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## Editorials

## Federal Aid For Schools

(Christian Science Monitor)

It was inevitable that diminished local support of American public schools during the depression should bring the question of federal aid sharply to the fore. Congress will be asked to grant not less than \$500,000,000 to the public schools at its next session. The question divides educators as well as the public on the wisdom of such a step.

Federal aid to education is not a new proposal in principle, but heretofore such aid has been confined largely to grants for specified types of education, subsidies to agricultural education, home economics, education of government wards, vocational training, rehabilitation, and more recently, to helping unemployed teachers and to emergency relief of schools which could not have continued without federal help when local support failed. Much emergency aid properly has been given, but nothing like such broad use of federal funds for general maintenance of the school ever has been proposed before.

Proponents of federal aid argue that the situation has reached the proportions of a major national crisis, which the states are unable to meet. Education, the backbone of vital national concern, and therefore a proper subject of national action and subsidy.

Opponents reply that such substantial federal aid as proposed would mark a complete break with the policy which has prevailed from the early days of the Republic. Education is primarily a local responsibility. Federal aid would inevitably bring proportionate federal control and domination. It would have in it the seeds of waste, favoritism and alloments for political purposes. It would tend, they believe, to make the teachers of America a political bloc. Federal control and national autonomy do not go together.

These contentions raise serious fundamental questions. Advocates of federal aid have not satisfactorily answered the objections of its opponents that it would lead to federal control. Would the schools lose or gain in the long run through accepting federal appropriations, based not on the needs of schools in the district, but upon daily average pupil attendance in all schools? Moreover, is it wise to build a permanent educational policy on the basis of emergency conditions?

Many still will believe that the Federal Government can best aid education by granting only emergency relief for employment of teachers, for repairs and temporary subsidies to schools in certain sections where need is greatest and by serving the schools through investigation, information, study and experimentation but not through direct grants of money or administrative control.

## Should Be Banned

(Pontiac Press)

Detroit and Lansing among Michigan cities have placed a ban upon the appearance of the Dillinger family on local stages. Not only municipalities have authority to take such action, but it is hoped that theater managements will be responsive enough to public revulsion against exploitation of a notorious family to take the desired action on their own part.

The Dillinger act is an attempt to capitalize on criminal notoriety that should arouse public censure everywhere. None of the Dillingers have histrionic ability. Their only excuse to be on the stage is relationship to a notorious killer who was the cause of death to many an innocent officer and citizen. Their appearance could only pander to those morons who do not understand the values of life or to youngsters who are carried away with the false glamour of the criminal.

The theater today cannot afford to invite the criticism which would be caused by an attempt to foist the Dillingers upon public attention. The manager who encourages their appearance, a no friend of the family or to the best interests of the stage. The sooner he is discouraged by legitimate

theater managers and the sooner the Dillinger family returns to their Kentucky home the better it will be for all concerned.

## Those Tigers

(Pontiac Press)

With Detroit's Tigers stepping out in front in the American League baseball standings, fans throughout Michigan are taking increasing interest.

It has been a quarter of a century since Detroit won a league championship, back in the days when Ty Cobb first came up to play for the Tigers. Twenty-two years later, Detroit has a good chance to win the league title and take part in the World Series.

Detroit's team this year has what the fans like, a hard playing, fighting team, and by a colorful, aggressive leader, Mickey Cochrane. Detroit wins games after they have apparently been lost. The team plays to win, right down to the last man in the final inning. And when a game can't be won in the regulation nine innings, the Tigers win it in the tenth or the eleventh inning.

The will to win exemplified by Cochrane and his club is bringing about a big revival of interest in baseball throughout Michigan.

## Applauds Rural Appeal

(Ionia County News)

Fair play and sincere co-operation throughout Michigan, for mutual solution of the agricultural problems, especially by frank understanding between rural and urban elements, is the aim and spirit of the leaders in the movement for a better system of county government, according to W. P. Lovett, secretary of the State Committee on County Reorganization.

In the Sault Ste. Marie Evening News, Mr. Lovett is quoted as approving and applauding statements made in the Ionia County by Mrs. Dora Stockman, lecturer for the State Grange. Mrs. Stockman addressed a meeting of Chippewa County farmers recently, demanding "fair treatment of farmers in the government's economic program." The following day Mr. Lovett happened to be a visitor at the Soo and on reading Mrs. Stockman's remarks, "endorsed them," he said, "100 per cent and most emphatically."

"No better statement of our position could have been made than in the words of Mrs. Stockman, including her belief that 'no group can long prosper at the expense of another.' Mrs. Stockman warned farmers that they must 'enlarge their viewpoint to the realization that improvement in economic conditions must come from a cooperative effort of farmers and townspeople, to raise the standards in both farm and city.'"

"This is exactly what I have been doing for many years in my relations with city people," said Mr. Lovett. "I especially endorse the following statement from Mrs. Stockman:

"One of the things the Grange can do is to insist that farmers do not have the advantage over others but along with others. The Grange is pinning its faith on a co-operative effort of farmers and townspeople to sit together with their feet under a table, using their brains that are above the table, to see that agriculture as well as industry gets a fair deal. You cannot pour money into cities to keep industry going, saddling debts upon our grandchildren. Rather goods must be produced and exchanged on a fair basis with others."

"What I hope," said Mr. Lovett, "is that this clarion call from a recognized leader of rural thought in Michigan will reach out into every county of this state. We pledge ourselves to absolute fairness on our part, opposing those who are unfair, whether in city or rural areas. The farmer feeds the cities and the cities furnish commodities to those who live in the country. If we do not hang together, we may all hang separately. No new form of county government ever will succeed, with its basis on anything else than a square deal for all concerned."

Try an Enterprise Limer.

## WALLED LAKE

Mrs. Mae Rhodes

Rev. E. L. Carless is ill. Wanda Curtin and Leslie Fraser were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Peabody of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beckman of Saginaw were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Beckman.

Miss Lucille Moss left Monday to spend a few days with friends at Chicago and attend the Fair. Alleen and Ruth Parmalee of Detroit are spending several days with their grandmother, Mrs. Minna Parmalee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Buffmyer and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Finch at Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Nook visited relatives at Kalamazoo part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Withey of Detroit spent Sunday with Mrs. Withey's father, who is confined to his bed by sickness.

Florence Howard of West Farmington is spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah C. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett McRae and son spent the week end with relatives near Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. John McArrany of Wooster, Ohio, came last Tuesday for several days' visit at the home of Glen Buffmyer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Strait who have been spending their summer

vacation with their parents, have returned to their home at Albion. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Francis and son Kaye Don and John Hess left Sunday for a two weeks' vacation with relatives in New York State.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKibbin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dewey and son and Charles Rose attended the Donaldson family reunion at Cass Benton Park Sunday.

The Walled Lake Giants played baseball with Howell Motors at the Amusement Park Sunday afternoon. Walled Lake was the winner.

Mrs. Charles Hutton will deliver the sermon at the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Mewer enjoyed a boat trip to Port Huron last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carnes, Miss Sybil Smith, Miss Doreen Beckman and Mrs. Ada Johnson were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. G. H. Lutz, at Toledo. Mrs. Johnson remaining with her sister, will return to her home in Los Angeles, Calif., the first of September.

Alleen Riley Velma Power and Grace and Alice German left Tuesday for a trip to Niagara Falls.

## CLARENCEVILLE

To correct an error in last week's paper in connection with the Clarenceville church article which read "225 dollars had been donated leaving a balance of 415 dollars to be raised." This should have read "225 dollars has been donated leaving a balance of 45 dollars to be raised."

Mrs. W. Zingleman spent Tuesday in Detroit.

Members of Farmington Garden Club who visited the Garden Institute held Tuesday at Calvary Methodist church were pleased with the splendid exhibit of fruits and flowers and the interesting exhibit of cacti by Mrs. C. Perry of Ford Republic.

Mrs. Imogene Bickering exhibited several arrangements which received favorable comment. Mrs. Karl Ritter of Base Line Road exhibited a bowl of varied colored petunias which were very pleasing and was also commended for an exhibit of pastel Nicotianais in a modernistic vase. The red sunflowers displayed by Mrs. McGriff were most interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holloway and son Marvin attended a dinner party held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hazzer at Fenton. Twenty-three guests were present.

C. Bell who has been visiting at the home of his son, Jack Bell, Rockwell avenue, left last week for his home in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sterling and son Richard, the Lillian Sterling and Cyrus Loar of Blissfield were week end guests of Mrs. Lucy Crook of Tuck Road.

Miss Kathryn Rubert spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rart.

Members of Trinity Shrine No. 44 and their families motored to Belleville Thursday evening where a co-operative supper was enjoyed in the park adjoining the Masonic Temple. Later the party adjourned to the home of Mrs. Vesta Garlick where the evening was spent playing cards. During the evening several musical numbers were rendered by visiting guests.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Detroit were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. David Robb.

Included in the large crowd enjoying the pleasure of "Show Boat" on its trip to Put-In-Bay were Mr. and Mrs. A. Law of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. W. James of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wadley of Dearborn, Miss Young of Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Diamond and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Winters.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell.

E. P. Hazzer and son Philip of Fenton who have been installing a burglar alarm in a liquor store in this vicinity spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Liseky of Indianapolis, Ind. were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elkins.

Miss Vera and Marion Trotter of Detroit were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Winters.

Mrs. Fred Lantz spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at Holly at the home of his father who is still seriously ill from typhoid fever. There are now 15 cases of typhoid at Holly.

Mrs. Lintz spent last week with her parents in Pontiac. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elkins and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lise

## NOTICE

I will be at the Farmington State Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, beginning next week, to receive City taxes.

If paid in July, a 2% discount will be made. The flat rate will be charged in August and on and after September 1, there will be a 2% penalty.

L. C. THAYER, City Treasurer

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