

LABOR ENDORSES MORE FUNDS FOR EDUCATION

The Illinois State Federation of Labor, at its recent meeting at Streator, went on record emphatically endorsing a much larger state school fund and its apportionment to the schools primarily for the purpose of equalizing educational opportunity.

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Illinois declares that "the General Assembly shall provide a thorough and efficient system of free schools whereby all the children of the state may receive a good common school education;"

Whereas, The financial support for the public schools is derived almost altogether from the general property tax;

Whereas, The large number of small school districts and the unequal distribution of children and assessable property among them have caused extreme inequalities in educational opportunities and in rates of school taxation, thus nullifying the constitutional provision for a thorough and efficient system for all children;

Whereas, These inequalities often cause the poorer school advantages and the higher tax rates to exist in industrial communities where the schools are attended by the children of wage earners; and

Whereas, Other states make large contributions from state funds raised by state taxes to equalize educational opportunities, and our own state has a small state school fund that has proved inadequate to effect even an approximately equality; therefore,—

Be it Resolved, That we recommend and insist upon liberal increases in the state school fund appropriated by our General Assembly until it shall equal 25 per cent of the total cost of the public schools and that such fund be apportioned to the schools primarily for the purpose of promoting one of the fundamental principles and purposes of democracy, the equalization of educational opportunity; and

Be it Resolved, That we call upon the State Department of Finance to include an adequate increase in the State School Fund in the State Budget prepared for the 55th General Assembly, that we support bills providing for an adequate increase and for a proper apportionment, and that we urge the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Registration and Education to endorse and aid our efforts to bring about the enactment of such bills.

Floods Boost Typhoid Prevalence in Illinois

Climbing seventy-nine per cent since September 1, typhoid fever prevalence in Illinois reached the highest level of the year last week when seventy-two cases were reported, according to Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director. Only forty-one cases were reported during the first week of this month.

"While the situation is by no means alarming," said Dr. Rawlings, "the sudden and decided increase in typhoid prevalent since the first week in September is unusual and indications point toward a continued rise for several weeks unless rigid sanitary precautions are employed. Evidence at hand signifies that unsanitary conditions left in the path of floods and excessive rainfall have contributed materially to the spread of this disease."

W. C. T. U. TO MEET

The Wilmette and Winnetka W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. A. Pearson, 1340 Bryn Mawr avenue, Rogers Park, Monday, October 4, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Rose Varley, the president, will speak on departmental work.

Miss Frances Howard and Miss Eleanor Thayer of Wilmette and Virginia Heidman of Glencoe are freshmen at the University of Illinois who are pledged to the Alpha Phi sorority.

Miss Helen Southward of Kenilworth has been pledged to the Alpha Chi Omega at the University of Illinois.

Albert Kramer and Nathan Pancoast, who have entered the University of Illinois this fall, are pledged to Phi Kappa Psi.

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