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NEW CALL FOR PAVING BIDS

BIDS FOR HARD-SURFACING M. T. H. 27 TO BE RECEIVED MARCH 21

County Auditor McNairy has been notified by State Highway Commissioner C. M. Babcock that Tuesday, March 21 has been fixed as the date for receiving bids for the hard surfacing of Trunk Highway No. 27 from Royalton to Belle Prairie, and instructing him to advertise for bids for same.

This means that the revised plans, extending the amount of that highway to be paved to Belle Prairie, have been approved by the federal department of public highways. The new specifications call for concrete with a crushed rock base. When bids were called for the first time, the specifications called for either crushed rock or gravel and the county board accepted the bid of Butler Bros., for gravel, subject to the approval of the state highway department. The state department opposed the gravel base, however, and all bids were rejected.

GARY PLAN OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPLAINED

"The Gary Plan of Religious Instruction" was the principal topic discussed at the regular meeting of the Little Falls Parent-Teachers' Association Monday evening, at the high school auditorium. A good sized crowd was present but the actual discussion of the subject by persons in the audience was rather limited.

H. E. Biddinger introduced the subject by explaining the Gary plan of religious instruction. Pupils in the Gary schools are excused for a certain length of time one day each week to go to their church for religious instruction. The public schools have no part in this religious instruction, it being handled entirely by the church pastors or others in the congregation. In Gary, the plan was created to a certain extent in order to relieve the crowded condition in the public schools.

The Gary plan has been tried out in a number of places since, and letters received from Faribault, Montevideo, Alexandria, Red Wing, Northfield and other Minnesota cities that have tried the plan, was read. All spoke favorably of the plan and some of them reported it very successful, in one place 90 per cent of the pupils taking advantage of it. Rev. Goodsell of the Episcopal church read a letter he had received from a friend at Gary, Ind., who helped start the plan there.

Following the discussion a vote was taken, which showed those present almost unanimously in favor of such a plan. No action was taken, however.

A pleasing program was given, consisting of a vocal duet by the Misses Frances Liljedahl and Muriel Boss, readings by William Caldwell and Miss Aileen Kaliher and a piano duet by the Misses Mildred and Ione Koslosky.

HIGH QUINT PLAYS AT ST. CLOUD TONIGHT

Coach Dunphy and his squad will "light out" for St. Cloud this afternoon for a return game with St. Cloud Tech this evening.

St. Cloud is out of the running for the district title but they can be depended upon to put forth their best efforts to get revenge for the 25 to 17 defeat last month. They have strengthened up a good deal since that time, but if the Little Falls quint plays up to form, St. Cloud is due for a real trimming, even if they have the advantage of playing on their own floor.

As a number of Little Falls people plan on going down on the evening train for this game, it will not start until 8:20. The train leaves here at 6:50 and if it is on time, those taking this train should have plenty of time to get to the school before the game starts.

On Friday of next week, the local quint goes to Benidji for a return game. This is the last schedule game of the season but a game may be arranged with Park Rapids, to be played on the Little Falls floor the middle of next week. Park Rapids is in the Third district and had second place last week in percentage but has played only five games.

APPEAL FOR AID FOR STARVING PULASKI FAMILY OF NINE

People of Little Falls, Hillman and Lastrup have been interesting themselves this week, in providing food, clothing and money for a destitute family of nine in Section 25, Pulaski township, who have absolutely no means of support and were facing starvation.

A letter in the last issue of the Pierz Journal, written by Glenn D. King of Hillman, called attention of the public to the family's plight and urged that help be extended through private channels. In his letter Mr. King stated that the township and county authorities had turned a deaf ear to the call for help and that no aid had been given them by the Red Cross or any other organization, so far as he knew.

The Woman's Guild is gathering clothing for the family.

Anyone wishing to help this suffering family is asked to send money for provisions to either Gross Bros., Lastrup, or O. P. Jacobson, Hillman, who will see that the family gets it.

ROOF OF GARAGE NEAR COLLAPSE FROM SNOW

Creaking rafters in the Lisle garage building on First street southeast on Wednesday gave warning of the possible collapse of the roof, due to the weight of the snow and ice and prevented such a disaster, persons in the building at the time anticipating the cause of the noise and taking steps to prevent a crash.

W. T. Tourtillott, deputy state fire marshal, and Wm. Batters, city fire chief, upon investigating the cause of the noise, found that the roof was slowly giving way. A 12-inch timber was hastily obtained from one of the lumber yards and the roof was propped up, thus preventing the crash.

Deputy Tourtillott, as a result of this near disaster, issued a warning to owners of buildings to keep the roofs cleared of snow.

SAYS SUPT. OF SCHOOLS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM POLITICS

At the mid-winter meeting of the Minnesota Federation of Women's clubs at St. Paul, Tuesday, Mrs. L. D. Brown chairman of the department of applied education, said in her report: "The office of county superintendent must be removed from politics," and "more supervision must be provided for country schools."

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PERSONAL TAX?

Remember, if you have not done so, that next Tuesday, Feb. 28, is the last day on which the tax can be paid without an added penalty. On March 1, a penalty of 10 per cent attaches.

The Kensington Embroidery club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Harry Halseth yesterday afternoon.

Married

Miss Catherine Fuchs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fuchs of Meier Grove and Mr. Joseph Matz of Empress, Alberta, Can., were united in marriage Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock at Sacred Heart church, Rev. F. Matz of Minneapolis, brother of the groom, performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Fuchs of Meier Grove. Max Matz of Minneapolis, brother of the groom, was best man. Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Arthur Schmidt. Mr. and Mrs. Matz left Tuesday for a honeymoon trip to the twin cities. They will reside in Empress, Alb., Can. Mr. Matz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Matz of this city.

LITTLE FALLS WINS ORATORY CONTEST

GEORGE FORTIER GIVEN FIRST PLACE—ST. CLOUD WINS DRAMATIC CONTEST

George Fortier of the local high school won first place in the sub-division declamatory contest held at the high school auditorium in this city Saturday evening and will enter the district contest to be held in St. Cloud. The St. Cloud, Staples, Motley, Crosby and Little Falls high schools participated in the contest.

Motley was not represented in the boys' oratorical contest. Charles Crosby of Crosby, Vernon Emmerson of Staples and George Fortier of this city had the same oration "A Vision of War." Philip Weivoda of St. Cloud won second place in the boys' contest on "A Plea for Cuba." Fortier handled his subject in a manner almost beyond criticism and the outcome of this contest was apparent to all.

In the girls dramatic contest Miss Viola Nelson of St. Cloud won first place on "Rosa," an Italian dialect selection, and Miss Marion Hall of Staples, 13 years old, won second place with "The Littlest Rebel." The other contestants were Amanda Storhaugen of Motley, who gave "The Arena Scene from "Quo Vadis." Frances Sparks of Crosby, "The Whistling Mother," and Isabel Merrick of this city, "The Man Who Came Back."

Nearly two hundred people attended the contest and they enjoyed it thoroughly.

The judges were W. W. Bradley of West High, Minneapolis; C. I. Anderson of Sauk Centre high and Geo. Scotton of Wadena high. Miss Edith Webster of Crosby high presided. The judges, in scoring the participants, had to take into consideration voice, stage presence, general effectiveness, interpretation, clearness in enunciation, emphasis, earnestness, naturalness, ease and grace of carriage, directness and general effect on the audience.

NO FUTHER EXTENSION ON AUTO LICENSES

The time for sending in applications for registration of motor vehicles expires next Tuesday, Feb. 28. Mike Holm, secretary of state, states that penalties will be waived on all such applications which are deposited in the United States mails before March 1, 1922, but that this will positively be THE LAST EXTENSION of time. The law provides that after March 31, motor vehicles cannot, for any reason, be operated without displaying 1922 number plates, and the registrar must have time to deliver the number plates before that date.

The Lions club held its regular meeting at the Buckman hotel Tuesday evening, with a good attendance. It was decided to make arrangements for a big time at the meeting when the local club is to be presented with its charter. A dinner preceded the meeting.

Farm Bureau Notes

The Creamery meeting of District No. 15 of the Minnesota Co-operative Creameries Association held Wednesday at the city hall was attended by delegates from six different creameries in four counties. Fourteen creameries in this district are members of the state association, seven of which are located in Morrison county.

The storm made full attendance impossible, but two from Morrison county attending, Motley and Royalton. The delegates present were:

Carl M. Peterson, Cromwell; E. C. Ward, Pequot; W. T. Lowe, Hill City; J. E. Sorum, Remer; V. Lockwood, Motley; J. N. Carnes, Royalton.

V. Lockwood, who is a director of the state association and by virtue of his position is chairman of the district organization, called the meeting to order and after a full discussion of the purposes of the meeting, they proceeded to elect temporary officers.

W. T. Lowe of Hill City was elected vice-president and J. N. Carnes, secretary-treasurer. V. Lockwood was elected delegate to the annual meeting of the state association, which will be held at St. Paul on March 7. J. J. Jacobson of Elmdale was named as alternate.

A committee of three, consisting of J. N. Carnes, V. Lockwood and C. B. Campbell was appointed to secure bylaws for a district organization which will be presented at the next meeting, which will in all probability be called in March.

Some of the districts already organized have effected savings amounting to thousands of dollars by combining their butter shipments in carlots and through the carlot purchase of supplies.

The state association will develop a selling agency to handle the shipments of Minnesota Co-operative creamery butter in the principal eastern markets.

A field man is employed by each district to work with the creameries in improving the quality of the product and in routing shipments and the securing of supplies in carlots.

The wool market is considerably stronger according to a letter received by County Agent Campbell from the National Wool Warehouse and Storage Company of Chicago. On January 31, 46,000 pounds of Dakota Range ¼ blood sold at 29c and Illinois clothing at 32c. A pool of 100,000 pounds containing some Minnesota wool, was sold during the same week at prices varying from 22 to 38c, according to quality. The bulk of the 1920 pool sold from 17 to 25c "early in 1920," states this company. we were marketing wool freely at 72 to 78 and even 80c. Suddenly the financial crash came and wool was the first commodity to fall. Within two weeks' time, the same wool would not bring 25c. Then the foreign wools came in and was held down in Boston at 9c per pound.

The wool growers, the American Farm Bureau Federation and National Wool Warehouse and Storage Company, a co-operatively owned association, fought for a protective tariff on wool. The measure was delayed unavoidably or intentionally, until May 27, 1921. From January 1, 1921, to May 27, 1921, over 1,000,000 pounds of wool per day arrived at our seaboard or a total of 227,000,000 pounds in anticipation of the tariff that was to be enacted.

Mills bought at their own price and preferred foreign wools.

Another bearish influence was the report of the Bureau of Markets in the spring of 1921 that 1,015,000,000 pounds was available in the United States or the equivalent of a two years' supply.

The so-called "buyers' strike" reduced the consumption of wool and made it almost impossible to secure favorable prices for wool.

Farmers are realizing the tremendous value of the pooling system for handling wool and indications are that pooling will double any previous year's record.

Those who have wool to sell should ship at once while the market is still active. If supplies are reported to the county agent, an effort will be made to pool Morrison county lots.

A two day Farmers Institute will be held at Upsala March 9 and 10. Director F. W. Peck of the Agricultural Extension division will speak there on the 9th and arrangements are being made to have a dairy specialist on the 10th. J. J. Jacobson will give a talk on the Minnesota Co-operative Commission Association as a marketing agency. Julia O. Newton, state leader of home demonstration agents, will address the women on the 10th. County Agent C. B. Campbell and Susan A. Hough, home demonstration agent, will assist at the meeting.

Professor E. W. Smith of the Upsala schools has been working hard to make the institute attractive and has many farm and home conveniences on exhibition. Detailed information concerning the institute and a complete program will appear in next week's paper.

Rural Credit Law Needed

"Restore land to farmers big problem today.

"If you are indoubt as to the practical working of rural credit law, some statistics on the German Empire compared with U. S. Statistics makes an interesting story," said Ed. Indrehus of Foley, author of the Rural Credit section of the Farm Bureau Federation program for this year.

Statistics were produced that showed that at the opening of the World war 38 per cent of the seven million farmers of the U. S. were renters. Figures were also produced to the effect that this percentage is increasing at an alarming rate. Eight per cent and as high as ten per cent for a period of five years and a bonus on the side seems now to be practised and laid down as terms by present Farm Loan agencies, in most sections of the state. Under such conditions, if allowed to go on, delegates expressed a fact that the American farmers soon will be reduced mostly to tenants.

In Germany before the Empire was organized by Bismarck, only a very low percentage of the tillers of the soil in that great nation were landowners. Bismarck realized that to have a strong nation, the land must be restored to the ownership of the people who till it. Under the leadership of that warrior of iron and steel a credit bank whereby the credit of the nation and the warrior's provinces was loaned to the farmers. Small payments over a period of 30 some odd years at a low rate of interest was a part of the plan. The result was at the opening of the World War, 86 per cent of all the farmers of the German Empire were land owners, the situation being completely reversed in a period of forty years. In a Republic like ours where less than a hundred years ago one of the most fertile sections on the surface of the globe was here unoccupied by the white race. It was gradually settled and cultivated. Because of a faulty system, the ownership of all this land has drifted and now faster than ever into the hands of a small clique of well organized capitalists to the detriment of the business man, the country banker and the public in general.

HAD BIG YEAR IN STOCK SHIPMENT

LITTLE FALLS ASSOCIATION SHIPPED 39 CARLOADS LIVESTOCK LAST YEAR

Farmers in this vicinity belonging to the Little Falls Farmers' Co-operative Shipping Association shipped 3,080 head of livestock in 1921, for which they received $40,189.07, according to the report of the secretary at the annual meeting held at the city hall here Saturday afternoon.

At this meeting Article VI of the constitution was amended to reduce the number of directors from seven to three and to provide for their election at the annual meeting instead of by the townships separately. Under the amendment, the manager and secretary will be elected at the annual meeting instead of being appointed by the directors.

E. J. Skoog, J. H. Timm and J. W. Hanson were elected directors for the ensuing year. Sam LaFond was re-elected manager and J. H. Schmelzer was re-elected secretary. W. C. Matteson, Wm. Gablenz and E. P. Nauertz were elected to the auditing board.

Following is the itemized report of the secretary:

Cars shipped during the year, 39.

	Number	Home weight pounds	Net weight pounds	Gross amount
Cattle	1,402	474,320	458,974	$20,281.91
Hogs	1,324	275,600	274,115	21,507.14
Sheep	354	49,235	46,506	2,864.95
		799,155	779,595	$44,654.00
Freight and yard expense				3,717.97
				$40,936.03
Paid to sinking fund				820.40
Paid owners				$40,189.07

Sinking Fund

Balance on hand at beginning of year	$ 73.51	
Paid into sinking fund	820.40	
Received interest on share stock in Central Co-operative committee	1.06	
Received refund on commission	30.50	
Total receipts		$945.91
Disbursements		
Paid manager	$547.50	
Paid secretary	117.00	
Paid losses	74.56	
Paid membership in Central Co-operative committee	25.00	
Paid for one share in Co-operative committee	25.00	
Pair directors	50.00	
Paid audlting board	4.00	
Paid road fare for manager	58.20	
Paid for partition poles	20.00	
Total paid		$921.26
Balance on hand		$ 24.65

Special Fund

Balance on hand at beginning of year	$ 37.36	
Received from 17 new members	8.50	
Total		$ 45.86
Disbursements		
Paid for advertising	$ 1.23	
Paid for office supplies	10.20	$ 11.43
Balance in special fund		$ 34.43

BRIGGS TO OPERATE WEST HOTEL

A deal has been closed whereby Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Briggs of this city have leased the West hotel on the West side for the period of a year and will open the hostelry for business the first of April. The hotel has been closed since before the holidays, when the proprietor, A. E. Boyer, took French leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are not new in the hotel game, having successfully operated the Minnesota house on First street northeast for the last eight years. They leave the Minnesota House on March 1, when the owner, Mrs. Helen White, who formerly operated the place, takes possession.

The West hotel is being renovated and redecorated, the furniture revarnished and furnishings cleaned or replaced.

Wm. Raman has rented the room in the hotel building, formerly used as a bar room and he will open a soft drink parlor there.

Members of Little Falls Lodge No. 110, A. F. & A. M., observed Washington's birthday at their meeting Wednesday evening with an appropriate literary and musical program, followed by cards and refreshments. Members of the Eastern Star were guests at the program.

Musical Art Club

Miss Hazel Annette Dieseth, teacher of voice at the Minneapolis School of Music, sang for the student section of the Musical Art club at Maud Moon Weyerhaeuser hall Wednesday afternoon and the few club members and others who came out to hear her were well pleased with the program.

Miss Dieseth has a pleasing dramatic lyric soprano voice, not very strong but clear, and a good range. Her enunciation is very good. The program consisted of English, French, German, Norwegian and Italian songs.

It is possible that Miss Dieseth may start a class in vocal here.

Miss Naomi Randall, teacher of piano here, was accompanist for Miss Dieseth.

BAD BLIZZARD HITS THIS SECTION

WORST SNOWSTORM IN YEARS DEMORALIZES TRAFFIC AND BUSINESS

Little Falls Wednesday and yesterday was in the midst of one of the worst blizzards that has been experienced in years. The storm was general throughout the Northwest and everywhere traffic of every description was demoralized and communication by telephone and telegraph interrupted. The snowfall was an unusually heavy one, making the blizzard all the worse.

Travel by team is almost impossible in this vicinity. A party of people from Bowlus who started out from there early Wednesday morning, enroute to Little Falls for a care in district court, and who expected to get here before 9 a. m., did not arrive until noon. They had to relay teams three times on the way.

Train service here was badly crippled Wednesday and yesterday, railroad traffic was at a standstill. Snow plows are busy on the various railroad lines, trying to restore traffic.

In Little Falls, there was "nothing doing." Banks, postoffice, most of the offices in the court house, schools and library were closed Wednesday, on account of the day being a legal holiday and proprietors of some of the business houses locked up and took the day off. Many girls employed as clerks and stenographers failed to show up at work, being snowbound in their homes.

A strange thing about the storm early Wednesday morning was the thunder and lightning, something decidedly unusual in mid-winter. This freak was noticed in many other parts of the state.

Few places here were busy as a result of this storm but at the local telephone office, the girls at the local boards were flooded with calls and some of them were on duty almost continuously for eighteen hours. It was necessary to get extra help to meet the situation, and Mr. Hall had to send out rigs to bring the employes to work. Everything possible was being done to keep things moving. Many toll lines were out of commission, especially south of Little Falls, due to the rain and sleet.

LIVESTOCK PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD

COUNTRY DEMAND FOR STOCKERS AND FEEDERS BOOSTS CATTLE PRICES 25 TO 50c

(By U. S. Bureau of Markets & Crop Estimates and Minn. Dept. of Agriculture).

Tuesday's Closing

Cattle 2,200. Market closing strong to 25c higher. Bulk of beef steers $6.25 to $7.00. Calves 2,300. Steady, bulk of best lights, $8.00. Hogs 11,000. Market 10 to 15c higher, top $10.35, bulk $9.75 to $10.25. Sheep 600. Lambs 25 to 50c higher, sheep steady to strong.

South St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 21, 1922:—While receipts continue of about normal proportions, demand for all classes of livestock is showing some improvement and prices continue upward.

A strong demand from the country for stockers and feeders has been the main factor in boosting cattle prices 25 to 50c on opening days of the week. The better offerings of shortfed beef steers have sold from $7.00 to $7.50 with the bulk selling today from $6.25 to $7.00 and very few down to $6.00 or below. Butcher cows and heifers sold mostly from $3.75 to $5.50, better offerings on up to $6.50 or higher. Canner and cutter prices ranged from $2.25 to $3.50, bulk over $2.50. Bologna bulls went from $3.00 to $4.00, bulk $3.25 to $3.75. The market for veal calves remained steady, most best lights $8.00, some up to $8.75, seconds $5.00 to $6.00.

A limited number of the better offerings of stockers and feeders brought from $6.50 up to $7.00 or better, with bulk at $5.50 to $6.25, very few down to $5.00 or below.

Top hogs sold at $10.35 today, a new high mark for the year to date. Bulk $9.75 to $10.25, packing sows $8.00 to $9.00. Desirable pigs mostly $10.10 to $10.25.

Best fed western lambs of handyweight reached $15.00 in today's trade, with best fat natives $14.50. Medium to good fat lambs sold from $11.50 to $14.00, according to weight and quality. Best fat handyweight ewes $7.25 to $7.75, medium to good kinds $5.00 to $7.00.

FRYE GROCERY GUTTED BY FIRE

Fire Wednesday night gutted the Claude Frye grocery store on Seventh street northeast, causing a loss estimated at about $600 to building and contents. The fire occurred at about 11 p. m.

Mr. Frye left the store at about 10 p. m., after looking after the stove. The fire truck started for the store, but was stalled near the L. E. Richard residence, Fourth street northeast, so the hose cart at the Seventh street fire station was pressed into service and with considerable difficulty, hose was strung to the store and the fire put out. Fortunately the flames did not reach the tank in the rear of the store, which contained a hundred gallons of kerosene.

Mr. Frye valued his building at $500, the stock at $850, and the fixtures at $200. He had $300 insurance on the building and $560 on the contents.

Died

Mrs. Sarah H. Green, one of the pioneer settlers of Morrison county, died at her home, 605 Third street northeast, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from old age. She was 79 years old.

Mrs. Green, who before her marriage was Sarah Harriet Sumner, was born in Belfast, Maine, Jan. 27, 1843; the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sumner. The family came to Little Falls 65 years ago, when this country was a comparative wilderness, and they experienced all the hardships of the pioneers. Mr. Sumner was the first cabinet maker in this section and he built the first Congregational church in this city. Sarah Sumner was married April 26, 1861 to Silas Hammond. They located on a homestead about three miles south of Little Falls, near the old Mississippi ferry known as Green's ferry. Mr. Hammond served in the Civil war and died in 1871 from the effects of privations suffered in that war. Three years later, Mrs. Hammond was married to William G. Green in Little Falls. Mr. Green died 37 years ago and eleven years later, Mrs. Green and family moved to Little Falls.

Surviving are three sons, Charles M. Hammond of Bemidji; Frank Green of Valley City, N. D., and George Green of Sunnyside, Wash.; and four daughters, Mrs. Nan Green of Boulder, Mont.; Mrs. Hattie Hershey of Swan River, this county, and Mrs. J. E. Lambert and Mrs. Dan Hovey of this city. One brother, Charles Sumner, living at an old soldiers' home in California, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott of Seattle, Wash., also survive. There are 32 grand children and 12 great grand children. Mrs. Lucy Hammond of this city is a daughter-in-law.

The funeral was held from the Methodist-Episcopal church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. G. B. Geer officiating. Interment was in Oakland cemetery. All of the children except George were here for the funeral. George was unable to come.

LOAN FORECLOSURES CALLED BAD POLICY

"CREDITOR WHO SQUEEZES FARMER NOW IS DESTROYING OWN BUSINESS"

St. Paul, Feb. 22:—Foreclosure of farm mortgages and contracts for farm land deeds is "the worst possible business policy for any creditor," the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation declared today in an official statement.

The federation has launched a vigorous campaign against foreclosures, warning creditors that wholesale closing out of farmer borrowers would do irreparable damage to Minnesota agriculture, and delay indefinitely the return of normal prosperity.

"The man who is actually on the land, fighting to hold his own against high freight rates, high prices of the things he buys and low prices for the things he sells, deserves every chance to make good," the federation said.

"The creditor who forecloses a mortgage against such a man is following a short sighted and ruinous business policy. Minnesota farm mortgages are among the soundest securities on the market today; they are being sought for by investors. The creditor who follows a policy of foreclosing because he has the legal right to do so, is destroying his own future prosperity. The time will come when he can do no more business. Better times are coming. And when they come, the farm loan business will go to those investors who are lenient in this present crisis. The farm mortgage holder who is broad-minded enough to see that the permanent prosperity of the whole state depends on a prosperous farm population will not squeeze out any farmer who is doing his best. The mortgage holder, or the man selling farm land on contract, who closes out a hard-working farmer at a time such as this, is isolating himself for years to come.

"Neither prosperity nor confidence in the return of prosperity can be brought about by foreclosing on producers who are unable, through no fault of their own, to meet interest obligations.

"Public welfare, as well as the best business interest of the individual creditor, demands that every sincere farmer borrower be carried by his creditor just as long as it is necessary, and humanly possible."

State Wool Market Conference Called

Representatives of county farm bureaus and county wool growers' associations have been called to a statewide marketing conference at the Old Capitol in St. Paul, February 28. With the wool market on the upturn, the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation has invited wool producers to unite to form a statewide wool marketing association, to reap the full benefit of the national farm bureau wool pool, which last year handled more than 10 percent of the whole wool output of the United States. It is estimated that Minnesota wool marketed through the pool brought the growers $30,000 more than it would have brought locally.

20 Creameries Save $8,000 in Freight

St. Paul, Feb. 23:—Twenty co-operative creameries in Minnesota have saved $8,179.60 in railroad freight rates in the last six months.

Results of consolidated marketing by creameries in Meeker, Wright and Kandiyohi counties, composing District No 1, were announced by the Minnesota Co-operative Creameries association, Inc., at state headquarters of the farm bureau. In six months, the district reported the 20 creameries shipped 85 carloads of butter. After paying all costs of concentrating the butter in carlots, the difference between carload and less than carload rates amounted to a saving of more than $8,000.

S. G. Gustafson is fieldman for the district, with headquarters at Litchfield. He reports better prices obtained as a result of quantity shipments. In some creameries, quality of butter produced was improved through cream grading, without loss of a single patron.

Although District No. 1 was organized before the state association began operations, it has been so well satisfied with results obtained that practically every creamery has joined the state service and marketing agency.

Three more districts of the state association are being organized. Creameries of District No. 15 were to send delegates to an organization meeting at Little Falls on Feb. 22, and those of District No. 3 were to send delegates to Winthrop on the following day to organize their district for active work. Creamery delegates of District No. 9 will meet in Minneapolis, probably at the courthouse, on March 2.

Mrs. L. D. Brown went to St. Paul the first of the week to be present at the annual mid-winter breakfast last Wednesday, of the Minnesota Federation of Women's clubs. A business session was held Tuesday, also a conference of district presidents and department and division chairmen. Mrs. Brown is chairman of the department of applied education. Her picture appeared with a number of others in the society section of last Sunday's Minneapolis Tribune.

YOUR INCOME TAX

Numerous inquiries have been received regarding the proper interpretation of Section 223 of the Revenue Act of 1921, which provides that each individual whose gross income for 1921 was $5,000 or over, shall file a return regardless of his or her net income.

Gross income means statutory gross income, defined by the revenue act to include "gains, profits and income derived from salaries, wages, or compensation for personal service—of whatever kind and in whatever form paid, or from professions, vocations, trades, business, commerce or sales or dealings in property, whether real or personal, growing out of the ownership or use of or interest in such property; also from interest, rent, dividends, securities or the transaction of any business carried on for gain or profit or gains or profits and income derived from any source whatever."

Gross income does not necessarily mean gross receipts. A merchant, for instance, in computing statutory gross income, should deduct therefrom the cost of goods sold. For example, a merchant may have gross receipts amounting to $10,000 but the cost of goods sold amounts to $7,000. He has no other income. The statutory gross income would be $3,000. In case the other deductions allowed him for business expenses, taxes, interest, bad debts, etc., amount to $2,500, his net income would be $500. No return of income is required in this case.

A lawyer who is married and living with his wife has gross receipts in the form of fees amounting to $6,000 and his necessary business expenses amount to $4,200, leaving a net income of only $1,800, a return will be required in this case, as taxpayer's gross income as well as gross receipts is $6,000.

W. H. RYAN SAYS "GET INTO HAPPY FRAME OF MIND"

St. Paul Pioneer-Press (17):—"Business is a frame of mind.

"When we go back home let us remember that we can make 1922 a prosperous year or a failure by the way we approach our tasks," was the conclusion of the talk made by William H. Ryan, the most recent executive, at the dinner given to former presidents of the Minnesota Retail Hardware Merchants' association Thursday night at The Saint Paul.

When Mr. Ryan, who was president of the association up to Thursday morning, closed his talk with the admonition to "get into a happy frame of mind" the other former leaders patted him on the back and declared it was the keynote speech of the meeting.

DIST. DECLAMATORY MEET IN ST. CLOUD

NEXT WEDNESDAY — GEORGE FORTIER TO REPRESENT LITTLE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

George Fortier will represent the Little Falls high school in the sectional declamatory contest to be held at the Technical high school in St. Cloud next Wednesday evening, March 1. The two winners in this will enter the state semi-finals.

Four sub-divisional contests were held last week to pick the participants for the sectional contest. George Fortier of this city won in the boys' oratorical contest in this sub-division and Miss Viola Nelson of St. Cloud won in the girls' dramatic contest.

Following are the names of those who will participate in the contest at St. Cloud next Wednesday, and their subject:

Boys' Oratorical Contest

Dexter Lewis, Osakis, "The Master Patriot."

John Van Der Meer, Ogilvie, "America, a World Power."

George Fortier, Little Falls, "A Vision of War."

Gerhard Quammen, Cyrus, "Liberty or Death."

Girls' Dramatic Contest

Lillian Rosenberger, Sauk Center, "Mercedes."

Alice Frost, Mora, "Judith of 1864."

Viola Nelson, St. Cloud, "Rosa."

Clara Erickson, Alexandria, "The Mallet's Masterpiece."

MISS WORDEN ON THE JOB IN THE WEST

In a recent issue of the Portland Oregonian appeared an article appealing for a good home for a girl 10 years old without a home. The appeal came from Miss Janet Worden, county nurse there, formerly county nurse of Morrison county. In the next day's issue of the paper Miss Worden announced that a temporary home had been found for the girl.

Aug. Christensen, secretary of the Little Falls Automobile club, is in receipt of a communication from Congressman Harold Knutson in reply to the telegram sent him urging opposition to any tax on automobiles for raising bonus money. The congressman stated that he did not believe the ways and means committee was contemplating such a tax but that he would bear the wishes of the local club in mind. Senator Knute Nelson also acknowledged receipt of the telegram and stated that it would receive his due consideration.

NEW GROCERY STORE

The Mueller Cash Grocery store will be a new Little Falls business establishment to start operations about March 1. It is to be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Gregor Mueller in their store building on Second street northeast, formerly occupied by the Tanner Grocery. It is planned to carry a full line of first-class brands of groceries.

Beginning March 1st, the Mueller Hotel, of which the above people are also proprietors, will begin the serving of meals. The place has recently been redecorated down stairs, preparatory to establishing the dining room. The Muellers have had much experience in this line, having conducted a restaurant in Little Falls for a number of years.

G. W. FIRNSTAHL ILL

A letter received by a friend from O. F. Firnstahl of Little Sauk conveys the information that his brother, G. W. Firnstahl of Seattle, Wash., formerly of this city, has been seriously ill for several weeks. The letter states that three specialists were in attendance but they were unable to determine the nature of his affliction, although they believed it sleeping sickness. Word received recently, the brother at Little Sauk states, indicates that Mr. Firnstahl is improving but that it will be four to six weeks before he will be able to be about.

TO CONSIDER BUILDING OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

The members of St. Francis Xavier church, after high mass next Sunday, will consider the advisability of building a parochial school. The matter comes up at this time on account of the crowded condition of the parochial school connected with the Sacred Heart church.

The Professional Five Hundred club will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nichols next Tuesday evening.

Anthony Zerwas, who has been a student in the local telegraph office for some time, has gone to Chillicothe, Mo., to take a position as telegrapher.

H. B. Morrison of St. Paul was in Little Falls Sunday and met with persons interested in the International Bible study, at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Rev. C. E. Sholander, pastor of Bethel Lutheran church, and O. R. Carlson and son Theodore went to Brainerd Tuesday to attend the district conference of the Swedish Lutheran church.

The committee for the next program of the parent-teachers' association is Mrs. G. M. A. Fortier, chairman, Mrs. Bessie Waite, Mrs. J. P. Larson, Mrs. F. W. Hall and Miss Margaret Sheridan.

Narcisse St. Cyr has resigned his position as assistant janitor at the high school and will engage in carpenter work. His place has been taken by Mike Lipinski of Fourth street southwest.

Miss Janet Gendron, who has been employed as stenographer at the City and County hospital, St. Paul, has resigned her position there and has gone to Milwaukee to enter Downer college for a course in occupational therapy.

Members of the young ladies' sodality of Sacred Heart church entertained at the parochial school hall Monday evening for Miss Theresia Kerich, bride of the near future. Games furnished the amusement and refreshments were served.

R. A. McQuaig, who has been district salesman for the John Sexton Company in this territory for some time and has made his headquarters in Little Falls, has been transferred to eastern territory, where he will be a general sales manager.

A petition is being circulated for Charles Anderson for candidate for alderman from the Fourth ward. Mr Anderson is the son of Gust Anderson and came here from Swanville town with his parents some time ago. There have been no further filings at the city clerk's office.

The fad among girls of wearing knickers and breeches has hit Little Falls and yesterday any number of the fair sex could be seen garbed in them. The khaki breeches seem to be in favor here, and from appearances, the girls are finding them quite comfortable and convenient in navigating the deep snow drifts.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Cronin of Lemars, Ia., and Mrs. M. B. Needham of Charles City, Ia., are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keough. They were called here by the serious illnes of Mr. Keough, who is suffering with an infection of the foot. Mrs. Cronin and Mrs. Needham are sisters of Mr. Keough.

Peter Kingen sustained injuries to one of his legs Monday afternoon as the result of falling from the city snow plow used to clear the streets. The accident occurred on Fourth street northeast, as the plow was going over the railroad crossing, the plow striking a depression and the sudden drop throwing Mr. Kingen off, his leg striking the plow. Ligaments in the leg were torn.

JURY ACQUITS LEON THOMPSON

RANDALL MAN FREED OF ASSAULT CHARGE—COURT ADJOURNS TODAY

Leon Thompson of Randall was yesterday morning acquitted by the jury in district court here of the charge of second degree assault on Constable Stapher of Motley, alleged to have been committed during the riot in that village last fall in which Eugene Lavoy was killed. The jury was out nearly thirteen hours.

Trial of the Thompson case began on Wednesday of last week and took so much time on account of the large number of witnesses called by both the prosecution and defense. The case was given to the jury at noon Wednesday and the verdict was brought in after midnight.

Yesterday morning, the case of Peter Bienek vs. Stanley Kobylinski, a court case, was begun. This is a case involving a settlement and dissolution of a partnership in the Motor Inn garage of Bowlus. It was expected to take up the court's time all day yesterday and possibly part of today.

No other cases will be tried and court will be adjourned today. The remaining cases, criminal and civil, will be continued to the next term of court, Judge Roeser and Court Reported Gorman will return to St. Cloud today.

CIVIC LEAGUE CHARITY BALL SUCCESS

One of the biggest social events in this city this winter was the Charity Ball, given at the K. C. hall Tuesday evening by the Civic league, to raise money for carrying on the work among the poor. It is believed by the committee in charge that the net proceeds will be approximately $250.

The ball was a splendidly appointed affair and proved immensely enjoyable. Some two hundred couples tripped the light fantastic to music furnished by an eleven-piece orchestra, under the direction of Wm. Blake. The dance program was well varied, including many of the old-time steps. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gibson led the grand march as George and Martha Washington. Many of the dancers wore old tyme costmues and a number of ex-service men came in uniform.

Decorations were in the national colors, streamers and flags predominating. Members of the American Legion donated their services in decorating the hall, which required a whole day. They also served in the checkroom in the evening gratis.

Various specialties were given throughout the evening, between dances. Miss Frances Michie danced the Highland Fling and Miss Maybelle LeBlanc gave a pretty solo dance. A girls' chorus, garbed in quaint Colonial costumes, led by Miss Elaine Ruth, sang the old "lavender song" and sold posies to the dancers. Miss Hazel Dieseth, teacher of voice with the Minneapolis School of Music, who sang for the student section of the Musical Art club Wednesday afternoon, gave a group of songs which were thoroughly enjoyed.

In one corner of the hall was a fortune telling booth, where the guests could get a peep into the future. Frappe and light lunches were served throughout the evening.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT, CLOTHIERS STATE

A. F. Koslosky returned Wednesday evening from St. Paul, where he attended the retail clothiers' convention. Three hundred clothing merchants from Minnesota and North Dakota were in attendance and the meeting was a very interesting one. Conditions were freely discussed and according to Mr. Koslosky, from what he heard in these discussions, conditions in Little Falls and vicinity are not the worst. The merchants considered the outlook for spring and fall bright, however. All felt that the price of goods is not yet as low as it should be, but they agreed that before prices can get back to what is termed the 1914 level prices, other commodities must be lower, also wages. They felt that clothing has dropped more in price than any other commodity. Gov