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## AKIN IS ELECTED SCHOOL DIRECTOR

### MRS. F. GEORGE, CLERK

Large Crowd Attends Meeting—Union High School Not Endorsed

Almost two hundred people were present at the annual school election of school district No. 2, which was held in the school auditorium, Monday night. It was by far the largest school meeting held in recent years and indicated much interest taken by several factions. As a matter of comparison, it might be said that the votes cast Monday night were about one-sixth the number cast in the recent republican primary in the entire county.

The two strong candidates, Akin and Cassatt had their following and by looking carefully over the crowd of room, it could easily be seen that the Cassatt followers chose the south side of the room as the vantage point, while the Akin followers took the north. Supporters of W. H. Smith, under the leadership of Bill Kettel took up a position on the left wing of the Akin division and some 40 or 50 stragglers who didn't know what was in the air, innocently occupied a section in No Man's Land or mingled with the belligerents.

Chairman Cassatt called the meeting to order and stated its purpose. Some one nominated Akin and Kettel nominated Smith. There was a lull in the proceedings and then came a motion that nominations be closed. This was like a bolt out of a clear sky and before the southerly division could make any resistance, the northern army had put the motion over. Joe Day then addressed the meeting. He asked that the candidates state how they stood as to the conduct of the schools; whether they would favor keeping in the limit of taxes raised, or would plunge the district further in debt. J. W. Akin, who was present, did not respond and W. H. Smith was not present, so his views could not be ascertained. Mr. Day suggested that Smith's name be dropped for he for one, would like to know how the director would stand and he did not believe it would be good policy to grope around in the dark not knowing or hearing what the policy of a candidate would be.

Re-enforcements began to arrive at this time and John Philip led a counter attack by moving that the nominations be re-opened. The northern division offered some resistance, but retreated and the motion was carried, whereupon the following nominations were made: C. C. Cassatt, Jacob George, H. Morgan, Mrs. W. B. Dillard and William Muecke. The last two mentioned declined with thanks. A motion was then made that the nominations be closed and both sides being tired from the strenuous preliminaries, agreed upon this.

Before calling for a vote, Chairman Cassatt made a lengthy talk. He stated he was not satisfied with the schools and was deeply impressed with the fact that they were not what they should be. The schools had been much overcrowded and would be more so this year. He thought a Union high school was necessary and was the logical solution of many of the difficulties which now confronted the board. Many pupils, he said, would come from Warren, Deer Island, Yankton and surrounding country, would grow up with our boys and girls and perhaps become residents eventually of the community. He spoke of the natural advantages of St. Helens, the great river and the forests back of the city, but he said "when our forefathers fought for liberty it was not their idea of securing great forests and possessions for themselves, but they fought for the welfare of their children and the coming generations." He thought we should take a similar view of the welfare of the children who will soon be the business men of the town and country. He also suggested several innovations and ended by saying he was heartily in favor of the union high school and that if elected, he would work for the accomplishment of this and other matters necessary for the successful

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## MARSHALS AFTER RECKLESS DRIVERS

### Several Arrests Are Made and Fines Imposed

Marshals Potter and Blakesley are keeping their eyes open for reckless auto drivers and if caught, the reckless ones are liable to fare badly at the hands of Recorder Quick who, it seems, has little sympathy for the speed bug who carelessly and foolishly jeopardizes the lives of pedestrians. Monday night Potter took into custody Ormor Long, J. D. Link and E. B. Loyd of Goble. The marshal claimed the driver of the car was driving recklessly around the dangerous corner at the bank and "whooping it up all around town." In the recorder's court Tuesday night a fine of \$5.00 was imposed on Long, the driver of the car and he was admonished to be more careful when again at the wheel of his car on the streets of St. Helens.

S. Heuman was arrested for driving without rear lights. It being his first offense, the minimum fine of \$5.00 was imposed by the recorder. The new traffic ordinance, which is a stringent one, goes into effect July 1st, and Marshal Potter states he will rigidly enforce it, so the careless joyrider, if he doesn't want to dig up a fine or go to jail, or possibly do both, had better be a little more careful in his driving in and around St. Helens.

## PLANS FOR FOURTH ABOUT COMPLETED

### Decorated Automobile Parade One Attractive Feature

The program committee of the Fourth of July celebration have just about gotten their program completed and the work of having all attractions and entertainments ready to come off on time, has been turned over to the various sub-committees.

One of the features of the grand parade, which will start from the down town section at 9:30 a. m., sharp, will be the auto parade. The following car owners have promised to decorate their cars and be in line, John Deming, R. F. Cole, Dr. Flynn, J. S. Brown, H. S. Mason, E. I. Balaghi, Von A. Gray, A. F. Barnett, L. R. Rutherford, T. S. White, E. G. Ditto, Mr. Baker, A. S. Harrison, Father Hampson, E. C. Stanwood, Henry Morgus, Virgil Stevens, C. D. Sutherland, Mrs. Karth, W. A. Levi, E. A. Austin, Wm. Alves, C. C. Wood, Bert Bell, Roy Harms, H. J. Southard, Pete Hansen, A. T. Kibland, S. L. Butler, Mrs. English, Mrs. Day and several others.

It is probable that the Sommerstrom people will have a ship ready to be launched and one o'clock has been set as the hour.

Rev. Hisey is unable to say who the speaker of the day is, but he is assured that a good orator will be present.

Efforts were made to secure an outside band, but the expense was too much so Percy Harrison and Fred Watkins have gotten together the remnants of the old band and secured several other good musicians and Percy promises a band that will furnish good patriotic music, and lots of it.

Many people from outside of St. Helens have signified their intention of joining in the celebration and a large crowd is expected.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## FLOURING MILL TO START MONDAY

On good authority we learn that the St. Helens Flouring Mill will start operations Monday morning. Robert Cole connected up the electric line to the plant and stated he had orders to furnish the juice on Monday. It is not known just what will be manufactured in the beginning of operations, but Superintendent Buck is going to start the mill up and that is encouraging news anyhow.

Our men in the trenches and in the submarine chasers are doing their part. Are you doing your part? Buy War Savings Stamps to your utmost capacity.

— Buy W. S. S. —  
After all, saving is not sacrificing.

## IS BAKER HIRED OR WILL HE BE FIRED

### HOT FIGHT IS NOW ON

#### Election of Akin Starts Fight Anew to Displace School Superintendent

The question which has arisen since the election of J. W. Akin as school director is, will Baker retain his position as superintendent of the city schools, or was the election of Akin a part of the program to put the skids under him.

For sometime past all has not been harmony in school affairs, at least those affairs which related to Baker, nor has that sweet harmony that one hears of but seldom experiences, prevailed on the school board. It is a well recognized fact that two factions wanted control of the school, one had it and the other wanted it and it appears that one of the factions was unfriendly to Baker and was responsible for the defeat of Cassatt at the school meeting Monday night, their purpose in defeating him being to get Baker's scalp, but whether this can be accomplished is a mooted question and brings up some fine points in school law.

Retiring Director Cassatt claims that at a meeting at which all directors were present, he brought up the matter of hiring teachers and it was agreed that all teachers be re-employed except one grade teacher. Cassatt and LaBare voted in favor of this, but Mellinger opposed it. Cassatt, therefore, claims Baker was duly elected as well as the other teachers and the school directors are honor bound to keep him, even if some little technicality of law was not observed.

On the other hand, the leader of the anti-Baker campaign says the election of teachers must be made at a regular school meeting and each director must have 24 hours notice. He contends that no meeting was held and points to the fact that the school clerk knew nothing of the meeting and has no minutes of the meeting.

Another little complication has arisen. It has always been customary for the retiring chairman to swear in the newly elected director, so this should have been Cassatt's job, but the opposition held that he was already out, so appeared before LaBare with Akin to have him sworn in. LaBare wouldn't or didn't do it, consequently Akin went before the county clerk and took the oath of office and filed it with the school clerk and the first thing Cassatt knew of the matter, he was out and Akin in. The reason for the rush was that Akin was about to leave on a trip and the anti-Bakerites thought the old board might have a regular meeting and put Baker across, hence this bit of strategy.

As the matter now stands Baker's friends claim he is in and will stay in and the opposition say he is not in and won't get in. The fight has just started and the outcome will be watched with interest, and it is possible that the fight stirred up by the leaders of the respective factions, might create enough interest in those who do not belong to either faction to arouse them to take a little notice of the public schools and not allow school matters to be muscled up at the expense of the taxpayer.

## SILVER DOLLARS NOW RUPEES

### 62,000,000 Have Been Melted and Will Help Pay Indian Soldiers

America's silver dollars now have been transformed into rupees of British India, and other small coins used to pay Indian soldiers. In exchange the United States government has obtained a quantity of rupee credit or foreign exchange for use of importers in paying their debts in India.

About 62,000,000 silver dollars now have been melted into bullion under the recent silver bill, according to a Treasury report today, and most of this has been shipped to India.

— Buy W. S. S. —  
Incomplete returns from 25 states show that nearly 3,400,000 women have registered for war work under the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

## M'CORMICKS WIN FROM SUPPLE-BALLIN TEAM

### THE SCORE WAS 18 TO 1

#### Home Players Fatten Batting Averages at Shindler's Expense

The McCormick team had another celebration last Sunday and with the batting clothes on, clouted out 22 safe hits which chased across the home rubber 18 runs.

Harstad was in fine form and let the Supple-Ballin aggregation down with two hits which netted one lone score. W. Cartwright, Reid, Harstad and Kamm knocked out two baggers and Messor is also credited with a triple which came near being a home run. Ryning's accurate peg to the home plate spoiled Eddie's home run and also deprived him of a \$5 hat which is offered by the Toggery to any home player who makes a home run. While Dick for Duds escaped the payment of this reward, he was not so fortunate all through the game, as in the eighth, both Locker and Pike sent the ball away down in deep right and made the circuit safely.

Next Sunday the McCormicks will have as their opponents the fast Grant Smith-Porter team and the fans are assured of a close and interesting game, as the visitors are considered one of the best in the Shipbuilder's league. Messor has had his men out for daily practices and is confident that he will take them into camp.

The box score of last Sunday's game was:

McCormick—	B	H	O	A	E
Mensor, s	5	2	0	4	0
Pike, l	4	3	1	0	0
Locker, l	6	3	8	0	0
F'born, s	3	0	1	1	1
W. C'ght, r	4	3	1	1	0
Reid, m	5	3	2	0	0
Kanam, r	5	3	2	1	0
S. C'ght, r	5	3	0	0	0
McIntosh, c	2	0	2	0	0
Harstad, p	4	2	0	1	0

Totals ..... 43 22 27 8 1

Supple-Ballin—

	B	H	O	A	E
Williams, m	4	1	0	0	0
Murray, l	4	0	1	1	1
Yarrow, 2	4	0	4	4	0
Ryning, r	3	0	0	2	0
Fehnee, l	3	0	9	1	1
Abbotts, s	3	0	0	3	0
Wood, s	3	0	0	5	1
McDonnell, c	3	1	9	0	6
Schindler, p	3	0	1	1	1

Totals ..... 30 2 24 18 4

McCormick 0 1 4 1 1 5 2 3 0—18

Sup'e-B'll'n 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

Runs, Mensor 2, Pike 2, Locker 3, Feuerborn, W Cartwright 4, Reid 2, S Cartwright, Harstad 3, Murray. Struck out by Harstad 13, by Schindler, 3. Bases on balls, off Harstad 2, off Schindler 7. Two-base hits, W. Cartwright, Reid, Harstad, Kamm. Three-base hits, Mensor, Pike. Home runs, Pike, Locker. Sacrifice hit, L. Stolen bases, S Cartwright 1, Mensor 1. Hit by pitched ball, Feuerborn. Passed balls, McIntosh, Pike.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## FIRE ALARM NOT WORKING

The fire alarm system is not in good working order and the mayor and council are trying to find out what is the matter. After the school meeting Monday night, the council met in informal session in front of the city hall and discussed the matter and Mayor Saxon promised he would have a report on the matter to be taken up at the next regular meeting.

The trouble seems to be that the alarm turned in to the telephone office does not reach the mill or cause the fire gong to ring. In the several fires in recent months, much trouble has been experienced in this alarm (?) system and delay which was costly was the result. The season of the year when the fire apparatus and alarm system should be in number one condition is here and the council will probably not delay the matter any longer than they can help.

— Buy W. S. S. —  
Protect your soldiers with your savings.

## MANY CHAIRMEN AT W. S. S. CONVENTION

### Work to Put County Over the Top is Outlined

The County Chairmen's War Savings Convention was held at the Court House at 2 p. m. on June 15th. Judge Morton welcomed the chairmen in a few words and advised them as to the purpose of their meeting. The call of the convention was thoroughly explained by Superintendent Allen, who dwelt upon the importance of the W. S. S. movement and the necessity of each chairman raising his full quota. A program of instructions was presented to each delegate the purpose of which was fully explained. Attorney F. H. Whitfield of Portland then took up the W. S. S. movement in great detail and explained all matters pertaining to it from a Governmental standpoint and insisted that every district go "over the top." His address was timely and thoroughly patriotic. The following delegates were present:

District 1—James Dodson, Mrs. Frank Nickstrom, Mrs. J. G. Watts.  
District 2—T. S. White, Ham Kautzman, A. S. Hisey, Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Chas. Wheeler, Mrs. Thos. Ishister, Mrs. James Ellison, Mrs. J. W. Allen, Mrs. Jacob George.

District 4—Mrs. Edna Shultz.  
District 5—E. D. Tickener.  
District 6—Mrs. J. D. Brown, J. D. Brown.  
District 7—K. F. Larson, W. J. Fullerton.  
District 9—F. B. Helbrook.  
District 10—Mrs. T. W. Tandy, T. W. Tandy.  
District 12—Mrs. Grant Gist, Mrs. Henry Campbell.

District 13—H. N. Van Horn.  
District 16—R. N. Lovelace.  
District 19—Jas. Hackenberg.  
District 20—Mrs. Albert D. Larsen.  
District 25—O. J. Erickson.  
District 26—W. J. Zillman.  
District 28—C. C. Rabinaky, F. R. Adams, Mrs. M. Callahan.  
District 30—Mrs. Jennie Sobieski.  
District 32—Gladys Richey, Mrs. H. J. Anderson.  
District 33—A. L. West.  
District 36—Mrs. Bert Makins,er.  
District 37—F. Anliker.  
District 38—Homer Killer.  
District 40—Mildred B. Matney.  
District 43—Mede Griffith.  
District 44—Amy Snider, Mrs. W. R. Holmes.  
District 45—Louis J. Wallis.  
District 48—C. E. Graham.  
District 54—Mrs. Viola Berdahl, Mrs. Anna Soderberg, Mrs. Ida Lillich.  
District 56—Jas. F. Handler.

## GAME COMMISSION GIVES WARNING

Deputy Game Warden Brown has received the following letter from State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker relative to the practice of taking up young deer. "The season is at hand when people throughout the state are taking up young deer, or fawns, that are found, apparently without protection.

"Please discourage this practice as much as possible. Only in cases where it is known beyond a doubt that the mother has been killed or the fawn separated from its mother in some other way, should a deer be allowed to be kept in captivity, and then only after the person taking up the deer has applied for and received from the State Game Warden a permit to hold the animal in captivity." Mr. Brown states it is unlawful to take up deer and other game animals and birds and he hopes the people of the county will observe the law. In case a fawn is taken up, Mr. Brown should immediately be notified. A letter addressed to St. Helens will reach him.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## GOES TO OFFICERS TRAINING CAMP

Earl Perry of Portland, a former St. Helens boy, writes the Mist that he has disposed of his business in Portland and will leave for the officers training camp June 23rd. Earl has a host of friends here who feel sure that he will land a commission in the army. He has two brothers who are now in the service.

## WAR SAVINGS STAMP DRIVE STARTS MONDAY

### COUNTY QUOTA \$274,000

#### Amount to be Raised in School District No. 2, \$50,000

The great War Savings Stamp sale will begin on Monday and it will take the united efforts of all citizens of the county to make it a winner. County Chairman J. W. Allen is optimistic over the outlook, however, as he has the county well organized and his chairmen in each district will have the co-operation of willing workers who will see that all have an opportunity to purchase these securities of Uncle Sam.

Mrs. James Ellison, who is chairman of School District No. 2, has issued the following statement: "On Monday and Tuesday, June 24th and 25th, every adult resident of school district two, which includes St. Helens and Houlton will be called upon to subscribe his quota of war stamps which may be taken any time between those dates and Dec. 31st, 1918."

On Friday night, June 28th, the president of the United States has summoned all citizens to assemble in mass meetings to subscribe for the remainder of their quotas. On that night, the citizens of St. Helens are asked to close up all business houses at 7:30 o'clock and assemble at the Plaza. Those having automobiles are asked to assemble on Columbia street and they will be assigned to certain districts to bring the people to the mass meeting.

A special committee meeting will be held Thursday evening, June 27th, at the schoolhouse and Mrs. Ellison asks that all interested in making the mass meeting a success, attend the committee meeting and lend whatever aid is possible.

The original amount asked of the county was \$274,000, but about \$40,000 of stamps have already been purchased.

St. Helens and Columbia County have the habit of "going over the top" and in this instance, it must keep up its fine and patriotic record.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## DRAFTED MEN LEAVE TUESDAY

### Mayor is Making Plans for Entertainment of Them

The men who will be inducted into army service under the draft and whose names were published in last week's Mist will arrive in St. Helens Monday afternoon and report to the local board. They will remain in St. Helens Monday night and leave on the 8:10 a. m. train for Camp Lewis, going via Goble.

Mayor Saxon is trying to arrange some entertainment for the boys while they are in the city. Probably a dance or dinner or both will be arranged for on and Tuesday morning the auto owners of the city will bring their machines out and take the boys to the depot.

Just what the mayor has outlined we could not learn, but a few days ago he stated that an effort would be made to furnish some sort of entertainment and give the boys a good send off.

— Buy W. S. S. —

## SOLDIERS MOVED TO MEET NEEDS

Nearly 240,000 transfers of men from one unit to another have been made in army camps as a result of occupational qualifications determined by investigation by the war department committee on classification of personnel. Recently about 40,000 transfers have taken place each week.

Through the committee organizations have been built up in all army camps by which enlisted men and commissioned officers are classified according to occupational qualifications. In some camps, where as many as 2500 men are received daily, forces of 200 interviewers are employed to ascertain full information regarding each man's occupation, education, experience and special qualifications.

— Buy W. S. S. —  
National War Savings Day is the stay-at-home's day.