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## SCHOOLS BY TOWNS NOW IS THE LAW

**Board for Whole Town—Not More Than Three Members From One District Can Be Elected to the Board.**

The Township School Bill, was signed by Governor Whitman Friday and is now a law. It is one of the most far reaching, constructive school measures passed by the legislature in years. It places all the school districts of a town under a town board of education, instead of a trustee for each district as at present. It establishes a town board of education in each town of the state, giving jurisdiction over all the schools in the town except in unincorporated free school districts having a population of 1500 or more, to take effect August 1, 1917. Such a board of education shall consist of seven members. The term of office shall be 3 years, except that of the members first elected. They shall hold office until Aug. 31, 1918; three until Aug. 1, 1919, and two until Aug. 1, 1920. Each village having a population of 1500 or more, upon the present board of education of said village, signed by a majority of 15% of the qualified voters, may submit to the voters at the next annual or special school meeting the question: "Shall all the schools in the town of . . . be put under the jurisdiction of a town board of education?" If such resolution be adopted, the schools of such village shall become subject to the town board of education; if not they shall remain under their own local board of education. Whenever the board of education of a town shall deem it necessary to expend an amount in excess of \$5,000 for the construction of a new school building, it shall submit a proposition therefor to a vote of the qualified school voters of the town at an annual or special school meeting. All trustees and members of boards of education shall continue in office until Aug. 1, 1917. The trustees and members of boards of education shall meet for the purpose of electing a town board of education on the second Tuesday in June, 1917, in one of the school houses in each town designated by the district superintendent of schools. Not more than three members of said board of education shall be elected by the district superintendent at a meeting of the town board of education of each town in his supervisory district on August 1, 1917, to organize and transact business proper to come before the board. The members shall receive without pay, but may employ a clerk outside of their body whose salary agreed upon. The district superintendent of schools shall be elected by the members of the town board of education of the several towns in the supervisory district. The salary of school director is hereby abolished. One unsatisfactory feature of the bill is that it places all unincorporated schools and academies in villages under 1500 under the control of the town boards. At present each village district maintains its own school. This bill provides that all the schools of a township shall be under the township board of SEVEN members of whom NO MORE THAN THREE shall come from any one district. The Village of Andover, for instance, has less than 1500 population. It has built a fine school building and maintains an excellent school. Under this law it will be managed by the township board of seven members,

four of whom must come from districts outside of Andover village. On the other hand, the entire school expenses will be placed in ONE budget, and every district in the Town of Andover will have to pay its proportionate share of the expense of the Andover school bonds and of the running expenses of the Andover Village school. The avowed purpose of the act is that all the school districts of towns benefit equally in the high school or academy, and should be made to pay its share of the expense. As said before, the one drawback to this is the possibility that unprogressive township members of the board will curtail the efficiency of the high school by reducing funds for maintenance.

## CITIES MAY VOTE NOW ON LIQUOR

**The Hill-Wheeler Local Option Bill Gives All Cities in State Chance to Vote on Liquor License Next April.**

Albany, May 7. — Majority Leader Elton R. Brown and most of the ten Republican Senators who assisted him in amending the Hill-Wheeler local option bill last Friday surrendered to Governor Whitman to-night and withdrew from the measure the amendment which has aroused the anger of the executive, the introducers and the Republican Assemblymen. This amendment would have required the voters to determine the sale of liquor by voting on one question of complete prohibition rather than submitting four separate propositions relating to the sale of liquor by saloons, bottled goods, stores, pharmacies and hotels. The action was taken upon motion of Senator Brown that Friday's vote be reconsidered. All of the Republican members present, except Senator Ottinger of New York, voted in the affirmative, but the Democrats solidly maintained their former position and opposed reconsideration. Senator Brown said that he was not a believer in local option as an effective means of regulating the liquor traffic, but he was satisfied from the opinions of the Governor, the Assembly, many Senators and a great many of the state's citizens that there was a demand for local option legislation. "I did not believe," he said, "that the submission of four questions in blindfold language in large communities was a fair way to take a referendum. I believed better results would be obtained by submitting one question. An announcement by the executive, however, created the opinion that the amended bill would be vetoed and that the local option bill would fall because of a difference over a matter of detail. I can not be a party to anything of that sort. It would be unwise on the part of the Senators not to yield in the matter rather than to involve them in a quarrel, especially at a time when the nation is facing a grave crisis." "I regret very much to say that there has been a revival of a practice which I thought had entirely gone by, namely in calling up party leaders in the different parts of the state to force Senators to vote contrarily to their judgment." Senators Ogden L. Mills of New York and Henry M. Sage of Albany supported Senator Brown's motion, but both declared that their own opinions had not changed. They also criticized the alleged action of the Governor and Republican State Chairman

## Grand Patriotic Rally Today

**Flag Raising and School Field Day Will be Held at the Andover Park Today, Beginning at 10:00 A. M.—Basket Picnic and Stirring Addresses.**

The greatest Patriotic Demonstration seen in Andover since Civil War times will be held here today, in the Village Park. Originally it was planned as a Field Day for the twenty-three schools in the towns of Ward, Alfred and Andover, but Superintendent Willet L. Ward kindly co-operated with Andover citizens uniting the Field Day with a grand Flag Raising and Patriotic demonstration in which all of the people of the three towns named above together with all those from whatever place they may care to come, will join. Following is the program of the day. 10:30 A. M.—Athletic Program, under direction of Mr. A. R. Sylvester, Director of Physical Education, Wellsville. Chinning Contest, Standing Broad Jump and Sixty Yard Dash for Boys' Championship, contestants to be graded according to ages, 10 to 16 years inclusive. Contests in Throwing the Basket Ball and a 60 Yards Dash for Girls. 12:30 P. M.—Basket Picnic Lunch—Bring Your Own "Feed." 1:45 P. M.—The Alfred University Glee Club in College Glees. 2:00 P. M.—"America's Peril," Address by Hon. James T. Ward, Wellsville. 2:20 P. M.—Address, United States Navy Chaplain George E. T. Stevenson, of Washington, D. C. 2:35 P. M.—A Discussion of the World-wide Shortage of Foodstuffs and the Imperative Duty of Farmer and Village Gardener, Director W. J. Wright, New York State School of Agriculture. 2:50.—Latest information as to the farm labor situation and the seed situation, with all the available information as to sources of supply, probable prices, etc., etc., Mr. R. Q. Smith, Allegany County Farm Bureau Agent. 3:05 P. M.—Flag Raising Address, Hon. D. D. Dickson, of Angelica. Followed by Parade of Citizens from the Park to Main Street, where the Flag will be raised. Community singing of "Star Spangled Banner" and Patriotic Music by The Andover Band. This is time to work. Our national existence is in grave peril. Let all citizens of Alfred, Andover and Ward get together next Friday and learn from those best informed what is most needed and then go home with the determination to labor incessantly for our country in the hour of its need. WILLET L. WARD, Sup't. of Schools. E. J. ATWOOD, JAS. P. CANNON, W. F. O'CONNELL, JOHN COMMON, J. HARVEY BACKUS, E. F. STEARNS, Citizens Committee.

## SEED POTATOES FOR ANDOVER FARMERS

**Carload of Maine Seed Potatoes Will Arrive in Andover Soon. Those Ordering Them Better Look After Matter.**

Due to the recent agricultural census taken in the county it was found by the Allegany County Farm Bureau that there was a great demand and need for seed potatoes. To meet this the Bureau ordered five carloads of potatoes for distribution to the farmers at cost. These cars will be placed at Andover, Belmont, Bolivar, Cuba and Friendship. The car for Andover was not secured as early as the rest and we had to pay a higher price. Already nearly four hundred bushels have been ordered by the farmers in this vicinity. Other than those already sold here, people around Alfred have ordered one hundred bushels, and Whitesville two hundred. The car only holding 675 bushels, it is now all sold. Any further orders should be sent to the Farm Bureau office, and they will be shipped for \$2.80 plus freight. The carload here will sell in bulk at the car for \$2.80. Orders already taken about Andover to be shipped from the car at Belmont will be held over for the Andover car. Those who have ordered from Mr. Burrows kindly notify him that this change will be satisfactory as he has done all he could possibly do under the circumstances. It became necessary, due to the large orders at Belmont, to cancel outside orders and then place a car at Andover.

## ARLO ELFORD MEAD

A wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Andover and Elm Valley were saddened to learn of the passing away of Arlo Elford Mead on Monday afternoon, May 7th. Arlo was of a peculiarly loving and lovable disposition, always kind and obliging to all and during his short life (for he was but sixteen years of age when God took him) had made many friends both in Andover where he was a pupil in the High School, and spent much of his time at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Julia Mead, and in Elm Valley, the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Mead. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday School and will be greatly missed in the Young Men's Bible Class. To the parents and brother and to the grandmother the sympathy of all will go out. The funeral was held at the home of the parents, on Wednesday afternoon, May 9th, his pastor, Rev. Chas. Collins, officiating and was largely attended. Burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery. Sleep on and take thy rest Lay down thy head upon thy Savior's breast. We loved thee well but Jesus Loved thee best. Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye. —C. C.

## CANNON BROS. BUY BURROWS' STOCK

Important Business Deal Consummated This Week, in Which Popular Firm Takes Over Oldest Business in Andover. One of the most important business deals ever consummated in Andover took place this week when Cannon Brothers purchased the A. M. Burrows Sons Department Store, and will take the store over at once. Numerous rumors of this deal have been current on our streets for the past few weeks, and the News is pleased to announce from first hand information the truth in the matter. The Burrows store is the oldest in Andover, having been in business some sixty years. Mr. F. W. Burrows, its present manager, makes the following statement to News readers. "For some time I have been considering relieving myself of some of the responsibilities I have been carrying. The management of a general store and bank combined is rather too much for one man, as either is a man's job, and each requires constant attention. As you know I have been cashier of the bank since it was organized and for several years devoted myself to it exclusively so it was only natural that if I continued with either business the bank was the one I would choose. However it has been very hard indeed, to think of severing connection with a business that has been in our family for nearly sixty years, because of sentiment, and even more because of the exceedingly pleasant business relations existing between our customers and ourselves. That is really the part I regret most in severing these many pleasant business ties. In negotiating a sale of the business we had several tentative offers from outside parties but

## INASMUCH OFFICERS

The Inasmuch met with Mrs. Thorne for business and study, May 4th, 1917. Devotionals, Rev. Collins. Election of officers. Leader—Mrs. Thorne. President—Mrs. Pease. First Vice—Mrs. Freeland. Second Vice—Bessie Nobles. Sec.—Mrs. Anna Earley. Treas.—Mrs. Teasdale. Critic—Mrs. Florence Earley. Year Book Com.—Miss Hollenbeck, Miss E. Brainard. Captains—Mrs. Valeria Slocum, Mrs. Thutgee. To select book for study for 1917-18, Rev. Collins.

## HAWTHORNE CLUB

The Hawthorne Club will meet with Mrs. F. S. Clark, Monday evening, May 14th. Program: Roll Call—Money Saving Devices. Review—"France Under the Republic," Chap. 12-13, Mrs. Thorne. Reading—"Belgium, Land of Art," Chaps. 27-28, Mrs. Clark.

George A. Glynn in trying to coerce the Senate's procedure. Minority Leader Robert F. Wagner, chided the Republicans for yielding to the wishes of the Governor and the party leaders. "We see the big men of the Senate," he said, "giving way to the little bosslets on a purely moral question." "I don't believe there has been any coercion except the coercion of public opinion," Senator George F. Thompson of Niagara observed. The bill will be called up tomorrow for passage in the same form as it came from the Assembly with the addition of two amendments agreed to by all factions. One amendment would provide a double referendum in the case of the City of New York and the other would have the provisions of the general election law apply to the local option elections so far as consistent with the act.

finally, much to our satisfaction, made a sale to Cannon Bros., because we understand it is their intention to place the stock on sale here which will mean a great saving to our own customers as well as the whole community. As for myself, I expect to have my time fully occupied in looking after the bank and the necessary work of closing up our store affairs." In an interview with Mr. J. E. Cannon of Cannon Brothers, he said: "News came to us that the Burrows stock was to be taken by a big concern out of town. Owing to war conditions, prices have not only been soaring, but we are having great difficulty in getting many lines at any price. We saw Mr. Burrows, and although the deal was partially made, he consented to our having the stock at the same price in order that it be left in town. And while prices are going out of sight everywhere else, we assure our people that after the transfer is made Andover will enjoy a period of low prices as long as the Burrows stock lasts."

HUNT-BLOSS Miss Jessie E. Bloss and Lawrence R. Hunt, both of Wellsville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bloss, Saturday, May 6, 1917, by Rev. Charles Collins. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives only, and the couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward of Wellsville. Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Hunt are both former Andover young people and held in the highest esteem. Mr. Hunt for eight years was connected with the News staff where he made life-long friends of the entire force. For the last four or five years he has been a valued linotype operator of the Wellsville Daily Reporter. The News joins all Andover people in extending best wishes and congratulations. After a short wedding trip to Buffalo and New York Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will be at home to their many friends in Wellsville, N. Y.

**ANDOVER GRANGE** The next meeting of Andover Grange will be held May 23. Program will be given by the young people of the Grange. Any one wishing to take advantage of the "Farmer's Loan" may consult J. C. Lever, who has the necessary blanks and other information.

**BAUR'S TEAS**

These are teas of the very finest quality. They sell at 60c lb and are guaranteed to produce 245 cups to the pound. You get a beverage of good strength and fine aroma at  $\frac{1}{4}$ c per cup. High grade teas being stronger, produce the liquor at a lower cost than the cheap ones.

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