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St. Croix Danske Klub

Afholder Møde i Klubbens Lokaler
Mandag den 26. September Kl. 8
Aften.

BESTYRELSEN.

THERE will be a regular meeting of the Home Service Committee TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT 3.30 O'CLOCK.

EDITORIAL.

In yesterday's issue we published the school report for the week ended September 2, 1921, showing the averages of attendance in the schools here and in St. Thomas. It is striking, and doubtless many readers have noted that St. Thomas is considerably ahead of this island in point of attendance at the Government schools, which arouses some curiosity as to why this should be the case, for it is a fact that there is nothing more serious and important than the efficiency of the public schools, and that nothing will so readily affect the standard of efficiency as the attendance can. It is understood that considerable progress has been made in the selection of high grade teachers, and that there have been added many improvements in the equipment

of the schools, which will continue for some time; therefore, it is natural that the school authorities and the public should be interested in attaining a 100% attendance, as the result from certain schools in St. Thomas show to be practicable. Such a result cannot be secured by the efforts of the school authorities alone, but it may be gained if the hearty cooperation of the parents be forthcoming, and especially if the many guardians who have assumed the responsibility for taking care of children would give more than passing attention to the necessity for their support. It is reported that many excuses are received for the absence of children attached to our local public schools, some of them so flimsy as to reflect anything but credit upon those who should constantly have before them the importance of precept and example as these are imbibed by the growing generation from those whom they have come to imitate in many matters. Probably some of the excuses which are received are genuine; it is quite likely that in a poor community like this there may be sickness or want of some extra help and that this might occur on schooldays, giving the parents the only alternative of keeping the child away from school. But it is also certain that many avoidable excuses for the non-attendance at schools come from people who are reputed to be financially independent and can afford to get along without child labor. The attitude of some people seems to be that they bestow a privilege in sending their children to school and that attendance is a matter left to the will of the parent or guardian. This is an attitude that should be corrected immediately, and we wish very seriously to invite the attention of one and all to the desirability for observing or enforcing observance of more regularity in the attendance of their children at school. This community will improve, advance, and take its place among the now more important states and territories of the great United States in precisely the same proportion that it embraces all the educational advantages opened to it, and instead of shirking them aid them to develop and extend over still wider fields.

CORRECTION

In yesterday's note re theatre please read 'attention etc. is invited' instead of are.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Philadelphia, Sept. 14th.—Nine men are known to have been killed and more than a score injured, several of whom are expected to die, in the second serious fire to visit the big point breeze plant of the Atlantic Refining Company in a month. Three more are reported to be missing and may have been burned to

death beneath the flaming tanks of petroleum. The fire was preceded by a terrific explosion, which drenched the workmen with flaming oil before they could leap to safety, killing several instantly. Others employed further back from the tanks were sprayed with searing petroleum and painfully injured. Only prompt action by the company's organized rescue squads prevented the death list from mounting higher, witnesses declared.

London, Sept. 14th.—Sir Philip Dawson, conservative and anti waste candidate, was elected to the House of Commons in a bye-election yesterday in the West Lewisham Borough of London, the vacancy having been made by the death of Sir Edward Coates, coalition unionist, who was elected unopposed at the last election.

Inverness, Sept. 13th.—Mr. Lloyd George has received a cablegram from Halifax, Nova Scotia, intimating that a move has been started in Canada among all denominations that Sunday be devoted to prayer in all Churches for the success of the Irish Conference and asking for the Prime Minister's approval and cooperation. The Premier has cordially approved of the movement and expressed the belief that in this trying hour the hearts of all the people were turned to awaiting hopefully the successful outcome of the meeting.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Sept. 15th.—The tropical disturbance which passed over the West Indies last week struck Bermuda at midnight last night. The wind which, with hurricane force started to blow from the south-east, veered later to the south and is now blowing from south-south-west, the barometer having fallen as low as 29.04. Telephone and electric light wires are down everywhere and the service is entirely interrupted, while the damage to property cannot be estimated at present but will apparently be considerable.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Sept. 15th.—The lowest barometer reading during the hurricane was 29.00 while at about 8 a. m. the maximum velocity of the wind registered before the anemometer, was blown away 113 miles per hour. Minor damage is reported from all points communicated with several hotels having been unroofed, and many small craft have been sunk, or driven ashore.

Dublin, Sept. 15th.—Mr. De Valera, in his reply to Mr. Lloyd George, accepts the invitation to the proposed Inverness conference, in the terms of the final paragraph of the Premier's letter, but re-asserts the Sinn Fein demand for Ireland's independence as a sovereign state and declares that only as representatives of such have the Sinn Fein negotiations any authority.

New York, Sept. 15th.—A block consisting of hotels, bath-houses and amusement places, situated on the board walk of Rockaway beach, on the ocean side of