

EDUCATORS MEET HERE TODAY

INFORMAL CONFERENCE ON THE
SUTTS AND PRINCIPALS TO
BE HELD AT THE HIGH

Four state high and graded school inspectors have been touring through Morrison, Todd, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Benton, Stearns and Aitkin counties this week, inspecting the schools in practically all the cities and villages. They finish work today and this afternoon two of them, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Barnes, will come to this city to hold an informal conference with the school heads in this district, which includes the counties mentioned above. The meeting will be held at the high school, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Only the school heads have been invited to this meeting, that is, the county and city superintendents and the graded school principals. Mr. Dobbins, city superintendent here, who has charge of arrangements, expects from 25 to 30 delegates at the meeting.

The meeting will be the final round up of the work of the inspectors and is for the purpose of discussing the subject of English. A 6 o'clock dinner will be served for the visiting superintendents at the high school by the domestic science class of the local high.

SKATERS WANT MUNICIPAL RINK

Since the river has frozen up so as to make it safe for skating the lovers of this sport have started an agitation for a municipal rink, such as was operated last year, only a much larger one. The rink last year was entirely too small and furthermore the weather was so cold most of the time that skating was no pleasure. The skaters want the rink located further up the river this time, where there is plenty of room for a very large one. Last year the Water Power company lighted the rink free of charge.

MAN REPORTED KILLED NEAR CUSHING

A report was circulated here that a Cushing farmer was found dead on the Jefferson highway between that village and Lincoln yesterday morning, due to an accident. The report could not be verified.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC SUBSIDING

City Health Officer Dumont reports that there are between fifteen and twenty cases of smallpox in this city now. He states that the epidemic is subsiding and says that the vaccination order had much to do with checking the spread of the disease.

A. S. Montan, proprietor of the Ideal laundry of this city, was in Minneapolis Sunday, where he attended an anniversary dinner given at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Elmquist in honor of the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. Montan's parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. Montan. Rev. Montan came to this state over forty years ago and he was actively engaged in colonizing and bringing Scandinavian immigration to this state. He is now 72 years of age but is still pastor of two congregations, at Wheaton and White Rock.

STATE ROAD TO SAUK CENTRE

MEETING TO BE HELD HERE TO-
DAY TO MAKE PLANS FOR
SAME

Delegations from Swanville, Burtrum, Gray Eagle and Sauk Centre will meet at the Buckman hotel in this city this morning for the purpose of formulating plans to get a state highway from Swanville to Sauk Centre, a distance of 27 miles.

At the present time the road between Swanville and Sauk Centre is in very bad shape. It is an old two-trail road. Morrison county has a state road running from Little Falls to Swanville and another state road in Todd county connects Long Prairie and Sauk Centre. The proposed road would enter Morrison county only about a mile and Stearns two or three miles, the remaining 22 or more miles being in Todd county.

The initial meeting was held at Sauk Centre last Monday, at the invitation of the Commercial club at that place. R. L. Palmer, John Wetzel, Charles Sylvester and County Engineer A. J. Fenn of this city being present. Charles Sylvester, J. K. Martin and R. B. Millard were made members of the committee from this county and the last named was asked to act as secretary of the general committee. Dr. Dubois of Sauk Centre was elected chairman.

The county commissioners in this county and Todd and Stearns will be asked to recommend to the state highway commission that the proposed highway be designated.

STORES OPEN THREE NIGHTS OF NEXT WEEK

Only seven more days remain in which to do your Christmas shopping. The merchants advocate shopping early, in order that you may get what you want and also make the work lighter for them the last few days before the holidays. Next week most of the stores will remain open only three evenings, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, which they feel is enough.

Word has been received here of the serious illness of Mrs. Geo. W. Christie of Red Lake Falls, daughter of Congressman Lindbergh of this city. She is at a hospital at Crookston.

Alderman George Johnson of the West side, who is employed in the Pine Tree Manufacturing company's yards, sustained a broken leg Tuesday morning when he was caught under a dumpcart. He was taken to St. Gabriel's hospital for treatment.

MEDVED DISPOSES OF HOTEL

FELIX KOBILKA WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF LITTLE FALLS HOUSE ON JAN. 1

Jos. Medved, who for the past seven years has been proprietor of the Little Falls House, has disposed of the hotel to his son-in-law, Felix Kobilka, formerly of Buckman. The new owner will take possession on January 1.

Mr. Medved has decided to retire from active business and take a good rest. He will move into his new residence on Fourth street southeast, next to the P. S. Randall residence, as soon as it is completed. Mr. Medved is thinking seriously of taking a trip to Europe next spring if the war is over by that time. He is a native of Austria and will visit his old home there. He will also visit a number of the towns lying along the present European battle front, in many of which he visited regularly as a salesman for a woolen mill when a young man.

PROF MARIA SANFORD READ "OTHELLO" AT HIGH SCHOOL

Professor Maria L. Sanford, formerly an instructor at the state university, read Shakespeare's "Othello" at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Musical Art club of this city. Miss Sanford was greeted by a very large and appreciative audience. Louis W. Vasily introduced Miss Sanford. She was an instructor at the university when he attended it.

Her reading of "Othello" was excellent and her hearers were highly pleased. Not only did she read it splendidly but she interpreted the reading in her own words as she read it.

On next Tuesday, December 19, Professor Maria Sanford will celebrate her eightieth birthday anniversary. The University and the alumni will celebrate the occasion in a memorable way, with a special convocation at the army at noon, and other doings. Miss Sanford came to the university 36 years ago and during that time has made her great influence felt throughout the entire state. Upon leaving the university she took the title "Professor Emerita of Education and Rhetoric" was bestowed upon her. Since that time Miss Sanford has devoted her time to lecturing in public. She is a great reader and also is a great temperance worker.

GET FULL AMOUNT OF POLICY

MACCABEE LODGE MUST PAY HUSBAND FOR DEATH OF WIFE

St. Cloud Journal-Press (13): The jury in the case of Phillip Nardinger against the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World returned a verdict last evening in favor of the plaintiff, giving him the full amount of the insurance policy, \$1,000, with interest.

The lodge refused to pay the claim following Mrs. Nardinger's death, claiming that her demise was due to complications arising from childbirth, a clause in the contract cancelling claims if such was the case. The plaintiff testified that death resulted from another cause. A large number of doctors were on the stand as witnesses.

O. G. Mennes has changed the name of his hotel from the Columbia to the Lennox.

A. M. Granberg of Minneapolis has taken a position as druggist at L. D. Brown's drug store.

Mrs. L. Bratt of Ft. Ripley underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Hall hospital Monday.

The Professional Five Hundred club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Massey Tuesday evening.

Martin Casey, of Elm Dale was admitted to St. Gabriel's hospital Tuesday for treatment for an attack of appendicitis.

Philip Chock of Swan River had his left thumb severed in a planing machine Tuesday. One finger of the left hand was also badly lacerated.

On Monday, January 1, the tax books will be turned over to the county treasurer, and from then on the 1916 taxes, both personal and real estate, will be payable.

The Sons of Veterans, which organized temporarily here recently, will meet at the Maurin hall tonight at 8 o'clock when the organization of the lodge will be perfected.

The Larson and Cyrus boys, who left their homes here the first part of last week, were located at Remer Thursday of last week and were sent back here by the police of that city.

Representatives of the Central Minnesota Association of Congregational churches held a missionary conference at the First Congregational church here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Mike Novak and daughter Rose were at Brainerd Monday, called there by the death of the month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Youritzek. Mrs. Youritzek is a daughter of Mrs. Novak.

A. A. Barton of Bowls was in the city on business Wednesday. Mr. Barton will conduct a sale of the Anderson livery and garage at Bowls on next Friday, Dec. 22. A notice of the sale appears on another page.

Alfred Lemay returned Tuesday from Rochester, where he attended the annual meeting of the bricklayers' unions of this state. He made an effort to get the next annual meeting here but it was given to Virginia.

HIGH TEAM GOING AFTER HONORS

LOCAL QUINT CONFIDENT OF DISTRICT TITLE THIS SEASON—GYM MAY HAVE TEAM

"We're out to win," will be the slogan of the local high school basketball team the coming season, and there is every reason to believe that the quint will finish a winner, as it has some of the best material the local high has ever seen. No scheduled games will be played until the middle of January but a game will probably be played with the alumni on Saturday of next week, to get warmed up.

There are about fifty boys at the high school this year who are practicing for basketball and eight teams have been organized, which will meet each other during the coming season. There are fourteen boys in the list of eligibles for the first team, Captain Levin, Tanner, Dobbyn, Grimes, Elvig, Sims, Holmes, Richard, Hennen, Bastien, Higby, Tourillott, Malburn and Blake. Tanner is a recent acquisition, coming here from Sauk Centre. He attended Bemidji high last year and was the star performer of the basketball team from that school last winter.

The city gymnasium expects to have a team this season also and if one is organized it promises to be a strong one as there is some fine material among the members. Requests have already been received from independent teams in other cities for games.

DIED

Mrs. Henry Gagnon, one of the pioneer residents of Morrison county, passed away Wednesday morning at the home of her oldest son, Adolph Gagnon, at Oriska, N. D., from old age. She was 78 years old.

Deceased was born in Quebec, Canada. She came to this country with her parents more than forty years ago, locating in this county. For many years they resided in Gravelville, moving to this city about twenty years ago. When Mr. Gagnon passed away about seven years ago Mrs. Gagnon went to Oriska to live with her son. She is survived by two sons, Adolph of Oriska, N. D., and Edward of Duluth and one daughter, Mrs. Jos. Cota of Oriska, N. D. She also leaves one brother and one sister, who live in Canada. Mrs. Del LeBlanc of this city is a sister of Mrs. Adolph Gagnon.

The remains were shipped to this city, arriving here Wednesday morning. The funeral was held from St. Francis Xavier church yesterday at 9 a. m., Rev. Fr. Lamothe officiating. Interment was in Calvary cemetery, beside the remains of the husband and the deceased.

The 8-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Doten of Ryder, N. D., passed away Friday from pneumonia. The remains were brought here Sunday and were interred here. Everett Doten is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Doten of Little Falls town.

SHERMAN KELLY AT VICTOR THIS WEEK

The Sherman Kelly Stock company, which is playing at the Victor this week, has been showing to packed houses every evening. They have several new members in the company which have improved it and the specialties which are put on between acts are exceptionally good this year. The company remains here until Sunday night and puts on a matinee tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. John Bowman of Eighth street northeast is seriously ill at her home.

When in town make our store your Christmas headquarters. Use our telephone. Diamond Sign Jewelry Store.—Adv.

Everybody welcome at the basket social, Dist. 93, Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. Program. Constance Stillwell, teacher.

Mrs. Frank Sand and children went to Washington yesterday for a visit. From there they go to Oregon City, Ore., to spend the winter with Mrs. John Valentine.

E. H. Hennen, who was confined to St. Gabriel's hospital for several weeks with a broken leg, was removed to his home Friday. It will be some time yet before he will be able to be out.

St. Cloud Business College will save you from \$40 to \$100 on board, tuition and books. We teach 20th Century Bookkeeping and Banking. Gregg Shorthand and Touch Typewriting.—Adv.

Arthur Bowen of Chicago, well known artist and cartoonist, died at Chicago Saturday, after an illness of over two years' duration. Mr. Bowen was a brother of Mrs. Henry Meining, who formerly resided here.

County Attorney Rosemeier was at Upsala Saturday night, where he addressed a gathering of voters on the question of incorporation. Upsala will hold an election on December 29 for the purpose of voting on the question of incorporating as a village.

At a mass meeting of citizens at Sebeka recently, at which T. C. Gordon, manager for the Water Power company of this city was present, the matter of getting electric current from the local company was discussed. A proposition was made the village by Mr. Gordon for furnishing the juice.

Mrs. Mary J. Collins of Philbrook who was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Arnold of Randall, last week, was brought to the Hall hospital here the latter part of the week, suffering with a stroke of paralysis. Her entire right side was paralyzed, but she is reported to be greatly improved now.

COUNCIL GRANTS PETER POSCH PERMIT TO MOVE SALOON—ORDERS PUMP FOR PARK

THE CITY COUNCIL HELD A REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING AT THE CITY CLERK'S ROOM IN THE CITY HALL MONDAY EVENING.

The application of Peter Posch for a transfer of his liquor license from the M. Wojciechowski building on Third street southwest to the A. B. Trebiatowski building on the same street, was granted.

Val E. Kasparek of the park board appeared before the council and asked that a pump be put in at the park. He said that it means a great deal of work for Mr. Dewey, who takes care of the animals at the park, to carry water from his home. The cost of a pump, he said, should not exceed \$25.

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAY GOOD

The play "The Arrival of Kitty" was put on at the high school auditorium Friday evening by the high school dramatic club, also at a matinee that afternoon. The attendance in the evening was near the two hundred mark.

All the members of the cast took their parts well and Doris Larson as Aunt Jane, Myrtle Lee as Jane, Winkler's niece, Charles Davis as Benjamin Moore and Janet Tanner as Kitty, an actress, were especially good in their parts. Charles Davis impersonated Kitty in a very able manner. Jerome Malerich read a comic German letter which proved quite a laugh producer.

Music was furnished by the high school orchestra and by the boys' and girls' glee clubs.

TWO GARAGES BROKEN INTO

Two private automobile garages in this city were broken into last week, one Thursday night and the other Friday night, presumably by auto thieves. The Harry Weismann garage was broken into Thursday night but nothing was taken, and on the following night the H. A. Bider garage was entered, but nothing taken there. Fortunately in both instances the car owners had removed the batteries from their cars and the machines could not be started.

COACHES PICK DUNPHY

Erwin Dunphy of this city, who attends Carleton college at Northfield, has been chosen by the coaches of the colleges of this state as a member of the All-State team, being given the quarterback position. The Minneapolis Journal of Sunday contained an article in regard to the All-State team which mentioned Dunphy in particular and praised him very highly. The article said that although he was selected quarterback he was a better halfback than quarter but still gets the quarterback honors.

LONG PRAIRIE GETS JUICE TO- DAY

After having been delayed by the failure of the transformers to arrive for some time, the Water Power company finally has completed its electric transmission line to Long Prairie and the current is scheduled to be turned on in that village today.

Mrs. W. H. K. Moyer went to Minneapolis for a visit Wednesday.

Yesterday morning the government thermometer registered 20 below.

Joseph Sness of Buckman collected bounty for a full grown wolf Wednesday.

Marquette Court C. O. F. meets Monday evening Dec. 18. Special business.

Mrs. Jos. Moeglein entertained the Kensington Embroidery club yesterday afternoon.

G. W. Miller of Randall collected bounty for two full grown wolves at the court house Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pocrantz of Gibson, Iowa, are here this week looking after their farm about six miles north of town.

A marriage license was issued last Wednesday to W. H. Bolton and Dora Pipin. They were married by Judge Shaw.

A small fire started in some rubbish back of the Drellack barn near the river bank yesterday afternoon, caused by live coals in some ashes. The fire truck responded and the blaze was extinguished with little effort.

Mrs. A. B. Larson was surprised by a number of relatives and friends Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. J. P. Larson on the West side. Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon was spent.

Mrs. A. F. Kerich entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. A. Kerich of Minneapolis, who is visiting here, also in honor of Mrs. Frank Sand, who left yesterday for Washington, for an extended visit. Progressive five-hundred and thirty lunch was served.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Wm. Claypool of St. Mathias was fined \$3 and costs by Judge Lyon on Tuesday morning for assault and battery on the person of George Patnaude, after pleading guilty to the charge. Defendant then had Patnaude arrested for using abusive language and he in turn was sentenced to a fine of the same amount or an alternative of ten days in jail. He took the alternative.

NIGHT SCHOOL AFTER XMAS

SUFFICIENT NUMBER HAVE PROMISED TO ATTEND TO WARRANT STARTING CLASS

A night school will be started at the high school after the Christmas holidays, probably on Monday evening, January 8, a sufficient number of persons having signified their willingness to attend to warrant conducting the school. The enrollment will probably be twenty-five or thirty to begin with.

The same subjects as were taught last year will likely be taught again this year, including reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic.

Last year the school was tried out here for the first time and although the attendance dwindled down toward spring those who were regular in attending derived much benefit from the school and will be back again this year. The state naturalization board has urged those who want to become citizens to attend the school, as instruction in matters pertaining to our government, etc., is given special attention at the night school.

ROYALTON

Dec. 14.—Mr. Dunlap returned Friday from Charles City, Iowa, where he went to visit his family during Thanksgiving week.

Mrs. George Galley of Sauk Rapids visited relatives in Royalton the latter part of the past week.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Postwick died Thursday, Dec. 7. Arthur Phelps of Barton, N. D. is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Johnson of Royalton.

Byron R. Wilson transacted business in Little Falls Saturday.

Prof. Danforth was a county seat business visitor Saturday.

Mrs. F. M. Coughlin of Brainerd visited at the home of her brother, J. H. Russell, the past week.

Mrs. Flint of Rice visited relatives in Royalton the last of the week.

The basketball game played here Saturday evening between the Sauk Rapids second team and the Royalton Cubs was won by the latter, 25 to 10.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Carnes accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Russell and their guest Mrs. Flint of Rice were Sunday visitors at the N. M. Young home at Swan River.

Mrs. Mary Street came home from Rush City Monday, after a fortnight's visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Holliday.

J. G. Bargahos made a business trip to the cities Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Bouck has been ill for several days with a severe attack of grip.

Nurse Bruning of St. Cloud arrived here the first of the week, to take care of Mr. Phillips, Sr., who is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Johnson.

There are two cases of smallpox in the village at the present time and both houses are quarantined. The play being given by home talent entitled, "A Cheerful Lie," promises to be worth seeing and its object being to help the basketball team makes it deserving of a large patronage.

Mrs. A. V. McCarthy of Stillwater is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. G. Nogle.

High Riddle, who has recently been seriously ill, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. B. Lakin, is reported to be better.

Tuesday evening at the regular O. E. S. meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. Myrtle Fitch, worthy matron; Mrs. Etta McCollum, associate matron; G. A. Hollenbeck, worthy patron; Mrs. Jennie Parkins, secretary; Mrs. Mary Street, treasurer; Miss Edleen Carnes, conductress; Mrs. Mary Bouck, associate conductress.

The water in the Mississippi has overflowed its banks between the Chapman hill and the bridge, due probably to an ice jam further down the river.

Mrs. Henry Tieman is reported to be ill at her home southeast of Royalton.

Miss Ruth Lambert left the first of the week for Thief River Falls to visit her brother Roy and family.

Mrs. Stephen Jackson is recovering from an attack of grip.

T. C. Wing of St. Cloud was a business visitor in Royalton the first of the week.

Mrs. James Hollenbeck is reported to be a small pox victim.

Donald Doty had the misfortune to fall on the ice and injured his knee cap recently. Two younger brothers are ill at their home and it is feared that they may be among the smallpox victims.

C. W. Bouck left Thursday morning for St. Paul.

BORN

HOLTZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holtz, Thursday, December 14, a daughter.

LEBLANC—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur LeBlanc of Belle Prairie, Saturday, December 9, a son.

SNOW—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Snow of Rail Prairie, Sunday, December 10, a daughter.

MEYERS—To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meyers of Ripley, Sunday, December 10, a daughter.

MCDONALD—To Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDonald of Henrietta, Oklahoma, Sunday, December 3, a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald formerly lived here.

ARENDE—To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arendt of Watkins, Monday, December 11, a son. Mrs. Arendt was before her marriage Miss Della Brick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brick of this city.

Mrs. Geo. Bradley went to Minneapolis Monday for treatment.

COMMUNITY CONCERT SUNDAY

FIRST PUBLIC SONGFEST OF SEASON AT HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY—ALL INVITED

Sunday afternoon a community concert will be given at the high school auditorium, beginning at 3 o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited to this first community concert of the season and the rural folks are especially invited to come.

A program has been prepared for the occasion but the main purpose of the concert will be to get the people together to learn several Christmas carols, to be sung at the municipal Christmas tree service Christmas Eve.

Following is the program:
High School Orchestra.....
Community Singing.....
Song.....Ernest Carlson
Community Singing—Christmas Carols
Selection—High School Boys' Glee Club
Community Singing—
Annie Laurie, Swanee River
Selection.....Ladies' Trio
Community Singing—
Christmas Carols, America

Following are the words to the songs to be sung by the audience:

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born.

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Amen.

ADVENTS TIDELLES

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;
Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God in the highest;
Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

MAGEE LIKED BORDER LIFE

FORMER LOCAL BOY SAYS HE ENJOYED BEING WITH MILITIA IN SOUTH

Lloyd O. Magee of Eveleth was in the city Friday for a visit with his parents, enroute home from the Mexican border, where he has been serving with the Minnesota militia. He was with the Third regiment.

In speaking of the life on the border, Mr. Magee stated that he enjoyed life in the south, although it seemed pretty good to be back in Minnesota once more. He said that he did not believe the time spent on the border accomplished anything toward the solution of the Mexican problem, but it did tend to make good soldiers out of the boys and, if occasion arises, he said this country will have an efficient fighting force. He expressed the belief that the soldiers will be called out for actual service as the Mexican problem is definitely solved.

Mr. Magee said that the country where his regiment was stationed was just the opposite of what it was called. The land agents have named the place "the magic valley of Texas," he said, but the soldiers found it anything but magic. The first real prosperity the people there enjoyed was after the soldiers started spending their pay there, he said.

The local boys at the border were all enjoying good health when he left, Mr. Magee said. They were located only a quarter of a mile away from the Third regiment. Some of them were rather anxious to get home for Christmas, he said, but others said they would just as soon stay all winter.

POSTOFFICES ADVANCE A CLASS

Long Prairie Leader: Information has been given out to the effect that the postoffices at Swanville, Bortha and Clarissa have each been given an advance of one class in their rating, which will mean better service for the patrons of the office. To say nothing of