

### DISTRICT SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 3

Teaching Staff Enlarged For Work At Bloomfield Village

Announcement is made that the sessions of District School No. 5, Bloomfield Township, will begin Sept. 3. The hours and holiday periods will also be in accordance with those of the schools in Birmingham.

The school is located in Bloomfield Village near the Lahser road. This year there will be two teachers instead of one, in order that the younger pupils may receive individual attention. It is announced by Perry C. Hill, board member.

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### PRAYER AND PROVIDENCE

Extra 7:6-10; 8:21-23, 31, 32

THE events of the present lesson occurred nearly 15 years after the story of the rebuilding of the Temple in the preceding lesson.

Apart altogether from the influence and destinies of Israel, this was a memorable period in the world's history, for it was during this time that Xerxes made his famous invasion of Greece.

Erza was a student and writer of the type famous throughout history among the Hebrews, a scholar well versed in the law and an enthusiastic patriot of Zion.

There is an interesting and very human touch in our lesson in the danger which confronted this little band because of their enemies.

Erza had represented his expedition as marked by divine purpose; and he felt, therefore, a hesitancy about asking the king for soldiers to guard his company when he had himself suggested that God was his strength.

The distance traveled in his trip was nearly a thousand miles, so the one can sense something of the nature of the expedition in that time of slow and dangerous travel. The cynic who believes that safety depends entirely on force and that God is on the side of the great battalions, may scoff at Erza's confidence in spiritual force, but it would be interesting to compare the number of instances where safety has been associated with specific prayer and practice, with the number of instances in which force and arms have brought no real safety.

Just now in certain quarters there is a profound confidence in force and a feeling there is no safety in anything but material armament and strength. The lessons of history, however, by no means uphold such a theory. It is rather true of nations and peoples, that they that have taken up the sword have perished with the sword. The cultivation of the



spirit of peace and good will, the promotion of the arts and commerce of peace, are in themselves valuable factors in a nation's welfare and safety.

The reform which came in Israel under Erza had as its base the re-discovery of the law. Erza knew the value of sacred literature. Every great spiritual movement in history has had its letter as well as its spirit. The letter gives to it definiteness and permanence, though there is always the danger that the spirit may be lost in the worship of the letter.

But Erza represented the spirit living in the written word, giving it life and meaning. He "prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord"—a preparation that was something more than a preparation of the mind. He had zeal to know God's ways.

Erza is the type of the religious statesman and leader, whose influence and power have been so manifest in history—not always for ideal ends and in ideal ways, but gloriously constructive where consecration, wisdom and largeness of vision have been the accompaniments of spiritual capacity.

### ON VACATION

Miss Carrie M. Stoddard, police clerk, and Miss Vivian Struble teacher in the Barnum school, today are in Albuquerque, N. M., on a two week's trip. They left Friday.

Choose medium-sized parsnips with tender roots, but do not buy those that are withered or shriveled.

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### Conflicting Interpretations Placed On Dry Law Articles Of Mabel Walker Willebrandt



By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer Washington—Conflicting interpretations are placed upon Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt's prohibitive remonances.

One version is that Mrs. Willebrandt quit the justice department in a rage and now is "telling her troubles," partly to relieve her mind, partly to get even—to get even with her former political associates and maybe also to get even with the present Washington administration, for denying her the advancement to which it surmised she considered herself entitled.

The other version is that there are certain facts, in connection with prohibition's past history, which the administration wants made public but cannot disclose officially, and that Mrs. Willebrandt is broadcasting them with the administration's full knowledge and approval.

Of course, a few insiders know which is the correct interpretation, but only a handful of them—Mrs. Willebrandt, herself, and perhaps two or three others.

On the assumption that Mrs. Willebrandt's object is to pave the way for the present administration's adoption of a new prohibition enforcement policy, it is easy to believe that she is trying to be helpful. She assuredly has made a detailed exposure of the old system's evils.

If the changes desired by the administration of today are the very same changes which Mrs. Willebrandt implies are desirable, all well and good—from this administration's standpoint. However, it cannot be at all pleasant to folk who were identified with the last administration to have their errors so strongly emphasized.

takes and do its best to counteract them, but it is deemed neither good form nor good politics to stress them.

Folk who take this view of party responsibility find it difficult to accept an interpretation of Mrs. Willebrandt's revelations other than that they are ebullitions of her own personal irritation about it, they are convinced that she possessed the raw material for a first-class political scandal, had she cared to use it indiscriminately.

On the other hand, there are those who argue that Mrs. Willebrandt undoubtedly could have said a great deal more if she had been in an uncontrolled fit of temper and determined to go the extreme limit.

Considering how prohibition has been handled, and what she knows about it, they are convinced that she possessed the raw material for a first-class political scandal, had she cared to use it indiscriminately.

Her articles dovetail very nicely, in fact, with George W. Wickersham's recent prohibition letter as chairman of President Hoover's law enforcement commission, to Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

This may be only a coincidence. Nevertheless it is pointed to by politicians who contend that few such writings as Mrs. Willebrandt's are given to the world, or letters like Chairman Wickersham's, to take an attack on dictation, that the present White House tenant is not familiar with long before they reach the public.



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