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BUSINESS MEN HEAR PLAN OF T. R. HIGHWAY

Representative of Roosevelt Highway Association Tells Organization's Plan

PLAN HARD-SURFACED OCEAN-TO-OCEAN ROAD

Committee of Solicitors for Memberships to Call on City in Near Future

C. R. Hauke, a representative of the Theodore Roosevelt Highway association, addressed the members of the Civic and Commerce association at the noon luncheon Wednesday, outlining the plan of that association toward the construction of a hard-surfaced highway from ocean to ocean.

The plan includes the solicitation of memberships in this county as well as every other county in the fourteen states through which this highway passes.

He stated that the association is receiving splendid support along the route, and that with the moral and financial aid of a solid membership along the route, assistance from congress would be more easily secured. It is the purpose of the association to secure financial aid through congress to be appropriated along the sections of the road where local aid cannot be secured.

A committee of solicitors for memberships will reach Bemidji in about a week and Mr. Hauke asked that they be given an audience permitting them to present the details of the proposition, and expressed hope that Bemidji and Beltrami county would support the highway both morally and financially.

Envoy Walter Jeffery, the blind Salvation Army leader, rendered several splendid musical selections on the piano, which were most heartily appreciated.

GOOD PROGRAM TONIGHT AT SALVATION ARMY HALL

Envoy and Mrs. Jeffery, who for the past week have conducted special meetings at the Salvation Army hall at 116 Third street, will give an evening of music tonight. The program will consist of piano duets by Envoy and Mrs. Jeffery, piano solos by the envoy, also vocal duets and solos. It will be the kind of a program which will appeal to all and will be given free of any charge. A collection will be taken, however, to help defray expenses. This will be the last meeting at which Envoy and Mrs. Jeffery will appear here and it is urged that there be a large attendance.

CANTU ARRANGING BACKING FOR MEXICAN REVOLUTION

(By United Press)
El Centro, Calif., Jan. 26.—General Esteban Cantu, former governor of Lower California, is in New York arranging American financial backing for a new revolution against the Obregon government, according to his associates here today.

CHARGES MOVEMENT TO GET EX-SOLDIERS TO TESTIFY

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 26.—The charge that there is an organized movement on foot to get ex-soldier witnesses to testify concerning alleged hangings and killings in the American Expeditionary forces were made before the investigating committee today by Mr. Green of Minneapolis.

WILLIAM GUMMER TRIAL ADJOURNED TO JANUARY 30

(By United Press)
Valley City, N. D., Jan. 26.—Adjournment of the William Gummer case until January 30 was announced late yesterday, because of the illness of the prosecuting attorney. Gummer is being tried for the murder of Marie Wick of Grygla, Minn.

BEMIDJI ARMY SQUAD LOSES GAME AT MINOT

The Bemidji Army basketball squad lost the third game of its tour at Minot Wednesday evening by a score of 27 to 21. The game was clean and hard-fought from the start, the Bemidji team fighting until the final whistle, according to a report from Minot. The outcome was said to have been in doubt until the final whistle.

Bemidji is to play Minot a second game tonight and from there is to go to Jamestown to play tomorrow night. A game for Saturday night may be arranged with either Fargo or Moorhead.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR FIRE LOSS IN CHICAGO

(By United Press)
Chicago, Jan. 26.—Two million dollars damage was caused early today when fire wrecked the northside barns of the Chicago surface lines. One hundred new cars were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA PUBLISHERS MEETING

(By United Press)
Sank Center, Jan. 26.—Newspaper publishers of Minnesota met here today to "talk shop." Members of the Northern Minnesota Editorial association met at the Palmer House this afternoon.

Tonight, president H. P. Phillips of Mahanomen will deliver his address and reports will be received from Secretary A. W. Rutledge of Minneapolis.

E. H. D. of the Bemidji Pioneer will address the group on "The Future of the Newspaper." Other publishers in the discussion. They are: Rossman of the Grand Rapids Herald-Review; C. R. C. Baker of the Star Republican-Gazette; and Schilpin of the St. Cloud Times.

Other prominent publishers are on Friday's program. R. P. Chase, state auditor will address the convention Friday.

MEYERS RETAINS TITLE OVER KILONIS WEDNESDAY

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Johnny Meyers of Chicago, claimant of the middleweight wrestling title, retained his title when he defeated John Kilonis of Norfolk, Va., in the fourth round of a scheduled 15-round match. Meyers, a body seissors and arm lock after nine minutes and fifteen seconds of the fourth round, and after 39 minutes and 15 seconds of wrestling.

Last night's match was the first held under the new rules. The match was to have gone fifteen rounds of ten minutes each with two-minute rest periods. One fall determined the winner. Had there been no fall, judges would have selected the winner.

INTERMENT OF BODY OF POPE IS BEGUN TODAY

(By United Press)
Rome, Jan. 26.—Interment of the body of Pope Benedict XV. started at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Ceremonies of historic solemnity were conducted in the presence of the highest dignitaries of the Catholic church.

DIME SHOWS DISPLACE ROOMING HOUSE FLOP

Cleveland's Unemployed Enjoy Few Hours of Rest in Dime Movie Shows

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 26 (United Press).—In Cleveland, as one of the few relics of the pre-war days, there survives the "dime movie show."

These shows, of which only two or three exist here, are believed to be among the few in a large American city which have withstood the inroads created by the increased costs during European conflict.

These theatres, scarcely more than covered holes between large buildings, are always jammed, from early in the day until midnight and on through the wee morning hours.

Few patrons go to see the shows, however. The theatres have largely taken the place of the "two-bit" flop house.

At any time during the day and night "drifters" may be seen asleep there catching a few hours rest, out of the desolate cold of the streets.

Even after the banging piano ceases at midnight and the lights are dimmed, these men sprawl over the seats—these men who are homeless, penniless, but oftentimes not without ambition.

And the managers have opened the doors for them. So when Uncle Sam lopped the one-cent tax off the dime show recently, the "boys" were happy. It was easy to hit a buddy for a thin dime and beat it for a picture house flop.

Huddled together for warmth like so many animals, the unemployed men have found the hard bed of rest in the broken, wooden seats of the dime show.

Listen to their stories. But they never mention the hard times, the irregular snatches of food they "bum," they're dreamers and they are always happy in a rather unusual way, for they live in hope for the future. Each day they look for the job which never comes, and probably won't come for a long, long while—until the snow is gone and they can sleep again in the parks, in the open, anywhere, but always with their boots on.

Nothing can crush that nebulous cloud of hope which surrounds them—not even the dusky janitor as he drives them out when he starts cleaning the theatre in the morning after the night before.

BRainerd HIGH PLAYS BEMIDJI HERE FRIDAY

Bemidji Girls to Be Seen in First Game of Year With Cass Lake Girls

Brainerd high school's basketball team will invade Bemidji Friday evening to meet the Bemidji high school outfit at the new armory in the first encounter of these two teams this year. Brainerd has nothing on Bemidji this year, in the fact that both schools have new teams. However, the visitors have been fairly successful in their games, especially in the last few weeks. That organization defeated St. Cloud high at Brainerd last Friday by a count of 15 to 11, which is indicative that there must be some very good material on the Brainerd team.

Bemidji high has been improving rapidly since the early-season games and the last few encounters have brought gratifying results, in view of the fact that the organization is playing together for its first season. By another year a strong squad will undoubtedly represent the school, since graduation will still leave the best players with the team.

One of the features of Friday evening's game will be the first appearance this year of the Bemidji high school girls' team. The girls are to play the Cass Lake girls' team preliminary to the Brainerd-Bemidji game. This contest will be called at 7:30.

Cass Lake boasts a victory over the Bagley girls' team by a score of 4 to 0 in an extra-period game at Cass Lake. Bagley has always had a first-class girls' aggregation and this victory by Cass Lake is indicative that the Cass county school also has a strong team of girls.

The Bemidji girls have been practicing regularly under the direction of Miss Josephine Parker for the past several months and should put up a first-class game. Among those who have shown the greatest proficiency in basketball and who will undoubtedly represent the school Friday night are Ella Elliott, Bernice Kirk, Alice Cameron, Edna Rude, Louise Gloz, Irene Lyons and Doris Lydick.

GOMPERS FEARS CUTS IN RATES ON FREIGHT

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 26.—Calmer heads among the insurgents of the agricultural conference labored today to head off the threatened ramp conference by pointing the way to a coupe at the expense of the administration.

This would take the form of calling on Harding to enact a relief program as provided in his opening address to the conference. A new conclusion to the already long list piled up during the three days is promised when Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, a delegate, places the labor position before the conference. Gompers fears that cuts in freight rates will be translated into lower wages for workers along the line. He will tell the conference that labor can not be expected to be the goat.

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 26.—Resolutions supporting Henry Ford's offer for the government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and the St. Lawrence waterway will be submitted to the conference, it was learned today.

CITY ELECTION WILL PROBABLY BE VERY QUIET

February 21 Is Date Set for Electing New Officers to Guide City Affairs

FEW PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED ABOUT CITY

February 11 Is Last Day for Filing Petitions for Those Offices to Be Filled

City politics are beginning to warm up a bit. Here and there may be found groups discussing the coming election, but indications are that no serious so-called political fights will ensue.

February 21 is the date set for electing new city officers. This will include a mayor to succeed Dr. A. V. Garlock, a city clerk to succeed Mrs. Belle Denly, a city treasurer to succeed George Rhea, a city assessor to succeed C. B. Hoyt, a member of the park board for a five-year term to succeed Charles Warfield and one alderman from each of the five wards.

In the first ward E. D. Boyce's term expires, in the Second ward A. B. Palmer's, in the Third ward Bert Carver's, in the Fourth ward Naish McKinnon's, and in the Fifth ward J. E. Hayward finishes his term. No alderman-at-large is to be chosen this year, as J. P. Lahr was elected for a two-year term last election.

Petitions for the following have already been circulated: Charles Warfield for member of the park board, George Rhea for city treasurer, Mrs. Belle Denly for city clerk, and C. B. Hoyt for city assessor. No candidates for the other offices have been announced, but it is presumed that most of the present holders will seek another term.

The last day for filing is February 11. Before filing it is necessary to secure 10 per cent of the voters to sign petitions for the various candidates and indications are that these will soon be freely circulated.

CITY CHARTER COMMISSION CONTINUING DISCUSSION

Discussion of the various sections of the proposed charter for the city of Bemidji is being continued by the city charter commission which meets in regular session at the Civic & Commerce association rooms each Wednesday evening.

RALPH GRACIE POST TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

All members of the Ralph Gracie post of the American Legion are urged to attend the regular meeting of that organization to be held at the rooms of the Civic & Commerce association this evening at 8 o'clock. This is the last meeting before the annual election of officers and it is desired that there be a large attendance. Several matters of importance are to be taken up at this time.

A program of entertainment has been promised and, from all reports, will be even better than the one staged last session. Following the program, lunch will be served.

CASS COUNTY FARMERS UNITE TO CLEAR LAND

Land Clearing Association Is Formed at Enthusiastic Meeting at Walker

To consider plans which will enable farmers to clear more land in the best, most economical and cheapest way possible, farmers, bankers and businessmen of Cass county met at Walker Wednesday and organized the Cass county Land Clearing Association along lines similar to the Beltrami County Land Clearing association organized here last year. F. R. Duxbury, who represented the Beltrami organization, reports a most successful meeting, with farmers from every portion of the county present.

Otto I. Berg, superintendent of the North Central experiment station at Grand Rapids and president of the Itasca County Land Clearing association; H. S. Funston, land commissioner of the Soo line railroad; McBride of the Soo line development department; H. W. Byerly, general manager of the Cass county Northern Pacific and Mr. Duxbury were among the speakers.

A series of 30 meetings will follow the organization of the association commencing January 30. Representatives of the land clearing section of the agricultural engineering division of the University of Minnesota of Cass county and of the state forestry department, will speak at these sessions. M. P. Ostby, Cass county agent who has charge of the meetings together with A. J. Schwantes, assistant professor of land clearing at the university, will announce the dates and places. The rate of clearing land in Cass county during the past year has been one and two-fifths acres a farm annually, says Mr. Schwantes. In Beltrami county the rate has increased from one and one-tenth before 1921 to six acres per farm during the past year, largely due to the efforts of a land clearing association.

The Cass county organization is to work in conjunction with the farm bureau as in this county and an association manager will be secured to supervise the work.

COLLECTION OF TAXES TEMPORARILY HALTED

(By United Press)
Duluth, Jan. 26.—Judge Page Morris in federal court here today granted a temporary injunction restraining order against the collection of approximately \$1,000,000 in state taxes on the iron mining industry.

The injunction was granted the Oliver Iron Mining company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, and 30 mining companies which petitioned court here this week.

The taxes normally would yield \$3,500,000 in state revenue, but due to dullness in the industry this year the actual amount of taxes involved in the suit is less than \$1,000,000.

U. S. PROBABLY WILL NOT ATTEND GENOA PARLEY

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 26.—The United States very probably will not accept the allied powers invitation to participate in the Genoa economic conference.

It is understood that in declining the invitation this government will make a general settlement toward this and similar conferences that may be held in the future.

190 PERSONS REPORTED DEAD IN EGYPT FIGHT

(By United Press)
London, Jan. 26.—Rome dispatches to the Evening Star reported that fresh disorders, in which 190 persons were killed and thousands wounded, have broken out in Egypt.

WORLD WAR OFFICERS TO MEET FEBRUARY 7

Officers of Beltrami county who were in the World war are urged to attend a banquet at the Radisson hotel, Minneapolis, February 7, during automobile show week, given in honor of Assistant Secretary of War J. M. Wainwright and Major General James G. Harbord, deputy chief of staff.

At this banquet the Minnesota Reserve Officers association will be perfected. Similar organizations are being formed throughout the country. Ernest E. Watson, Minneapolis attorney, who is a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve corps is president of the Seventy Corps Area association and is in charge of the banquet.

There are 3,000 World war officers in Minnesota. All are invited to this banquet and urged to attend. Secretary Wainwright as the personal representative of the secretary of war and General Hubbard as the personal representative of General Pershing will discuss the plans of the government with respect to the organized reserves and the new army of the United States under the National Defense act as amended June 4, 1920.

Experiences of the days of Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne will be exchanged. More than a thousand are expected to attend. Reports on the progress of the reorganization of the 88th division and the assignment of officers will be made. Officers who have not accepted commissions in the reserve corps will be urged to do so. There will be discussed at this banquet questions of great importance to the government.

TURTLE RIVER BLOCK BUYS PURE-BRED HOLSTEIN SIRE

A bull block recently organized at Turtle River and composed of O. A. Olson, J. H. Locke and B. Wentworth, has received a pure-bred Holstein sire, 13 months of age, from breeders at McIntosh. This sire's dam has a record of 1,002 pounds of butter fat per month.

LOCAL TEACHERS TRIM WALKER HIGH OUTFIT

Bemidji Squad Easily Takes Second Game Wednesday By 29 to 15 Count

The Bemidji State Teachers college basketball squad got back at the Walker high school squad Wednesday evening at the new armory for the defeat suffered at Walker a few weeks ago. Outplaying Walker at every stage of the game on the large armory floor, Bemidji won by a score of 29 to 15. The first meeting of these teams resulted in victory for Walker by a score of 22 to 17 on the small Walker floor.

The first half was by far the best part of the whole game, the second half being much slower with the scoring fairly even. Bemidji started the scoring and piled up 10 points before Walker got started at all. The locals continued to score frequently, the half ending 20 to 8. At no time was there any apparent danger of Walker overcoming Bemidji's lead, although the scoring in the second period was 9 to 7.

Riggs and Simons as forwards and Rumens as running guard formed a great combination for the teachers. Rumens showed great improvement over any previous game, scoring five field baskets, four in the first half. Simons also scored five field goals, but had far more chances than did Rumens. Riggs scored three field baskets and three out of six free throws, completing the scoring for Bemidji. Elliott as stationary guard played a hard game, breaking up Walker's plays with ease. Horns, center, captain of the squad, proved to be no better than in the last game and his failure to assist materially caused considerable comment among the fans. Greenfield relieved him in the last of the second period. Hermes substituted for Rumens and Berglund for Elliott in the latter part of the game. Altogether the Bemidji team showed up better than ever before, but passing and interception of passes proved poor at times, as did both short and long shots at the basket.

Moen, right forward, led the scoring for Walker with three field baskets and three free throws out of five. Dickenson scored two field goals and Bilben one. Coppernoll and Ellis failed to score. Coach Lloyd Greiner of Cass Lake refereed a very satisfactory game.

A game is being arranged between the State Teachers college and the local Naval Militia company, and will probably be played next week. The Bemidji teachers will play the North-west School of Agriculture at Crookston February 4.

LAND CLEARING WILL CONTINUE ANOTHER YEAR

Backers of Clearing Drive Decide to Continue Work in Beltrami County

THOMPSON OUTLINES OTHER COUNTIES' WORK

Clearing Association and Farm Bureau Are to Decide Upon Definite Plans Later

Land clearing in Beltrami county is to continue another year on a large scale, according to plans formulated at a meeting of the directors of the Beltrami County Land Clearing association and the directors of the Civic & Commerce association, held at the rooms of the latter organization Wednesday afternoon. This decision was reached definitely, but definite plans to be followed this year will be mapped out later.

Mark J. Thompson, superintendent of the Northeast demonstration farm and experiment station at Duluth, outlined the plans of other counties in this section of the state and told of what is being done by each in the drive for more cleared acres. He stated that 50 per cent of the area of Northern Minnesota will be served by land clearing associations. In addition to Beltrami county, Cass, St. Louis, Itasca, Crow Wing and Koochiching counties have well-organized and active associations and are planning an extensive drive for the coming year.

C. S. Carter, as president of the Beltrami association, presided at the meeting Wednesday. A financial report for the past year showed about \$900 in cash and \$500 in pledges to the credit of the county land clearing body, also a quantity of land clearing material, paid for but not yet distributed to land clearers.

Thompson, who owns a farm near Movil lake, a director of the land clearing association and the farm bureau, came from Grand Forks to take part in the meeting. William Lennon of Kellier was also present.

Various plans for the coming year were discussed, but none were definitely adopted; however, work will proceed this year on one plan or another. It was unanimously decided that the farmers should get their explosives at absolute cost, the same as during the past year.

Further action will be taken at the regular meeting of the directors of the farm bureau on February 7, and at the annual meeting of the land clearing association next month. Plans will be definitely adopted at these meetings and the work for the year laid out. A land clearing manager will undoubtedly be employed as in the past to supervise all actual clearing being done by the members of the association, and to assist all farmers personally.

PICRIC ACID ALLOTTED ON SAME BASIS AS BEFORE

St. Paul, Jan. 25.—Twenty-eight carloads of picric acid, a war salvage explosive, have been allotted to 18 counties in Northeastern Minnesota by the division of agricultural engineering of the University of Minnesota. The basis used for re-allotting Minnesota's share of the new supply of picric acid is the same as used in making the first allotment, according to A. J. Schwantes, assistant professor of land clearing in the division.

The area, the number of farms, the acreage of uncleared land, and the rate of which clearing was done between 1910 and 1920 is the basis used.

GOVERNMENT TO SUE FOR RECOVERY OF HUGE SUMS

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 26.—The government will begin suit for the recovery of large sums of money, which were over-paid for aircraft construction during the war.

TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS IN FILING TAX RETURNS

On February 13, 14 and 15, Deputy Collector L. L. Daily will be in Bemidji for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their 1921 income tax returns.

All those wishing assistance in making out their returns on income will call upon Deputy Daily in his office at the Federal building on the above dates.

The above announcement has been made by Collector L. M. Willcuts, St. Paul.

