

BEMIDJI TO HAVE SCHOOL ADDITION, SAYS SCHOOL BOARD

Addition to High School Will
Care for Industrial Depart-
ments, It Is Declared

BROOMHALL OF DULUTH
DRAW BUILDING PLANS

Amount of Bond Issue to Be
Called for Has Not Yet
Been Decided Upon

To relieve the congested condition of the Bemidji public schools and to provide adequate room for a first class industrial department of the High school, the board of education has decided to make an addition to the present high school building. The addition will provide for twelve or fifteen rooms to be used for the industrial department, which heretofore has been neglected to a great extent because of insufficient room. This department includes manual training, sewing, cooking, agriculture, and all other industrial subjects which are to be conducted here. In the present building even with the use of the room intended for a gymnasium there is not sufficient room or facility to conduct the industrial classes as they should be conducted in a high school of this size.

The board was impressed with the absolute need of additional building as soon as possible and consequently has made this decision. E. F. Broomhall of Duluth has been selected as the architect to draw up plans for the new building which it is planned will be ready for use about November of this year.

The amount of the bond issue to be called for by the board has not as yet been decided upon, but it is expected that it will be announced within a few weeks at the most. Citizens and taxpayers of Bemidji should acquaint themselves with the absolute need of this additional school building for the pupils of the city and should give the board hearty support in the undertaking.

CLERKS AND SALESLADIES HELD INTERESTING MEET

Retail Clerks and Salesladies of the Bemidji local met last night at the Moose hall and held a very interesting session. A large number of candidates were accepted for membership bringing the total strength of the local to approximately 40 members.

After the next meeting which is planned for April 27 a dance will be held and a social hour enjoyed. During the summer months meetings will be held once each month and it is planned to hold many social affairs throughout the summer and fall. The local was organized more for the purpose of getting together for social purposes at the present time than for any other reason. Although labor is very unsettled at present, this order has expressed no intention of making any requests regarding salary changes, since all seem to be well satisfied with the present conditions.

TICKETS BOXING MATCH ON SALE AT BARKER'S

Tickets for the boxing exhibition to be staged at the Grand theatre on May 3 under the auspices and for the benefit of the Ralph Gracie post of the American Legion have already been placed on sale at Barker's Drug store on Third street and it is reported that a large number have already been sold. All seats for the exhibition will be reserved and it is urged that all who expect to attend arrange for their tickets at once. Twenty rounds of good fast boxing with two reels of comedy will make up the card which has been arranged for the program.

CARRERA HAS BEEN URGED

TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY
Washington, April 14.—An armistice has been concluded between Unionists forces controlling Guatemala City and president Cabrera, and revolutionists have proposed, that Cabrera leave the country, State Department advised.

ENTERTAIN QUEEN ESTHERS

The Queen Esthers were entertained last evening by Misses Fern and Alice Minnick, at their home on Fourth street. Fifteen of the members were present, and a very interesting session was held. After the regular study hour, a very good business session was held, and ways of raising money, and other activities discussed. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

35 SHEEP AND HORSE SOLD THROUGH WANT AD

B. W. Aldrich inserted an ad twice in the Daily and once in the Weekly Pioneer for the sale of thirty-five sheep and a horse. Just after the last issue, he telephoned that he had some woven wire to dispose of, and he knew of no quicker or more sure method, than to advertise in The Pioneer, as he sold his stock in a hurry. So his second ad is now at work for him.

SNEAK THIEVES STEAL TWO PAIR WHITE WOOL HOSE AT BAZAAR STORE

Enter Through Window in
Rear and Scatter Matches
and Burned Paper

Snooping thieves entered the Bazaar store last night through a window in the rear of the store and stole two pairs of white wool hose. Although some three hundred dollars was placed in the safe yesterday afternoon and the strong box left unlocked, nothing in the same was touched.

Matches and burned paper was found scattered throughout the store, traces of the sneak thieves were found in the basement and furnace room in the rear.

What the motive of the robbers was in making such a thorough search of the premises is a matter of speculation. Mr. Backus, proprietor of the store stated that thus far no valuables were missing.

This is the third robbery within three days in this locality, the first being the Bemidji Tire company, when thirteen tires were taken, and the postoffice at Hines where some three hundred dollars in stamps and cash were stolen.

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS PROPOSED

Creation of a federal department of highways to construct and maintain a national system of highways with strength and capacity sufficient to support motor truck traffic, is proposed in a bill presented to congress by Representative Baker. According to the plan proposed these roads, the initial cost of which would be approximately \$10,000,000, would be devoted exclusively to rural motor express.

The bill proposes that the secretary of the department be appointed by the president, and that the organization be advised by ten commissioners representing agriculture, commerce, military engineering, natural resources and other interests.

Advocates of motor transport are watching the progress of the bill closely. While many phases of the plan would be most acceptable to all persons interested in the improvement of transportation and good roads, it is hoped that the bill will enable the commission to function without political interference, if the proposal should become a law.

LAND CLEARING WILL BE DEMONSTRATED IN BEMIDJI TERRITORY

Special Stops to Be Made at
Solway, Leonard, Blackduck,
Guthrie and Northome

To encourage land clearing in Northern Minnesota, a special land clearing demonstration will be given at various communities in 25 counties of the state, and although no demonstration will be given at Bemidji, this territory will be well taken care of by many exhibits in this vicinity. Stops and demonstrations will be made at Solway, Blackduck, Leonard, Guthrie and Northome. It is planned to have a meeting at Bemidji some evening while the work is being conducted in this territory so that the principle aims of the land-clearing work may be presented to the business men and farmers. The question of a date for such meeting has not been decided upon but will be decided as soon as the dates for the demonstrations have been definitely arranged.

This trip is assumed to be only the preliminary trip and similar demonstrations will be made in years to come, it is planned.

CLEAN-UP WEEK WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 26

"Clean-up" week, for Bemidji will begin on April 26, it was announced today. Committees to have charge of the work have been appointed from the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association and from the Women's Community and Civic club. The women will have charge of the clean-up work in the residential districts and the men will have charge in the business and industrial districts.

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS BEGIN AGAIN WITH SPRING

Bemidji Again Starts Out With
Construction and Repairs
for Season

WORK HAS BEEN RESUMED
ON JEWETT'S ADDITION

Cottages Being Built; Houses
in City Are Due for a
Number of Repairs

Building operations have again been started by the C. W. Jewett Co. on the construction of a large warehouse and storage room adjoining the present garage; the new building to be constructed on practically same exterior lines. The front of the present building will be remodeled to conform with the one under construction and the two buildings will have the appearance of one.

The new building is to have a full basement which will also be used for storing cars. An electric elevator will be installed to carry the automobiles to and from the basement. The present garage will be used for a shop, salesrooms and offices. The entire building when the addition is completed will have a frontage of 100 feet with a depth of 140. Steam heating is to be installed throughout. In the basement of the new building will be located the storage battery department and the tire repairing outfit.

Work has begun on the construction of the cement floor and bricklaying will be started soon. It is expected that under normal conditions the building will be completed for occupancy by June 1.

Dr. E. A. Shannon is building a modern home at Eighth street and Bemidji avenue, having sold his present home to J. W. Johnson of Cass Lake. Operations were begun on this residence a short time ago and the excavation for the cellar was started, but on account of climatic conditions no work has been done for the past two weeks. As soon as the weather (Continued on Page Eight)

SCHOOL LETTERS FOR ATHLETES ON FRIDAY

Sweaters and letters will be issued Friday to football and basketball men of the Bemidji High school as follows:

Sweaters will be issued to Earl Cochran and Harold Morris, who will graduate this spring. Both athletes have won honors in football and basketball. Letters will be issued to the following in addition to the above men.

For football: Albert Powell, Hovey Lord, Russell Brooks, Allen Doran, Walter Higbee, Charles McDougald, Max Boyce, Philip Denu, Rupert Stechman, Roy Stapleton and Orman Tharaldson.

For basketball: Rupert Stechman, Walter Higbee, Russell Brooks, Earl Cochran, Roy Stapleton and Robert Naylor.

A vote will be taken soon to award a "letter" to the girl student who has contributed most to the promotion of athletics in the High school. This is to be decided by a vote of the letter men.

COUNTY AGENTS WARNED AGAINST SOW THISTLE

County agents of southern Minnesota have been called to arms against the perennial sow thistle, which threatens to over-run the state. Hundreds of copies of circular, No. 1, identifying this pernicious weed, have been mailed to the agents at the suggestion of the director of agricultural extension at University Farm. Once established, the thistle gives no quarter. It sometimes smothers crops on entire fields, at the same time looking for more worlds to conquer. It has already done great damage in the northwest section of the state, and authentic specimens have been found in central and southern counties. Circular No. 1 describes the habits of the pest and the methods of fighting it. Send to the office of publications, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn., for a copy.

SENIORS WORKING HARD ON ANNUAL CLASS PLAY

The seniors of the Bemidji High school are practicing regularly every afternoon between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock at the rooms of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association in preparation for the annual class play to be given at the Grand theatre in May. All members of the cast are showing great interest in the play, "Much Ado About Betty," and an excellent production is insured this year.

RALPH GRACIE POST TO STAGE SIX ACTS OF LEGION REVIEW

The Traveling Legion Vaudeville Review Will Be Staged
at Grand on April 24

Six acts of high class vaudeville will be staged by Reynolds and Lundberg, producers of American Legion Vaudeville Review, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Ralph Gracie post, No. 14, at the Grand theatre on Saturday evening, April 24. This show has a list of laurels collected from Legion posts under which it has already been shown and a high class entertainment is assured.

The acts which will be presented here are well arranged and will furnish an excellent variety of entertainment. James and Darlinger, a syncopated novelty, features Jimmy James, piano-accompanied wizard, and Miss Darlinger, xylophone star. Everywhere this pair has met with hearty approval. The act is full of the kind of music that everyone likes and there is not a dull moment in any part.

Eddie Russell, the tramp dancer, will appear in classy and eccentric dance steps. Russell is a master at this art and promises an act of exceptional interest.

The Destroyer Quartette has in store tons of harmony, both popular and classic, and promise to unload a few tons of that said harmony during its act. Men in the cast are ex-service men and have seen active duty in the war zone.

Al Schneeman, the peerless prestidigitator, known as "the man who takes your time but leaves your watch," will appear in the role of slight-of-hand performer in an act filled with many hearty laughs.

Fred Lundberg, swede comedian, and Billy Blum will present the everyday scream, "The Swede Janitor." Lundberg is known as the greatest swede character in the show business today in the original swede characterization of the famous cartoon character, "Yens Yensen, the Janitor."

The Legion minstrels are seven clever and talented boys who sing and dance in negro costume and colors, giving impressions of other famous minstrel men of the day.

The six acts are full of "pep" and although the company will not be able to put up all the Destroyer set on account of the size of the stage at the Grand, two solid hours of laughs and high class entertainment are assured.

LOWDEN GETS ILLINOIS BY SIXTY THOUSAND

(By United Press.)
Chicago, April 14.—Illinois wants Lowden for president. Returns from 5,260 precincts out of 5,690 gave Lowden 222,982, a majority of more than 60,000 over Leonard Wood, who polled 158,408. Johnson ran third but far behind leaders.

PIGEON HATCHES OUT HEN'S EGG (By International News Service)

Waynesburg, Pa., April 14.—Left without a mate, a male pigeon owned by John Blair, of this place, hatched out a hen's egg and is now caring for a little chick.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL HOURS ARE FAVORABLE

The new hours of attendance at the Bemidji High school which have been in force since the spring vacation appear to be favorable to all parties concerned. Since no complaints have been entered by students, teachers, or parents.

Many students are absent from the public schools in this city on account of the measles. Students and parents have to date been careless in their efforts to prevent the spread of this epidemic in many instances, it is reported, and have caused an average attendance of less than 50 per cent in some of the school rooms during the last few weeks. Parents are urged to take this matter in hand to prevent further spreading.

The regular six-week period examinations are to be held this week in the upper grades and the High school department. These are the last tests before the final examinations at the end of the school year.

Several of the city school teachers are absent from their duties on account of illness. Miss Mary O'Sullivan, Fourth grade teacher at the Lincoln school, is absent on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Myers, English teacher at the High school, and Miss Vera Backus are ill and unable to attend to their duties. Miss Hattie Sager, first grade teacher at the Central building, returned to her work on Monday, after an absence of four weeks because of illness.

SONORA MEMBERS REGARDED AS REBELS

(By United Press.)
Mexico City, April 14.—Members of Sonora legislature and others participating in alleged succession movement in that state, will be regarded as rebels and immediate action taken accordingly, it was learned officially. Movement for mediation was started by a group of prominent citizens of Sonora, who were in the capital.

BEMIDJI TIMBER WORKERS VOTE TO DEMAND EIGHT HOUR DAY, MAY 3

STRIKE COST OF MILLIONS TO BE PAID BY PUBLIC

Each-Cummins Law Says Loss
Should Be Raised
by Taxes

PRESIDENT AND CABINET
DISCUSS STRIKE PROBLEM

Attorney General Palmer Inti-
mates That Statement May
Be Ready Today

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 14 (By Ralph Couch).—Communist party is behind the railroad strike, Palmer told the cabinet today. Steps are authorized to deal with this influence and arrests are expected shortly.

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 14.—Nation-wide railroad strike is costing railroad companies three million dollars daily in reduced revenues, Julius A. Parmelee of Bureau of railroad economics estimated today. Total loss to roads thus far counting only six days during which the strike has had nationwide effect is at least eighteen million dollars not including losses from damage to commodities. Public must make up this entire loss in taxes under the Esch-Cummins bill officials declared.

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 14. (By Ralph Couch).—President Wilson and his cabinet today heard Attorney General Palmer's report on the railroad strike, "discussed the strike and reached conclusions," Palmer said afterwards. What the conclusions were, Mr. Palmer would not say. He intimated that he might have a statement before the day's end.

Other cabinet members said the strike situation was practically only topic of discussion. Meeting lasted for an hour and a half. All members said Wilson seemed in the best of health. It was the first meeting he attended in eight months.

The spirits of the president were fine, Secretary Daniels said. Meeting was held in his study at the White House. There were four new members today, Colby, Alexander, Payne and Meredith.

CONGRESS TO RUSH ACTION ON BONUS BILL

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 14 (By Herbert Walker).—Action on the soldier's bonus bill is to be rushed in congress in the hope of passing it by June 1st, or before members leave for political conventions, republican leaders of the senate and house agreed today. Senator Lodge sent word to Representative Fordney of Michigan, chairman of the ways and means committee, that if the bill is passed by the house by about May 1st it probably can be passed in the senate within that month. Bill calls for cash bonus of one dollar for each day's service to about three million service men who sustained financial sacrifices during the war.

NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA EACH GET NEW CHURCH

Fargo, April 14.—North Dakota and South Dakota each get one of the 26 new churches to be built from the appropriations made by the Board of Erection of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. One church will be built at Karnak, N. D., and another at Britton, S. D.

DISORDERS FOLLOW STRIKE.

(By United Press.)
Dublin, April 14.—First disorders following general strike called yesterday, occurred today. Harry Kelly, detective, shot and killed on street.

On Sunday afternoon the Timber Workers union held a meeting in the Moose hall and voted upon the proposition of demanding an eight-hour day, effective May 3. It is understood the vote was 251 in favor of eight-hour day and 49 opposed. Another vote was held last night to permit those who did not vote on Sunday to register their vote and last night's vote is said to have been 49 in favor of eight-hour day and one opposed, making total vote to date 298 to 50.

This action affects the industries of the Crookston Lumber company, the Bemidji Box company and the Bemidji Manufacturing company.

When interviewed by a representative of The Pioneer yesterday as to their position on the eight-hour day, Mr. E. E. Kenfield of the Bemidji Box company said: "We will run an open shop and ten hours a day or not run at all." When further asked if there was any issue other than the eight-hour day, he stated: "None that I know of every man seems to be satisfied otherwise." He stated when the new basis of wages were put in effect some time ago every man was told the intention of the company to run a ten-hour day and all agreed, but five, who were not willing to agree to this and who were not hired. "Our attitude at Cass Lake is the same as here."

Mr. C. L. Isted of the Crookston Lumber company and Mr. B. W. Lakin, superintendent of logging department of the same company, stated: "We will run a ten-hour day or shut down. Our instructions are very clear. If we close down we will board up the mill. When each man was hired at the opening of the mill they were given to understand the mill would run on a ten-hour basis. There is no dissatisfaction otherwise so far as we know."

Mr. A. M. Bagley of the Bemidji Manufacturing company, when asked what he was going to do about the eight-hour day, said: "We are going to run ten hours. We cannot possibly maintain our overhead expenses and fill our contracts on an eight-hour day."

From the above replies it will be seen that the only issue is that of the eight-hour day. The vote on the eight-hour day is not confined to Bemidji but is a part of a movement covering Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and that portion of northern Ontario bordering on these states.

It is understood the attitude of the manufacturers in other portions of the district affected is the same as the local industries.

The closing of the local mills would not only affect those employed in the mills, but would also necessitate the closing down of all logging operations in the woods now being actively carried on. There are about eight hundred employed in the local mills and several hundred employed in logging operations connected with the mills.

In the event of the mills closing, a tremendous loss in wages will result and consequent business depression. It is probable that Bemidji would be forced to take similar action to that taken by other localities when these conditions are arising and curtail extension of credit to a minimum.

ATTENTION! SIR KNIGHTS OF THE MACABEES

At the regular meeting Thursday evening, April 15, Dr. Edw. Haas, state commander, of St. Paul, will be here to entertain us.

Everyone come out.

J. E. Harris, Recorder.

SHIP BY TRUCK GOOD ROADS WEEK

Nation Ship by Truck—Good Roads Week, to be observed May 17-22, inclusive, is being planned throughout the country, according to Washington headquarters of the ship by truck bureau.

Tentative plans include motor truck tours lasting through the week and covering virtually every section of the country, according to reports received from sixty-five cities where branch offices have been established. Good roads organizations and associations interested in motor truck transportation will form the nucleus, it is said, of a temporary organization to promote activities during the week. Virtually every rural section of the country from coast to coast will be traversed by caravans of motor trucks during Ship by Truck—Good Roads Week, giving practical demonstrations of the utility of truck transportation and preaching the doctrine of better highways.