

CROWDED CONDITIONS OF LOCAL SCHOOLS EVIDENT TO PUBLIC

Demonstration of high school work will be featured next Thursday evening when a night session of the high school is run for the Richmond public. Many persons who have not seen a school in action since they attended will have the opportunity to see the forward strides taken in equipment and method of teaching. The school session will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. In addition to this special celebration for Better School Week, the exhibit of 47 lithographs by Howard Leigh, will open in the public art gallery, which is on the third floor of the high school.

Visitors to the school Thursday evening probably will see the need of the new buildings to be erected soon. The present high school building, equipped to accommodate 750 students, has an enrollment of 951 and with 130 students coming from Garfield in February the school will have 1,081 students instead of 750 as originally intended. Some of the rooms have been divided by 16-foot partitions and the domestic science rooms have to be used as class rooms to accommodate all the pupils.

All Schools Crowded

The same conditions are found in other schools of the city. Finley has 50 instead of 36 children, which is supposed to be its capacity; Vale, capacity, 36; enrollment, 55; Whitewater, capacity, 35; enrollment, 70.

There are 14 buildings in use by the Board of Education, 11 of which they own, and one Garfield annex for shops, which they rent. It has been 52 years since the oldest, Finley school, was built, and seven years since the newest, Joseph Moore. In the 45 years covered by the span a school building has been erected about every three and three-quarters years.

Half of the 11 buildings used now were built 35 years ago. All the buildings were typical of the best in school house construction at the time of their erection and Richmond at several times has attracted attention by its splendid school buildings.

Buildings Are Old.

Considering the constant use, the school buildings of the city are said to be in fairly good condition but because of the great advance that has been made in school house construction and the increasing demands made upon the schools by the widening range of school activities and use for the school the buildings are, with the exception of the new part of the Senior High school and the Joseph Moore building, behind the times.

Some of the buildings need remodeling and others, like Garfield, need to be rebuilt. Garfield is very crowded at present. The third floor has been condemned and cannot be used for more than 100 people at one time. The boys who have courses in shop work have to travel three blocks to the annex on Twelfth and North B streets, and to the playgrounds it is 10 blocks.

The purpose of the Better Schools week is to inform the public of conditions in the schools. Indiana has been ranked 17th with her schools and a movement is now on foot to hoist the state above 17th place.

EXHIBITION SCHOOL SHOWS MACHINERY OF RICHMOND HIGH

"Better schools for Richmond" has been adopted as the slogan to be carried out in the exhibition school that will be held Thursday night at the high school. Parents of students are urged to visit the high school on that night. Special efforts will be made to show the patrons of the school just what facilities are on hand, how they are used and what is needed for the future.

Three periods of classes will be held of 30-minute length. The Friday night classes will be moved up. The school will open at 7:30 p. m. and be out by 9:30 or 10 p. m. There will be no supervised study periods.

A chapel program with the orchestra, a few entertaining features and a number of slides showing the work of the school will be given. The entire evening's program will be normal insofar as possible.

Boys and girls of the high school will act as guides to direct those interested in certain features to the right place without a congested wandering around the building. Those interested will be able to see the school paper being printed by the boys in that department, and other departments will exhibit their work.

The art gallery will be open to the public and the Leigh Lithographs will be on display.

REFEREE COMES BACK

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 13.—After being out of the ring sport for two years due to serious illness, Matt Hinkel, the noted Cleveland referee and boxing promoter, is again taking active interest in the sport. Hinkel has matched Carl Tremaine, the Cleveland bantamweight, and Joe Burman of Chicago, for a ten-round contest here Dec. 17.

Better Schools For Richmond

The school population of our city will naturally increase; it would be a sad reflection if it did not. If building and equipment do not increase proportionately, our facilities soon become inadequate. Inadequate facilities retard the growth of our school population, because many drop out of a crowded class, discouraged by the lack of individual attention; those who remain are cramped and partially neglected.

The children who most need education are those who are least able to work alone—who need most individual attention.

How much individual attention does your child have in a class of 50? The only remedy is more and better buildings.

Parental and civic duty demands that school space be increased as the number of pupils increases.

Local Teachers Ask Convention Change

A resolution that the annual state convention of the State Federation of Teachers be discontinued, and that instead, three conventions be held in the central, southern and northern part of the state was passed at the assembly of the Wayne County Teachers' Institute, held in the high school auditorium Saturday afternoon. This resolution, as well as others passed by the assembly are a forerunner of the constitutional convention of the state federation which will be held in Indianapolis.

The thousands of teachers who converge for the annual convention and the lack of accommodations for so many, even in Indianapolis, has made the convention impracticable, it is said. This is considered one of the most important questions to come before the constitutional convention.

There are many who advocate the abolishment of the state meeting and almost as many who oppose its discontinuance. W. O. Wissler, superintendent of the Hagerstown schools and Principal N. C. Heironimus of Garfield presided at the assembly when the resolutions were discussed Saturday.

Three delegates to the constitutional convention were elected by the Wayne county institute. They are superintendent of county schools, C. O. Williams; president of the city teachers' federation, E. E. Rice, and a teacher of Cambridge City, Miss Eleanor Newman. Miss Martha Whitacre is a member of the legislative committee of the state federation.

DIRECTORS OF CIVIC CLUB MEET MONDAY

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce are to meet at the club rooms in the K. of P. temple at 4 p. m. Monday. Business of importance is to be considered, it was announced.

The T. Y. F. senior society of the East Main Street Friends church voted a membership in the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Sunday, according to John Harrington, Jr., chairman of the membership committee of the Chamber of Commerce. It is the plan of the Sunday school society to present the membership to one of its members.

Speaking of this plan, Mr. Harrington said: "The right spirit was shown by this body, and I would like to see every Sunday school organization and all other similar bodies take the same step."

Christmas Features, Talks at Y Dorm Dinner Monday

Christmas decorations and talks will feature the December Dormitory Men's dinner at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening, according to John Cox, social secretary of the association. The dinner will be served in the lecture room, connected with the cafeteria on the second floor of the Y. These dinners are a regular monthly affair at the Y and have met with a popular reception from the men residents.

Rev. L. E. Murray, E. E. Haas, president of the board of directors, and Adam Bartel will be the special guests at the dinner and will make short talks after the meal.

Joseph Caveney Succumbs at Home North of City

Joseph Caveney, 63 years old, died Saturday morning at his home north of Richmond. He was born in Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be conducted from the parlor of Doan and Sons at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Earlham. The Rev. Irvin Steggall, pastor of the Whitewater Friends church, will officiate.

Streit to Enter Greece as College Professor

ATHENS, Dec. 13.—Professor Georgios Streit, former Greek minister of foreign affairs and professor of international law in the University of Athens, who was barred by the Greek government from returning to Greece last week when ex-King Constantine was invited to reassume the throne, is expected to return to Athens within a few weeks under a decree providing for the reinstatement of university professors.

LOCAL COLORED BOYS ORGANIZE HI-Y CLUB; IS FIRST IN INDIANA

The first colored Hi-Y club in Indiana was formed in the chemistry room of the high school Monday morning. Permission from the state headquarters to issue a charter to the colored boys of Richmond for the formation of the club was granted last week and the movement reached its climax with the election of officers and appointment of sponsor Monday.

This club comes as a direct outgrowth of the meeting of colored high school boys in a state conference last spring. It was decided at that meeting that these clubs should be formed all over the state. Richmond has taken the lead.

Professor Cantwell was appointed high school sponsor by Mr. Bate, principal of the high school. E. E. Haas, president of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., named Walter Dennis as the colored sponsor for the association.

Meets Every Monday

The club will meet every Monday morning at the regular activities hour in the chemistry room. The purpose of the club is the promotion and development of a high standard of moral and school room standards. The program of the club will be along the line of all Hi-Y organizations.

Oriental Encampment Initiates—The officers elected at Monday's meeting were Elmer Clapp, president; I. O. O. F., vice-president; Charles Walker, secretary-treasurer; Grant Stevens, advisory member. The government body of the club will be the officers and sponsors. The chief committees are the Bible, service and program. Special emphasis will be laid on the real phase of Hi-Y work, the development of spirit, mind and body, with the social phase as secondary.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN TEMPORARY HOME

The First National bank was open for business at its temporary location, Ninth and Main streets, Monday. Fixtures were installed yesterday and the big vault was moved to the new location today.

The progress of the vault was watched by hundreds. The bank will be in its temporary location, the old Roney store, until its new building is completed.

Short News of City

Enlists in Navy—I. M. DeArmond has re-enlisted in the navy to serve the un-expired term of his enlistment and will report at Philadelphia at the expiration of his leave. Carl W. Spilberg, 622 North Main street, has enlisted in the electrical branch at Hampton Roads, Va. He is home on 10 days leave.

Officials Visit Here—Emory E. Filby of Washington, D. C., specialist with the department of labor, junior division, and Harvey G. McComb, of Indianapolis, state vocational director, were in the city Saturday.

Sylvester Jones Returns—Sylvester Jones, associate director of the Friends' Forward Movement, has returned after spending a week in the interest of Friends' work.

T. P. A. Holds Meeting—The Christian entertainment committee of the Travelers Protective association held a meeting Sunday night to complete arrangements for a dance and musical to be given Dec. 29 in the K. of P. temple. Invitations are being sent to all members and friends, asking their attendance.

Sons of Veterans Elect—At the meeting Monday night of William P. Benton Camp, Sons of Veterans, the annual election of officers will take place and there will be other business of interest and importance to the membership.

Oriental Encampment Initiates—Tuesday night Oriental Encampment meeting were Elmer Clapp, president; I. O. O. F., vice-president; Charles Walker, secretary-treasurer; Grant Stevens, advisory member. The government body of the club will be the officers and sponsors. The chief committees are the Bible, service and program. Special emphasis will be laid on the real phase of Hi-Y work, the development of spirit, mind and body, with the social phase as secondary.

Auxiliary to Meet—Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will meet in the Post Room Tuesday at 2 p. m. for an election of officers.

Weather Blast Given—The siren blast at 2 p. m. was a warning of a change to colder, by 15 or 25 degrees; two blasts will be given as soon as severe weather is indicated. Signals will usually be about 10 a. m. on the day preceding the approaching cold wave.

Offender is Fined—Fred Hartman, a local barber, was arraigned on a statutory charge before Mayor Zimmerman in city court Monday morning and sentenced to 30 days in jail with a \$10 fine.

Circuit Court

The suit for damages on contract, brought against the Wayne works by Sam Jaffe, was commenced before a jury at 10:30 a. m. Monday. Taking of testimony occupied the greater part of the day.

Funeral of Thomas M. Owen Will be Held Tuesday

Thomas M. Owen, 82 years old, died at the Reid Memorial hospital Saturday afternoon, a few minutes after an attack of heart failure that caused him to fall on Main street.

He had been a resident of Richmond his entire life, having been born here Nov. 28, 1838. Mr. Owen had been a plasterer by trade, but during

the past several years had been employed as janitor of the First Christian church.

He is survived by one daughter, Ethel Mary Owen.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday from the home 418 Lincoln street. Burial will be in Earlham. The Rev. R. W. Stoakes will officiate. Friends may call at any time.

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