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CREAMERY EXPERIMENT COST STATE \$15,000 IN 7 MONTHS

The Werner experimental creamery, a Towneized state owned experiment, lost \$15,287.89 in about seven months according to a report made by the Bishop, Brissman Co. The report of the auditors covers the period from June 1, 1920 and was closed in January 1921.

Among the expenses listed in the mass of figures upon the creamery, showing its operations, are four checks aggregating \$509.90 issued to State Senator A. A. Liederbach and entered on the creamery books under the head of organization. Two checks to Senator Liederbach, amounting to \$70.48 were issued to Liederbach and charged under the heading "office supplies." Another check of \$9.05 to Liederbach was not entered on the expense distribution sheet.

Senator Liederbach was a member of the legislature which created the experiment creamery fund. According to information given the auditors he was employed for about three and one-half months at a salary of \$208 a month engaged in organizing cream routes and the additional checks issued to him were for expenses.

A cream station at Dunn Center was leased from a club over which Mrs. Liederbach was president and checks were issued to her for rent, a letter from L. Haselrud, former manager of the creamery said, in explanation of two checks for \$15 each issued Mrs. Liederbach.

Auto Truck Burned
Among the losses of the creamery is a \$900 auto truck, which burned in a garage in Bismarck and was not insured.

The letter from former manager Haselrud, included in the audit report, says: "We bought a Ford truck and body at the approximate cost of \$900. The chassis and body were purchased of two separate firms. When the creamery closed the truck was put in storage at Mr. Liederbach's farm. There was no insurance of any kind on the car."

Considerable difficulty was encountered in the examination owing to the lack of records and supporting data, the report says, mentioning that in addition to the records submitted at the creamery, a search was made in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor in the capitol for additional records, and that "a quantity of cancelled checks were found in a box in the carpenter shop room in the capitol building."

"No records were found of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, Sales and Shipments, Production, and Daily receipts of Butter fat," the audit report says.

"The disbursements were obtained from cancelled checks and bank debit slips, in total amount of \$57,063.61," says the report, "and items appearing on expense sheets with no cancelled checks were in the amount of \$73.56. The account in the Merchants State Bank, Werner, N. D., was closed with the receipt of \$37.79 from the state treasurer to balance the account. The above summary reflects apparent bank withdrawals with no cancelled checks or check stubs filled out to cover, in the amount of \$638.27."

"In most cases the check stubs were not filled out."

"The bank statements show in many cases the daily withdrawals in one total, so that the cancelled checks on hand could not be compared with the bank withdrawals and thereby obtain the missing items."

"Checks appear to have been drawn from three stations—Werner, Killdeer and Dunn Center. The checks appear to be signed by L. Haselrud, F. E. Hamei and J. Dugstad. A large number of checks with the signature of L.

Olaf Clevén Candidate for County Treasurer



OLAF CLEVÉN

Olaf Clevén, deputy county auditor for a number of years, announces his candidacy for Ward county treasurer subject to the will of the voters in the June primaries.

Mr. Clevén was defeated by Alfred Mostad, the present incumbent a year ago in November, losing by nine votes in one of the most exciting contests of the election. Mr. Clevén took his defeat gracefully but determined to make the fight again if his friends wanted him to.

Mr. Clevén has been employed in the office of the county auditor for a number of years and has always given very faithful and efficient service. He is regarded as one of the most capable men around the court house and has a host of friends throughout the county.

Man Fined \$10.00 for Signing Name as James Farrell

Oscar Slipper, of Alexandria, Minn., registered at a Grand Forks hotel Monday night, under the name of "James F. Farrell", St. Cloud. Officers were excited and caused the man's arrest. He declared that he had been staying at one hotel until he grew tired then selected another hotel. He grew tired of his own name and as he had been reading a great deal about the Gummer trial, he subconsciously signed the name "Farrell" on the hotel register. The authorities fined him \$10 for signing a false name on a hotel register. Officers do not connect him with the murder of Marie Wick in any way.

Scottish Rite Improvements Almost Completed

The Scottish Rite Masons will soon have their improvements completed at the Grand Theatre in the Union National block, which they have leased for five years. They are spending \$1600.00 improving the place. They are building a new entrance into the place and are making many changes. The entire room is being redecorated. A class room 16-38 feet on the third floor is being built and new curtains have been secured for the stage.

Haselrud appear to have been signed by other persons, and have various initials underneath the signature."

It is added that it is apparent that the balance of pay-roll checks undiscovered were among the missing checks totalling \$638.27. Effort to find these missing cancelled checks failed.

The Hibernating Season Is Over



BLOOM AND CAHILL PREPARE TO FIGHT OUSTER ACTION

Bismarck, N. D., March 3.—Offices of Secretary of State Thomas Hall and Harold Hopton, manager of the state bonding fund, are doing a rushing business.

"Is my oath on the file?" is the question asked in the secretary of state's office. "Am I bonded?" is the question asked Hopton.

Since the governor declared the offices of J. L. Cahill and John Bloom vacant because they had not qualified there has been a rush of employees to find out if they had neglected to qualify for office.

Bismarck, N. D., March 3.—J. I. Cahill and John Bloom, who had failed to qualify as members of the board of administration and game and fish commission, respectively, were prepared today to make a legal fight to retain their positions. Cahill announced that he had retained George E. Wallace, former tax commissioner, as his attorney, and Mr. Bloom said he had retained P. D. Norton, of Mandan, former congressman from the second district, who has been opposed to him politically.

Attorneys and their clients were conferring to determine what action would be taken. Cahill declared yesterday that the governor would have to start the action. Governor Nestos notified Cahill that the appointment for a former term was withdrawn and the office declared vacant, and is expected within a few days to name a successor.

Governor Nestos has appointed Geo. Dickinson, of Brinsmade, Benson county, to take the place of Dr. E. C. Stucke of Garrison, as a member of the game and fish commission. Stucke it was found, had never qualified for office or even acknowledged his appointment by former Governor Frazier.

Mr. Dickinson, the governor said, was a businessman interested in fish and game, and had the endorsement of the Stutsman county Fish and Game association, one of the largest organizations of its kind in the state. The membership of the fish and game commission has been composed of E. C. Stucke, Garrison; J. H. Bloom, Devils Lake; G. M. Hogue, Steele; and C. E. Manning, Fargo.

The state auditor's office checked up yesterday afternoon to learn who had filed oaths of office and bonds. It was found, it was said at the auditor's office, that District Judge Frank B. Allen, of Lisbon, had never filed an oath of office. He will be notified, it was said.

In administration circles it was pointed out that under the law Cahill and Bloom had not only lost their positions by failure to qualify, but were subjected to prosecution for a misdemeanor, which can be punishable by fine and jail sentence.

Say 150,000 Acres May be Successfully Irrigated

According to the Ryder News, the proposition to irrigate much of the district along the Missouri has been revived. The News says in part:

"Some ten years ago the Missouri River bottom lands between Sanish and the mouth of the Garrison Creek were examined by the U. S. Reclamation Service and the irrigation of over 50,000 acres recommended. Muskrat Lake, south of Van Hook, at an elevation of 136 feet above the Missouri River low water mark to the south only a short distance, is an ideal reservoir from which to distribute the water and besides the river bottom lands recommended for irrigation at that time, it is now estimated that from this reservoir over 150,000 acres in addition to the bottom lands could be successfully irrigated. The district the water could be extended over has its beginning just south of Van Hook, taking in the Shell Creek and Roseglen valleys and the Blackwater and Stevenson flats, to the junction of the Garrison and Douglas creeks a few miles west of Garrison. There is a ridge-like elevation between this district and the Missouri River bottom lands, and the recommendation for irrigation made at the time of the examination by the Reclamation for vice took into consideration only the bottom lands."

Owners of Land May List Farms With Association of Commerce

Land in the vicinity of Minot which is offered for sale to new settlers thru the real estate bureau of the Minot Association of Commerce will be listed in the Association's office and the prices approved by a disinterested committee to be appointed by the board of directors of the Minot Association of Commerce, it was decided at the meeting of the board yesterday. Commissions on land thus listed are to be not more than \$1 an acre, it is announced.

Under the plan worked out owners of land will be asked to list their land with the Association any time between March 15 and April 15. All listings will run until Nov. 1 and will practically amount to an option on the land until that date. This will give added assurance to prospective settlers that there will be no mounting of land prices when the expected influx into northwestern North Dakota begins. This list will be at the disposal of new settlers or any other parties desiring to purchase land but before land is placed on the Association of Commerce list, the price and terms of sale must be ratified by the disinterested committee which will be named by the board of directors. Members of the real estate bureau of the Association of Commerce agreed at their meeting yesterday to list their land and the same opportunity will be afforded owners of land who do not belong to the bureau.

"It is the intention of the Association of Commerce to throw every protection around the prospective settler," W. E. Borene, a member of the Association's immigration committee declared in discussing the plan. "We want more settlers in this vicinity and the idea of having the prices of land so listed ratified by a disinterested committee and commissions fixed at such a low figure as \$1 an acre should appeal to all. All owners of land near Minot which is for sale are urged to list their land with the Association of Commerce and I doubt if the valuation committee will have to do very much trimming down for every one seems sold on the proposition of getting good farmers on the land near this city which is now being partly cultivated or left idle."

KIWANIS WEEKLY LUNCHEON

The Wednesday meeting opened the Annual Attendance Contest. Clubs eligible must have filed with International Headquarters certain reports showing the local club up to the standard as provided by the International Constitution. The Minot Kiwanis Club is eligible, and going in to compete with all clubs, both in the United States and Canada. President Carl N. Cox, acted as chairman. The weekly attendance prize offered by Ed. Schrepel was awarded to Henry Byrum.

Dr. E. J. DeMots was the speaker of the day, and delivered a very enthusiastic address on the much talked about subject "100,000 More." The work allotted Kiwanis Club in the campaign is being done on schedule time.

The following visitors contributed to the program by short talks, Harry J. Oram, Fargo; Harry J. Geist, Grand Forks; I. J. Peet, Minneapolis; Judge Mollering, Williston and Attorney Brace, Minot.

The Kiwanis Club of Minot received their first favorable reply today, on a proposition that has been under consideration for weeks, that is going to save the Citizens of Minot a large sum of money annually. There is no body of men on the face of the earth anywhere, that take more pleasure in being of service to their community, state or country than the real Kiwanians. There is nothing new about the Kiwanis idea—it is as old as the soul of man, but Kiwanis has put the breath of life into old ideals by translating them into terms which the average man may appreciate.

Divine Service for De Molay for Boys

The members of the De Molay for Boys Chapter have accepted an invitation from Rev. D. J. Gallagher, Rector of All Saint's Episcopal church to worship at the church on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, March 19. They will assemble at the Masonic Temple and march to the church in a body.

1500 MINOT BOOSTERS SIGN CREED; TEACHER WINS PRIZE

FORMER N. D. OFFICIALS SUED ON STATE BUILT HOMES

Bismarck, March 8. Suit was commenced today by the Home Building association against George E. Wallace and John N. Hagan to compel them to pay the full cost of the houses built for them by the state. The suits are expected to apply to the cases of a large number of other persons for whom homes were built, which homes on the average, according to an audit report, cost about 61 per cent more than the estimated cost.

Four suits are to be initiated to determine all the questions involved in the home building association tangle. The four suits are as follows: Suit against George E. Wallace, former tax commissioner, to compel payment of the full cost of the house, which was built at the request of Wallace.

Suit against John N. Hagan, former commissioner of agriculture and labor, to compel performance of an alleged contract and determine whether he, as member of the industrial commission and one of the directors of the home building association, had the right to deal with the association, and to determine if he shall pay full cost of the house he abandoned and whether the association must refund money already paid, less rent, as he demands.

Two suits will be started to determine whether persons who purchased homes of the association after the association had nearly completed them, shall pay the full cost of the homes. There are seven such homes in Bismarck and seven in Fargo. One suit will be filed in Fargo and one in Bismarck.

Suit to determine who shall pay the taxes, which will be instituted in Burleigh county by the association against the county auditor, in which the association will allege the houses are the persons for whom they were built must pay the tax.

The suit against Wallace is expected to settle many important questions involved in home building association affairs. The case will be heard in the Burleigh district court.

Thinks State Overlooked Bet in Gummer Trial

Hans Hansen of Sawyer, who advertises himself as a "finger expert" writes:

"I have followed the Gummer trial closely and have failed to see where the state has introduced any real evidence. Why did they not have finger prints of the murderer, which should have been easy to find in a case like the murder at the Prescott hotel? As you probably know, it is only the sweat on the end of the fingers, which produces the impression of the ridge pattern on the end of the finger and by use of certain powder, can be transferred from any smooth surface to a sheet of gelatine. The state neglected the best chance it had to get positive proof of Gummer's guilt or innocence, the day after the murder. This is my opinion."

Spends Night in Strawstack

Hankinson, N. D., March 7.—Driving home, Mike Kinn became lost when overtaken by a snowstorm. He found a strawpile, unhitched his team and drove it to the sheltered side and then "dug himself into" the straw. He spent the night with comparative little discomfort, he says, and emerging about 10 a. m. the following day, sighted his farm only about half a mile away.

Fifteen hundred Minot boosters signed the pledge Monday afternoon, consisting of a composite creed worked out by a committee from the Association of Commerce. The pledges were taken thruout the business section of the city by members of the Rotary club. The members of the Kiwanis club had delivered four-minute addresses at the theatres.

The following is the creed adopted by the Association of Commerce:

+ The Creed of the Booster +
+ That the soil of northwestern +
+ North Dakota is wonderfully pro- +
+ ductive and that diversified farm- +
+ ing pays well; +
+ That its excellent water sup- +
+ ply and abundance of coal mean +
+ factories, mills and shops; +
+ That it is the land of homes, +
+ superior schools and fine +
+ churches, good roads, parks and +
+ natural playgrounds. +
+ That in all my conversation I +
+ will hold religiously to my faith +
+ in northwestern North Dakota +
+ That I will never speak ill of +
+ my state or community but on +
+ all occasions will express my +
+ positive conviction that north- +
+ western North Dakota is one of +
+ the best farming districts in +
+ America and I will help make it +
+ the home of 100,000 more happy, +
+ contented people. +

The Association of Commerce committed awarded the prize for the best creed written, offered by the Daily News, to Miss May E. Norton, one of the teachers in the Minot schools, which follows:

"I believe in Minot, N. D., the infant city of business, churches and schools, whose rapid growth and prosperity is due to the boundless wealth of thousands of acres of the richest land in the world, still almost untouched by the hand of civilization, which surrounds it on the north, east, south and west; the city situated in the midst of the "Bread Basket of the World" whose plentiful water supply and nearness to abundance of coal, mean factories, mills and shops with their happiness, wealth and comforts for thousands; the city of beautiful homes built by hearts who believe in "Live and help live" — the cry of the world with the dream shining through—the cry of the Brother World rising to birth—the cry of the Christ for a Comrade—like Earth."
"I, therefore, believe it is my duty to Minot to make others acquainted with it by tongue and pen, to do my part in keeping up its growth, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, and to help make it the home of 100,000 more happy contented people."

Peanut in Lung Causes Rugby Babe's Death

Houston Chester Miller, little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miller of Rugby, died in a local hospital March 1. A peanut with which the little had was playing, lodged in his lungs and he was brot to Minot in hopes a specialist might save his life. The child was born May 8, 1920. The remains were taken to Rugby for burial.

Christian Science Lecture, March 21

A Christian Science lecture will be given at the high school auditorium, Tuesday evening, March 21, at 8:15 o'clock by William D. Kilpatrick, C. S. B., of Detroit, Mich., Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

President Chats With Wounded Soldier



President Harding chatting with First Sergeant William J. Trevitt of the thirty-seventh (Ohio) division, who was badly wounded in both legs but who made the trip to the White House to see his captain, Fred Kochil, receive the French medal of the Legion of Honor.

Powerful Chieftain of Abyssinia



A rare photograph, just received, showing the venerable Laba-Amelik, one of the most noted of the independent chieftains of Abyssinia, who have risen to greater power through the recent death of their overlord, King Menelik.