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## WOOL GROWERS HOLD PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEET

HARRY SCHOLL, A. DIRECTOR AND A. E. SCHOENWETTER SECRETARY

Last Thursday was a big day for the sheep men who gathered from Garrison, Coal Harbor, Underwood, Mercer, Turtle Lake, Washburn and Falfirk for their first picnic which was held in Carl W. Carlson's grove near Coal Harbor. Fifty-nine cars and nearly 300 people were in attendance according to the count made by one of the members.

Coffee was served by the wool growers association for the picnic dinner. A. E. Schoenwetter, acting as chairman, then called on Dr. McMahon of the Agricultural College to make the first address of the day. Dr. McMahon gave a talk and demonstration on handling sick horses, cattle and other livestock. His talk was so well appreciated that he was extended an invitation to speak at the picnic next summer which will be held at A. B. Mellin's farm near Turtle Lake. The sentiment of the wool growers was to hold the picnic at some farm in different parts of the county each year. Mr. Mellin's invitation being the first one, it was gladly accepted.

Dr. McMahon's talk was followed by one from Harry Scholl, of Washburn, who demonstrated by a wool sack and frame how he and his brother managed to pack 300 pounds or more of wool in each sack.

James Brundum was there with his sheep shearing machine and A. B. Mellin with the old fashioned hand shears. It was necessary to use police force tactics to keep the crowd back when Mr. Brundum and Mr. Mellin both entered a race to see who could shear a sheep in the shortest time. Mr. Brundum was the winner, shearing his sheep in seven and three-fourths minutes. Mr. Mellin said, "I am going to have my shears in better shape next year."

After the program the annual business meeting was held and reports had from the secretary and treasurer, after which the following directors were elected: A. E. Paulson, Underwood; J. H. Christensen, Mercer; Jas. A. Shea, Rossglen; C. J. Nelson, Coal Harbor, and Harry Scholl, Washburn. The newly elected directors met to organize and A. E. Paulson was elected president; J. H. Christensen, vice president; C. J. Nelson, treasurer, and James A. Shea and Harry Scholl, directors. A. E. Schoenwetter was elected secretary by the directors.

C. J. Nelson was elected as a delegate to represent the county association at the state meeting of the North Dakota Federation of Wool Growers which will meet in Fargo June 6.

A vote of thanks was extended by the wool growers to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carlson for the splendid way in which they entertained the visitors during the day.

The officers' reports showed the association to be in good financial standing and that the 1921 wool shipment was 56 per cent over the 1920 shipment. Arrangements were made to ship another car from Coal Harbor as soon as the members are through shearing.

## WASHBURN'S BALL TEAM HAS PERCENTAGE OF 1000

The Washburn ball team has started out in the shape under the leadership of manager "Hank" Wahl. Of the two games played this season, the local boys have brought home the bacon.

Last Sunday they played Coal Harbor on their home diamond and won in a ten inning game by a score of 13 to 14. The line-up at Coal Harbor was Robinson and Tauer as the battery. Schwaier at short, P. Wahl at first, H. Bischof at second, H. Wahl on third, and Stafelstein, Peterson and Poe in the outfield.

On the evening of May 30, the team played Wilton on the local diamond and shut them out by a score of 4 to nothing. The same line-up played with the exception of the battery, which was Tauer and Mussy and Robinson who took Schwaier's place at short. Schwaier sprained his knee at Coal Harbor and was unable to play.

Manager Wahl is well pleased with the outlook for the season. At present he has not booked any more games, but in a short time a schedule will be made and games secured with all the teams in the county as well as some outside of the county. A game will be played with Turtle Lake soon and it is understood that Turtle Lake has a strong team this year.

## BREAKS ARM CRANK FORD

A. B. Amundson, prominent farmer living up the river, had the misfortune to have his right forearm broken Monday evening when he started to crank his Ford car. At the time, Mr. Amundson was at the Washburn Grain Co. elevator where he was buying seed. After loading the car he started to crank it, but the first wheel of the crank caught a backfire, and the handle of the crank struck his arm just above the wrist. He went to the hospital where he was treated by Dr. J. H. Christensen. The arm was broken in two places and the bone was displaced. He is expected to be in the hospital for some time.

## MANY HERE ON MEMORIAL DAY

EXERCISES FOR SOLDIER DEAD APPROPRIATE AND PLEASING, BOTH AT CEMETERY AND PARK

Another Memorial Day has passed and the citizens of Washburn as in former years, fittingly observed it in memory of the soldier dead. The members of the Victor B. Wallin Post No. 12, American Legion had charge of the program, and they with the help of the Washburn Military Band and the speakers of the day, gave a very interesting program, which was very appropriate for the occasion.

In the morning the legion members marched to the cemetery lead by the band, and behind followed the long string of automobiles carrying the school children who were to decorate the soldiers' graves and the citizens who came to witness the service. Preceding the American Legion men, riding in an automobile, were four veterans of the Civil War. These gentlemen were R. T. Paisley, Joseph Slagg and W. W. Lamb of Washburn, and Robert Edgar of Underwood. All but Mr. Lamb have made their home here for a good many years, and are the last survivors in this community of the Civil War. Mr. Lamb just recently came here from Brownsdale, Minn., to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Andre Anderson. He was a member of the Henry Roger Post No. 11 of Minnesota up to the time it disbanded.

At the cemetery taps were blown at the graves of each soldier buried there and flowers were laid on the graves. At the end a military salute was fired. Songs were sung by a male quartette and appropriate speech delivered by Judge W. L. Nuessele of Bismarck. After the program at the cemetery the parade marched back again to the city.

In the afternoon the citizens and visitors gathered at the park in East Washburn, where a Memorial Day address was delivered by Hon. Scott Cameron of Bismarck. On the platform with Mr. Cameron sat the veterans of the Civil War. Other items on the program were Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, by Mrs. Barnes, a widow of a Civil War veteran; "Flanders' Fields," by Lloyd Williams, and "America's Answer," by Leonard Nelson. The band played some selections. After the program the G. A. R. veterans reviewed the troops.

Many visitors from out of town were here to attend the day's exercises and visit with friends. The town was decorated with flags and bunting. The business places were closed during a part of the day. The weather was splendid in the morning, but in the afternoon a wind came up and with it a short shower which made it cold and unpleasant during the evening. Throughout, however, the day was a success and the Legion Post with the assistance of the band, are to be commended on their splendid observance of Memorial Day.

## Baby Clinic Here

The County Red Cross Miss Charlotte Lyngstad has announced dates for a Baby Clinic to be held here at Washburn, Friday and Saturday June 16 and 17. The clinic will start on the 16th at 10 A. M. Dr. W. G. Gordon will be present to examine all children brought to the clinic.

Miss Lyngstad has been holding baby clinics over the county and has met with much success in the way the mothers have responded and have brought their babies in to have them examined. At the clinics the babies are weighed, measured and examined, and when the doctor and nurse are through a mother will know whether her baby is healthy and normal or not. This is a splendid opportunity for all mothers of and around Washburn to have their babies examined.

Miss Lyngstad has also announced a baby clinic for Underwood, which will be held Wednesday and Thursday, June 7 and 8.

## REV. FREEMAN F. BOOTHBY TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY EVE

The Rev. Mr. Boothby, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Underwood, will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday evening. Rev. Boothby has been in the ministry in North Dakota for the past twenty years, and for a number of years was treasurer of the North Dakota Conference, and at the present time is auditor of the Conference. The public is cordially invited to be present and hear him. There will be special music. Mr. Lynn Boothby, a student at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky will preach at Conkling Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Boothby will spend his vacation at the home of his parents in Underwood.

Mr. Arthur Brewer will conduct the services at Fairview at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning at 12:00. All are welcome to these services.

## Honors Memory of Edith Cavell



After King George and Queen Mary of England had left the grave of the murdered nurse, Edith Cavell in Brussels last week, there remained at the foot of the memorial erected to the immortal memory of the great martyr, shot to death by the Germans, Mlle. Marguerite Blauckaert, who was sentenced to death with the British nurse, but whose sentence was commuted. Mlle. Blauckaert is photographed as she is placing her silent tribute on the grave of her friend.

## Stocker for Senator

Petitions are being circulated in Wilton this week for E. C. Stocker as State Senator from the 46th Legislative district, which includes McLean county. Mr. Stocker was recently named at the county convention in Garrison and is regarded by the people of the district as one of the strongest men ever placed at the head of the legislative ticket. A man of ability, efficient and competent, he should be elected without any real opposition. Mr. Stocker served for six years as County Auditor, and no better accountant ever occupied this important office. He has a host of friends throughout the county who will do everything possible for his candidacy.—Wilton News.

## SEEKS MISSING SON

Sven Jonson of Hagefors, Sweden, is seeking the whereabouts of his son, Nils Johnson. In a letter to Sheriff Stefferud from the U. S. Counsel in Sweden, stated that Mr. Jonson's son who went by the name of Nils Johnson, worked in and around Washburn for about three years, but that he left here in the year 1915. Since that time his father has not heard from him. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts or knowing of some one who might be able to locate him, please write the information to Mr. Stefferud.

## County News

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### MISS HILDEGARDE RIBA DIES

Miss Hildegard Riba died in a hospital in Great Falls, Mont., on the 17th of May. The message came as a great shock to her relatives and friends, as during the last few days before her death, hopes had been entertained for her recovery.

Her death was due to a complication of diseases, the main ones being pneumonia and inflammatory rheumatism which affected her heart. Her remains were brought to Minot where she was buried on May 27. Services were held at the German Lutheran church.

Miss Riba would have attained the age of 15 years next August. She was attending the high school at Great Falls, and belonged to the graduation class of 1922. She leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Riba, also five brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Walter, Leander, Ervin, Lester and Gerhard. The sisters are Mrs. Olga Pussemann of Great Falls, and Nathalie.

## EIGHTEEN ADMITTED TO CITIZENSHIP

Thursday at the Court house, Judge Nuessele heard forty some applicants who had filed their intention of obtaining citizenship papers. Of the number 18 were granted their papers and are now qualified citizens of the United States.

The names of the men who were admitted are: Gustare L. Brokofsky, Filip Skorpokat, John A. Bengston, Frederick Vogle, Nick Sologuk, Nils A. Sater, Nick Makowski, Carl A. G. Mertins, Johan Lieb, Andrew Dobrowsky, Oliver Hatland, Mike Makowski, John Reiser, Philipp Neiffer, Theo. Neisser, Adam Schuh, Jonas Thompson and Alexander Kovalenko.

## BURGERS FAIL AT MAX

Burglars were not successful in their attempt to rob the First National Bank at Max Monday night. They attempted to burn their way into the vault with an oxyacetylene torch. All the wires leading into the town were cut to aid them in their escape. It is believed they were traveling in an automobile.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday, June 2.—Sunday school at 10 a. m. English Pentecost service at 11 a. m. Norwegian Pentecost service at 8 p. m.  
Thursday, June 8.—Choir practice at 8 p. m.  
H. HANSEN, Pastor.

Great Falls, Mont., are at the W. A. Riba home.

The Okins, J. Johnson, J. Preisinger, Geo. Bronsack and L. Moe families went to Minot Saturday to attend the funeral of Miss Hildegard Riba.

## CONKLING

(Last week's news)  
Miss Nettie Slagg returned home last Saturday from University Park, Iowa, where she has been attending Central Holiness University. Miss Slagg was graduated from the Academy Department this year.  
Miss Ella Doeppke spent the week end with Amy Fahlgren.  
Miss Ruth Grantham visited Mrs. L. W. Blisterfeldt this week.  
Miss Daisy Doeppke returned home Sunday after completing a successful term of school in the Montross district near Wilton.  
Charles Burkett was an over Sunday visitor at the A. B. Amundson home.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Fahlgren entertained the Women's Friendship Circle Friday.

(This week's news)  
Ernest Webster is visiting at the Rance Jones and John Yunker homes.  
A. B. Amundson had the misfortune to break his arm Monday while cranking his car.  
Eighth grade examinations were held at the Conkling schools Thursday and Friday.  
Miss Marvel Jones visited Anna Yunker over the week end.

The Rance Jones family entertained a number of their friends Sunday. Some of the boys practiced ball.  
Miss Mollie Furst returned home from Fargo, where she has been teaching school this week.  
The community picnic at the Washburn school was a success.

## NESTOS EXPLAINS N. P. DEFEAT

LEADERS NEVER TRIED TO SERVE HONESTLY, NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR TELLS CHICAGO BUSINESSMEN

Chicago—How the Nonpartisan league of North Dakota was defeated and why, was told to the members of the Association of Commerce at a luncheon meeting by Governor R. A. Nestos. Governor Nestos last fall won the first statewide recall election in the United States over Governor L. J. Frazier, the Nonpartisan governor.

"During the last five years," Governor Nestos said, "I believe I may say without seeming presumptuous, that your people have in a measure lost confidence in the state of North Dakota and in its political and economic development. A great deal of your apprehension and lack of confidence has been warranted."

Governor Nestos then told how the men who organized the league set out to obtain control of the political machinery of the state with its patronage and financial awards, in order to teach for public consumption the doctrines and philosophy of socialism. Then, he said, they set about a nationwide propaganda making "bold claims as to the radical and complete changes they were putting into effect in North Dakota, far beyond what the actual facts justified."

"The history of the last few years will show that at no time was there any desire or real intention by the league leaders to serve the people of the state honestly and well," said Governor Nestos. "It will show that the main desire of the leaders of the league and of most of the office holders was to serve themselves only and their political organization in the hope that means of the positions, the power and the public and funds, they would be able to perpetuate their organizations and retain their hold on the public purse and public office."

"The inevitable result was that there was waste and mismanagement in practically every department of the public service."

## THREE VETERINARY DEMONSTRATIONS HELD IN COUNTY

Three veterinary demonstrations were conducted in the county last week by County Agent A. L. Norling with the assistance of Dr. McMahon of the Agricultural College. One demonstration each was held on the farms of Henry Sheldon, Washburn; Carl W. Carlson, Coal Harbor, and George Carr, Turtle Lake.

The meetings were held right out on the farm so that horses and cattle could be used in demonstrating simple and fundamental things that every stock man should know, such as giving medicine, what to give, difference between giving medicine to horse and cow, treating bloat, how two men can raise a horse that is down, handling hot flies, curing sore shoulders, etc. Dr. McMahon said that much of the loss in livestock could be avoided if the stockmen were well posted on a few commonsense remedies. He said that the worst thing for a veterinarian to handle is an animal which has been given the wrong thing.

Much interest was shown in these demonstrations and Mr. Norling has been requested by many of the farmers to plan for more meetings of this kind in the future.

Besides this work, Mr. Norling spent a part of last week mixing gopher poison.

## CANDIDATES FILE PETITIONS

Saturday was the last day on which the candidates for office could file petitions, and by Saturday evening Auditor Chris Hill had practically all the petitions in.

The list of candidates who filed and the office they are seeking election to are as follows:  
Senator—E. C. Stocker, A. A. Peck. Representatives—John J. Hill, Sr., H. R. Freitag, C. J. Onsrud, A. J. Lundebek, Oscar Oberg and F. A. Vogel. Sheriff—Charlie Tauer, L. Moe, Samuel Newman and A. L. Maxwell. Auditor—Chris J. Hill. Treasurer—R. E. Whittell. Ole Stefferud.

Clerk of Court—Joe Young Hawk. Jacob Schlichenmayer.

Register of Deeds—W. B. Schreiner, Thos. F. Carvell.

States Attorney, C. L. Foster, M. Tellefson, Geo. P. Gibson.

Judge—H. C. Bradley, P. H. Miller. Superintendent of Schools—M. E. McCurdy, A. E. Thompson.

Surveyor—Harris Robinson. Commissioner, 1st District—Ben O. Everson, W. H. Mellich.

Commissioner, 2nd District—H. Martin, A. C. Freitag, J. H. Salpene. Assessor, 1st District—Andrew E. Sauer, Alex. Elliman.

Assessor, 2nd District—Jos. Peckinac, Earl Slagg, Albert Simpson.

Assessor, 3rd District—C. F. Huston. Coroner—E. C. Stacks.

DELIVERS ADDRESS AT MANDAN  
Capt. Hugh H. McCulloch was at Mandan Memorial Day where he delivered the Memorial Day address. The invitation had been extended by the Legion Post at Mandan. In the evening the Captain was present at a dinner party given in honor of Col. J. H. Kist, chief of staff of the 25th Division of the U. S. A.

## ALMOST HALF OF STATES TAXES NEWLY LEVIED

FIGURES SHOW 42% OF TAXES SINCE STATEHOOD LEVIED IN LAST 5 YEARS

Nearly one-half of the taxes levied in the State of North Dakota during the 31 years of statehood have been levied in the last five years, according to statistics of the office of the state tax commissioner.

Taxes amounting to \$145,280,707 have been levied since 1917 or 42.78 per cent of the total tax burden since statehood while \$194,299,005, or 57.22 percent was incurred prior to 1917.

A remarkable increase in the tax burden since North Dakota became a state in 1889 is shown by the compilations.

From 1890 to 1899 inclusive, tax levies amounted to \$126,190,356.

During the ten year period—1900 to 1909 inclusive—taxes amounted to \$50,883,145. During the six year period—1910 to 1916 inclusive—total taxes amounted to \$86,684,539 and during the last five years total tax levies have amounted to \$128,050,822.

## How They Jumped

Total taxes levied between 1890 and 1916 inclusive amounted to \$172,758,040 and during the five year period—1917 to 1921 inclusive—total tax levies have amounted to \$128,050,822. Of the total taxes levied in the state in the 31-year period since statehood, 42.57 per cent has been levied in the last five years while 57.43 per cent was levied in the 26-year period prior to 1917. Including all special state tax collections, fees and license collections from endowment funds, the total cost of government since statehood amounts to \$339,579,712. A total of \$194,299,005 or 57.22 per cent, was incurred prior to 1917 and \$145,280,707, or 42.78 per cent has been incurred in the last five years.

The per capita general property tax burden of the state decreased from \$11.94 in 1890 to \$9.96 in 1899 and gradually increased from then until 1910, when it amounted to \$16.07, an increase of 61 per cent in 11 years. Between 1910 and 1916 it increased 54.5 per cent bringing the per capita burden up to \$24.81.

From that time the increase became very rapid as is shown by the following table.

Year	Per Capita General Property Tax Levies, State and Local
1916	\$24.81
1917	25.12
1918	31.91
1919	43.68
1920	46.22
1921	48.57

Per capita general property tax levies increased 95.3 per cent between 1916 and 1921, the increase amounting to \$23.76 for each woman, man and child in the state. The increase amounts to more than the total per capita tax levies in many states.

Between 1890 and 1910 the population of the state increased 202 per cent and tax levies increased 306 per cent. Between 1910 and 1921 the population increased approximately 129 per cent and tax levies increased 239 per cent. A comparative statement of population and tax levies for certain years is given herewith:

Year	Population	State and local tax levies
1890	190,983	2,251,225
1900	319,146	3,283,710
1910	577,056	9,271,684
1915	636,994	15,352,585
1921	646,372	31,422,054

Statisticians in the office of the tax commissioner believe that there are many factors entering into the remarkable increase in the last five years in which they include failure of state and local subdivisions to limit expenditures, expansion of governmental activities during a period of high prices, consolidated schools, extensive road building, lack of publicity in regard to public finances and the consequent public pressure for economy, also inefficient handling of public finances and governmental activities.

The state industries, with interest on bond issues, direct appropriations, and "new-fangled" legislation are among the causes of the increase.

The enormously increased tax burdens are more inequitably distributed than ever before in the history of the state, they declare.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The grade children held their annual picnic last Thursday.

The high school picnic is held this Friday down at the lake.

On Thursday evening of last week pupils from the grades and high school celebrated the victory in the recent track meet held at Underwood. There was a rapping of tin cans and a march down town. After the parade a gathering was held on the school house steps where speeches were made by several students. There was too much wind to have a fire.

The Senior class of 1922 will leave a flag pole as its memorial. This pole will be purchased with money earned in the annual Senior play given recently.