

City Councillor Dies Of Stroke

CHRIST F. RUEMKE SUCCUMBS TO ATTACK OF APOPLEXY DURING NIGHT.

BURIED WITH CIVIC HONORS. HAD LIVED HERE NEARLY ALL HIS LIFE.

Apparently in the best of health Alderman Christ F. Ruemke was suddenly stricken Friday morning at his home, corner German and Third North Street and passed away before medical aid could reach him. Mrs. Ruemke woke up about three o'clock in the morning and noticed that her husband was breathing heavily and groaning. He was unable to speak although he seemed to be conscious when she spoke to him. She realized at once that he was in a serious condition and summoned medical aid but he succumbed to an apoplectic stroke before a physician reached the house.

News of Mr. Ruemke's death spread rapidly Friday morning and proved a severe shock to the entire community. His friends were hardly able to believe it, because they had seen and spoken to him the previous day and there was nothing in his appearance to indicate that he was not a well man. The evening before he had discussed various matters with his father-in-law, George Gieseke, at the store before he went home to retire. He had complained of a headache during the evening but nothing was thought of it as he had had headaches at intervals for several weeks and had also complained of difficulty in breathing.



The deceased was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 15, 1863, and was therefore 51 years, 10 months and 8 days old when he was so suddenly removed from his field of activity. In the year 1864 his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ruemke, Sr., came to New Ulm where the deceased has continuously resided ever since. He spent his childhood days here and attended the public schools and grew to manhood in our midst. He learned the carpenter's trade under his father and for many years was engaged with him in the contracting business. About 28 years ago he embarked in the mercantile business and opened up a grocery and crockery store at the corner of Minnesota and Third North Street. For about 7 years he conducted the store alone and then formed a partnership with Wm. E. Huevelmann and they enlarged the business to include dry goods and clothing. For about six years this partnership was maintained and then Mr. Ruemke sold out his interests in the business. He re-entered the building trade and with Herman Schapekahn and his brother William, was engaged in a general contracting business for several years. About 12 years ago he re-entered the mercantile business and since that time has conducted a general store with his brother William.

June 15, 1893, on the anniversary of his birthday, he was united in marriage to Miss Alwina Gieseke. The marriage proved a very happy one. Two children were born to them, one son, Alfred, and one daughter, Ella. Mr. Ruemke had the respect and confidence of the entire community. He was modest and unassuming and he meant well. He was a peace-loving man and abhorred strife of any kind. In his business dealings with his fellowmen he was absolutely honest and his word was as good as his bond. Because of his sterling qualities he had won the esteem of his fellow citizens and they all deplore his untimely death and their sympathy goes out to the bereaved family. He was industrious and painstaking and all his accom-

plishments he secured through hard labor. He loved music and for a great number of years was a member of the male and also the mixed choir of the Lutheran Church. For some years he was leader of the mixed chorus. He was also at one time a member of the Concordia Band.

At the time of his death Mr. Ruemke was a member of the city council from the 2nd Ward, serving his second term, a member of the board of trustees of the Lutheran Church, a position which he has filled for the past 6 years, treasurer of the New Ulm Savings and Loan Association, and vice president of the Farmer's & Merchants State Bank.

The deceased is survived by the members of his immediate family and also by his step-mother Mrs. Maria Ruemke, his brother, Wm. Ruemke and three half-sisters, Mrs. A. P. Boock and Lena and Bertha Ruemke. His father died about seven years ago.

The funeral was held from St. Paul's Lutheran Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. J. Albrecht spoke in German and Prof. John Meyer spoke in English. Rev. Albrecht paid the deceased a glowing tribute and spoke of his many good qualities and his unselfish acts. Mayor Fritsch, the members of the present City Council and of the old council, and other city officials rendered a last tribute of respect by attending the funeral in a body. The Maennerchor to which he had belonged years ago sang two appropriate songs. The remains were then taken to the Lutheran cemetery where they were laid to rest.

ILL HEALTH CAUSES SUICIDE.

Saturday morning Fred Schulz, known also as Fred Barsch, a step-son of Julius Barsch of this city, committed suicide in Three Lakes Township, Redwood County, by hanging himself in the granary on the farm. The act was committed somewhere between 4:30 and 7 o'clock in the morning. Coroner Brey of Wabasso was notified and he decided that no inquest was necessary as it appeared to be a plain case of suicide. About a year ago Mr. Barsch was seriously ill and for the past few months he has been melancholy and it is believed that in a fit of mental depression he committed the rash act.

The deceased was born in Germany February 8th, 1881 and came to this country with his parents over 30 years ago. He was married in 1910. He is survived by his widow and two children who are quite young. The funeral was held from the late residence Monday forenoon, Rev. Langholz of Morgan officiating.

PIRATES VS. SPRINGFIELD.

Next Sunday, May 2, the New Ulm Pirates will play their first game of the season, when they will cross bats with the Springfield Maroons. The game which will be played at the Springfield baseball grounds will be the first game played at Springfield this season.

The battery for the Maroons will most likely consist of Kramer and Johnson. Whom Manager Ahrens will put in the box for the Pirates is not known as he has his choice of Pfeiffer, Huevelmann and Kuester. Wolf will do the work behind the bat.

The Maroons played a game, against Lambertson last Sunday and therefore have already more experience than the Pirates this year.

LACK OF PROPER INTEREST.

There seems to be a deplorable lack of interest and co-operation among the poultry breeders and fanciers of the city and the Poultry Association is getting a little discouraged. They have had several meetings but nothing definite has been accomplished owing to this evident lack of interest and have decided upon one more meeting to be held Tuesday, May 4th, at Schell's Hall. It is expected that there will be no more meetings until fall and everyone interested in all in poultry and the aims of the association should not fail to be present when the meeting is called at 8 o'clock. The object of the Association is co-operation and the matters to be discussed at this meeting will be of value to both the breeder and the fancier.

Rev. C. F. Mayer, who has been pastor of the Bethel Church in this city for the past year will soon move to Oklahoma where he expects to make his future home. Mr. Mayer finds the Minnesota winters too cold and will for that reason make the change. Next week he will attend the Minnesota Conference of the Evangelical Association which convenes at Payneville on the 5th. During his short stay here Rev. Mayer and family have made a large number of friends who will be sorry to see them leave the city.

Work Is Begun On Highway 54

CONTRACTORS BUSY WITH WORK WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED OCT. 1st.

NOTHING DONE YET ON NEW BRIDGES FOR "BLACK AND YELLOW TRAIL."

Work on the "Black & Yellow Trail" thru Brown Co., known as State Rural Highway No. 54, is about to be resumed. Barney Schmidt of Wabasso who has the grading contract from a point 3 miles west of Sleepy Eye to New Ulm, has had two men at work since last Friday getting the old camp near Sleepy Eye in shape preparatory to moving in with his crew. District Engineer Robertson is of the opinion that Mr. Schmidt will get started on his work this week some time. Wm. Jensen, who has the Central part of the highway and Harvey Leopold, who has the west end of the contract, will be at work within the next two weeks. Both of these contractors are from Wabasso also. Schmidt and Leopold began on their jobs last fall, Leopold completing one mile of his contract and Schmidt about three miles. Mr. Schmidt has just bought a new tractor engine which he will use in his work this year. Last year his outfit consisted of nine or ten teams, a tractor engine and an elevating grader. Leopold had a crew of five teams and was using the common wheel scraper and the "Fresnos" in his work. Jensen was completing some State grading jobs in Redwood County and did not complete them in time to be able to take up his work on his contract in Brown County. Mr. Robertson is satisfied that all three of the contractors will push the work with due energy so that the work of grading will be completed within the time specified in the contract, to wit Oct. 1st.

Otto Neitge of Mankato, who has the contract for the culverts and bridges, completed part of the work last fall. Of the 65 culverts to be installed about 18 have been put in place. These culverts have been put in on the stretch of road, 6 miles west of Springfield and 3 miles west of Sleepy Eye. The work was done by four men with a team. During the winter the rest of the culverts have been hauled out on the ground and the contractor is ready to go to work as soon as the weather permits. The three bridges which are included in Mr. Neitge's contract have as yet not been touched.

Contracts for the graveling of this highway have not been let as yet and may not be until some time during the summer. The repeal of the Elwell law does not in any manner prevent the County Commissioners from going ahead with the project and when the time comes they will let the contracts for the graveling of the highway. This part of the work they will not be completed by Oct. 1st, but District Engineer Robertson is quite confident that all of the gravel work will be done before December 31st. The entire work is estimated to cost \$60,000. These are the District Engineer's estimates and up till now all the contracts that have been let have kept within his figures. When completed this stretch of road will be as fine a highway as can be found almost anywhere in the state.

POP-POP SPEEDERS FINED

Justice N. Henningsen had a couple of motor cycle speeders up before him at a late hour Saturday evening charged with exceeding the speed limit about supper time the same day. The offenders were Chas. M. Pester and Fred R. Lusier, Jr., both of Minneapolis. They came down here to do some work on a motor cycle which the McCue boys had recently purchased and were exhibiting the speed qualities of their machines when Officer Herzog took them into camp. Both young men were anxious to get back to their homes and for that reason were taken before Justice Henningsen as quickly as possible and their fines fixed at the customary \$5. and costs of \$3.45 for first offenses. After digging up, they departed as quickly as they could for the city.

OLD PLANING MILL SOLD.

Ed. Castor of Waseca was in town Saturday closing up the deal with Henry Manderfeld for the old planing mill. Mr. Manderfeld bought the old building for the lumber, paying \$190.

Business Project Reads Like Story

PLAN A MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION TO OPERATE IN WILDERNESS.

BUT THERE'S MONEY IN THIS WILDERNESS AND PROSPECT LOOKS GOOD.

That there are still men with a vision of the future in spite of the more limited possibilities of this country as compared with the opportunities of earlier days is evidenced by the plans that the men comprising the New Ulm Gas Co. have laid for the upbuilding of their business. The only one of these men known to New Ulm is Mr. J. P. Smith, Treasurer and Manager of the company, who has had charge of the installation of the plant here. Mr. Smith is traveling representative for the American Construction Co. for the states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the gas proposition is a "side line." This statement is somewhat perplexing when one listens to the plans that the Gas Company has in view for the formation of a million and a half dollar corporation.

Dreams are always more fascinating than present moment realities, and the vision of these men to cover the northern part of the great state of Minnesota with a network of piping for the supply of lighting and heating facilities to a country that a few years ago was a great wilderness is one of vast interest. To study the book of specifications which the engineering experts have prepared mapping out the mining country is like reading one of the stories of earlier days when people like Lewis and Clark made their expeditions into the great Northwest. Northern Minnesota even to-day is an unexplored region, strictly speaking. Of New Ulm people scarce a score realize anything at all of its possibilities and peculiarities. People who go there for the first time are struck with the difference in the way of doing things and looking at things. Down here, it seems quite a project to think of supplying Sleepy Eye and Springfield with gas from the plant here but up on the Range they are calmly preparing to supply the entire North Central part of the state from two plants, one to be located near the east and the other the west end of the district.

The company when organized is to be known as the Northern Utilities Co. and will incorporate for a million and a half of capital. Mr. Smith left here Saturday for Chicago to negotiate various matters of business in connection with the financing of the new concern. The New Ulm plant is to be known as the Southern Division, and the two other sections as the Eastern and the Western Divisions. One of the latter is to include a line to Brainerd which is considerably south of the other cities, all of which are located on the Mesabi Range. Brainerd is on the Cayuna Range.

Consider that it takes almost 20 hours of continuous traveling to reach the cities of the Mesabi range, starting from New Ulm. This gives an idea of the size of the state. Next consider that the state is very nearly as wide in the northern part as it is from north to south. Then look at the map and notice that from Brainerd to Biwabic is half the distance across the state at that part and an idea of the magnitude of the enterprise will be obtained. Further consider that located on this line connecting the different distributing centers there are dozens of mining locations each with its settlement and one begins to see the possibilities of the business.

During the past season Mr. Smith has been busy with the city and village authorities, securing franchises. He estimates that he has expended already \$5,000 in securing franchises in the fifty odd cities and locations that are included in the plans of the organization. It has cost \$1400. to plat the country for the engineering work and he has already secured options on every bit of the right of way. He says that he had to fight for his franchise in every place he went into and that he succeeded in every instance. He believes that when he gets thru with the Range towns he will know politics well enough to qualify.

The others who are interested in this big concern are mostly Duluth men. The Western Division will supply the large towns of Chisholm, Buhl, and Hibbing and the Eastern, Eveleth, Gilbert, Biwabic and Aurora. The main tap a territory with a population of close to 70,000 persons and Mr.

Smith estimates that the two plants will be able to supply 80,000 consumers. The New Ulm plant, which, by the way, was the first gas plant established in the state within seven years, has 300 names on the roll. Hibbing, although gas was not turned on there for almost four months after it was ready here, shows 420 families on the list. The plant here cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000 and employs steadily eight to ten persons. It is expected that a force of 30 men will be needed to make the installations ordered for this season.

JURY LIST FOR SPRING TERM.

For the May term of the District Court of Brown County which will be held in this city beginning May 18th, grand and petit jurors were selected last Friday morning. This was done by Clerk of Court Carl P. Manderfeld Sheriff W. J. Julius and City Justice John Buschers who met in the former's office in the Court House for the purpose at 10 o'clock that morning. The grand jurors will report for duty Tuesday morning May 18th at 11 o'clock and the petit jurors will assemble the following day at the same hour. The following were drawn for jury duty:

GRAND JURY.

- Herman Schroeder.....Milford
- W. L. Cunningham.....Sleepy Eye
- Ferdinand Lehne.....Burnstown
- Herman Meyer.....Springfield
- M. G. Hanson.....Sleepy Eye
- Joseph Bruckbauer.....Stark
- John H. Arbes.....New Ulm
- Harry Bingham.....New Ulm
- Henry Arbes.....Milford
- Henry A. Melzer.....Linden
- Hans Fredericksen.....Lake Hanska
- John Mack.....Milford
- Nick Breigenzer.....Prairieville
- Julius Riek.....Springfield
- E. A. Hagberg.....New Ulm
- Peter Carstenson.....Eden
- Jacob Rossbach.....Albin
- F. W. Penning.....Eden
- A. L. Matter.....Sleepy Eye
- Carl P. Eichten.....New Ulm
- Andrew Clausen.....Sleepy Eye
- Andrew Saffert.....New Ulm
- Otto Mielke.....Leavenworth

PEIT JURY.

- George P. Ries.....New Ulm
- John Jensen.....Prairieville
- Arnold Hillesehlm.....Stark
- Edw. Schumacher.....Mulligan
- Alfred Helling.....Lake Hanska
- Carl Groebner.....Cottonwood
- Fred Windland.....New Ulm
- William Remus.....Leavenworth
- Fred Plutger.....Burnstown
- Robert Dittbenner.....Eden
- Ed. Cordes.....New Ulm
- Joseph Teynor.....New Ulm
- John S. Aspelund.....Albin
- John Flor.....Stark
- Herman Kissner.....Prairieville
- Stephan Dauer.....Cottonwood
- William Cutting.....Home
- Hans Sigurdson.....Albin
- Hans H. Ulen.....Hanska
- Ad. G. Bierbaum.....New Ulm
- Carl F. Blick.....Bashaw
- John Vogl.....New Ulm
- Henry Neuwrith.....New Ulm
- William Werring.....Sleepy Eye
- Fred Bott.....Springfield
- Ernst Horman.....Springfield
- Herman Tessman.....Bashaw
- Siver Enebo.....Lake Hanska
- Theo. Mohr.....Cottonwood
- Joseph Wolf.....New Ulm

DIES OF PTOMAIN POISONING.

Word was received by J. M. Haubrich of the Town of Milford at 7:30 yesterday morning that his son-in-law, Otto E. Fosburg, had died that morning at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis of ptomaine poisoning. He had been sick only a few days. Mr. Fosburg was born in Sweden 33 years ago and came to this country about 15 years ago and located in Minneapolis. At the time of his death he was engaged in the restaurant business in Minneapolis. He was married to Miss Haubrich at the Haubrich home in Milford October 4th, 1906 and they immediately left for Minneapolis where they have resided ever since. Two children were born to them but one died about two weeks ago when only 9 days old. The surviving daughter is 7 years old. The remains will be brought to New Ulm for burial some time to-day. The date for the funeral has not been fixed, but it will be either Thursday or Friday morning from the Catholic church.

John C. Rudolph who spent the winter with his son Gustav at Minneapolis arrived in the city last Thursday and is now at the Union Hospital. He contemplates taking a trip to Chicago to visit for some time with his daughter, Olga.

Turning Classes Have Big Success

SURPASS THEMSELVES IN THE EXCELLENCE OF EXHIBITION FEATURES.

ENJOY LARGEST PATRONAGE EVER ACCORDED THEM FOR ANNUAL SHOW.

The Schauturnen program given at Turner Hall Saturday evening in honor of the 49th anniversary of the Zoeglingsverein was one of the best ever given, according to the verdict of many who attended. There was a snap and vigor to the exercises that has not before been so apparent and each number went thru quickly with a zest. The figures in the drills were very pretty also and the exercises showing skill and muscular control were exceedingly well done. The last number, scaling a ten foot wall, was new to most of the audience, and created quite a sensation and furnished an excellent number for the completion of the program, leaving the audience with the feeling of having seen something novel and interesting.

The following was the program as given:

1. Grand Review.....All classes
2. Overture.....Orchestra
3. Address.....Fred Pfander
4. Calisthenics.....1st boys and girls classes
5. Marching Roundel.....1st boys and girls classes
6. Dumbell Exercise.....2nd boys class
7. Exercise on 2 horses.....2nd boys class
8. Obstacle Relay Race.....2nd boys class
9. Flagg drill.....2nd girls class
10. Wand exercise.....Juniors
11. Reed drill.....2nd ladies class
12. Club swinging.....2nd ladies class
13. Horizontal Bar.....1st Junior squad
14. Parallel Bars and Horse.....2nd and 3rd Junior squads
15. Parallel Bars.....Actives
16. Scaling a ten-foot Wall.....Juniors

There were very nearly two hundred fifty pupils of the turning classes taking part in the exhibition and the big stage was full to overflowing when they passed in the grand review. This was the largest number ever taking part, making the occasion remarkable from this point of view also. The music was especially good, Capt. Hofmeister conducting. Fred Pfander as president of the Turnverein delivered the address of the evening and in consideration for the restlessness of the small people made it mercifully short.

It is impossible to pick any one number from the list and give it mention for superiority as there was no marked difference in the work except such as might be expected from the differences in the ages of the performers. The little people did wonderfully well in numbers 4 and 5 and the 2nd boys class was full of life and spirit, making the dumb bell work and their other two numbers very lively. The Flagg drill by the girls class of the same grade was as pretty a thing as has been seen on the stage for a long time here.

The ladies class in their reed drill and in the club swinging showed careful preparation and an appreciation of the graceful movements that the exercises required. Scarcely a noticeable slip marked any of the union work.

As is usual, the work on the parallel bars was spectacular and several new "stunts" were shown by the different members of the Junior and Active squads, gaining hearty applause at each effort and as stated above, the last number left the audience fairly agape with wonder at a feat that looked almost an impossibility.

The Zoeglingsverein reports that they had the best attendance in the history of the Schauturnen entertainments. They took in \$160 in paid admissions and this will leave them a nice margin for their treasury after meeting all expenses. In another part of this paper they express their gratitude to the public for their generous support.

The friends of E. W. Schilling of Cottonwood, Minn. will be pleased to learn that he has received the appointment to the office of Postmaster of his home town. There were quite a number of aspirants and for the purpose of finding out who was the choice of the people, the Chairman of the Democratic County Committee of Lyon County left it to a vote of the people and Schilling came out of the contest with flying colors.