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## AL. ERB'S BOVINE WINS BUTTERFAT PRIZE AT MINOT

### RECORD OF \$3.50 FOR EACH DOLLAR'S WORTH OF FEED—CONTEST HELD DURING MID-WINTER FAIR UNDER SUPERVISION OF STATE DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

During the Minot Mid-Winter Fair, February 18-21, a five day cow production contest was supervised by the state and federal dairy department officials. Nine cows were entered.

Each animal was charged with the feeds she ate at local prices, the owners or care-takers feeding according to their own ideas of the feeds available.

Each cow was credited with the milk produced, its butterfat content at 30 cents per pound, and with the skim milk—the difference between the butterfat and whole milk—at 25 cents per cwt.

The contest was in reality three contests in one—highest milk production, highest butterfat production, and largest returns per dollar's worth of feed consumed, or economy of production.

The awards were to be given on the relative standing of the cows in the three sub-contests, or they might be termed heats.

The production and returns totals were as follows:

Cow No.	Milk	Butterfat	Returns
1	140.1	5.73	\$1.89
2	158.2	7.09	2.86
3	125.9	6.68	1.60
4	179.4	6.39	3.50
5	197.4	5.12	2.80
6	128.0	5.01	2.14
7	112.9	4.02	2.14
8	151.9	5.38	2.87
9	153.2	5.41	2.88

Cow No.	Place in Production and in Returns			Place in Contest
	Milk	Butterfat	Returns	
1	5	4	8	17
2	2	1	3	6
3	8	2	9	19
4	1	3	1	5
5	6	7	4	17
6	7	8	5	20
7	9	9	7	25
8	4	6	2	12
9	3	5	6	14

- 1st. No. 4, Owned by Al. Erb, Minot.
- 2nd. No. 2, owned by E. Husted, Minot.
- 3rd. No. 8, owned by E. E. Miller, Minot.
- 4th. No. 9, owned by H. I. Monnegan, Minot.
- 5th. Tie between No. 1, A. H. Spires, Burlington, and No. 5, Al. Erb, Minot.
- 6th. No. 3, owned by H. Slocum, Minot.
- 7th. No. 6, owned by Al. Erb, Minot.
- 8th. No. 7, owned by E. E. Miller, Minot.

The contest aroused great interest, especially among the owners and care-takers, also among the visitors.

Richard Teslow, formerly of Mohall, writes that he sets sail for Norway March 26, and asks us to forward his Independent there.

## MINOT SECURES BIG "DOINGS"

### STATE FEDERATION OF COMMERCIAL CLUBS TO MEET HERE IN JUNE—WILL BRING IN SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THE STATE'S BEST MEN.

Thru the efforts of Secretary Hollenga of the Association of Commerce, Minot has landed another convention, that of the Federation of Commercial Clubs of North Dakota. This will be held some time in June and several hundred of the state's most prominent citizens will attend.

## EAST KIRKLEY FARMERS HOLD GOOD MEETING.

W. G. Broyles, secretary of the East Kirkley township Farmers' Club, sends in an interesting report of a meeting held at the C. Almy home. Twelve members were present and five new members were accepted, making the total membership 23, they being: Ed Durbin, Pres., O. E. Spires, Vice Pres., W. G. Broyles, Sec., C. Grossman, J. W. Ward, C. E. Tibbets, A. Gaele, R. Kirkey, M. D. Graham, Herb Yuly, Warren Durbin, W. Cyrus, Chester Phifer, C. Almy, Wm. Almy, J. Drummond, F. Schloer and M. Freda.

There was a general talk on silos, corn, hogs, cattle and cutting out the exclusive grain farming. A bountiful lunch was served by Mrs. Almy, assisted by Miss Almy, Gladys Broyles and Mrs. Wm. Almy.

A vote was taken on county officers as follows: W. E. Feck, Pres.; W. D. Wilson, Secy.; J. W. Smith, Treas. C. E. Tibbets will represent the club at the next county convention, Saturday.

## POPULAR BURLINGTON COUPLE ARE MADE ONE

### LOUISE EIKMEIER AND RUDOLPH HOELSHER EXCHANGE VOWS IN PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBER OF FRIENDS.

The marriage of Miss Louise Eikmeier and Rudolph Hoelscher occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Eikmeier, north of Burlington, Wednesday night. A large crowd of friends attended the function, one of the most enjoyable held in that vicinity. A bounteous wedding banquet was served after which a pleasant social evening was spent. The guests attending from Burlington were Messrs. and Mesdames J. Werner, H. T. Hopy, E. A. Madsen and H. A. Kluever.

The bride is a charming young woman, the daughter of one of the county's very best farmers. The groom recently arrived from Canada. The happy couple will reside on the Gruenberg farm near Burlington.

## COMMISSIONERS HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC SESSION

### COUNTY FATHERS HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS AT BERTHOLD, RYDER, DOUGLAS AND SAWYER LAST WEEK.

The county commissioners have completed their tour of the county, with enthusiastic meetings last week at Berthold, Ryder, Sawyer and Douglas. The meeting at Berthold was so well attended because of a heavy storm. At Douglas there was an especially well attended gathering, many coming from McLean county to get the views of the Ward county men. Commissioners Huber, Vandover and Lokengard attended these meetings, Com. Sanders being ill, and Com. Anderson having other business to attend to. Mr. German, of the Russell Mfg. Co., a man who knows a great deal about good roads and machinery used in making them, attended each meeting and gave valuable talks. He didn't try to dispose of any machinery, either. Supervisors from all but three of the townships in the county have attended these meetings, and those will be included in the last meeting to be held. Sessions were held each afternoon and evening.

Road building was considered mainly. Efforts are being made to locate good roads between each of the towns, the farmers living off the main roads being satisfied to wait for more extensive improvements. The county owns several road drags and arrangements have been made to loan these to townships making a 6 mill levy.

The Better Farming proposition, the herd law, the new road overseer law were all explained. The county commissioners deserve considerable credit for their good work.

## 3-CORNERED FIGHT FOR CITY PRESIDENT

### CHRIS RUDD, G. S. WOOLIDGE AND H. E. THOMPSON FILE PETITIONS—DR. CARR, C. H. McMANUS AND E. TEUTSCH FOR PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Petitions for the offices of president of the Minot city commission to fill the unexpired term of N. Davis, who resigned, and that of a park commissioner, for Dr. Carr's place, have been filed with the city auditor, the election to be held April 7.

There are three candidates for president of the city commission, C. H. Rudd, G. S. Woolledge and H. E. Thompson.

Mr. Rudd is manager of the Bovey-Shute Lumber Co. He has been a resident of Minot for the past ten years and is regarded as one of our very best citizens. He has lived in the state for more than a quarter of a century, being connected with one or two lumber firms all of that time. He was absent from the city when his petitions were circulated by his friends and was somewhat surprised on his return to find that somebody had tossed his hat in the ring. He has decided to enter into the campaign and is regarded as a very formidable candidate.

G. S. Woolledge is one of Minot's prominent attorneys, a member of the firm of Thompson & Woolledge. He has a host of friends who declare that they are going to pile up a big vote for him.

Woolledge is a good, clean-cut young man. The Independent understands that he is preparing a statement that will soon be ready for publication.

Mr. Rudd will prepare no special platform. He merely says that if the people want him, he will use his best efforts in giving the city an economical administration.

The Socialist candidate, H. E. Thompson, hardly expects to win, and neither does the Socialist candidate for park commissioner, Mr. Teutsch. The real fight will be between Dr. Carr and C. H. McManus and this campaign promises to be spirited.

### "Bill" Holbin Will Be a Candidate.

Will E. Holbin of Langford, secretary of the N. D. P. A. and also secretary of the federated commercial clubs of the state, passed thru Minot Monday enroute to Grand Forks, where he delivered an address before an important meeting of the federation. The Independent understands that Mr. Holbin's announcement as a candidate for the nomination for Commissioner of Agriculture, will be forthcoming within a few days. He is receiving a great deal of encouragement from all sections of the state.

Burdick states that if elected governor, he will favor abolishing the game wardens of the state, leaving this work for the proper county officials. In McCutcheon's district, 74 arrests were made last season, with 70 convictions, and \$2300 in fines were collected in the state. This undoubtedly prevented much lawlessness. The game wardens appear to be quite necessary. They are doing good work.

## ROAD OVERSEERS FOR TOWNSHIPS SELECTED

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE FOUR APPOINTMENTS—ROAD TAXES CAN BE WORKED OUT.

For the benefit of the farmers living in the unorganized townships, we publish a list of road overseers so that those wishing to work out their road taxes can notify the overseer by the first of May:

- E. T. Ramsey, 154-81.
- Thorwald Mostad, 154-82.
- Chas. Tainter, 153-86.
- J. O. Pence, 151-87.

A six mill levy was made by the county board for a road fund for the unorganized townships. Those who wish to work out this tax must notify the overseer not later than May 1. Those who wish to pay the tax can do so and the money will be spent on the roads in the township next year.

Northwestern Educational Assn. The ninth annual meeting of the Northwestern Educational Association will be held in Minot, April 24th and 25th. This association has a strong membership in the northwestern part of the state and was organized nine years ago for the purpose of discussing various school problems and the presentation of every feature of school work relating to common and high schools.

In addition to discussions and presentations of educational papers, there will be at least one lecture on a popular and interesting subject. No one in western North Dakota, who is interested in school work and its improvement, should fail to be present at this meeting. Everyone is invited and the official program will be ready for distribution in the near future.

## WEALTHY BACHELOR DROPS DEAD HERE

### FERDINAND UMBRIED, OLD BURLINGTON HOMESTEADER, SUFFERS FROM HEART FAILURE MONDAY NIGHT—RELATIVES ARRIVE FROM PLAINVIEW.

Ferdinand Umbried, one of Ward county's wealthy retired farmers, dropped dead at his room at the Windsor hotel Monday night from heart failure. Umbried had been ill at the hospital from affliction of the heart and had that day returned to the hotel. He ate his supper and went to his room about ten o'clock. At midnight the bell boy passed the room, saw the lights burning and Umbried lay dead across the bed, fully dressed. He was in the act of opening a package of laundry when he suffered the attack. Coroner Doe was notified and the remains were taken to Rowan's undertaking rooms. No inquest was held.

A brother of the deceased and a nephew arrived from Plainview, Minn., and are preparing to send the remains to that place, the old home of the deceased, for interment.

Mr. Umbried was a bachelor. Fourteen years ago he homesteaded north of Burlington, but of late years had been living in Minot. He was well-to-do, it being estimated that his holdings amounting to \$1700 were found on his person, together with \$40 in gold and \$180 in currency. He owned half a dozen quarters of land in this vicinity and several houses and lots in Minot. The relatives will go to his Minnesota property.

### Tioga Legal Light Here.

Atty. T. F. Burns of Tioga, a member of the firm of Palmer, Craven & Burns of Williston, is in the city today attending to legal matters. Mr. Burns is one of the most successful attorneys in Williams county.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scofield have returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in the Twin Cities.

### Afton Township Election.

The following were successful in the election held in Afton township Tuesday: Supervisor three years, Albert S. Johnson. Assessor, Jacob Frost. Clerk, A. L. Weber. Justice of the Peace, E. O. Nordum. Poundmaster, Jacob Frost. The losing ticket was not far behind.

### Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tracy and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Tracy thank their friends who assisted during the last illness and after the death of their beloved mother.

Mrs. H. M. Mills and son Hillis arrived from Iowa Falls, Iowa, Sunday and are this week packing the household goods to ship them to Calgary. After spending several days with friends, they will leave for their home in the northwest.

## WILD SCRAMBLE WHEN OFFICERS RAID A PIG.

### MEN AND WOMEN RUN HELTER SKELTER TO GET AWAY—DRAY LOAD OF BEER AND WHISKEY SECURED.

A raid on a blind pig in the low flat building back of the G. N. hotel, resulted in the confiscation of a dray load of whiskey and beer. There were numerous occupants of the building, including both men and women of the street, one couple occupying a room. There were several hair breadth escapes, the inmates scattering in every direction. It is alleged that "Bill" Anderson has been running the place. This pig has been running intermittently for a number of years. State Attorney Netos has had an injunction placed on it.

An injunction has also been placed on a building alleged to have been used for gambling purposes back of "Dad's" Restaurant.

A raid was made on a pig said to have been run by Frank Reece on East First street. Altho there was plenty of beer in the place early in the evening, it had disappeared by the time the officers showed up.

### Near Panic at University.

C. H. Rudd tells of a near panic at the University Auditorium at Grand Forks last week, while a stereopticon lecture was in progress. An explosion occurred and the immense crowd was on its feet in an instant, but was held in check. Mr. Rudd felt a trifle nervous over the experience and didn't remain.

Sheriff Sampson of McHenry county was in the city Monday night, to receive the Commandery degrees.

## ILLINOIS MINE OPERATOR WITH KENMARE PLANT.

J. W. Deemy, an experienced coal mine operator from Peoria, Ill., recently arrived to take charge of the plant of the National Briquetting Co., at Kenmare. This concern is making arrangements to install briquetting machinery, and the plant at the mine will be enlarged to that of five or six hundred tons daily. Arrangements are being made to install a coal office in Minot and other points in the state. If there is a scarcity of help next year, Mr. Deemy proposes to bring fifty or a hundred men from the Illinois mines. The mining business in Illinois is not good and the men would be willing to come.

Mr. Deemy was induced to come to North Dakota thru reading the Independent, which paper he considers a consistent booster for the state.

C. E. Benson and F. C. Mills from north of Sawyer were in the city Wednesday and dropped the price of a subscription into the slot.

## KENMARE MAN OUT FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### JOHN NEDRELOE, DEPUTY FOR FOUR YEARS UNDER SHERIFF KELLEY, MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK.

John Nedreloe, a prominent Kenmare businessman, and for four years deputy under Sheriff Ed Kelley, has placed his announcement in the county papers this week for the nomination for sheriff on the republican ticket. Mr. Nedreloe states that he has begun a strenuous campaign and will be found in the outlying precincts from now on until June 24. He figures that the Gooseneck is entitled to something and claims good support from that end of the county.

Mr. Nedreloe was in Minot Wednesday.

Marius Erickson, manager of the J. I. Case Co. here, is attending to business in Fargo this week.

## SUIT FILED AGAINST VILLAGE OF SAWYER

### W. S. NOTT COMPANY WANTS PAY FOR TWO CHEMICAL ENGINES BOUGHT IN 1910 AND LATER REJECTED BY ANOTHER BOARD.

The W. S. Nott Co. has brot suit against the village of Sawyer for \$850, the price of two chemical engines bought by the village in 1910, when C. C. Willis and others were on the board. The village authorities ordered the engines but the proposition of bonding the village was voted down. Warrants were drawn in favor of the company but these were not paid and when the next board of trustees was elected, the company was notified that the engines were not wanted. J. S. Gallagher was chairman of the board at the time of refusal.

The Nott company claims that the engines have been in use and that they were brot into service, saving the town from destruction by fire at one time.

Meeting of Railroad Commissioners. The regular quarterly meeting of the North Dakota Board of Railroad Commissioners will be held at Minot April 7, 8, 9, 1914, at 9 a. m., at which time any business in matters under its jurisdiction may be brought before the board.

By order of the commission. WALTER F. CUSHING, Secretary.

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Harry Winters, the jeweler, has returned from a ten days' business trip to Chicago and other eastern points.

## ELKS' CONVENTION HELD IN JULY

### BANKERS ATTENDING STATE CONVENTION AT WILLISTON WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND BOTH EVENTS.

The Elks will hold their big annual convention in Minot the first week in July, exact dates to be known later. The State Bankers convention will be held at Williston July 1 and 2, and plans are being made to hold the Elks' convention so that the bankers can attend both. The Elks usually meet in June, but the dates will be

## ELECTION RESULTS FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES TUESDAY

### REPORT FROM SEVERAL PRECINCTS OF WARD COUNTY RECEIVED BY PHONE—FAIR SEEMED VOTE CAST.

Township elections in the state were held Tuesday. The Independent was able to get the returns from a number of precincts. The day was fair and a good sized vote was polled. In many of the townships, the consolidated school question was discussed. In Maryland township, this matter will be taken up within a short time.

### Maryland Township.

Supervisor, H. Barker; 26. Clerk, M. O. Ofsthum won with 16, defeating W. R. Landis with 12. Treasurer, J. H. Behrens, 24. Assessor, Chas. F. Weed, 28. Justice of the Peace, A. H. McCoy, two years; A. J. Parks, one year. Commissioners of Conciliation—Jacob Rearick, Wm. Bortfield, Alfred Hatley and John Cove. Poundmaster, Lewis Sise. Constable, J. S. Reilly.

### McKinley Township.

John Helset defeated Howard Myers for supervisor, 23 to 17. A. C. Bjorn defeated Wm. Estlick for treasurer, 22 to 19. A. J. Anderson won out over Ernie Weed for assessor, 25 to 15. R. Reinke was elected clerk, defeating Lars Steen 27 to 15. Rasmus Peterson, Justice of the Peace. Frank Smith won out for constable, beating Anton Johnson, whom he first tied. Some of the voters wanted to elect road overseers the old way, but after a discussion it was thought best to let the supervisors appoint one for the entire township in accordance with the new law.

### Eureka Township.

Supervisor, Ed Livingston. Clerk, Jens Anderson. Treasurer, Otto Bonness. Assessor, Jacob Marshall. Justices of the Peace, Fred Trumble and H. A. Hennigan. Constable, Hans Nelson. Poundmaster, Otto Bonness. It was decided to invest in an elevated road gradar to cost about \$1200. Twenty-seven votes were cast and in some instances there was a lively contest. Township voted \$50 for gopher poison.

### Surrey Township.

Supervisor, J. W. Pearson. Clerk, J. A. Perry. Treasurer, W. S. Young. Assessor, D. M. Short. Constables—Wm. Horner and Paul Elker. Poundmaster, C. F. Eaton. Justice of the Peace, J. N. St. John.

A gopher killer is to be appointed according to law. Where ten voters petition the township clerk, it shall be the duty of the supervisors to appoint such gopher killer, whose duty it shall be to poison or kill gophers on unoccupied land or land that is occupied, where occupants or owners of adjoining land make an effort to get rid of the pests. The expense shall not exceed \$10 per quarter.

### Sawyer Village.

Trustee, first ward, J. J. Johnson; second ward, C. B. Benson; third ward, J. G. Hawkena. Clerk, L. E. Krogstad. Treasurer, R. H. Bowman. Assessor, F. H. Muzzy. Justice of the Peace, J. S. Hubbard. Marshall, Gust Anderson.

### Sawyer Township.

Supervisor three years, L. G. Bunker. Supervisor one year, L. R. Brede. Clerk, W. N. Benton.

Mrs. Lora Cook has returned to her home at Velva from Forest City, Ia., where she made an extended visit.

changed this year on account of the bankers' meeting. Minot is planning on a great celebration in honor of the Elks. The pageant will be the greatest ever seen in Minot.

Edw. Nelson, one of Aurelia's prominent hardwaremen, was in the city transacting business and visiting old friends Wednesday. He is the son of Edw. Nelson down the river and has many friends who will be glad to know that he is doing very nicely at Aurelia.

E. W. Heltzel, a prosperous Velva farmer, is in the city today attending to business.