

STATE COLLEGE TO TRAIN INDUSTRIAL TEACHERS IN CITY

Classes to be Conducted by Professors From That In- stitution

A training center for industrial teachers is to be started this winter in Wilkes-Barre by the Pennsylvania State College. Nine cities have applied for these training classes. The classes are conducted by professors from the college. The expenses are borne by State and Federal funds under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act of February, 1917. There will be no tuition charge for those admitted to the training classes.

In the larger campaign for education, this year has seen a wonderful growth in the number of students applying to the colleges of Pennsylvania for admittance. Penn State was forced to refuse for lack of room and facilities, admittance to a thousand applicants. But in keeping abreast with the advanced idea in education of "taking the people's college to the people," the State institution is giving extension courses to thousands of young people in industry. Resident teachers are needed for the local classes being organized. These teachers must be trained to teach industrial subjects. The successful teacher must have academic as well as industrial training in order to meet the requirements necessary to teach the type of individual coming to these classes. This was one reason for the passage of the Smith-Hughes act. The Pennsylvania State College has charge of teacher training under the provisions of this act in central Pennsylvania.

Any teacher of industrial, manual, or household arts may be admitted to these classes.

There are in the shops of Wilkes-Barre and the neighboring cities some highly skilled mechanics in the larger use of the work, who are either now instructing the new help hired into these shops, or who wish to be able to impart the trade in which they are experts to others in industry, or the public school system. These men are urged to come to the training class, where they will find out how to best put over the knowledge they have to others. Twenty-five foremen in St. Mary's joined the training class opened in that city.

These courses will be in charge of Prof. George W. Davis, of the State Institution. They will be methods courses—conducted largely by lectures and of considerable interest to either teacher or industrial tradesman, who wishes to take up teaching.

The classes will open Oct. 7 at 7:30 p. m. in the High School building. The first meeting will be used for registration and explaining in detail the purposes of the methods course and what will be attempted here this winter. Teachers from the neighboring towns are invited to come to this center and give of their experience as well as receive in as large a measure as the local teachers. College credit will be given to all work satisfactorily completed.

It may seem peculiar that both mechanic and teacher are asked to join in the same class. But Prof. Davis states that only in this way can each get first hand information of the requirements' view point of the other. Each is enabled to see how the other thinks and feels and the barrier, if existing between the shop and the academic man, disappears. A large class is confidently expected.