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DR. WOLFE TRYING TO RETAIN JOB

Superintendent of Laurelton State Village, Following Resignation, Attempting to Gain Favor of Trustees

The board of trustees of the Laurelton State Village at its meeting in July will have for consideration, first the resignation of Dr. Mary M. Wolfe as superintendent, as given on June 11, and second, the withdrawal of her resignation as made in personal letters sent subsequently to the members of the board.

Dr. Wolfe is quoted in a Williamsport newspaper yesterday as stating that the article in several newspapers announcing her resignation was "without foundation."

"Dr. Wolfe has not resigned, does not expect to resign, and is not leaving Laurelton," the Williamsport

board at the annual meeting which caused me to send in my resignation as superintendent of the Laurelton State Village was taken through a misunderstanding, and not because of any dissatisfaction with my work.

"Consequently I have decided to withdraw my resignation as sent to the board last week.

"Regretting that this misunderstanding arose between us and assuring you that the explanations given me by the members of the board have removed any feeling of hurt caused by it I am respectfully,

MARY M. WOLFE."

The meeting of the board referred to was on June 7. At that time the salary increase of \$1,000 was considered, and on due deliberation was refused. The reason for the refusal was given in full in the Sunbury paper's account of her resignation. It was because economic conditions did not warrant it, particularly in view of the fact that she is receiving \$6,000 a year now, while the citizens of the commonwealth in general, namely the people who pay the salary, have a lower earning capacity than in recent years.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elton E. Ellis and son Dick of Andulon, New Jersey, were guests of Mrs. Ellis' sister, Mrs. J. Arlington Fisher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hilbush of Shamokin visited with the former's sister, Mrs. Abigail Shipman on Thursday afternoon.

Henry Haas of Trevorton spent Wednesday and Thursday with friends here.

Anderson Chamberlain of Mainville visited with E. K. Richard and family on Saturday.

Mrs. I. K. Underdown, daughter Betty and son Jackie returned to their home here after spending several weeks in Stagle's cottage.

Mrs. I. Alspach, accompanied Mrs. Carrie Leisenring to Harrisburg last week.

Miss Elizabeth Chamberlain of Deiblers Station spent the week-end here with her brother and sister.

Mrs. John A. Fisher, daughter Evangeline spent Tuesday with Mrs. Samuel Fisher and family at Selinsgrove.

Many people are enjoying the bathing at Knoebel's Grove near here.

The Knoebel family will hold their

announcing her resignation was "without foundation."

"Dr. Wolfe has not resigned, does not expect to resign, and is not leaving Laurelton," the Williamsport paper says. "In a telephone conversation this morning she made the statement that she had not at this time or ever, asked for an increase in salary, and that she has never had any difficulty with the board of trustees."

"The statement that she resigned following the refusal of the board of managers to grant an increase in salary which she had asked was published in a Sunbury newspaper, and widely copied, but Dr. Wolfe says it is without foundation."

Whether Dr. Wolfe resigned or not, or whether a salary increase had anything to do with it or not, can best be answered by the official records. Herewith is the letter which Dr. Wolfe wrote to the board, tendering her resignation and the cause thereof:

Laurelton State Village,
Laurelton, Penna.
June 11th, 1930.

To the Board of Trustees,
Laurelton State Village,
Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I hereby tender my resignation as superintendent of the Laurelton State Village to take effect not later than October 1, 1930. I would, however, appreciate being relieved of my duties at as early a date as can be arranged conveniently.

Your action in failing to increase my salary for two successive years, after I was entitled to such a raise under the state salary schedule, can lead only to the assumption that my services have not been satisfactory.

Assuring you that I have always tried to give you good service and regretting that my best has not been good enough, I am

Respectfully yours,
MARY M. WOLFE,
Superintendent.

Dr. Wolfe has loyal supporters on the board of trustees, who desire her to continue at the village, where she has given many years of service.

Their attitude brought about a change of heart with Dr. Wolfe. She thereupon wrote to each of the board a personal letter as follows:

"After having talked with members of the board. I have become convinced that the action taken by the

have a lower earning capacity than in recent years.

Some attorneys state that under the law a resignation must be considered when tendered as that of Dr. Wolfe's was done, regardless of subsequent withdrawal. Some of the trustees, on the other hand, are of the opinion that the incident is closed. That, however, is a matter to be decided when the trustees meet. If a majority desire her resignation they may accept it. If not, then her tenure in office will continue.

Although Dr. Wolfe's professional work is carried on in the foothills of Union county's mountains, many miles from any large community, she has the faculty of keeping in the public eye to a greater extent than any other woman of Central Pennsylvania.

She has many friends, particularly among the leaders of Republican women's organizations, who deplore frequently recurring controversies. Should Dr. Wolfe confine her activities to the needs of the girls under her care in the village she would do herself and them a world of good.