of one-half. The statute prescribes that grounds for refusing such approval and the want of funds is not one of them."

## RULES ON COUNTY AGENT SITUATION.

Mr. Lesh has the following to say of the county agent situation:

"Your letter of March 21 received calling my attention to section 12 of the vocational act of 1913 and asking whether, when the appointment of a county agent has been made and approved, it is necessary for the State board of education to set aside a reserve as provided in the act an amount sufficient to pay one-half of the annual salary of the county agent appointed and approved up to a maximum of \$1,000."

"In answer to your first question it is my opinion that the money derived from the 1/2 cent levy for vocational purposes is required to be set aside for and used for the purposes for which it was levied and one of those purposes was to aid in paying the salary of appointed county agents."

"In my opinion when the appointment of a county agent is approved by the State board of education and the county board of education, the State is bound to pay Purdue University an amount equal to one-half his salary provided there is money sufficient derived from the levy with which to pay it and Purdue University must pay one-half of such salary provided that no more than \$1,000 is to be expended for that purpose in any one county but the State obligation to pay a part of the county agent's salary is just the same as its obligation to reimburse school corporations under section 14 of the vocational act of 1913 as amended by section 8 of the act of 1919."

## SET'S LIMIT ON EXPENDITURES.

"The one claim is that as binding as the other but the limitation extends only so far as the levy of one-half of 1 per cent on taxable property of the State enables it to pay and when the money thus paid is exhausted such payments necessarily must cease and where the school corporation or county agents are ever to be paid the deficiency must depend upon future legislation."

In another opinion, he says:

"It is my opinion that either the county board of education or the State board, by refusing to approve the appointment of a county agent may prevent such county from having an agent at all and that the State board of education by refusing to approve the appointment of a person as county agent may legally reduce the expenditure of money required to pay his salary. Such refusal in my opinion would exempt Purdue University from the payment of \$1,000 or a less sum, as one-half of the salary of the agent in such county."

## Strict Rules to Govern Promotion

Strict rules governing promotions in the postoffice service have been announced by the Postoffice Department at Washington in a bulletin received by Postmaster Robert E. Springsteen.

Hereafter, according to the bulletin, the following efficiency ratings for employees will be in force:

Special clerks and applicants for promotion must have and maintain an efficiency rating of 90 per cent or more. Employees of the \$1,400 to \$1,700 grades whose general ratings fall below 85 per cent will not be eligible for promotion to the next higher grade, those whose ratings fall below 75 per cent will be reduced while those who fall below 60 per cent will be removed. This ruling applies to all postoffice of the first and second class and takes effect July 1.

## History Instructor Accepts New Task

Special to The Times.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Dr. James A. Woodburn, head of the history department of the University of Indiana, will end his service with the school at the close of the academic year, having been appointed research professor of history for 1921-22.

He is a graduate of the university and is the author of a number of books, including history texts.

## Greensburg Council May Change Wards

Special to The Times.

GREENSBURG, Ind., March 28.—The city council is considering changing the size of the four wards of the city to make a more equal distribution of the voters and also make a better arrangement for the voting precincts.

# Box Car Burns, Sets Blaze in Warehouse

An empty box car on the sidetrack near the Indianapolis Warehouse Company's building, New York street and the canal, caught fire at 1 a. m. today and was almost destroyed. The heat started the automatic sprinkler working and that turned in an alarm. The firemen believe that some old papers left in the car were set on fire by a cigarette thrown down by some person who had taken refuge there to escape the rain. The loss was estimated at \$5,000 and is fully covered by insurance.

Fire of unknown origin started in the Famous Picture Company's office, 22 South Capitol avenue, at 4:45 a. m. The loss was estimated at more than \$200.

# MISS CLAYBAUGH, TEACHER, IS DEAD

Shortridge Latin Instructor  
for Twenty Years.

Miss Virginia E. Claybaugh, for twenty years a Latin teacher at Shortridge High School, died Saturday night at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lafayette. She had long made her home at Frankfort.

Miss Claybaugh was about 45 and was the daughter of Judge Joseph Claybaugh, who served on the bench of the Clinton Circuit Court for several terms, and Mrs. Anna Settemore Claybaugh, both of whom are dead.

After being graduated from the Frankfort High School, Miss Claybaugh entered Indiana University, where she specialized in the study of Latin, and soon after graduation from the university she entered her long period of service as a teacher at Shortridge. During her teaching period, she took several additional training courses at the University of Chicago.

At the time of her death she was vice president of the Kappa Alpha Theta. She was an active member of the Shortridge Relief Association, of which she was president in 1919-20.

Miss Anna Claybaugh, a sister, is an instructor in the Latin department at Shortridge, and the only other surviving relative is a brother, Nat B. Claybaugh of Frankfort.

The body will be taken to Frankfort for burial. Funeral services will be held at the brother's home there tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

# Refuses Girl Joy of Easter Nuptials

Special to The Times.

SELBYVILLE, Ind., March 28.—Indiana marriage laws were fatal to the hopes of a young couple for an Easter marriage when they arrived here to secure a marriage license and found they must wait some time before the prospective bride could be the age limit prescribed by state law. Miss Alma Marie Vawter, the girl, was accompanied by her father, who offered to sign his consent to the girl, but was informed that even this would not permit the issuing of the license. Edward Frank Weinstadt, 24, the bridegroom-to-be, said they would call later. Miss Vawter will be 16 years old on May 6.

# Names Trustees for State Soldiers' Home

Trustees for the State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette have been named by Governor Warren T. McCray in compliance with an act of the last Legislature. The act provided that the board be composed of two Civil War veterans, one Spanish War veteran, one World War veteran and the wife of a veteran.

The new trustees are Col. D. M. Foster of Ft. Wayne and John B. Lyons of Brook. Civil War veterans; former Governor Winfield T. Durbin of Anderson, Spanish War veteran; Dr. Carlton H. McCulloch of Indianapolis, World War veteran, and Mrs. Caroline Blackstock, wife of Lafayette, wife of a Spanish War veteran.

# O. K. Accounts for State Sanitary Work

Approval of the accounts of the State sanitary board is contained in a report of the State board of accounts which has been turned over to the sanitary board.

The report shows that the department spent \$34,103.72 of its appropriation of \$35,000 for general expenses; \$500 of the \$50,000 appropriated for stamping out foot and mouth disease and gland fever; \$32,349.50 of the appropriation of \$75,000 for the payment of the price of cattle condemned because of tuberculosis.

Despite the small payment for tuberculosis cattle the last Legislature appropriated \$100,000 for this purpose.

# January Wedding Just Announced

Special to The Times.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., March 28.—Announcement was made today of the marriage of Miss Louise Mattax, music instructor in the local high school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mattax of Geneva, Ind., and Harry Lynch, son of Mrs. Jennie Lynch of this city.

The wedding took place at Adrian, Mich., Jan. 15, but had been kept secret.

# Marion Democrats to Have Full Ticket

Special to The Times.

MARION, Ind., March 28.—According to announcement made today the Democrats of Marion will go into conference the first of this week for the purpose of naming candidates for the city ticket.

It was stated that the Democratic party will have a full city ticket in the field for the coming election.

# Epsom Salts like Drinking Lemonade

If you want all the

splendid physical action of a dose of epsom salts without the awful taste and nausea ask for a handy package of "Epsomada Salts," which is real epsom salts combined with fruit derivatives, giving it the taste of sparkling lemonade. Try it when bilious, head-achy or constipated. Costs but a few cents.

Warning! Don't just ask for "tasteless epsom salts" or you may get a soda imitation. Always ask for "Epsomada Salts" and look for the name, American Epsom Association.—Advertisement.

# BUILDERS SEE REVIVAL WITH CUT IN WAGES

Labor Committee of Indiana  
Contractors' Association  
Favors Reduction.

## 'WOULD BE INCENTIVE'

The general labor committee of the Associated Building Contractors of Indiana has gone on record as unanimously favoring throughout the State a reduction of from 15 to 20 per cent in the wages now being paid the building craftsmen, according to an article in the current issue of the Indiana Construction Recorder.

"Believing that there must be reductions in costs all along the line in order to make construction operations attractive," the article reads, "that that declines in material quotations alone will not encourage building activity on a large scale, the general labor committee of the Associated Building Contractors of Indiana has gone on record as unanimously favoring, throughout the State, a reduction of from 15 to 20 per cent in the wages now being paid the building craftsmen. This, the committee feels, is absolutely necessary in order to effect a revival of building in Indiana that will relieve the stagnation now prevailing in construction circles, ameliorate the shortage of all classes of dwellings and live the danger of unemployment among the building mechanics."

IS RESULT OF STATE SURVEY.

"The labor committee at a recent meeting of the Indiana Construction Recorder, after a careful study of reports from all over the State and a serious consideration of the building situation in Indiana, reached the foregoing conclusion and decision. All evidence indicated that there was but one way out if building operations are to attain to anywhere near a normal basis, and that way is by means of wage reductions. The data collected and submitted for consideration showed that there had been perceptible declines in building material quotations, in living costs, and in the prices of clothing, shoes, food, fuel, and other necessities. On the other hand, it was shown that rents have not declined nor are they likely to until there is a revival of building to reduce the shortage of dwellings and living accommodations. In order to bring about a revival of construction activities encouragement in the way of lower costs must be extended to the investor, must be offered to the men who finance building projects. The building public demands reduced costs, insists upon them unequivocally. Cost reductions have been brought about by declines in material prices, but these are not enough to satisfy the prospective builder; he is obstinate, he has demanded more, and he holds the key to the future building situation; satisfied he will build and there will be prosperity in construction circles, dissatisfied he will not build and there will be unemployment for the majority in the building field. The public demands a cut in material prices, now it demands that labor costs be cut."

The article says that "figures and facts were produced at the labor committee meeting showing that a large volume of construction work has been held in abeyance because of excessive costs; that there is much contemplated work in prospect, and the maturity of both hinges primarily upon material and labor cost reductions."

## FOLLOWS POLICY THROUGHOUT U. S.

This action on the part of Indiana contractors, says the article, is in accord with that taken in other parts of the country "where various city, State and national contractors' organizations have come out for wage reductions in order to stimulate building."

The paper states that "the near approach of April 1, when wage agreements between the contractors and the unions expire and new ones are to be made, made the meeting labor committee gathering doubly attractive, and brought out 100 per cent attendance."

The article announces the following as personnel of the labor committee for the ensuing year: Chairman, E. P. Dooly, Ft. Wayne; secretary, J. H. Owens, Indianapolis; G. A. Gardner, Anderson; P. P. Veatch, Evansville; H. L. Morris, Hammond; C. C. Packer, Chicago; George E. Dahm, Lafayette; Henry Koellin, Michigan City; J. A. Gallivan, Muncie; A. W. Montgomery, Peru; W. O. Fassett, South Bend; G. W. Brill, Terre Haute; S. L. Kirk, Vincennes.

"All were present at the meeting," says the paper, "except H. P. Veatch and S. L. Kirk. A. J. Hoffman, acting for Mr. Veatch and Henry Nauth taking Mr. Kirk's place."

## ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

HAMPSHIRE CITY, Ind., March 28.—The annual commencement exercises of the Montpelier High School will be held May 28. Thirty will be graduated.

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# ISSUES DON'T FOR PLANTING

City Park Service Plans to Aid  
in Beautification of  
Home Grounds.

A set of "don'ts" for persons making lay-outs for the beautification of their home grounds was issued by the special service of the city park department today.

They are as follows:

All final preparations for spring planting should be made at once and the planting carried on without interruption. In planting the home grounds there are several outstanding principles that should be considered.

Don't clutter up your front lawn with a lot of scattered trees and shrubs.

Don't plant trees too close to the house.

Don't overdo the planting.

Don't put flower beds directly in the front lawn.

Don't put artificial metal figures on the lawn or about the house.

Don't break up the lawn with too many walks and drives.

Don't make the planting too monotonous and bare.

Don't cram or frame your place with hedge plantings.

Don't plant your place before you have a definite lay-out as to its future development.

Don't neglect shrubbery and trees already planted.

Don't set specimens too deep. One inch lower than they originally stood in nursery row is proper depth.

Don't cram roots by digging holes too small.

Don't neglect to prune mutilated roots.

Don't neglect to use good soil around roots.

Don't fail to firm soil snugly around all roots.

Don't set specimens too close together, allow space for proper development.

Don't accept so-called tree bargains. Buy only from reliable source.

Don't plant soft wooded unapproved varieties.

Don't expect plants to grow if neglected.

Don't fail to call Special Service, Department Public Parks, if in doubt as to procedure.

## ARK CHANGE IN LAW.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., March 28.—The Chamber of Commerce has requested Congressman Milton Kraus to work for legislation permitting corporations to deduct donations to charitable, scientific and educational institutions when making out income tax returns.

## "They WORK while you sleep"

Don't stay bilious or constipated, with your head full, your stomach sour, gassy, upset. Take one or two Cascarets tonight sure for your liver and bowels and wake up clear and fit. Children love Cascarets and so do you. If you are dissatisfied, 10, 25, 50 cents.—Advertisement.

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## PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

As the wicked old witch finished singing the song I mentioned in the last story, she said, all of a sudden, just like that, "Presto, change!" And, oh, dear me, before little Puss Junior could turn his magic ring around his little tail three times he was a rat with a great long hairless tail.

"Oh misery and dreadful things, And snakes and worms and bats, And toads and crocodiles, And flies and wasps and gnats."

That is what that horrible witch sang while she danced around and around and laughed, "Ho, ho, ho, ho!" when he came to her little place. So he knocked on the door, and as soon as she saw the little gold ring on his toe she knew it was the magic ring which she had given to Puss Junior. "You see before you, fairest Queen," cried little Puss Junior, "you see before you only a rat, but indeed it is your friend, Puss in Boots Junior, who has an evil spell cast upon him."

"Wait here," the queen answered. "I will go in search of the magic flower which will restore you to your natural shape." Then she mounted her fastest

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