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WAR SAVINGS WEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

STATE DIRECTORS FROM OMAHA
RECEIVE REPORTS AND DISCUSS
PLANS WITH DELEGATES

MUCH IS ACCOMPLISHED

Delegates Very Enthusiastic Will
Work Together To Help Raise
Quota Of \$26,000,000.

The West Nebraska War Savings conference was held Monday afternoon at the court house. All the counties were then to enable the committee to get together and thresh out plans whereby Nebraska's quota on the War Savings Stamps campaign could be raised.

The meeting was called by the State Officers in charge of the campaign. These gentlemen are from Omaha and consist of Ward M. Burgess, State director, Guy C. Kiddoo, Frank C. Buita, Advertising Manager and Harry O. Palmer executive secretary to Mr. Burgess.

County Chairman present at the meeting were: Fay C. Hill, Gordon, Sheridan County; Lars Olsen, Harrisburg, Banner County; F. E. Medlock, Sidney, Cheyenne County; T. B. Estill, Bridgeport, Morrill County; G. L. Schnurr, Harrison, Sioux County; W. M. Alden, Hyannis, Grant County; C. A. Minnick, Crawford, Dawes County.

Committeemen and city chairman present were: R. Inna, Crawford; W. T. McKelvey, Bayard; F. W. Wood, Angora; Chas. M. Rebbick, postmaster at Gordon; G. A. Jones, Harrisburg; Geo. E. Gorton, Crawford; E. F. Morris, Bridgeport; Frank N. Hunt, Bridgeport; F. L. Perritt, Hyannis; E. J. Ray, Ashby; H. C. Hubbard, Ashby.

The Alliance committee headed by Chairman Chas. Brittan were out in full force. T. F. Guthrie, L. C. Thomas, R. M. Hampton, Sec'y W. D. Fisher, Postmaster Graham, John O'Keefe, J. C. Morrow, Ben Sallows, C. F. Dutton, L. C. Hartman, W. R. Harper, W. E. Rousey, J. W. Tynan, Lee Basye, Judge Tash, E. G. Laing, A. T. Lunn, F. M. Knight, and Dean Shaw were the committeemen and citizens of Alliance present at the meeting.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order at 1:30, the delegates getting at the business in hand immediately. Reports from several of the counties was then asked for, the line of procedure and progress of the stamp sale. First expression was given by C. A. Minnick of Crawford.

Mr. Minnick stated that the people of his county did not as a whole, realize the importance of the war stamps. The campaign there not being as far along as it should. Stated that he was just at the stage of explaining the difference between the bonds and war stamps to the citizens.

The next speaker, Hill of Sheridan County, stated that he was well pleased with the results obtained in his county. At the outset the people thought that the War Stamps were a sort of donation, but when the nature of the stamps was fully explained to them they were very responsive in buying the war saving certificates. He found that the newspapers and literature were the best mediums for getting the situation into the hands of the people. The school children were interested through the principals and county superintendents. Mr. Hill stated that 85 per cent of the pupils in Gordon own thrift stamps.

Owing to bad roads there has as yet been no drive in Sheridan county. The banks and merchants in the county were very patriotic in their aid. Mr. Hill found that the postmaster of Gordon was a very deciding factor in the success of the movement.

T. B. Estill of Bridgeport, Morrill County stated that the campaign there was just in the organizing stage. The merchants of the county were indifferent and would not cooperate in the sale of the certificates. The workers out in the county however were progressing nicely. He believes that the farmer lads could produce big results if they could be given a pig, calf, or colt to raise this summer and sell in the fall buying stamps with the proceeds of their sale.

Mr. Olson of Harrisburg, Banner County, stated that they had not done much of anything, owing to the fact

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HOMESTEADERS GET LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Homesteaders Who Engage In Agricultural Work Will Be Granted
Leave Of Absence

Of much interest to homesteaders on government lands is the act of congress approved on December 20th, 1917, reading as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that during the pendency of the existing war any homestead settler or entryman shall be entitled to a leave of absence from his land for the purpose of performing farm labor, and such absence, while actually engaged in farm labor, shall, upon compliance with terms of this act, be counted as constructive residence: Provided, that each settler or entryman within fifteen days after leaving his claim for the purpose herein provided shall file notice thereof in the United States Land Office, and at the expiration of the calendar year file in said land office of the district wherein his claim is situated a written statement, under oath and corroborated by two witnesses, giving the date or dates when he left his claim, date or dates of return thereto, and where and for whom he was engaged in farm labor during such period or periods of absence.

Provided further, that nothing herein shall excuse any homestead settler or entryman from making improvements or performing the cultivation required by applicable law upon his claim or entry. Provided further, that the provisions of this act shall apply only to homestead settlers and entrymen who may have filed their application prior to the passage of this act. The secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide rules and regulations for carrying this act into effect."

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE CLUB

Annual Meeting Of Alliance Community Club To Be Held On
Friday, March 4th.

The annual banquet, election of officers and business meeting of the Alliance Community Club will take place on Friday evening, March 4th, at the Phelan Opera House.

The Ladies of the Red Cross will probably serve the banquet. It is hoped that the opera house can be packed to overflowing that evening. Tickets are now on sale at the community club office and reservations should be made at once.

The Woman's Rural Club gave a party Saturday night at the Reed schoolhouse for the benefit of the Red Cross which was well attended and which was an enjoyable affair. The receipts from the entertainment were \$76.80. The Lee boy and girl were attractively dressed in quaint costumes and did their part in helping increase the receipts of the evening. These women deserve much credit for their part in doing a patriotic duty by assisting the Red Cross with such a substantial donation.

REGISTERED HERFORDS AND DURHAMS FOR SALE

B. J. Tierney Of Ansley Will Hold
Sale On March 6th. At
Ansley

B. J. Tierney of Ansley, who makes a specialty of registered White Faced Herfords and Short Horn Cattle, is offering for sale, on March 6th, at the Lanum, Barn, Ansley, Nebr. 150 head of his high grade stock.

This stock is all in the best of condition and guaranteed to not be diseased in any form. A pedigree is furnished with every female and bull.

Mr. Tierney has developed his herd in the last eighteen years from the best stock that he could buy in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The best of Scotch Bulls have been used in the development of the herd. For particulars of the stock to be sold see the sale bill advertised in this paper. All men interested in stock should attend this sale and better their herd from Mr. Tierney's stock.

A CLEAN-UP AT COUNTY JAIL

Sheriff Cox's pampered pets were taken to Chadron Monday by United States Marshall A. N. White. The county jail to date had four inmates held under Federal charges; Rudolph Strong, held as a spy, C. M. Banks, charged as white slaver, Mrs. C. M. Allen accused of evasion of the draft law, and Arthur Blackwell held for treasonable utterances. These will all be held at Chadron awaiting action of the federal court.

COMMERCIAL CLUB RESURRECTED

Monday night a number of gentlemen met by appointment at the city hall and organized the defunct Edgemont Commercial Club. There was no general notice of the meeting given out, and therefore but few knew anything about it, but those that had been notified.—Edgemont Enterprise

Mr. and Mrs. James Emerson, left this morning for Aurora '11 to attend the funeral of Mr. Emerson's mother.

CONDUCTOR BETEBENNER SERIOUSLY INJURED

Conductor G. W. Betebenner was thrown from train No. 40 today near Mason City, and very seriously injured, his right arm, nose and jaw being broken. Mr. Betebenner was taken to the Hospital at Grand Island where he is reported to be in a critical condition. Mr. Betebenner was standing on the rear platform, when in some way the rear trucks left the track, the violent jerk throwing him off. The train was going about 25 miles per hour at the time. Mr. Betebenner is an old conductor on the road, his run being 39-40, between Ravenna and Seneca. Many Alliance people know Mr. Betebenner as he formerly lived at Alliance.

son Shaw were the principal speakers at a rousing patriotic meeting held at Hemingford last Friday night. A big crowd was present and the men were attentively listened to, as were the local speakers and others who took part in the meeting. Hemingford is not at all behind when it comes to being patriotic and is doing her part in assuming the burdens which are necessarily a part of war times.

TALK OF POTATO FACTORY

Do you believe a potato flour and starch factory would be a good thing for the people of Kimball county? If so, give your assistance to this proposition by talking it and learning all you can about such factories. Prof. Pugsley, director of state extension work, is on the job and is going to find out about this kind of factory. If it is a good thing Kimball county people will have the proposition put up to them. Mr. Pugsley's letter to County Agent Stewart explains itself: University Farm, Feb. 7, 1918.

Mr. P. H. Stewart, Kimball, Nebr. My dear Mr. Stewart: By means of telegrams and letters I am trying to find some person in the United States who can give explicit instructions for the erection and management of potato starch and flour factories, and perhaps for factories which will dry the potato.

In case I locate such a man and in case he has a plan which is workable, do you think your community would care to establish such a plan to save the surplus potatoes, providing after discussion it seemed feasible? It would be necessary, of course, to raise the money and you would not want to get behind a proposition unless it was a paying one.

My plan would be to bring the man to your section, hold a meeting at some central point in your county, discuss the matter thoroughly with the farmers and business men, attempt to raise a sufficient amount of money to be left entirely in the hands of your local community, and to assist in every way possible in erecting and conducting the plant. I have no idea how much money such a plant would take, but I do not believe it would be necessary to raise very much and I do believe such an enterprise would be feasible at the present time.

Furthermore I believe that such an enterprise would be of permanent value to your community, for certainly potato flour and potato starch should occupy a place in our markets.

Please make inquiry of farmers and business men who might be interested and let me know at the earliest possible date. I don't know that I am going to be able to find any information of value, but if I do it will be necessary, of course, to make quick arrangements for meetings, and to get quick action.

Yours very truly,
C. W. Pugsley,
Director Extension Service
—Western Nebr. Observer.

ACCUSED OF BLASPHEMY

Arthur Blackwell was arrested at the colored camp east and south of the depot Saturday. The complaint was made by Clarence Minor and Ferguson, they stating that Blackwell had been blaspheming the president and the government.

Deputy Sheriff Maunier and Recruiting officer Jones made the arrest taking the prisoner to the county jail. Monday Blackwell was taken to Chadron by U. S. Marshall Wright.

Rev. J. F. St. Clara D. D. of Council Bluffs, Iowa, will preach at the Methodist Church next Sunday, morning and evening. Dr. Saint Clara is an able speaker, and a man among men. Those who heard him a few weeks ago will not miss this opportunity. All members of the choir urged to be present Sunday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Acker of Goodstreak, on February 16th, a baby girl at the Frank Garrett home in Alliance. Mr. Acker is a nephew of James Daugherty of this city.

EATING HOUSES LIMITED TO PATRONS SERVED

The United States Food Administration announces that it has forbidden licensed trading in live or freshly killed hens and pullets. Licensed dealers have been notified that fresh stock of this kind already purchased must be disposed of by February 23, and that additional stocks may not be purchased. They may still handle stored or frozen stocks.

By restricting the killing of chickens which should soon be heavy layers, the Food Administration hopes to increase the production of eggs, adding to the available market supply and at the same time allowing them to go into storage during the season of high production at a price which will not necessitate unreasonable figures for storage eggs next fall and winter. Further slaughter would possibly reduce this year's production to the danger line.

Increased cost of feeding, combined with present attractive market prices has influenced many poultry raisers to dispose of birds which should add to the spring and summer egg production. If the slaughter should continue at the rate which has ruled in recent months, there would be a real shortage of eggs this spring, with correspondingly high prices paid for those placed in storage.

Both the Food Administration and the Department of Agriculture have advised saving all hens and pullets for egg production. The Food Administration some time ago requested dealers to reduce the slaughter of possible egg producers, urging them to procure wherever possible cocks and cockerels. It has now taken a further step and placed "full power of its authority behind a definite prohibition. Failure to observe this ruling would constitute a violation of the food-control act. It would be followed by revocation of license or could be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000, by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by all three.

HOME GUARDS HOLD CALL MEETING

Early in the week Captain Sitton of the Home Guards called for a meeting of its members for Wednesday night in the District Court room, and had a full house of loyal spirited men as a result.

At this meeting eight non-commissioned officers were temporarily appointed as follows: Sergeant: Chas. Kilroy, Raymond Clinton, A. S. Hardy and Clark Fuller; Corporals, Ed. Rummelhart, Sam Fine, Gerald Wallis and John McClenagh, all of whom have had some military service. Sergeant Gibbs offered his service to the officers which were gladly accepted.

The matter of uniforms was discussed, and a committee was appointed to look after them.

In the near future Sidney hopes to boast of a Home Guard Military Organization in full operation which will rival any in the state. The governor has done his part in promptly commissioning the Company, and the leaders of the Company are sufficiently enthusiastic to see the work as promptly carried into full operation.—Sidney Telegraph.

To wheatless and meatless days are now added heatless days—for office buildings, factories, stores, saloons, places of amusement and even for munition works. In homes coal can be burned uninterruptedly—when the citizen can get it and has the price. Obviously the saving of fuel under the new ruling will be very great.

BRAVE OFFICER HOPPED THE TRAIN

Alliance's Night Marshall Caught
Scamp Who Attempted To Leave
Town Without Paying Up

Night officer George Stafford of the Alliance police force pulled off a stunt last Friday night that brought him much commendation from those who learned of his clever work. A man who had been living at the Burlington Hotel attempted to leave the city without settling up his board bill. This is a serious offence under the laws of the state and the proprietor learned of his intention before he got away.

The man stated that he would settle up and asked for time to cash a check. Train number forty-two was standing at the station not in the depot as some papers would have you believe) and the culprit made a run for the train just as it was starting out.

Marshall Stafford also made a run for the train and caught the last coach, unseen by the culprit, who had gotten on the smoking coach. Just as the culprit settled himself down in his seat beside his pal he remarked, "I fooled them that time, old boy." Stafford had stepped in behind and remarked, "Like hell, you did."

The marshal was compelled to ride as far as Hyannis with his prisoner before the train made its regular stop at that point. They returned on forty-one the next morning. The culprit fessed up, paid the officer's railroad fare, paid the hotel bill, and departed from "hence to thence" a sadder, poorer and wiser man.

Harold Brenamane employee at Adams Express Office has resigned and joined the coast artillery and at present is stationed at Fort Logan Colorado.

WILL ORGANIZE GOOD ROADS MEN

Permanent Association To Be Organized At Mullen On February
25th—For Auto Highway

A meeting is to be held in Mullen on February 25th, Monday, which will be attended by the business men, county commissioners and good road boosters of the territory between Grand Island and Alliance along the Burlington, for the purpose of organizing a permanent association to establish an automobile highway from Grand Island, via Broken Bow to Alliance, to connect with the Black Hills and the Denver and National parks highways at Alliance.

The purpose of the association to be organized will be to assist the smaller towns along the route in every possible way; to work with the state highway commissioner for federal aid for this route; to make experiments at different points along the route to find the best and cheapest materials to use on the sandy roads; to work and co-operate with the county commissioners; to mark the routes after the roads have been made passable, and to issue and attractive route book, showing a log of the route, the scenery and industries.

ALLIANCE PLACED ON THE MAP

Stands Fourth In Omaha District
In Number of Men For The Army

Major R. E. Frith arrived in the city today, to visit the recruiting station. Major Frith is at the head of recruiting for the district of Nebraska and western Iowa. He is much pleased with the showing made by the Alliance district in the number of recruits gained. He reports that Alliance stands fourth in the district, being surpassed only by Omaha, Des Moines and Sioux City. He believes that his district will rank first in the U. S. in the recruits taken in for the army. On one day at Omaha, he sent out 1739 men to the camps.

On arriving in town he promoted Private Jones to corporal. Jones arrived in the city about two weeks ago his work has been way above par, the promotion was strictly a reward of merit. This shows that men in the army, as much as men in civil life, can go to the front if their work merits promotion.

Mrs. L. C. Thomas entertained the T. A. card club Thursday afternoon.

BIG IMPETUS GIVEN TO WAR STAMP SALES

PROMINENT WESTERN NEBRASKA MEN ATTENDED BANQUET
AT THE ALLIANCE CAFE

SHAW PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Visitors Entertained Until Train
Time By Excellent Program At
The Elks Club Rooms

Fifty Alliance business and professional men and western Nebraska prominent citizens sat around the banquet table Tuesday evening at the Alliance Cafe in honor of the prominent Omaha men, headed by state chairman Burgess, who attended the Thrift Stamp meeting held in this city Tuesday.

After the excellent course banquet, served in strict accordance with Hoover's rules, a speaking program of two hours was indulged in. Chairman Burgess was toastmaster for the evening and acquitted himself nobly although his previous acquaintance with most of those present was slight he proved himself a capable mixer and his able assistants did their full share in making a success of the evening as well as imparting much useful information to the workers present.

The first speaker was chairman Bruce Wilcox of the publicity committee. Mr. Wilcox is a former Alliance attorney, now editor of the Bridgeport News-Blade, one of western Nebraska's leading newspapers. He touched upon the subject of advertising and its necessity in the sale of thrift stamps.

He was followed by Mr. Buita of Omaha, in charge of the advertising campaign over the state. Mr. Buita gave expert advice on the different forms of advertising and emphasized the need of advertising in its different kinds—newspaper, circular and window. He is former newspaperman and expressed his sympathies towards the newspaper fraternity.

Representative Lloyd Thomas, editor of The Herald, was the next speaker. He expressed to the visitors the desire of the newspapermen of western Nebraska to do their full share in the campaign. He spoke of the patriotic utterances recently made by a western Nebraska ranchman, who was present, and trusted that all would do their share as well as their man.

Mr. Palmer of Omaha followed. He had also had newspaper experience and was able to give good advice. He is one of the live wires and is thoroughly posted on the stamp sale proposition. He emphasized the fact that big savings are wanted and told of the success of the sales booth in the Gordon postoffice. He also explained the War Savings Society proposition and urged the organization of these societies.

Ben J. Sallows, editor of The Alliance Times was the next speaker and in an able manner told of the work of giving proper publicity to the sale of thrift stamps. He told of the desire of the Alliance business men to help and how they are willing to devote their advertising space to assisting in the sale of stamps.

Mr. Kiddoo of Omaha brought out the desirability of the "\$1,000 limit clubs" and urged their organization here. He gave other good information regarding the campaign. He urged that all "save and invest to the limit"

W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance community club, did his bit towards boosting Alliance and western Nebraska. He told of the visit soon to come to this city of Frank Stockdale and invited those citizens from neighboring towns to come during his lectures and to benefit by them. He also read some of the essays written by Alliance school children on thrift stamps. These essays will be published in the Alliance newspapers and are well worth attention.

Dean Wm. Carson Shaw was the last and principal speaker of the evening. He was introduced by the toastmaster as one whom he would like to hear until train time—three hours later. The dean first told of the aims of this country in the world war. He told of the reason for the war, of the crimes against civilization practiced by the Germans. He told of the heroic work done by the English and French soldiers at the battle of Meaux on the Marne. He emphasized the fact that the American people have not yet had the big incentive which will cause them to rise in mass and contribute more liberally of their means, their labor and their resources.

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