

RAPIDAN POWERCO. EXTENDING LINES

WILL CONNECT MANKATO PLANT WITH TAYLOR'S FALLS STATION

CREW OF MEN WORKING OUT FROM NEW ULM FOR THREE WEEKS

Cold weather has hampered the work of the crew of men who are stringing the wires for the Northern States Power Company from Taylors Falls to St. James. The Northern States Power Company owns the plant at Rapidan and supplies St. James, Madeira, Butterfield and Lake Crystal with power from that plant but on account of the danger of a possible breakdown at Rapidan, they are putting in what they call a "tie line" between the Taylors Falls plant and the Rapidan plant so that in case anything happens to either location to put it out of commission, the power can be switched around to the other line for consumers.

The Northern States Power Company has its offices at Minneapolis and has another plant in Minnesota, located at Cannon Falls besides the two above mentioned. This last plant supplies Faribault and Northfield.

T. Judd and J. Aldrich are in charge of the work on the section which goes thru here. They have a crew of fourteen men from Minneapolis and three men from New Ulm. They have been working two years on the line from Taylors Falls to St. James. All the poles are now up and the crew here is putting up the wires. The towns of Waconia, Young America and Franklin have already taken on the power from this line and other places farther away also secure their electricity from the Northern States Power Co. They are following the M. & St. L. R. R. from the Cities down quite closely but branch out at various places, as at Franklin. They expect to go into Essig and Sleepy Eye and extend the line there as far as they can also. They have been working on this section all summer and are hurrying the job thru as much as possible in order to take advantage of the spring floods. They expect to get thru to St. James some time in March. The Rapidan plant at the present time is running on coal and that is pretty expensive this year so every effort is being made to get the lines connected to take advantage of the spring water power.

The crew of men have been stopping at the Seiter House in New Ulm for the past three weeks and expect to be here for three or four days longer if the weather continues moderate. They have been held up by the extreme cold which was too severe to permit work on the poles several times lately.

BOYS AND GIRLS WILL COMPETE

All boys and girls of Brown County who are interested in the raising of live stock on their fathers' farms have been asked by Sen. L. E. Potter of Springfield to join in a contest to promote the production of beef. Any girl or boy over 10 years and under 19 years of age is eligible to the contest which will be in charge of the Brown County Agricultural Association.

In order to have a contest in Brown County, at least 10 contestants must enter and the winners are to receive money prizes and in addition will be given trips to the Minnesota Live Stock Show at St. Paul in the fall of 1918. The cash prizes amount to \$150.00 and are divided into 10 individual prizes of \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15 and six each of \$10.

The calves which are entered for the contest must be born after October 1, 1917 and may be grades of any breed. Aid will be given the youthful stock raisers by representatives of the Live Stock Breeders Association who will visit the contestants and also printed pamphlets, etc. will be sent to them.

Theodore Thormodson of Hanska, Herman Pfander of Millford, R. M. Potter of Springfield and the Agricultural teacher of the Sleepy Eye schools the contest.

The plan is a part of the Government's effort to produce more meat during the next year but it is likely that it will be continued after the war is over since there is no better way to improve farm products than by teaching the young people now on the farms how to do things well.

TURNER SOCIETIES HAVE "AT HOME" AFTERNOON

Edelweiss Club Entertains Their Elders With Amusing Program.

The members of the Turnverein and Ladies Society were the guests of the Edelweiss Club who rendered a very fine program at Turner Hall Sunday afternoon. The program was interesting and entertaining and diversified enough to satisfy everyone. The following were the numbers:

German Recitation.....Robert Fenske
Recitation.....Thelma Rinke
English Reading.....Clarence Herzog
Chalk Talk Willard Vogel & Clarence Pfander
Violin Solo.....Dorothy Hein
Humorous Reading.....Blanche Burg
Original German Selection Laurie Mayer
Yodler.....Elsie Reiser

After the program supper was served to more than a hundred folks and then the young folks enjoyed dancing until 10 o'clock in the evening.

It was decided to have another social afternoon in March and the Zoeglings Verein was delegated to prepare and furnish a program.

There will be a Lincoln's Day program at Dr. Martin Luther college next Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prof. Wagner will be the speaker of the evening and the program will be in the nature of a loyalty demonstration.

VERDICTS DIFFER IN SAME QUESTION

DELAY IN PAYING PREMIUM INVALIDATES POLICY IN ONE CASE

IN SECOND CASE, DELAY IN PAYMENT IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE

The Minnesota law of 1913 providing for suspension of accident insurance during periods when premiums are due and until paid operates with opposite results in separate suits to recover on policies, under opinions given Friday by the state supreme court.

In one case the court rules that recovery is barred because the insurance was suspended at the time of the accident by an express incorporation of the 1913 law in the policy, and in the other, that absence of such provision together with the practice of accepting delayed premium payments, constituted a waiver of suspension.

Hurt by a fall October 1, 1916, while employed by the St. Paul Dry Goods company, Abe Ward demanded \$50 under his accident policy in the Merchants Life and Casualty company. Contesting the claim, the company maintained that its liability was suspended at the time of the accident because the premium due October 1 was not paid until October 20, and that a clause in the policy stated that the insurance would not be in effect when premiums were in arrears.

Judgment obtained by Ward in the St. Paul municipal court is reversed by the supreme court opinion Friday sustaining the company's contention.

The second appeal was that of the United Commercial Travellers from a judgment for \$6,297, which the Lyon county district court awarded Carrie E. Suits as beneficiary named in the accident policy carried by her husband, David M. Suits, who was accidentally killed March 28, 1915, at Huron, S. D. The insurance organization defended on the ground that the policy had lapsed because of non-payment of dues. This contention is over-ruled by the supreme court, affirming Judge Olsen's decision before whom the case was tried, because of evidence that acceptance of late payments of dues was the established practice of the company and it was not shown that notice was given in suit of its discontinuance.

ESSIG GARAGE SOLD.

K. W. Seiter who has been the proprietor of the Essig Garage for the past six months sold out his interest yesterday to Val. Knees and E. E. Spelbrink. The building did not belong to Mr. Seiter and the sale included stock and equipment only. Fred Neissen who has been with the Garage ever since it was opened will remain with them and Mr. Knees will continue the business. Mr. Seiter still has a couple of weeks work in Essig but beyond that he has not made up his mind what he will do as he is merely awaiting the result of his examination for military service.

CHURCH SOCIETIES INSTALL OFFICERS

PLEASING CEREMONIES MARK THE OPENING OF NEW YEARS' WORK

BANQUET FEATURE OMITTED BECAUSE OF HIGH COST OF LIVING

Some four or five hundred people attended the installation exercises and program conducted by the St. Joseph's and St. Elizabeth's Societies at the Catholic school house Sunday evening. The event is one of the big affairs of the year in the Holy Trinity congregation and this year, as always, was a very enjoyable occasion. The following officers were installed: Pres., William Eibner; vice pres., Mike J. Lang; recording secretary, Alex Ranweiler; vice recording secretary, Andrew J. Tauer; fin. sec'y., Christ Filzen; treas., Christ Sprenger; trustees, Rud. Marti, Fidel Schneider and Joseph Wilschneck, marshal, Geo. Puchner. Of the St. Elizabeth's society the following were installed into office: Pres., Mrs. Theresia Sprenger; vice pres., Mrs. Lizzie Stadick; recording sec'y., Mrs. Theresia Scheiderich; fin. sec'y., Mrs. Katharina Schwendinger; treas., Mrs. Mary Lieb; fin. committee, Mrs. Anna Saffert, Mrs. Mary Dietz and Mrs. Mary Kraus; Marshalls, Miss Theresia Mechtel and Miss Maggie Willinger, banner bearers, Mrs. Anna Puchner, Mrs. Theresia Amann and Mrs. Ida Henle.

The program was opened with a number by Hofmeister's Orchestra after which Rev. Schlunkert performed the ceremony of installing the officers above mentioned. After this important duty was completed, the Orchestra rendered another number. Then came an address by Rev. S. P. Hoffmann of Effingham, Ill. He was introduced by Rev. Schlunkert who complimented Rev. Hoffmann on the good work he was doing for the central bureau of the Central Verein and mentioned that an effort had been made to secure Rev. Hoffmann for an address two years before but that on account of his being ill at the time, he was unable to keep his engagement here.

Rev. Hoffmann spoke along general lines showing the importance of the work that is being done both by the St. Joseph and the St. Elizabeth societies and encouraged the members to renewed efforts in building up their organization. The speaker touched lightly upon the war and admonished the parents to bring up their children to higher ideals. He is a very effective speaker and all those present listened to him very attentively. Rev. Hoffmann was six days on the road to get to New Ulm and he made mention of the very severe winter they are having in the East Central States, as compared with Minnesota.

Next came a well-rendered selection by the St. Cecilian society under the leadership of John Henle. The next three numbers were "specials"; the first one being "The Boys at Camp", a song recital in which ten young ladies in uniform not only sang but acted their parts. Miss Mathilda Schwendinger recited the poem entitled "The Boys at Camp", and the singing was an accompaniment to the poem. At the close of the recitation, the curtain was raised to show the young ladies in uniform grouped about a camp scene with the fire burning and the "Soldiers" singing, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground" and "Just Before the Battle, Mother".

John Henle, Mike and Joseph Schuster made quite a hit with their song entitled "Die Drei Lustigen Schmiede" ("Three Happy Blacksmiths"). Then came a duet by the Misses Cecelia Eibner and Marie Gruenfelder, entitled "Die Beiden Schwiegermuetter" ("The Two Mothers-in-law"). The concluding numbers on the program were a song by the male choir and a song by the St. Cecelia Society both under the leadership of John Henle.

The program was well rendered and everyone present enjoyed it thoroughly. On account of the high cost of living, the annual banquet was this year dispensed with.

Prof. Herm. Hein has been quite ill with a very severe cold the past week and was confined to his home for several days, being unable to conduct his classes. At this writing he was able to smoke a cigar and that must mean that he is on the road to recovery.

HEAD OF COLLEGE FORCED TO RESIGN

SAFETY COMMISSION DEMANDS CHANGE OF DIRECTORS AT D. M. L. C.

ACTION RESULT OF NEW ULM'S PROTEST AGAINST THE SELECTIVE DRAFT

Like a bolt from a clear sky came the announcement last Wednesday that Prof. Ackermann had resigned his position as director of the Dr. Martin Luther College the day before. A meeting of the trustees of the College was held at St. Paul Tuesday and at that time Rev. J. A. Bergmann, presiding officer of the joint synod who resides at Fond du Lac, Wis. requested Prof. Ackermann to resign.

Rumors had been current for some time that the State Public Safety Commission had determined that Prof. Ackermann should be removed as director of the college and it was the pressure from this source that was brought to bear upon the board of trustees which caused them to ask the resignation of their director.

The charge made against Prof. Ackermann is that he spoke at several meetings, especially the one in New Ulm July 25th 1917, and the one at Gibbon, at which petitions were circulated asking Congress that only such young men be sent to European battlefields as volunteered for that service. At that time it was universally believed that the citizens of this country had a right to petition Congress and the President upon matters which they felt were of vital concern to them. Special stress is laid upon the fact that the Gibbon meeting was held in spite of the wishes of the members of the Public Safety Commission who had appeared there by a representative and wanted the meeting stopped.

The College board of trustees would never have taken the action that they did if pressure from above had not been brot to bear upon them and it is currently reported that citizens from here kept the matter alive and that even if the Public Safety Commission had wanted to forget their plans to have Prof. Ackermann ousted they were prevented from doing so by activities from here.

Prof. Ackermann has been connected with the college for twenty-four years, the last ten years of which he was at the head of the institution. For the present, Prof. E. F. Bliedernicht is acting as temporary director until such time as the board of trustees may decide to fill the vacancy.

Prof. Ackermann has no plans for the future and will remain in New Ulm with his family for the present to await developments. He is taking advantage of his enforced idleness and has gone to the Union Hospital where he submitted to a minor operation which will lay him up for a week or ten days.

SPOERHASE BUYS HOTEL.

Last Thursday a deal was consummated whereby Fred Spoerhase became owner of the Seiter hotel, which he has so ably managed for the past eight years, says the Winthrop News. Since the hotel passed out of the hands of the Seiter management it has been in the hands of three different owners, the last transfer being made to Andrew Stenesth of Albert Lea of whom Mr. Spoerhase purchased his interests. During the greater portion of this time, however, Mr. Spoerhase has been in active management.

The Seiter hotel is popular with the traveling public and has become well known to the commercial men who travel over the M. & St. L. R. R. Some years ago a slogan was adopted "Like Home" which proved to be a "head liner" from an advertising point of view. To this end the present manager has endeavored to make the slogan a reality in which he has well succeeded.

We are glad that Mr. Spoerhase and his good wife are to remain at the helm of the Seiter hotel and thus we are assured that Winthrop's hotels will be kept well in the foreground.

The Seiter House has the past year been remodeled to a considerable extent and possesses many of the more modern conveniences. Mr. Spoerhase informs us that he will from time to time improve the property so as to give the best possible service to his patrons who are legion.

WILL BUILD PIONEER LODGE IN THE TURNER HALL PARK.

Court House Square Not To Be Available For The Proposed Building.

At an adjourned meeting of the New Ulm Turnverein held Sunday afternoon two new members were accepted into the society and permission was granted the Junior Pioneers to erect the log house memorial on the Turner Hall Grounds. Last Friday the committee who has charge of the matter of erecting this log cabin came together and it was reported that the site that had been selected at the annual meeting of the Junior Pioneers was not available and the committee then decided to ask the New Ulm Turnverein for permission to erect the log cabin on the Turner Hall grounds.

Julius Krause, John F. Neumann and August Puhmann were elected as a committee to determine a site where the cabin is to be placed. If the Turnverein had refused to grant the request of the committee, the building of the log cabin would simply have had to be abandoned.

With the site assured the committee will immediately take steps to get the necessary logs so that nothing will interfere with the erection of the memorial in the spring of the year.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet with Miss Ida Kohn this week.

MAN FALLS THIRTY FEET: UNINJURED

WORKER AT EAGLE MILL HAS "LUCKY ACCIDENT". GETS A DAY LAY-OFF.

TAKES TUMBLE FROM A BOX CAR AND THROUGH THE N. W. TRESTLE

One of those lucky accidents which sometimes happen befell a workman at the Eagle Mill last week, with the result no worse than a day's lay-off ordered by the Doctor, who could find absolutely nothing wrong with the man who met with the accident.

The workman, Wm. Theil, is employed at the elevator and his duties are to unload grain. He was climbing up on a box car to release the brake. The car was a large one of the sort used for shipping automobiles, and was standing on the Northwestern trestle. Theil had just about reached the top when he missed his hold and fell directly on the trestle and passed thru the railing, continuing his descent to the ground below. This made a fall of some thirty feet. He picked himself up but could not find any broken bones, due probably to the fact that there was quite a snow bank under the trestle and this acted as a cushion. He reported to the Mill and wanted to go back to work, but it was thought best to have him looked over by a doctor and this was done. The Doctor told him to take a day off to recover from the scare and he is now again on the job with apparently no bad results from the shake-up.

LOSES RIGHT HAND

A week ago last Thursday Charles Helle, an employee of the A. C. Ochs Erick & Tile Company of Springfield was the victim of a serious accident which resulted in the loss of his right hand. No one else was present at the time of the accident and Mr. Helle can not state how the accident really happened. He was in the act of cleaning the crusher in the old plant and he thinks that a chunk of clay from above dropped down on his hand and forced it into the crusher, injuring it so badly that it was necessary to amputate it at the wrist joint.

SOME SCRAP

There was some scrap last Tuesday night about which the details are not very illuminating. As a result of this scrap Wenzel Lampl is in the Loretto Hospital with a broken jaw which will keep him there for three or four weeks. At the time of the scrap and immediately afterwards Lampl was under the influence of liquor to such an extent that he did not seem to know just what happened to him. The one whom Lampl names as his assailant disputes it and some one else is reported to claim the honor of having put Lampl out of commission. All that seems very certain is that Lampl got a good drubbing and that his lower jaw bone is broken between the second last and last tooth.

EXEMPTION BOARD GETS NEW ORDERS

WORD RECEIVED TO HASTEN EXAMINATIONS OF ALL DRAFTED MEN

MUST COMPLETE COUNTY'S QUOTA FROM THOSE IN CLASS ONE

Yesterday morning the local draft board received a copy of a telegram which was issued from the Adjutant General's office at Washington, D. C. on the 4th of February. According to this telegram approximately 8,600 white men, all those remaining of the current quota, are expected to entrain for Camp Dodge during the period beginning February 23. This will mean approximately sixty men from this county. The local board is requested to make every effort to complete Brown County's quota from the men already classified in Class I, and they are urged to expedite the physical examination so that a sufficient number of Class I men can be secured. The examinations may be conducted under the old regulations until the new regulations arrive. New regulations pertaining to the physical examination of the drafted men have been mailed and will govern as soon as they are received by the local draft board.

In conformity with these instructions the local board has decided to keep on with the physical examinations up to and including Saturday. No more men will be called for physical examination until the new regulations are received and then orders for examinations will be issued in conformity with such new regulations.

The physical examination was commenced last Friday and ever since that time the medical officer of the board, Dr. Geo. B. Weiser, has examined in the neighborhood of twenty men. In case of doubt as to their physical fitness, these are referred to the Advisory Committee. Not until Saturday will the board pass all those who in the opinion of the medical examiner are physically unfit for the service.

SKAT ONKELS BRING HOME THE BACON

New Ulm's contingent of Skat players captured three prizes at the Skat tournament which was held at St. Anthony Turner Hall last Sunday. Sleiff W. J. Julius captured the 2nd prize for net games, winning a cash prize of \$20. He had nineteen net games to his credit. Hugo Schleuder won 2nd high prize for net points securing a \$10 cash prize with his 760 net points. Henry Ahrens was the 3rd prize winner from New Ulm and won a \$7 cash prize for his club solo against seven matadores. From New Ulm about twenty-five attended the tournament and about two hundred took part in the sessions in all. Otto Oswald from here and George Graff of Ivanhoe were members of the prize committee. W. J. Julius was re-elected Vice President and Dr. J. P. Graff resident director. The matter of the midsummer tournament was left to the board of directors and it is understood that the New Ulm Skat Club will make special efforts to secure the tournament for New Ulm. Most of the Skat players returned home Monday.

M. C. M. A. MOVES

The Minnesota Commercial Men's Association which has had offices on the fourth floor of the Palace Building ever since they moved from here to Minneapolis have changed quarters and are now located in the Plymouth Building on the third floor. The change was made to secure more and better floor space to accommodate the increasing business of the company. The last year of the Association was a very successful one and showed a net gain of about 2000 certificates.

W. A. Butler, state agent of the State Board of Control was in the city yesterday for the purpose of securing information which will guide the State Board of Control to determine whether or not the relatives of inmates of State Hospitals for the insane living here should be called upon to contribute to their support. The last legislature passed a law which makes it obligatory for the relatives to pay part of the expense of the care and maintenance of such inmates, if financially able to do so. Mr. Butler says that they have the most trouble in getting assistance from relatives who are really well-to-do.