

**HOLM EXPLAINS
MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION**

Explains Why 1922 Taxes Are
Not the Same in All Cases
on the Same Model

**THIS AND LAST YEAR'S
TAXES ARE COMPARED**

1921 Taxes Were Based Upon
Rate Book Adopted From
State of Iowa

Mike Holm, secretary of state, reports that a great number of letters are coming to the motor vehicle registration department of the office inquiring concerning the difference between taxes that were paid in 1921, according to the 1921 rate book, and the taxes that are being paid in 1922, according to the 1922 book.

Many 1920 models pay a higher tax than corresponding 1921 models. The tables also show that the owner of a car which was registered in 1921 does not pay the same tax in 1922 as he paid for the same car in 1921.

To some, these differences do not seem just, but Mr. Holm explains that they result from the plan of taxation incorporated by the legislators in the new registration law. The tax is based on the factory list price of the year of the model. Therefore, since the prices on cars generally were higher in 1920 than in 1921, the tax paid is correspondingly higher on 1920 models than on similar 1921 models.

An additional complication and an apparent discrepancy arises through the fact that for 1921 the registration taxes were based on the list prices set forth in the rate book. This was an emergency rate book provided by the legislature for the reason that the law was passed so late in the year that there was not time to get statements from the manufacturers. The law provided that for 1921, to save time, the registrar should adopt the rate book of another state and, at the suggestion of the committee, the Iowa rate book was adopted as being the one most like that required by the Minnesota law.

The law provided that for following years a rate book should be made setting forth the list prices as of November 1 that manufacturers would furnish in sworn statement. The 1922 book has, therefore, been compiled from such manufacturers' sworn statements setting forth the price that prevailed November 1 in each model year for the various makes of cars. Now it happens that the Iowa book bases its rates on prices as of June and earlier each year.

Therefore, the resulting condition was that in those years where there was a rise in price from June to November, the tax in the 1922 book is higher than that in the 1921 book and, on the other hand, for those models where there was a decline in price during the model year, there is a lower tax in the 1922 rate book than in the 1921 rate book. As an illustration, it is well remembered by all that there was a great decline in the prices of motor vehicles in general during 1921. The 1921 rate book, however, based its taxes on the prices that were in effect earlier in the year but the 1922 book varies its taxes on the price that was in effect November 1.

These are regrettable differences, Mr. Holm said, calling attention to the fact that the registrar has no option in the matter. The method of calculating the tax is clearly prescribed in the law and, on account of the fluctuations in prices that have prevailed during the past war period, and on account of the emergency rate book provided by law for 1921, these many differences occur.

**FRESH MEATS IN STORAGE
INCREASE IN PAST MONTH**

St. Paul, Jan. 27.—Despite the packer strike, beef, pork and other fresh meats in storage in Minnesota warehouses increased 1,500,000 pounds during the last month, according to figures compiled by the state department of cold meat inspection.

**LIGHT & POWER CO. HAS
NEW READING SYSTEM**

The Minnesota Electric Light & Power company has inaugurated a new system of co-operation in their new department manager, John F. Hilscher, leaves a little blue slip on the premises after reading the meter, showing the reading of the meter that day, and customers are urged to keep this slip and compare it with the next month's reading.

They believe that in this manner a better understanding of meter reading will be created, and, according to Elmer Swanson, manager of the local company, a closer relationship will be built up.

Mr. Swanson is desirous of improving the service of the electric light company and urges all to make suggestions at any time.

**DISTRICT TO VOTE ON
BOND ISSUE SATURDAY**

Voters of School District No. 7
to Decide for or Against
\$100,000 Bond Issue

To decide for or against the issuance of the \$100,000 school bond issue by Independent School District No. 7, voters of the district are to cast their ballots at the central school building tomorrow afternoon and evening. The polls are to be opened at 4 o'clock and remain open until 8 o'clock. Those who can vote during the afternoon are urged to do so and eliminate tiresome waiting in the evening.

This bond issue is proposed for the purpose of defraying the expenses to be incurred in installing a heating plant and ventilating and plumbing systems in the new high school building now being constructed at the head of Miami avenue, and for equipping the building with apparatus and other school furniture.

These bonds, if the issue is passed, are to be in denominations of \$1,000 each, to be dated of date of their issue, to mature in 15 years from their date, to bear interest at a rate of 5 1/2 percent per annum, payable semi-annually.

The bond election originally called for January 18th, provided for a similar issue of bonds at 6 percent interest, but this election was later called off because the school board felt that the issue could be sold at a lower rate of interest, thereby saving the district approximately \$10,000 on the issue.

Whether the bond issue passes at this election or not the school board has the right to issue warrants to complete the work of the school building, but that course is considered more costly than the issue of bonds at this time.

**FROZEN WATER PIPES BURST
AND INJURE MRS. RAPPATTA**

The home of Frank Rappatta, 1111 Mississippi avenue, was the scene of a rather serious accident at 10:45 o'clock Sunday morning, when the water front attached to their kitchen range exploded. The pipes being frozen, the pressure of the steam from the hot water tank caused them to burst. Mrs. Rappatta, who was at the range at the time preparing a roast for dinner, was quite seriously burned about the face and chest by the escaping steam and is still confined to the house as the result of the shock and injuries sustained by the accident.

Blazing coals thrown from the stove by the force of the explosion destroyed a curtain in front of a kitchen cupboard and set fire to the ceiling and floor in different parts of the room. The flames were extinguished by the prompt action of Mr. Rappatta and a neighbor, F. R. Marks, it not being necessary to call the fire department.

**ITALY TO HAVE SMALL
MAJORITY IN CONCLAVE**

26 Foreign and 28 Italian
Cardinals Expected to
Elect New Pope

(By United Press)
Rome, Italy, Jan. 27.—The secret conclave, which will elect a successor to Pope Benedict, will be Italian by a small majority, according to indications today.

Twenty-six foreign cardinals and 28 Italians are expected to be ready for the election February 2. Cardinal Dupuis, Maurin, Lucon and Vidal arrived yesterday and Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, who stopped off at Milan, was expected today. The 54 cardinals expected to be here when the walling-up ceremony takes place and will be closed up in apartments on the first three floors of the Vatican early next Thursday.

A vote will be taken that same day, but the cardinals will not be able to leave the Vatican until a decision is reached. A two-thirds majority is required to elect a new Pope. Predictions as to Benedict's successor narrowed down today to Cardinals Gasparri, Ratti, Merry del Val, Mercier and LaFontaine.

Each cardinal will take with him into the Vatican, before the walls and doors are sealed, one priest and one servant.

**GAS EXPLOSION CAUSES
DAMAGE IN FOND DU LAC**

(By United Press)
Fond du Lac, Wis., Jan. 27.—Gas forming in a covered ravine extending through the center of the city exploded this morning damaging several houses, up-rooting trees and causing damage estimated at \$10,000.

The shock was felt over an area of six blocks. Buildings were moved. An excavation a block long marks the course of the explosion. One woman, who was walking on the street, was prostrated by the explosion.

**LEGION PLANS SEVERAL
FINE ENTERTAINMENTS**

Stage Play, Annual Legion Ball
and Post Entertainments
Now Being Planned

Plans for a number of entertainments to be staged under the auspices of the Ralph Gracie post of the American Legion were discussed at the regular meeting of that organization Thursday evening at the rooms of the Civic & Commerce association. The entertainment committee was instructed to investigate one of the numerous offers made the post and was authorized to arrange for the staging of a home-talent play if satisfactory arrangements can be made. This play will probably be staged early in the spring, if one is decided upon.

After considerable discussion, it was voted to hold an American Legion ball each year on Easter Monday, the dance committee being instructed to begin the annual event this year.

A committee was appointed, with Thayer Bailey chairman, to arrange for a mock trial to be staged at the first regular meeting of the post in March. Another committee was appointed to provide the program for the next meeting, February 9. This committee consists of F. C. Montague, chairman, Art Brown, and G. S. Conger. At each meeting hereafter a committee is to be appointed to provide the program for the following meeting, in this way assuring a large attendance.

At the next regular meeting of the post, officers for the coming year will be elected and other annual business attended to. The membership of the post at the present time is somewhat larger than a year ago and indications are that the total membership for 1922 will within a few months surpass the total membership of 1921.

Following the close of the regular business session Thursday night, impromptu entertainment was staged by a number of the members and lunch was enjoyed.

**LOCAL KIWANIS CLUB
ENJOYS REGULAR MEET**

The regular meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Elks' club rooms Thursday noon was in charge of the druggists and jewelers of the club, with Geo. T. Baker as acting chairman. The meeting was well attended. Ray Olson was admitted to membership.

Entertainment was furnished by Miss Grace Currie with a number of well-rendered selections on the violin assisted by Miss Ragnhild Moe at the piano.

Harry Snyder and N. M. McPhee, who are to take over the O'Leary-Bowser Co. store February 1, were introduced as guests of the club by W. N. Bowser.

F. P. Wirth of the State Teachers college gave a short talk on the doings of the disarmament conference at Washington. The Boy Scout committee reported that two scout masters had been secured and were going to procure professional men for talks to the scouts whenever the boys wanted speakers. C. A. Huffman won the attendance prize, a hot water bottle donated by R. J. Boardman.

The date for the next ladies' night was set for February 15, at which time an enjoyable entertainment is planned.

**CONGRESS CLEARS WAY
FOR BONUS BILL TODAY**

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 27.—Congress today cleared the way for the bonus bill.

Passage of the bill within two months was predicted. Both senate and house Republican leaders have waived aside the opposition of Secretary of Treasury Mellon to the bill, disregarding his claim that the treasury cannot afford it. The only delay now is in deciding how to raise the money.

**ST. PAUL HOCKEY TEAM TO
PLAY CLEVELAND TONIGHT**

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 27.—The tie for the leadership of Group 2 of the United States Amateur Hockey association will most likely be broken tonight when the St. Paul Athletic and local clubs cross sticks here to-night. With both teams hitting their very best pace just now, the fans are looking forward to something out of the ordinary tonight. The two teams play again tomorrow night.

**BATTLE OF HILL HEIRS
IN COURT AGAIN TODAY**

(By United Press)
St. Paul, Jan. 27.—The battle of heirs of James J. Hill for the estate of his widow, was resumed here today. Hearing in probate court on applications for administration papers was scheduled before Judge H. E. Doe.

Louis W. Hill, supported by his sister, Mary Hill, has applied for authority to administer the estate. Seven other children asked that the Northwestern Trust company be made executors.

Mary J. Hill, their mother, died November 22, without leaving a will. It was reported she had written a will a short time before her death, but destroyed it because of dissension among the heirs. The estate is variously valued at between \$12,000,000 and \$18,000,000.

Charitable and religious institutions in the Twin Cities are affected by the contests. The widow of the railroad magnate was interested in many charitable works.

"This dispute has been going on for five years," Louis W. Hill is reported to have told friends. He is said to be anxious to have it settled "for all time."

"I am in this fight to carry out my mother's wishes," said Hill. "I am fighting for mother's signature, and I will fight for that to the finish."

James N. Hill, New York City, is leading the other heirs in the fight. While the division of the estate probably will not be materially affected, whoever secures control, the heirs' differences will be fully aired in court, it is believed.

**BABIES MAY BE "SHOT"
FREE OF ANY CHARGE**

Pictures of babies free! So advertises N. L. Hakkerup of the Hakkerup Studios.

When asked about it, Mr. Hakkerup replied: "Yes, we are going to do just that, and we mean what we say. We will take pictures of free baby and give two photographs free to such parents who cannot afford to buy them. You know that every baby should be photographed. During the past year we had hundreds of kodak pictures to be enlarged, but these specimens were so poor that it is a most unusual offer. This is a most unusual offer, provided that such parents are made by Bemidji residents."

**MACHINE INVENTED TO
RELIEVE COTTON PICKER**

Tennessee Man Has Invented
Electrical Cotton Picker
to Lighten Labor

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 27.—The cotton picker, whose stooped figure has been almost symbolic since the slaves of ancient Egypt garnered the white harvest along the Nile, has at last found relief. The days of stooping are over, it is believed.

J. C. Stugenburg, in Memphis, Tennessee, the heart of the cotton section, has invented an electrical cotton picker which, it is claimed, will not only lighten labor for the field worker, but will also greatly increase his individual efficiency, according to his announcement here, in applying for a patent.

The machine, which the inventor has finally perfected after 14 years, makes it possible for one person to gather from 400 to 700 pounds of the staple a day, where hand-pickers have had to put in a hard day's work to gather 150 pounds.

Stugenburg received the inspiration for his invention while watching a cow which had broken into his cotton field. The ease with which the animal picked the cotton from the boll by means of her rough tongue gave him the idea.

The picking tube, of which each machine has four, consists of two revolving brushes encased in a small metal frame about the size of a man's doubled fists. The brushes revolve inward, thus creating a brush-like suction movement which collects the cotton from the boll.

Each machine carries a complete electric plant and a tractor engine furnishes sufficient electric power to operate the eight motors required to run the mechanical pickers. The brushes are driven by a small motor.

The pickers, supported overhead by a balance arrangement, are suspended with such lightness and flexibility that even a child can shift them with ease. The machine as it passes through the field can pick eight rows.

**BEMIDJI ARMY SQUAD
WINS GAME AT MINOT**

The Bemidji Army squad defeated the Minot (N. D.) city team at that city last evening, in the second clash between these two teams, by a score of 26 to 21. The game Wednesday night resulted in a victory for Minot by a 27 to 21 score.

Tonight the Bemidji team is scheduled to play Jamestown, N. D., and another victory is looked for. Out of the five games which were scheduled before the Bemidji team left here Monday morning the Minot game last night was the first victory. Whether or not a game has been arranged for tomorrow night is not known locally.

**MATERNITY BILL GIVES
N. D. \$10,000 FIRST YEAR**

(By United Press)
Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 27.—Ten thousand dollars will be available to North Dakota the first year under the recently enacted Shepherd-Towner maternity benefit bill. Hereafter an annual sum of \$5,000 will be received. The state will endeavor to co-operate with the federal government in the wise distribution of this sum.

**BRAINERD HIGH TO PLAY
BEMIDJI HERE TONIGHT**

Local Girls Will Be Seen in
Action Tonight Against
Cass Lake Girls

Brainerd high school will invade Bemidji territory this evening and meet the local high school basketball squad at the new armory in the first district game between these two teams this year. Both schools have practically new teams, graduation last June having lost the veteran players to the school. In this regard, both teams should be quite evenly matched. Consequently a close game is looked for by local fans, although the feeling is prevalent that Bemidji will win, judging from the showing made by the team in the last two games.

Preliminary to the high school boys' game, the Cass Lake high school girls will meet. This will be the first game which the local girls have played this year and just what the team can do is not publicly known. Several of last year's players will appear in the line-up.

Cass Lake girls defeated the Bagley high school girls this season by a score of 4 to 0 in an extra-period contest. This in itself is indicative of the fact that Cass Lake must have a strong organization. This game will be called at 7:30, and the boys' game will follow.

Coach Smith announces that Davis and Neumann will start the game as forwards, Henry at center; Peterson, Smith and Boyce being available for the guard positions.

Brainerd's line-up includes Hess, right forward; Englundson, left forward; Molted, center; Heinenen, right guard, and Carlson, left guard. It is expected that this line-up will start the game against Bemidji.

The juvenile band will be out to lend enthusiasm to the games and Director G. O. Riggs announces that three new selections will be played this evening, these being: "March, 'Imperator,'" Christensen; "Selection from the opera 'Martha,'" Plotow; "March, 'Battleship California,'" Crosby.

Indications are that there will be a large attendance to see the Bemidji boys' and girls' teams in action in two games for the price of one.

**BANDITS ESCAPE AFTER
KILLING BANK EMPLOYEE**

(By United Press)
Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27.—Five bandits, who killed H. T. Moss, assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Crafton, escaped today after beating off police in a gun battle. Thirty thousand dollars in loot was recovered.

**ANNOUNCE REFERENDUM
ON LAND RECLAMATION**

U. S. Chamber of Commerce to
Consider Plan to Assist
Ex-Service Settlers

(By United Press)
Chicago, Jan. 27.—Reclamation land for ex-service men is the subject of a referendum being conducted among its members by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Announcement of the referendum was made here today by Walter Du Brooks, Washington, secretary of a committee of the organization which is studying the reclamation question. The committee is headed by E. T. Meredith, Des Moines, Iowa, former secretary of agriculture.

The committee, if the referendum is favorable, will prepare a complete plan for a national reclamation system and will submit same to the federal government. Returns on the referendum are expected within 60 days.

The proposition submitted requires immediate federal appropriations to initiate reclamation projects upon which veterans who desire to go into agriculture may be given an opportunity. The proposition does not indicate whether the federal funds should be used by foreign agencies for the construction of federal projects or should be advanced in the form of loans to states or state agencies.

No decision has been reached on the question whether the federal government should act by itself or co-operatively with the states, but it is reported that the co-operation system is the most favored by the committee.

The voting in the referendum is upon the general question whether there should be a national system of reclamation to be initiated through adequate federal appropriations and to be carried out for the purpose of enabling ex-service men to have opportunity to cultivate the soil.

Reclamation lands are available in all parts of the United States, according to Secretary Brooks, who declared that the committee plans that the federal policy shall include irrigation, drainage, stump and abandoned farm lands in its program.

**AGRICULTURAL
PARLEY WOULD
LIMIT ACREAGE**

Refuses to Recommend Repeal
of Adamson Law and Rail-
road Guarantee Provision

**SENATE FARM BLOC MAY
INVESTIGATE NEW PLAN**

Farmers' Union Representa-
tives Outline Plans for For-
mation of Marketing Pools

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—(By James Kolbert)—Limitation of farm crop acreage until present agriculture conditions in the United States and Europe are relieved was endorsed at the national agriculture conference here today.

The conference refused to recommend to congress repeal of the eight-hour law, and the guarantee provision of the Esch-Cummins law by a vote of 83 to 68. It struck these recommendations from the resolutions urging lower freight rates.

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—(By James T. Kolbert)—The senate agricultural bloc, as the result of insistent demands in President Harding's agricultural conference, may investigate the feasibility of a national system for guaranteeing satisfactory prices to the farmers for their products.

Although conservatives in the agricultural conference have prevented endorsements of any price stabilization scheme, representatives of the Farmers' Union are said to have assurances from leaders of the senate bloc that a special committee will be appointed to investigate the Australian plan of price guarantees. A committee may visit Australia to study the working of this system.

Meanwhile the agriculture conference is expected to broaden out more of its work today by passing another long list of resolutions. The price stabilization or insurance plan was explained today by representatives of the Farmers' Union as follows:

Formation of pools among the growers of cotton, grain and other agricultural products.

The federal government, through the War Finance corporation or some other agency, is to underwrite these pools to guarantee individual farmers against loss.

When the farmer, after placing his wheat with the pool, is in need of money, the pool advances part of the price on his holdings. When the pool finally disposes of the wheat it pays the difference between the amount advanced and the price received, minus warehouse and freight charges.

The pool assures orderly marketing. Whenever the price falls below the point of profit the stock is withheld until the price rises.

**YEOMEN LODGE STAGES
VERY ENJOYABLE DANCE**

The dancing party staged by the Brotherhood of American Yeomen in the new Moose hall Thursday evening, following the regular business meeting of that organization, was a very enjoyable affair. An exceptionally large crowd danced to the music furnished by a three-piece orchestra. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. Members of the organization and their invited friends enjoyed the occasion.

During the business meeting, State Manager Hatley of St. Paul gave an exceptionally interesting talk on the rapid growth of the order and also on its future activities.

The dance was that much of a success that it has been decided to hold one on the fourth Thursday evening of each month hereafter.

**LADIES OF G. A. R. CIRCLE
MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON**

The Ladies of the G. A. R. Circle will meet in regular session at the new Moose hall Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members of the circle are requested to be present.

**McPHAIL ARTISTS TO
APPEAR HERE FRIDAY**

The Bemidji Musical Art club has made final arrangements for the appearance here on Friday evening, February 6, of four artists from the McPhail School of Music, Minneapolis. The McPhail trio, consisting of Margaret Gilmor McPhail, pianist; William McPhail, violinist, and Carlo Fischer, cellist, form a group of most efficient chamber musicians. They will be assisted by Mildred Langtry, soprano, whose beautiful voice and charming, girlish personality will lend added distinction to the program.

The concert will be given at the Methodist Episcopal church. The general public is urged to take advantage of the opportunity to hear this charming group of gifted musicians.