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COMMENDABLE REPORTS.

The Pioneer Express prints below reports of the state attorney on the expenses of the enforcement of the prohibition law which furnishes interesting reading. It goes to show that it has not cost the taxpayers of the county one cent, on the other hand there is a balance from fines and bonds forfeited in favor of the county.

The other report is from the county agent showing what has been done the last twelve months and the program for the next year. It goes to show that that officer is not spending his time in idleness, but is keeping the work in the different departments, for which he is appointed, well looked after.

Both these reports were sent to us last week for publication, but on account of a rush with other business, were left over until this week.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT.

Problems of economic production and distribution occupied the leading position in the activities of County Agent E. G. Parizek during 1921, according to his annual report, which is on file in the office of the county auditor.

Marketing is Project.

Cost of production work, gopher eradication, sow thistle control, treatment of seed potatoes and poultry culling were promoted so that farmers of the county who took advantage of the work could reduce the cost of producing their various crops and thereby stand a better chance of making a profit on the season's activities. Farm Bureau organization, program of work meetings and cooperative marketing of the wool of the county are the projects on which work has been done in order to encourage the adoption of a more economical system of distribution for all farm products.

Sow Thistle.

Experiences of Pembina county farmers observed by the county agent show that among the control crops which may be used for sow thistle are sweet clover sowed from 10 to 20 pounds to the acre, winter rye, alfalfa, and oats planted early and cut for feed followed by a thorough summer fallow, keeping the ground black the balance of the season. During this past year many farmers were so busy that they failed to work their sow thistle land during the harvest season, and the thistle plants made a growth of several inches before they were touched, storing up food in the roots for next year with the result that the whole season's work was wasted.

Potato Treatment.

Outstanding results were secured in treatment and selection of seed potatoes. Twenty-eight farmers treated seed as a result of the solicitation of the county agent. Of this number, reports were received in the fall from ten farmers, stating that they had planted 118 acres with treated seed and that this acreage had given an average yield of 54 bushels more per acre than was received from the untreated seed, giving them an additional 6,372 bushels of potatoes which were valued at more than \$6,000.

Cost Records.

Six farmers in Pembina county are cooperating with other counties in the state and with the Agricultural College in keeping records so that definite figures will be available on the cost of production of different farm products. The Pembina County Farm Bureau made an appropriation of \$300 to help pay for the clerical work at the College in checking up and consolidating these records.

Kota Wheat.

Small amounts of Kota wheat, a new hard red spring variety bred at the North Dakota Agricultural College, were grown in the county during the year and proved to be highly rust resistant, although they were

damaged by the hot weather. A small amount will be grown next year, but as yet there is not sufficient seed available to supply any large number of farmers.

Poultry Culling.

Interesting results were secured from poultry culling demonstrations, twelve being held during the year with a total attendance of 151 farmers and farmers' wives. In the combined flocks there were 719 hens of which 427, or nearly three-fifths, were culled out as being poor egg producers. One farmer's flock of 70 hens in the week before culling yielded 28 eggs. At the demonstration 27 hens were culled out and 43 kept. In the following week the 27 culls did not produce a single egg, while during the same period 25 were secured from the 43 hens.

Dairying.

The practical failure of the wheat crop again this year has led many farmers to believe that some change must be made in the farming system, and they are considering more diversification, and especially dairying. Two meetings were held to discuss the situation, and the result was that plans were definitely made to ship in a carload of Jerseys and Holsteins next month from Wisconsin. In addition, a number of farmers report that they are starting the dairy game in a small way and have purchased from one to four cows since the meetings.

Gopher Poison.

Sufficient poison to destroy gophers on 10,000 acres of land was distributed during the year by the county agent and a total of seven gopher poison bait mixing demonstrations were held during the year.

Labor.

The rapid ripening of the crop brought on by hot weather resulted in a sudden widespread demand for labor, and the county agent secured 227 laboring men at Cavalier alone by communicating with employment agencies at Minneapolis, Duluth and Grand Forks.

Wool Marketing.

The 1921 wool clip of the county was again sent to the state pool at Fargo to be marketed cooperatively as the farmers found that it was practically impossible to dispose of individual consignments to commission at any price. A total of 32,628 pounds of wool was sent to the pool, which is only about half the quantity shipped in 1920. This is largely accounted for, however, by the fact that nearly half of the farmers raising sheep in 1920 have since gone out of the business. An improved market on mutton and increased activity in the wool market lately indicate that sheep are coming back.

Boys' Encampment.

A number of Pembina county boys attended the fourth annual Tri-County Boys' Encampment held at the Wahalla chautauqua grounds July 5th to 11th, for the farm boys of Pembina, Cavalier and Walsh counties. Military discipline prevailed at the camp and educational work was emphasized with a liberal sprinkling of fun. The county agent was one of the instructors.

Club Work.

Boys' and girls' club work was done in cooperation with the county superintendent of schools. Two clubs were formed during the year and there were also a number of individual enrollments. Competition was keen at an industrial contest held at Cavalier in October, when the club members exhibited the products of their work, including corn, potatoes, garden stuff, poultry, butter and sewing.

Women's Work.

Work for farm women which was arranged by the county agent and carried out by specialists from the Agricultural College included the holding of schools in four communities to demonstrate steam pressure cooking, making of dress forms, altering commercial patterns, cutting, the use of household conveniences and the value of different foods.

Farm Bureau.

At the beginning of the year members of the old Pembina county Farm Bureau announced that they wished to affiliate with the newly organized North Dakota Farm Bureau Federation and with the national organization, and a campaign for membership under the new plan was put on, more than 600 farmers of the county joining. The membership fee was set at \$10, of which half goes to the state and national organizations and the balance remains in the coun-

ty. Accurate information on the condition of the agricultural industry in Pembina county was secured at a county-wide hearing called by the Farm Bureau. Similar information was secured in other counties of the state, assembled, and presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington by a committee of two farmers, G. W. Hoffman of Backoo, president of the Pembina County Farm Bureau, being a member of this committee. Mr. Hoffman also presented the records which he had kept on his own farm. Following this hearing, the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered material reductions in freight rates on agricultural products to be effective in December. A county-wide meeting was also held to acquaint the farmers and bankers with the provisions of the War Finance Corporation plan for agricultural loans. The Farm Bureau took charge of the Near East Relief drive in the county, and \$600 worth of grain was pledged to this movement.

1922 Program.

Six meetings were held during the fall at which organizations were formed in communities to promote extension work within that community, and in each instance a definite program of work for 1922 was adopted, and a local organization formed consisting of a community chairman and community committeemen for each of the principal activities in the program for next year. A meeting held at St. Thomas illustrates how these programs were worked out. First the principal sources of income were discussed, then the factors tending to cut down the returns from these sources, remedies, and finally, a definite and specific list of things to be done by the farmers in that community in 1922. At the St. Thomas meeting the program adopted included the planting of 15 new plots of sweet clover to demonstrate their value in fighting sow thistle; raising of one plot of Kota wheat to show its rust resistance; treating and selecting seed for five plots of potatoes; one poultry culling demonstration; sowing of one field of wilt-resistant flax, and the calling of a meeting early in June to discuss the wage situation and reduced rates.

STATES ATTORNEY'S REPORT FOR 1921.

Cost of Enforcement of Prohibition Law.

POLICY—Violators of the law should be compelled to pay expenses of enforcement.

RESULTS—Cash receipts, Cash collected by states attorney from liquor violators as fines, costs and forfeitures, paid to county treasurer, \$2,200.00.

Disbursements: Cash paid to sheriff, deputies, justices, witnesses and other expenses in liquor cases during 1921, \$408.85; cash paid by the county treasurer to school fund \$200; cash balance in county treasury Dec. 31, 1921, \$1,591.15; total \$2,200.00.

The above cash balance of \$1,591.15 will be disbursed as follows: \$550 will go into the county general fund for payment of general expenses of Pembina county; \$1,041.15 will remain in the liquor prosecution fund for payment of any further expenses in liquor cases, after which the unexpended balance will be transferred to the school fund.

Additional Fines, Costs and Forfeitures Collected in 1921.

During 1921 there was collected from violators of the law in cases other than for liquor violations the sum of \$2,905.25. All of this has been turned over to the county treasurer and will go into the school fund.

Sam Kallel Murder Trial.

Sam Kallel, an Assyrian peddler, killed Annie Story, a fifteen year old Pembina county girl, on November 7th, 1921. Kallel was given a trial at the January, 1922, term of district court. It was the most important and serious trial held in Pembina county for many years. The prosecution was conducted by the states attorney. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Kallel was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary, and is now serving his sentence.

The Kallel trial lasted one week. Strict economy and foresight were used in the conduct of the trial with the result that the total expense of this long and important trial was only \$201.75. Many taxpayers anticipated an expense of at least

\$2,500.00.

The cost of the Kallel murder trial and which cost also constitutes the entire cost of the January, 1922, term of district court, is as follows: Jury fees and mileage . . . \$594 85 Witness fees and mileage . . . 105 90 Livery hire for witnesses . . . 20 00 Salary of four bailiffs 81 00

Total cost of Kallel trial . . \$801 75

Personal Statement.

The purpose of this report is to give the citizens and taxpayers of Pembina county correct information. Public office is a public trust. The public has a right to know how its servants are looking after the welfare and best interests of the public. I have performed the duties of states attorney according to my idea and standard of justice, efficiency and integrity.

Very truly yours,
HAROLD P. THOMPSON.

PEMBINA SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pembina Savings and Loan Association was held at the Pioneer Express office as per call. Directors elected were E. D. Booker, M. H. Miller, J. Heneman, James A. Wilkins, James Slater, A. D. Caviler, G. G. Thompson, John D. Booker and F. F. Morris.

The directors in turn elected the old officers, which are G. G. Thompson, president; James A. Wilkins, vice president; John D. Booker, secretary-treasurer.

The Pembina Savings and Loan Association was organized and articles of incorporation filed with the secretary of state the 3rd day of February, 1888. On the 24th day of January, 1888, then Territory of Dakota, L. E. Booker, W. J. Kneeshaw, W. C. Short, J. K. Musselman, N. E. Nelson, Charles B. Harris, F. A. Wardwell, J. E. Ashley, George W. Ryan and F. M. King signed up for shares that formed the nucleus of the organization. The business was confined to Pembina county alone, although anybody could take out shares, but only to the amount of 50 shares in each series. That was done so that no one person could get control of the organization.

All these years the Pembina Savings and Loan Association has been doing a conservative business with practically no losses. All the officers serve without pay save the secretary-treasurer, who gets \$15 per month. This makes the expense of the association nominal and the profits go to the shareholders equally, whether borrowers or not. Many people in different parts of the county have been helped getting homes at about what the rent of the property would be if they rented.

At the present time there are 817 shares in force and the assets of the association is \$26,669. Among the big shareholders out of the county is Brigadier General H. E. Ely, now in command at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He became associated with the association in 1894, when he was a lieutenant at Fort Pembina. He has been a shareholder ever since. Another big shareholder is S. L. Wardwell of Washington, D. C., who carries 100 shares. The rest of the stock is held mostly by people in the county, although there are scattering blocks of shares held outside of the state.

A new series will be opened on the 1st of March, which will give people a chance to start at the beginning of the series.

G. G. Thompson was elected president for the 25th year at the last meeting and Mr. Wilkins has served as vice president for nearly half that time, while Mr. Booker succeeded his father as secretary-treasurer two years ago.

We are reliably informed that Cavalier will have a new newspaper before long. From a point of financial investment the county seat has all the newspapers it can support. From the outside it looks as though the people of that town would do better to compromise with the management of the Chronicle the same as the Publishers Service Bureau did when they took over the Chronicle, only do it in a more gentlemanly way.

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45 cent cretonne,	38c
55 cent colored Indian head	48c
75 cent tissue gingham	68c
\$1.25 colored voile	\$1.10
\$1 colored and white organdy,	68c
70 cent best sheeting, 9-4	60c
60 cent 9-4 sheeting	60c

Special for Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12th and 22nd.

Ladies' and children's wool hose, at half price. Scrim from 17¢cent a yard up. Great bargains in winter underwear. A few ladies' plush coats, at only \$19.75. Several suits for ladies at \$19.75. We can show you only nice, clean merchandise. 50 cent a yard saving in all new high grade silks. \$4.25 crepe radieux for fancy skirts, at \$3.75 skirt length.

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