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BRIDGE HEARING ON AT BISMARCK

As the Record went to press late last night, the bridge hearing was still in progress, in Bismarck.

The hearing of the bridge injunction proceedings is on at Bismarck this week before Judge McKenna. The hearing is on an injunction issued by Judge Cole, of Fargo, and which was transferred to Judge McKenna, and originally set for Oct. 25th. However, at that time Judge McKenna was in a Twin City hospital with an injured arm, and could not hear the case. Since that time, continual sparring has been going on in getting the case set for hearing. The attorneys for the defense were particularly anxious to have the case heard before Judge McKenna, and notice was finally given that he would hear the case at Bismarck on Tuesday, December 19th. Tuesday morning, a large delegation started for Bismarck. The commissioners and the bridge company took with them Auditor Brant; Albert Shier, bridge inspector; B. H. Tong, county engineer; and Messrs. Coonen and Munsey, bridge company employees. Commissioners Lee and DuHeume also went. Witnesses for the opposition included Ben Ketchum, Wm. McCullay, A. A. Feist, Dr. Hogus, W. S. Freeman and Oscar Larvick.

The action up to the present time has to deal with whether or not the bridges were legally built, and whether or not the commissioners had sufficient authority to order the work done. The defense has admitted that proper advertisement of bids for building the bridges was not made, but claim that there was no intent to defraud the county. Some of the bridges have not the necessary petitions, and other petitions were never acted upon by the board. The defense, however, is maintaining that the commissioners followed partially the directions of the two different laws, and is setting up emergency work as a defense. Some \$18,000 is involved in the case, a temporary order having been issued prohibiting the paying for the bridges in question.

Late Tuesday evening Auditor Brant phoned to E. T. Atha to secure certain affidavits of publication, and indications were that the hearing would continue throughout yesterday. Lawrence, Murphy & Nilles, of Fargo, are handling the case for the plaintiffs and Attorney Scott Cameron, of Bismarck, is in charge of the defense. The case grew out of the general dissatisfaction with the commissioners' whole-sale bridge-building program. Several hundred dollars were raised by popular subscription, and efforts made to block further expenditures. Since the starting of the action the personnel of the county board has been materially changed, and a more economical program may be expected in the future, candidates to which the bridge company was favorable being defeated in the general election.

It is quite certain that the case will be appealed to the supreme court, no matter which side wins in the district court. It is generally admitted that the law was not complied with in the building of the bridges, but, in view of the fact that they have been practically completed and that the county will have the use of them, there is some question as to what position the court will take. No matter what the result may be, however, the commotion aroused by the action will no doubt have a sobering influence on the conduct of the public business in the future.

BABCOCK AGAINST TAX RAISE

Commissioner Claims Several Irragularities Now Existing Should Be Remedied.

Minnesota—Charles M. Babcock, Minnesota highway commissioner, took a definite stand against any legislation which would increase taxes at this time, when he addressed members of the Allied Automotive Association at a luncheon in the West Hotel yesterday noon.

Mr. Babcock advocated some changes in the present automobile license law. He said he did not seek increases, but thought no decreases should be made. There were certain inequalities which exist now, he said, by which cars three or four years old paid a higher license than cars of the same make now being sold. He thought some adjustment should be made in such cases.

TAXPAYERS GET BUSY

Articles of incorporation of the State Tax Payers association have been filed with the secretary of state, the headquarters of the organization being at Fargo. The men whose names are attached to the articles of agreement are J. G. Gunderson, of Aneta; E. J. Weiser of Fargo; W. C. McDowell of Marion, F. Welo, of Velva and A. L. Martin of Sentinel Butte. The object of the association as set forth in the papers filed gives the company latitude in investigation of taxation matters in North Dakota and the spreading of this information broadcast.

The first effort of the organization will be to investigate taxation imposed, according to the articles. Having made certain as to the basis of the taxation, the agreement goes on to declare that the organization has a right to "disseminate accurate information with a view of causing a material reduction in the heavy tax burden."

The organization will also have the right according to its incorporation, to "aid in promoting and securing efficiency and economy in the administration of public office."

For the purpose of getting its information before the public the association will have the right to call public meetings, and promote auxiliary organizations and cause to be initiated and adopted legislation, which will further the object for which the association is formed.

Mr. Weiser is an extensive banker and land-owner of Fargo. Mr. Gunderson is a banker and heavy property owner in Nelson county. Wesley McDowell, of Marion, is one of the leading business men of the state. Welo and Martin are also prominent men.

The movement outlined above is along the line—only on a larger scale—than the effort being made by individual subscription in Emmons county to cut down unnecessary expenditures in public affairs.

RUSSIAN RELIEF DRIVE PROGRESSING

Twenty counties are actively at work in North Dakota to raise money, grain and clothing for the Russian and Ukrainian famine sufferers. Other county committees will begin right after January first, as the need continues to be acute, the Executive Secretary at headquarters reports. Governor Nestos, who issued a proclamation in November for the relief work, wrote to headquarters; "I sincerely hope that the campaign both in this state and in other states is progressing nicely and that a good deal of money and produce is coming in to aid in the relief of the people over on the Russian plains."

With Christmas plans for their own children under way, people are not forgetting the needs of the million famine orphans in Russia and the Ukraine, and are sending to the state treasurer, A. S. Bolster, Bismarck something to swell the funds that the Quakers will use for food first, then clothing and medicine for these helpless little ones. Have you done your share?

THE LONGER YOU WAIT, THE HIGHER THE RATE

The Insurance Division is only one part of the Veterans' Bureau, but even at that it ranks as one of the biggest insurance organizations in the world. It was not organized with a view of competing with commercial companies but to meet a war time emergency and to give added protection at a time and at a rate not no commercial company could assume.

The Government took risks on over four and one-half million lives. This insurance plan was worked out by the greatest insurance experts in the country and the premium rates were based on the actual cost of insurance on a peace-time basis.

Government insurance is divided into two classes, the U. S. Government Life Term Insurance, and the U. S. Government Life Converted Insurance. The premium rates on the former increase with the age of the insured and the premium rates on the latter remain the same throughout the life of the contract.

Government Life Term Insurance must be converted prior to March 4th, 1923, or the contracts are automatically cancelled.

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Merry Xmas to all Our Readers



COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

The following pupils received Nine Month Diplomas of Honor this week: Chester Nelson and Hannah Schulz, Kintyre; Elvina Ochsner and Alma Klaut, Linton Special; Agon Feltheim Cherry Grove; Carl Pearson and Theodore Sjersale, Logan; Cora and Hattie Renskers, Bakker; and Marjorie Ward, Liberty.

Three Month Certificates of Attendance were issued to the following pupils: Elva Nelson, Vernon and Stanley Lilja, Kintyre; Peter Nieuwsma (2), Janette and John Nieuwsma, Katie Schmidt, Clara and Carl Buchler, Hague; John and Susie Hirling, Selz; Melvin Jackson, Union; Elmer Mulake, Gayton; Norman Littel, Frieda and Alvin Graf, Liberty; Balzar Wald, Elenora Richardson, Ruben Maler, Maxine Wagner, Judson Tracy, Gladis Maier, Henry Heyerman, Harry Linderman, Lyle Smith, John Linderman, Morris Hager, Frank C. Bosch, Lucille Leurwer Frank Bosch, and Raymond Seeman, Linton Special.

Liberty No. 4, Marie Stern, teacher, raised \$6.00 for the Children's Home, Fargo.

We received a neat invitation to be present at a Christmas program to be held at the Lawler school, Dec. 21st. Carrine M. Knudson reports that Edna Fransen and Gladys Beseler made 100 per cent during the month of November. This is an excellent record.

One teacher says: "In response to your letter in regard to the work of 'Education Week' I invited my patrons out to my school, but they were all too busy to attend. This is a busy week."

Another teacher says, "Most of the patrons said that they could not spare the time to visit school."

Father Joseph Stroemel says, "I received your favor of Nov. 27 referring to American Education Week beginning Dec. 3, 1922. I spoke in church on 'Church, School and Home.' I was certainly glad to cooperate in this most important cause of education."

Another teacher says, "We prepared a program for Good Education Week, but no one came to it. We did extra work though, and I believe every one got quite a bit out of the week's work. Our parents don't visit the schools here at all. Unless we have a program in the evening they won't come at all."

Carrine Knudson had a program at her school during American Education Week. She says, "We had a debate. 'Resolved that the city girl or boy has better opportunity in obtaining, using and developing his education than the country boy or girl.' . . . the affirmative winning. (That means we must all cooperate and help better the country school systems to better our nation.)"

Lincoln District will cooperate. It always does.

A number of the ministers in the county devoted considerable time to American Education Week. We appreciate the cooperation.

Various programs were given in the schools of the county. In most communities the people responded readily, and we feel that the results of this week will be far-reaching. It is through school visitation that better results can be accomplished. We hope before the winter is over that every parent will have visited school

R'member



THE DAY OF THE CHILD

This is the day of the child. For the sake of the Babe in the manger, The Babe who slept with the kine, and whom the shepherds adored, Let us go into the byways, and welcome the child of the stranger— A friend shall he be as he gathers with ours around the board.

This is the day of the child. For the sake of the Babe fair and smiling, Who grew up to holy manhood by far-away Galilee, We leave our cares and our labor, and pleasures forever beguiling, And become a child with the children for one day untrammelled and free.

This is the day of the child. For the sake of the Babe fair and sinless, Whose memory hallows the high-ways over which his worn feet trod, Let us seek out the sick and the orphan, take a kinsman's part with the kinless, Remembering them with the kindness for which we all hope from God.

This is the day of the child. For the sake of the Babe whose story we learned from the lips of our mother, as we knelt beside her knees, Let us open our hearts and gather under the love and the joy, and the glory, Which gives to the day its gladness, and shines from the Christmas tree.

A man would have no pleasure in discovering all the beauties of the universe, even in heaven itself, unless he had a partner with whom he might share his joys.—Cicero.

MAIL CARRIER LOSES FEET

Amputation of both feet and possibly both hands may be necessary to save the life of Vern Townsend, Elgin, N. D., rural mail carrier who was brought to the city today for care as the result of his being badly frozen Monday.

Mr. Townsend was out on his route during the bitter cold Monday and was having trouble with the engine of his car which finally quit. When he attempted to move out of his car to crank it he discovered his feet were frozen. He was on a lonely road with no help near. He attempted to warm himself and to restore circulation but was unable to do so.

His wife fearing some accident had befallen him when he was greatly delayed in returning home, secured the aid of men in Elgin who set out to search for him. When found he was nearly dead of the cold. He was soon hurried to town and revived.

Physicians called declared it impossible to save his feet and he was brought to the city today for an operation and amputation. It was a question whether it would be possible to save his hands which were also badly frozen.

The victim of the winter's cold is about 25 years of age, is married and has three children. He is a brother of Mrs. Elmer E. Carter of this city, and is well known and popular in the district around Carson and Elgin in Grant County.—Mandan Pioneer.

SECOND NOTICES MAILED

With the approach of the new year the Record has been attempting to get its list of subscribers paid up at least to the current year. Most of those receiving notices the first of December have responded. However, there are about sixty yet to hear from who owe since a date prior to Jan. 1, 1922. A second notice is going to them this week, and, after the first of the year, those from whom we have not heard will be cut off the list and their accounts turned over to a collection agency for settlement. Subscription accounts are only small amounts, but they are important to the concern that is furnishing the print paper, ink, postage, etc., the year round. Our list has grown to more than eleven hundred, and the print paper bill is getting to be quite an item. If you are one of those who are behind, please don't put your notices aside and forget it, but send your check along.

NOTICE

A motion was made by Goughnour and seconded by du Heume that the States Attorney is ordered and authorized to arrest and prosecute according to law any and all persons who obtained feed or seed of Emmons County during the year 1922 and who gave a lien to the county to secure the same and who have disposed of their crop raised from such seed without paying the County's lien, or have in any way violated the feed and seed Law. Upon roll call all members voted "aye."

By Order of the Emmons County Commissioners.

E. H. BRANT,
County Auditor.

Mothers: "Willie, I'm ashamed of you. You've eaten your sister's share of cake. How can you be so selfish?"
Willie: "Well, mother, I thought you said in any dispute I was to take Nellie's part."

COWS ARE BEST BET

McIntosh and Logan Head List in Payment of Farm Contracts

McIntosh county, which has long enjoyed a reputation with state officials as one of the best taxpaying counties, is the best paid-up of the counties on school land contracts, according to records of Land Commissioner Kositzky. Although this county has suffered from the dry years as other western counties, the report shows that there are only 14 land contracts in the county on which the interest payments are delinquent one year, only one contract on which there is a delinquency of more than one year.

Logan county, a companion county, ranks as the second best paid-up county in the state. Bottineau has the largest number of delinquencies.

The value of school lands sold at a sale on Feb. 5, 1918, in McIntosh county was \$469,484. There was a total of 19,946 acres of land sold, at an average of \$23 an acre, some land being sold for as high as \$150 per acre. Of the total number of land contracts, which is 150, there are but 15 delinquencies.

The total number of land contracts in Logan county is 118. There are but nine on which interest payments are delinquent one year and five on which interest payments are delinquent more than one year.

These two counties are settled largely by German-Russians, and they have gone in heavily for dairying, many towns having from one to six cream buying stations. Two residents of the county who visited the land department declared that scores of farmers make dairying their business and farm for pleasure.

Bottineau county has 227 delinquencies on a total of 287 land contracts. It was pointed out from the state records that the amount of money paid farmers in McIntosh county last year through cream stations was \$344,733; Logan county, \$123,375, and Bottineau county, which is considerably larger than either of the other counties, \$181,686.86.

Land Commissioner Kositzky asserts that records show that 80 per cent of the people applying for farm loans who milk a number of cows owe no interest, taxes or state bills.—Bismarck Tribune.

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LINTON SCHOOL NOTES

High School

Alma Bechtel and Aurelia Reude have finished Book I in typewriting, and are now working in book two. Some of our other pupils expect to finish book one before New Years.

In the standardized tests which were given in the High School last week, the results indicate that the intellectual ability of our pupils ranges just about the same as in other schools; namely, a big majority of our pupils are average or normal students, and there are about equal numbers of dull pupils and superior pupils. The purpose of this test is to determine the approximate ability of a student so that he may be given work in proportion to his mental capacity. In so far as the tests have been given in the grades it would demonstrate a general weakness in the four fundamentals of arithmetic as well as in the operation of simple fractions. Emphasis will hereafter be placed on those general weak points in the hope that the spring test may find us considerably improved. This weakness in the fundamentals of arithmetic is not peculiar to any particular school, for those tests have shown this same weakness in practically all the schools in which they were first given. The tests further show that while our High School students are comparatively slow readers, they did quite well in grasping the thought. This is not always the case in the grades. Christmas vacation will begin Thursday evening of this week, thereby giving those of our teachers who live on branch lines an opportunity to reach their homes by Christmas. School work will again be resumed Monday, January the eighth. There will be no school notes given during this vacation period. School items will again be given after that time.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Sherwin is still confined to her room on account of illness. We trust that she may be able to be out in the near future.

We understand that Nathan Rockwell, one of our former Freshmen, is to spend part of his Christmas vacation visiting friends in Linton.

Laura Kyes returned home with her parents last Friday and does not expect to be back until after the Holidays.

Several of the rooms will have small Christmas programs for the pupils of such grades. No attempt was made at giving a general school program at this time, as most of our pupils are taking part in some Christmas program given by their respective grades or by a church. Later in the year the school will offer a general entertainment or class play to the public.

The Night School classes will not meet during the two holiday weeks, but will continue as usual after that.

Seventh Grade

Suitable Christmas preparations are being made in our room, and we look forward to a pleasant hour the last day before vacation.

The drawing class has completed a Christmas telephone pad, and is now making boxes and blotters.

Statements for the different business places were given to us for Arithmetic work. Ledger accounts will be filled out later.

Considerable interest is taken in our weekly penmanship display. The papers show a marked improvement in the work of the pupils.

Third Grade

The Third Grade pupils have hung up their stockings, hoping that Santa Claus will visit them before the last day of school.

The Third Grade construction class have been very busy. They have completed the furnishing of the doll house, and have made a Christmas sand table and various other Christmas posters, decorations and gifts.

Fourth Grade

The Fourth Grade has begun the study of fractions in Arithmetic.

Doris Ferguson and Elmer Pettis have been absent the past week on account of illness.

The Geography class is studying "The World as a Whole." We illustrated the globe with meridians and parallel lines also showing the degrees.

Everybody is anxiously awaiting for the last day with gifts to be distributed on that day. The tree is heavy loaded with trimmings brought by the children.

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