

### COUNTY SCHOOL IS NOW SECOND BEST IN STATE

#### School Authorities Help Put Institution Back On Firm Ground

After a couple of years of rough going the Hampden County Training School is on the road back and is presently listed as the second best-equipped boys training school in the state. Much of the disorganization that occurred at the school was caused by the teacher shortage created by the war but this condition has been rectified through the efforts of Dr. Alden L. Blankenship, superintendent of the Springfield schools, Principal Donald Gifford of Technical High School, the Azawam superintendent of schools, Stanley W. Wright and County Commissioner Charles W. Bray.

Recommendations Made

The war-created conditions at the school came in for some highly critical findings by a committee, composed of school superintendent of this area, and recommendations to correct conditions at the school were made last winter.

The physical plant of the school, including a 200 acre farm, has been kept in excellent condition by Superintendent Thomas Rely with valuable aid of his wife, Mrs. Iteidy, who acts as matron for the 25 boys committed to the school. Little, if any, criticism could be made of the physical

plant of the institution and none was made by the school superintendents who surveyed the school.

But the training and teaching site of the school merited plenty of criticism and got it from the school superintendents. Textbooks were out of date, the curriculum was at sixes and sevens and the teacher had more of a job than one person could handle. In short the boys received little teaching and what they did get was not of much value.

New Textbooks Due

The outlook for the school and the boys is much brighter today. When school opens in the fall new textbooks will be on hand and for the first time visual education will be employed in the teaching program. At the suggestion of the school superintendents a reading program has been set up to keep the boys up to the minute and to what their interests in their particular hobbies and work.

Two teachers will be employed at the school when the fall term opens with a superintendent who will have complete charge of the educational work at the school. A full physical education program will be another feature of the "new look" at the school and a shop training program will aid those boys who have a particular bent for machines and industrial work.

At present farm work is the big item at the school and the older boys spend about half their time working in the fields and the other half in the classroom.

The advisory committee, which outlined the program for the school, has also secured a teacher from the Auburn Society who will conduct a nature class once a week when the full term begins.

### Zajac Contends Limp Could Have Made Him Look Drunk

#### His Counsel, T. F. Moriarty, Has Defendant Demonstrate for Benefit of Superior Court Jury

A limp in a leg resulting from a fracture 27 years ago was one of the main points in the defense of John E. Zajac, as he stood trial for drunkenness and driving under the influence of alcohol before Judge William A. Burns and a jury in criminal session of Superior Court yesterday. At the direction of his counsel, Thomas F. Moriarty, the defendant walked back and forth in front of the jury from the witness stand to prove a decided limp that impaired his gait and according to his attorney could have made him appear intoxicated when arrested by Palmer police on Sept. 6 last year.

The jury was still out when adjournment time came, and a sealed verdict will be returned to the court this morning.

Good Natural Till

During the Commonwealth's closing argument by Asst. Dist. Atty. Anthony Ruberto, the prosecutor, referred to Mr. Moriarty's previous reference to the fact that no law witnesses were brought in by the police to testify as to Zajac's condition and in his allusion said that no one should better know prosecution practice than the former district attorney. Mr. Moriarty immediately arose to object and declare that there had been no evidence in the current trial to indicate that he had ever been district attorney for as much as 20 minutes. The objection brought a laugh throughout the court.

Officers Donahue and Murphy and Chief Timothy Crimmins of the Palmer Police Department testified during the morning that Zajac was intoxicated at the time of his arrest and that they had smelled liquor on his breath. The defendant was taken into custody about 9 p. m. of the night in question and was lodged in the lockup at Palmer overnight.

On his part, Zajac testified that he had consumed two small glasses of beer with his dinner, when he returned home from his work as a truck driver, and that that was all he had had to drink. The defense produced two witnesses, Michael and John O'Connor, who testified that Zajac was with them until 8.30 p. m. at a riding school in the Forest Lake section, that he had nothing to drink during that time and they did not notice that he had been drinking before he met them. They described him as "stone sober."

### PEABODY RADIO AWARD IS WON BY WSPR HERE

#### Citation Will Be Presented at Boston Ceremony Tonight

For the second time in as many years, radio station WSPR is to receive one of two top state citations from the George Foster Peabody Radio Awards foundation. This was made known yesterday when station officials announced that the weekly program series "It Happened in Springfield" won for the broadcasting station a 1947 award, "for outstanding meritorious public service."

Formal presentation of the citation will occur at Boston tonight, at an awards dinner in the Oval room of the Hotel Bradford. Present, to accept the award on behalf of the station, will be Quincy A. Brackett, president of WSPR.

"It Happened in Springfield" is a dramatic series, reviving some of the more colorful chapters in the city's industrial and mercantile history. It has included "life stories" of some of the better-known business firms throughout the greater Springfield area.

Accompanying Mr. Brackett to the Boston awards dinner will be LeRoy P. Jones, who, as secretary of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, will represent the Chamber of Commerce and Wayne H. Latham, president of the Civic Theater. Mr. Latham, as program director of WSPR, has personally produced the entire series of broadcasts.

Station officials recalled today that, in the early months of 1947, WSPR received its first and only previous Peabody Foundation award. That citation was made because of the local station's successful series, "Understand the Peace," the general title of the nightly news analyses of Herbert W. Kregeloh, staff national and international news authority for WSPR.

N. E. Gas & Elec.	11	13	11
Spfld. Gas Light	23 1/2	25 1/2	22 1/2
Industrial & Mercantile	22 1/2	24 1/2	20 1/2
Bank, Fine Spin. New	22	24	20 1/2
Bovine Lard	25	27	23
Chapman Valve	22 1/2	24 1/2	20 1/2
Comod. Dry Goods	130	140	120
Do Pkg.	112	122	102
First Spfld. Corp.	10	11	9
Forbes & Wallace	60	65	55
Handy Mach. & Co.	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2
Indian Motorcycle	8 1/2	9 1/2	7 1/2
Ludlow Mach. New	42	45	39
Motor Drop Forging	8 1/2	9 1/2	7 1/2
Monarch Life Ins.	80	100	60
N. E. Fire Ins.	22 1/2	24 1/2	20 1/2
Package Machinery	40	43	37
Perkins Mach. & Gear	25	27	23
Do Pkg.	112	122	102
Remington Arms	4	5	4
Spfld. Fire & Mar.	15 1/2	16 1/2	14 1/2
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Probation on the stipulation that she leave this state immediately was the penalty meted out to Alice Demar of this city by Judge William A. Burns in criminal session of Superior Court yesterday afternoon, after she had entered a plea of guilty to the charge of lewdness. Arthur T. Garvey, counsel for the defendant, informed the court that she was planning to move immediately to Albany, N. Y., and Judge Burns placed her on probation with the stipulation that she leave at once. Asst. Dist. Atty. Anthony Ruberto appeared for the Commonwealth.

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The annual dinner of the Springfield Industrial Association will be held tonight at 6.30 in the Hotel Kimball. Four hundred and fifty members of the association, will turn out to hear Mr. Taft speak. There will be an election of officers and an attractive entertainment program provided by Henry Stewart of the Riverdale Park management personnel.

### Dow Jones Averages

New York, May 19 (NS)—Dow Jones stock averages

30 Inds.	185.27	180.44	187.48	188.28	off 0.28
20 RRs	81.21	81.83	80.83	81.31	up 0.06
15 Util.	33.51	33.78	33.33	33.51	off 0.03
65 Stks.	60.03	70.42	60.00	60.03	off 0.06

Transactions in stocks used in averages:

Today	Tues	Mon
118,500	182,200	222,000
10,100	115,000	120,000
42,000	31,500	40,000
281,000	317,000	402,000

Closing bond averages:

40 Bonds	100.27	up 0.03
10 Higher grade rails	103.85	up 0.01
10 Second grade rails	81.05	off 0.10
10 Public utilities	103.10	up 0.01
10 Industrials	101.00	up 0.10

About 68 per cent of the 4200 so-called "company stores" in the United States are operated by coal companies.

### Local Securities

Over the counter prices of local securities furnished by Springfield investment brokers as of 4 p. m. yesterday on a nominal basis:

Bank	Bid	Asked	Prev. Bid
Agrio. Nat. Bank	242	246	246
Bank of Mass.	170	170	170
Graylock Nat. Bank	60	60	60
Nov. Sth. Fin. Com. A.	0	0	0
Do B.	0	0	0
Pitts. Nat. Bank	145	145	145
Sec. Banking Co.	45	45	45
Spfld. Nat. Bank	25	25	25
Spfld. Safe Dep. & Tr.	61	61	61
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Union Trust Co.	62	62	62
Public Service Company	142	142	142
Holy. Water Power	142	142	142

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