

HUNTERS SEE RECORD SEASON

Up to Tuesday about 350 hunting licenses had been issued by County Auditor C. W. Nelson. This is only a nip start, since there is usually about 500 issued every year. Prospects are good for a good hunting season so far. It is expected that the total sale of licenses this year will go over the 32,000 mark, according to George M. Hogue, secretary of the state game and fish board.

The bird season opens September 16. Resident licenses sell for \$1.50 and non-resident licenses for \$25.00. During the past 18 months North Dakota has been advertised all over the country by the federal bureau of biology as the best chicken and duck state in the country for fall shooting, with a resultant stream of non-resident hunters pouring in. Applications for non-resident licenses have been received by Secretary Hogue from practically every section of the nation. More than 25 come from Minneapolis alone.

The fact that the canvasback duck, red head and mallard, which breed in North Dakota, are protected here through the spring and summer by the federal migratory bird act and treaty with Canada, makes North Dakota the ideal fall hunting state. Pre-season hunters are meeting with severe punishment, according to Mr. Hogue. The state is spotted with federal game wardens who are on the lookout for violators of the migratory bird act. Last week one hunter near Bismarck paid \$81 for shooting two ducks out of season. He will also be held for violation of the state law.

INTERESTING FACTS ARE REVEALED ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

H. S. Johnson, secretary of the Des Laes Western Oil Co., with headquarters at Minot, N. D., is in the city today. Mr. Johnson came down to confer with stockholders of his company and look after other business. He reports his company coming along fine, and that he is confident that before many more weeks they will have their well working. He reports they have encountered tremendous gas pressure during their borings. Several of the local business men have stock in this company.

Some interesting things are being brought to light during the borings for oil. The Minot Daily News tells the following facts regarding the finding of remains of animals and fish at great depths. The oil borings of the Des Laes Western Oil Co., 17 miles west of Minot, aside from the commercial side of the operations, are proving of rare value in the line of geological study. Many notable discoveries are being made and some accepted theories regarding the deeper formations in this region are stated to have been overturned as a result.

The most striking feature of the discovery is perhaps the finding of remains of animals and fish at depths greater than 3,000 feet. A fossil tooth was brought up from a depth of more than 3,100 feet. A fragment of the shin bone of some pre-historic animal was discovered at a depth of 3,180 feet. At 3,200 feet the vertebra of a fish was found. Still another specimen is the fossilized remains of the fish known as the squid. These fossils have been examined by geologists and are classified by experts, it is stated.

The well is now down about 3,400 feet and various shells, thought to be those of clams and mussels, are being brought up daily.

It is believed by geologists that this entire region, extending to southern North Dakota and even into western Minnesota, is the bed of an ancient lake. Minot lies in the old basin. The antiquity of this lake and the life in and around it may be realized from the remarkable depth of covering matter accumulated over the remains now being brought to light.

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RADICAL ORGANIZER RUN OUT OF TOWN

L. A. Woodruff, an I. W. W. organizer was rounded up by the Jamestown police Monday, and was given two alternatives—one of standing trial before a justice or getting out of the county as fast as he could. He chose the latter and beat it. He was loaded down with revolutionary literature such as organizers distribute among the laboring classes, a loaded .45 calibre Colts automatic army pistol, a mirror, a bottle of perfume and several pencils.

When he was hailed into court he was rather belligerent, walking in and setting down his suitcase and assuming a great air of dignity, addressing the court officials "Good morning, Gentlemen." He claimed that he could not be held on a charge of vagrancy because he had money in his pocket and that it was not against the law to organize the I. W. W. in North Dakota.

He was asked by what authority he made the latter statement, and he answered, "Governor Frazier gave us the right to organize the I. W. W. in this state."

He was asked if Governor Frazier was defending the I. W. W. and if the nonpartisan league was lined up with them. "The nonpartisans will line up with us soon, if they have not already," he asserted.

When asked if he thought it would help the farmer to abolish the wage system such as the literature he carried advocated, and what the farmer would do under those conditions, he replied, "Oh, I suppose the farmers will have to raise kids enough to do their work when we get thoroughly organized."

BISMARCK, N. D., SEPT. 2.—ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 2.—Asleep at the switch! This is the way some people are referring to the lack of action by Governor Frazier and other state officials in recognizing the coal and grain car shortage facing the state. Had the state officials got busy several months ago on the proposition of bringing cars back to North Dakota from the east and rushing coal shipments through, the people of the state would not now be facing the highest coal prices in history, and farmers would not be losing money because the elevators don't know when they can ship their grain.

It was not until after the governor of Minnesota and the North Dakota Bankers' Association called for action in the car shortage did the state officials wake up and the governor put a railroad commissioner to work to represent the state, in getting cars out to North Dakota to ship the grain. The priority order for the shipment of coal from the east to northwest points was obtained single-handed by the Minnesota fuel commissioner.

J. A. McGovern, deputy grain inspector, declared the farmers were being robbed out of millions of dollars because elevators were paying for wheat on the December market instead of the Minneapolis cash price. Elevator men are doing this because they can't sell the wheat they are buying on the Minneapolis cash market. They know they are not going to get cars right away, and they probably won't be able to ship much of the wheat until near the time the December price becomes the cash price. But had Governor Frazier or other state officials got busy on the car shortage three months ago and got back on North Dakota railroads their own freight cars this situation would not exist. McGovern also said the state mill at Drake was paying the cash price. So are other flour mills paying either this price or the "straight arrival" price which is about the same. They can do it because they can "hedge" in the selling of flour, but elevators cannot do this.

Miss Susan Kramer, daughter of Mrs. Angelo Kramer of this city, arrived recently for a visit with relatives and friends in the city.

SCHOOL BELLS CALL STUDENTS

At 9 o'clock today (Tuesday) the city schools opened up for the 1920-21 term. The bells which pealed out at nine o'clock this morning summoned some nine hundred boys and girls back to the class rooms and studies. The total enrollment this year is expected to be considerably larger than last. Nearly all of the students enrolled Friday and Saturday, with the opening day today. Classes will be conducted in their regular order today.

All the teachers have arrived so that the full teaching staff greeted the students this morning. But a few of the teachers which held positions here last year have returned, but a number of new instructors with experience and excellent training have been secured to fill the vacancies in the ranks caused by resignations or other reasons.

Everything greeted the students spick and span this morning. Janitors have been at work all summer cleaning up, varnishing, kalsomining, painting, repairing and putting everything in readiness for the opening day. The new High school building is not yet ready for occupancy. The mill work and finished lumber is one thing that is holding up completion of the fine new building, which it was hoped earlier in the summer would be ready for occupancy when the fall term opened. When this building is completed it will be one of the finest institutions in the state. A fine large gymnasium is at the disposal of the students, and athletics will be carried on on a larger scale than before.

In this connection, we might mention Art J. Fagen, who has been secured to superintend athletic activities of the school this year. Mr. Fagen is an ex-service man, and won high honors on the A. E. F. football team over in France. He has a fine record both as instructor and as an athlete, and comes here very well recommended for the position which he will fill.

For a football team some good material is seen. The team will be somewhat handicapped by the absence of some of the star players of last year, but new material is being casted about for, and it is hoped to have as strong a team, if not stronger, than last year. George Werten is elected captain of the team last spring. All the boys have been doing good stiff work this summer and hardening up their muscles in anticipation of the opening of the football season. Werten, together with the former members of the team, should provide a good foundation for a "laurel" winning team, and with a few weeks of good hard field practice should be in fit trim for the first battle of the season.

The line up for a basket ball team will be considerably changed. Busdicker, the incomparable center, will be missed while DeLancey, the fighting guard, will be found hard to be replaced. Busdicker, who played such a splendid game last year, plans on attending the state university which will open the latter part of this month. Without doubt he will be heard from there in basketball and football circles. The absence of Clarence Lyon will also be noted, having moved to Indiana. As good, if possible, players must be found to fill these positions, but it is believed that some of the "subs" last year developed enough practice to put them onto the first team this year and who will be able to play a good stiff game. There is already talk of going after the state pennant for Valley again this year.

Mr. Hanna reported yesterday that a great many students from villages throughout the county have applied for enrollment to complete their courses, a great many of them having finished the third year in their home school and plan on rounding out their education with the fourth year in a larger high school where better accommodations are offered. If the present senior class all graduate at the end of this term, it is estimated that there will be thirty-six graduates. There were thirty-four last year.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Hans Thompson, one of the pioneers of Barnes county, passed away at Riverside hospital on Monday, Aug. 30. Death was caused by heart failure, following an operation for appendicitis.

A large number of relatives and friends from Dazey and Rogers as well as Valley City paid their last respects to the dead at Our Savior's Lutheran church Thursday afternoon. The funeral sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. V. F. Larson. Interment was made in the family lot at Hillside.

Hans Thompson was born in Norway June 19, 1861. Together with his parents he came to America at the age of 9. The family settled near Rushford, Minn. The deceased was confirmed in the Highland Prairie Lutheran church by Rev. L. P. Jensen. Mr. Thompson came to Barnes county N. D., in 1879 where he settled on a homestead. The greater part of his life was spent on his own farm near Rogers. He was never married. Four sisters and one brother mourn his going. They are: Mrs. Mads Mason, Valley City; Mrs. C. M. Christianson, Rushford, Minn.; Mrs. Nels Larson, Dazey; Mrs. John Stenerson, Esmond, N. D., and Knute Thompson, Rogers.

Joe Iverson, who was formerly in the bakery business here, is in the city. Mr. Iverson is now located at Willmar, Minn., where he has purchased another bakery. He says that he likes his new location fine, and is doing a fine business, all of which is very pleasing to hear.

NOT SURE OF THEIR GROUND

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 3.—League leaders are worried over reports which have come to the capitol, following the action of the railroad increases without making any effort to uphold the state law of 1919, which was passed as a nonpartisan league measure.

Many people are unable to understand the action of the commission in granting the full and passenger rates, but denying the increase on Pullman rates. The commission announced it granted the increase because if it did not the railroads would take the case to the courts or the Interstate Commerce Commission and the state body would lose its jurisdiction. Denying the increase on two classes and granting it on two others, however, weakens this argument.

As the order now stands, the rates are greatly increased on grain and other shipments while the man who rides in Pullmans gets the benefit of the action.

It is known that the action of the commission was taken over the protest of some of the league leaders, who took the view that since Minnesota, Illinois, New York and some other states are fighting some of the increases the North Dakota commission ought to have put up a fight. The increase at least would have been avoided on the 1920 wheat crop.

Another reason why some of the league leaders wanted to fight the increase was because the interstate freight rates in North Dakota are approximately forty per cent higher than in Minnesota and are much higher in South Dakota. The disparity is increased by the rate boost. Those who wanted to fight took the position that no court in the land would sanction such discrimination, and that the state would have had a good chance to win lower rates on freight and do away with the discrimination against North Dakota. The commission now says it will "hold hearings" on this subject, but it is pointed out that the commission cannot go back on the action it has already taken.

The whole matter left a bad taste with representatives of shippers who were very much interested in the matter. Only one commissioner was present at the hearing. Commissioner Millholland, a candidate for re-election, got in on the finish of the hearing and Commissioner Aandahl didn't show up at all. The railroads were represented in full force. Perhaps the reason why the railroad commission granted a big increase in freight rates in time to hit the farmer in shipping his grain and denied an increase in Pullman rates was because there are so many high-salaried state officials traveling in Pullmans and so few of them interested in shipping grain.

COUNTY AGENTS HOLD MEETINGS

Agricultural College, N. D., Sept. 2.—Extension work in North Dakota was discussed at three district county agent conferences held at Bismarck, Minot and Fargo, where the program of work was discussed.

Among the subjects discussed were a proposed series of horse sales in the western part of the state, introduction of more sheep, more dairy cows, farm accounts, the state wool pool and the farm bureau organization. A total of 29 county agents attended the conferences, at which talks were given by H. E. Fuller, state county agent leader, and the two assistant leaders, J. W. Haw and S. W. Hooper, Wm. LaGrange of the Extension Division, W. R. Porter of the Agricultural College, and Ed. S. DeLancey of Valley City.

WINTER RYE FOR SEED PLOTS

The Department of Botany of the North Dakota Agricultural College has for distribution for the purpose of developing seed plot, approximately 40 bushels of winter rye.

It will be distributed to actual owners who wish to start a seed plot for the growing and producing of improved or pedigreed rye provided they agree to develop it for sowing purposes, keep it clean, free from admixture or other kinds of grain, etc., suitable to sell to those who want such seed for sowing purposes.

This seed will be distributed in two or four bushel lots to any grower of North Dakota in the order in which the requests are received, at the price of \$3.50 per bushel, including the bags.

Any grower wishing to start such seed plots should apply at once. Address H. L. Bolley, Botanist, Agricultural College, North Dakota.

Two convicts from the state prison at Bismarck made their escape last Sunday night. The men were members of the prison ball team, and had been at Hebron playing the last game of the season. They were both trustees and had been allowed more freedom than the other prisoners. They are believed to have stolen the chief of police's car at Hebron and headed for the Montana line. One of the men was a "lifer" being sentenced for the murder of his wife in 1916 and the other was serving a three year term for the theft of an automobile.

Miss Monica Corcoran of Chaffee, N. D., is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Mrs. Bernice Coyle.

FINE PREMIUMS FOR EXHIBITS

The first real state exhibit of boys' and girls' club work to be held in North Dakota will be staged at the Missouri Slope Fair, which will be held at Mandan September 14, 15 and 16. A liberal premium list offering nearly \$1,000 has been prepared by the officials of the fair to be given as prizes to exhibitors.

Barnes county club members have done some fine work and it is hoped that some of their exhibits will be taken to the Mandan fair.

Premiums ranging from \$15 down to \$2 are offered for different breeds of live stock, such as cattle, hogs and sheep. There is a restriction on poultry that has hatched before March 1, 1920. Prizes of \$5 and down are offered for the best specimens of the feathered variety. A prize of \$5 is offered for the best exhibit of a pair of young turkeys. Ducks and geese may be entered in the pen class.

In the crops department, including corn and potatoes, ten potatoes make an exhibit. Prizes of \$5 and down are offered for both early and late varieties. Exhibits of corn are limited to ten ears and the premiums offered run from \$5 down.

In the garden department, premiums are offered for the best club exhibit and also the best individual exhibit. Liberal awards are offered for the best specimens of vegetables submitted.

Prizes will also be given for specimens of white bread, canned fruits and vegetables, and individual sewing. Premiums also will be offered for club group exhibits and county group exhibits.

Live stock and poultry should be shipped to reach Mandan, Monday, Sept. 13, or Tuesday morning, Sept. 14. Every package containing an exhibit of club work should be very distinctly marked with the name of the sender and the address. It should be addressed to O. N. Barton, Supt., of Club Exhibits, Missouri Slope Fair, Mandan, N. D. Exhibits can also be left at the county agent's office in Valley City on or before Sept. 9, where they will be repacked and shipped in large boxes by the county club leader.

Plans are under way to show Barnes county exhibits in a booth at the Mandan Fair. Club exhibits can also be shown in this booth. The boys and girls of Barnes county as well as the grown ups should cooperate and help to make a good record for Barnes county. Several boys and girls won awards at the state fair in Fargo.

PIG SKIN PUSHERS IN FINE CONDITION

Capt. George Werten and other candidates for places on the high school foot ball team have been doing a little quiet training in anticipation of the foot ball season which will open promptly with the opening of school. After a summer of hard work the fellows have been winding up the summer with some work with the ball so as to be fit as possible. Most of the old members of the team, with a season's growth and hardened sinews, will be on the job with the ringing of the first gong, and these with the splendid array of new material in sight, should make the foundation for a winning team.

Art J. Fagin is the new coach and he is said to be a real foot ball man. He was fullback on the 42nd Division team in France and played on the A. E. F. championship team in Paris in 1918. Last season his team won the Twin City championship. At any rate, the spirit of the fellows is that Joe Cutting, Williston's champion maker, will have to look to his laurels.

The "Eyes of Youth" which is showing at the Grand is a fine picture. If you did not see it last night be sure and see it to night.

Mrs. George M. Young left last evening for Jamestown, where she went to attend a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution organization, which convenes at that place.

HEAVY EXPORTS OF WHEAT

This week's exports from North America as reported by Bradstreet was 14,220,000 bushels, including flour as wheat. Since July first we have sent out of the United States over 60,000,000 bushels of wheat or nearly one-third of our entire exportable surplus.

A scarcity of bread wheat seems inevitable before next July and probably the durum wheats will share in the resulting advance.

Canadian Crop Estimates

The three provinces of the Canadian northwest will produce about two hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat this year. The requirements for bread and seed are about eighty million, and there is available for export one hundred and seventy million bushels. The pressure of this wheat on the fall and winter markets will probably prevent much of an advance in wheat prices during the next three or four months.

Dry in Argentine

Argentine wheat acreage is reduced on account of dry weather, and reports of recent date state that it is impossible for Argentine to raise a wheat crop as large as last season's, when reports were one hundred and ninety million bushels.

UNIVERSITY FOOT-BALL PROSPECTS

The lovers of football, the college sport, par excellencies, are beginning to figure out the scoring capacity of the 1920 gridiron machine of the University of North Dakota. There will be a goodly number of old men on the team. Captain John Hanson, Frank Duggan, Cameron McKay, Cassel, Dutch Houser, McLain Johnson, Frank Richards, Johnson, Robinson, Griffith and Jimmie Conny.

Coach Davis is expecting Jud Mayer, a good man from the Grand Forks High, Carl Brugger, one of the State Stars of 1919 and several other men of equal ability to try for places on the team. These two squads together with a number of last year's second team makes it look like a promising lot of good material. Practice will begin September 14. The first game of the season will be with Minnesota, October second.

NEW CORPORATIONS

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 4.—Articles of incorporation for the North Dakota Casualty association, with its principal place of doing business at Fargo, have been filed with the secretary of state. The new association proposes to do the business of an assessment, accident and health association, insuring against disability and accident. Incorporators are E. Edwin Orwick, B. G. McDougall, Albert I. Orwick, Fred Orwick, Paul L. Brunding, Louis E. Grasen.

Articles also were filed for the incorporation of Smith and Rasmusen of Easby, Cavalier county, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The company will operate a grain elevator.

The Sundby Battery and Manufacturing company of Enderlin, Ransom county, filed articles for a \$50,000 corporation. Incorporators J. C. Sundby, A. J. Ostrander, H. B. Stevens, W. G. Engle, Enderlin, and John Bergeson, Lisbon.

The Marion Branch potato marketing association, of Kathryn, Barnes county, incorporated. Incorporators include A. G. Nelson, H. M. Hanson, Wesley C. McDowell, Arnold Johnson.

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Here's a Chance to Double Your Money

Money itself has no value except what it will buy of things we need to live, such as food, clothing, shelter, etc.

Your dollar now is worth only fifty cents to spend, but it is worth one hundred cents to save; for when normal prices return it will buy twice as much of the necessities of life as it will at present.

Thus you can double the present value of your money by depositing it in our Savings Department until normal prices return. In addition, you will get interest on your money compounded quarterly, combined with absolute safety.

Bank of Valley City



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