

FOUR COUNTIES TO BUILD SANITORIUM

FIRST STEP TAKEN BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT LAST MEETING.

BOARD MAKES APPLICATION FOR ROAD AID; DR. VOGEL COUNTY, PHYSICIAN.

The advisability of establishing and maintaining a public sanatorium for the treatment and care of persons afflicted with tuberculosis was discussed by the Brown County commissioners at a special meeting held last Wednesday, April 16. It was resolved by the board members that the auditor should take this matter up with the Advisory Commissioner of the Minnesota Sanatorium for Consumptives and ascertain from him whether he could get the three neighboring counties Redwood, Nicollet and Watonwan to unite with Brown County in acquiring, establishing and maintaining such a public tuberculosis sanatorium.

Ask For Road Aid.

The matter of improving State Rural Highway No. 54 between the cities of New Ulm and Sleepy Eye again was taken up and the Board by a unanimous vote passed the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Brown County, does hereby make application for an allotment of \$150,000 from the Federal Aid funds of the State to aid in the construction and improvement of State Rural Highway No. 54 from the city limits of the City of New Ulm to the city limits of the city of Sleepy Eye.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon Federal Aid being granted in the above amount by the Commissioner of Highways, subject to approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, the County Board does hereby agree to complete said project as a Trunk Highway, according to the requirements of the Commissioner of Highways and the Secretary of Agriculture, the estimated cost of said improvement being \$300,000. The County Board hereby agrees to provide necessary funds in addition to the Federal Aid, either by making special tax levies or by issuing bonds when available County Road and Bridge funds are insufficient.

The auditor was instructed to forward a copy of said resolution to the Commissioner of Highways.

Appropriations.

At the morning session of the meeting several applications for appropriations were before the board. The three following were granted: \$500 to the town of Prairieville; \$1,500 to the town of Mulligan; and \$800 to the town of Lake Hanska, all for road grading and graveling.

Commissioners Graff and Palmer were appointed by the chairman to co-operate with the supervisors of the Towns of Prairieville and Mulligan, while Commissioners Johnson and Meyer were appointed to co-operate with the supervisors of the town of Lake Hanska.

Dr. J. H. Vogel, County Physician.

Only one sealed proposal was received by the Board, for services as county physician for the first and third commissioner districts. It was made by Dr. J. H. Vogel, who will furnish all medicines and medical and surgical treatments to the county paupers of these two districts for the sum of \$500. The Board resolved to accept his bid and to stipulate in the contract to be executed by the County Attorney that the physician must furnish a written report to the Board at the end of every three months, showing the visits he made to the poor and the nature of the sickness. The payments by the county treasurer to the physician are to be made semi-annually.

Bids To Be Accepted.

The County Auditor was instructed to advertise for bids in the matter of grading all that part of State Road No. 2 on which no improvements have been made, and that bids shall be received on or before May 14th. The Board will reconvene on May 15th at 10 o'clock in the morning to consider such bids.

Bridge And Ditch Work.

A communication signed by W. A. Kobberstein, R. W. Grausam, John Hirsch, Herman Zuhlsdorf and Ferdinand Riebel was addressed to the Board in reference to having a ditch repaired on State Rural Highway No. 54, which is about two and one-half miles west of Sleepy Eye. The complaints were investigated, but the Board did not take any action in the matter.

In the matter of engineer's acceptance

of material and labor furnished in the amount of \$839.00 to the Cummings Bridge by J. M. Hindermann, the contractor, the Board allowed seventy-five per cent on the account, or \$629.25.

Money To Be Collected.

The County Auditor informed the Board that the Bondsmen in the matter of widening and deepening county ditches Nos. 5 and 7 have not yet paid the preliminary expenses caused in the proceedings of these ditches which were not established. On motion the Board resolved that the matter be handed to the County attorney with orders to proceed in making these collections. The county auditor informed the Board also that additional ditch assessments will have to be made against County Ditches Nos. 6, 9, 11, 12, 16 and 18, as in all these cases the original amount of the ditch lien did not cover the extra cost in the matter of repairs, etc. The auditor was instructed to follow the law in this matter.

The Chairman appointed Commissioners Meyer and Graff as a committee to try to get an option on the Andrew Steinmetz property, known as Point Lookout, at the south end of the city limits of the City of New Ulm.

Recommended For Consideration.

The application for a reduction in the assessed valuation of real estate owned by Rosa Rausch of New Ulm was upon motion recommended to the State Tax commission for consideration.

Mystery surrounds the case of Private Felix Brust, a Sleepy Eye soldier, who has not been heard from by his parents since he sailed from an American port for France last November.

RESTRICTIONS ON PARCELS REMOVED

NEW ORDER OF POSTMASTER GENERAL IS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON.

MAIL SERVICE TO OCCUPIED TERRITORY NOT YET RESUMED.

In an order bearing date of April 14, issued by the Postmaster General, it is announced that department's former order issued a year ago prohibiting the acceptance of parcels for mailing to the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, unless accompanied with approved requests of the addressee for the articles contained therein, is revoked at the request of the War Department.

Not to Exceed 7 Pounds.

It is further announced that hereafter parcels not exceeding seven (7) pounds in weight containing mailable articles, including books, may be accepted at all post offices for mailing to soldiers and others, including civilians, connected with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe without being accompanied with a request of the addressee, approved by his regimental or other commanding officer, provided the parcels are properly prepared and addressed, fully prepaid, and otherwise conform to the conditions governing the transmission of mail to these forces. Parcels for the Expeditionary Forces cannot be registered, insured or sent C. O. D. and no perishable articles may be sent.

The above will be welcome news to the families of men who are still with the Expeditionary forces in Europe and who can now send them many articles that they may be in need of the sending of which was prohibited heretofore under former restrictions.

No Official Announcement.

It also has been reported by several dailies that mail service, both for letters and papers, has been resumed to the Rhine Province of Germany or all parts of that country occupied by American and Allied soldiers. Postmaster Pfander so far has not received an official confirmation of this report, making it doubtful whether such letters and postals sent to relatives in that part of Germany would reach their destination.

Raymond Emmerich, who recently enlisted in the U. S. Navy for a four year term is now located at Piney Grove, Charlestown, S. C. He recently wrote to his home folks that he likes it first rate and is certainly not sorry that he went. He says that he goes to the docks many times and watches the ships come in carrying the boys from overseas. He cannot express how joyful these boys are when they tread on the soil in "God's Country" again. He is going to school now and expects to be transferred to a school in Norfolk, Virginia, soon.

PRIMARY ELECTION UP FOR REVISION

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO DRAW UP AMENDMENTS.

LABOR AND FARMER ELEMENTS TO HAVE NO CONTROLLING INFLUENCE

Stirred into action by an aroused public sentiment, Governor Burnquist, in a message to the senate last week, urged the solons to watch their step and not repeal the direct primary law if such action meant the return to the old convention system.

The governor made it plain that he is in favor of amending the present primary law, so that it will make it impossible for the Nonpartisan league and organized labor to capture the Republican party, but he does not want the legislature to pass the Warner-Hompe bill, which he considers altogether too raw.

Committee Named.

As a result of the governor's action a special committee has been appointed by Lieutenant Governor Frankson, president of the senate, and Speaker W. I. Nolan to draw up amendments which will overcome the governor's objections.

The members of the joint committee comprise Senators Rockne, George H. Sullivan, Gjeret, Sageng, and Putnam and Representatives Hompe, Parker, Norton, Howard and Theodore Christianson.

League farmers are not represented on the committee.

Although a new bill may be introduced with the governor's consent, the probabilities are that amendments will be framed for the Warner-Hompe bill as that measure has already passed the house and it might be impossible to pass a brand new bill between now and the date of adjournment April 25.

The amendments will be a compromise with the several factions in the legislature, exclusive of the Nonpartisan league members. Indorsing conventions have been suggested. After candidates have been indorsed, the voters of the state will be given the privilege of voting for the convention-indorsed slate.

Only one candidate for an office will be indorsed and there will be no means by which an independent candidate not indorsed by the convention can file as a Republican or Democratic candidate.

Appearances Saved.

The Warner-Hompe bill would have worked out the same way, but the proposed amendments will at least give the voters the appearance of nominating their own candidates.

In order to prevent the Nonpartisan league and organized labor from controlling the indorsing convention, the joint committee proposes a neat apportionment of delegates.

The number of delegates to the indorsing convention will be based upon the vote cast for the party candidates for governor in the 1918 election.

Examination of the vote for governor in the 1918 election shows that the vote for the Republican candidate, Governor Burnquist, was relatively small in the rural precincts. The vote for the Republican candidate for governor was large in the villages and cities. The farmers supported Evans, who ran as an independent.

The result will be that the cities and villages of the state will be represented in the party convention with about ten delegates to one for the farmers.

Under such an apportionment, it is easy to see that the Nonpartisan league would have little to say in the indorsing convention.

BUILD YOUR OWN HOME.

The citizens of Redwood Falls are enthusiastically in favor of the organization of a building and loan association. The Commercial Club of the town is behind the move, and it is expected that the help afforded by such an organization will tend to alleviate the difficulty Redwood Falls has been facing the last few years in having too few suitable homes to rent.—It has been said that fifty and more homes could be rented in a day right here in New Ulm if they were accessible to prospective tenants. Probably one of the reasons largely responsible for this situation is the fact that the people affected do not realize sufficiently the benefits and opportunities offered by the New Ulm Savings and Loan Association, an organization existing for the exact purpose the citizens of Redwood Falls so enthusiastically are striving for.

LOCAL NEEDS EAT UP MUCH OF TAXES

COMMISSIONER LORD'S TALK AT COUNTY ASSESSORS' MEETING.

TAX-DODGERS CAUSE BURDEN TO FALL ON WEAKER SHOULDERS.

Samuel Lord, member of the Minnesota state tax commission, told the assessors of Brown County, in annual meeting assembled last Wednesday, that taxes are for the most part purely local in character and that about ninety-two cents of every dollar collected is used for town, village, city or county purposes. "This money is used to build and maintain schools, roads, hospitals and a great number of other public utilities and institutions," he said. It affords police and fire protection, protects your health by the building of sewers and drains, supports the courts, open to all citizens, and is otherwise employed in making your town, county and state a better place to live in.

Well Attended.

The meeting of the assessors was very well attended, 20 out of 23 in the county being present. Those present were: H. F. Schrader, New Ulm; Albert Durbahn, Sleepy Eye; Gustav Nuessle, Springfield; Jos. J. Schumacher, Comfrey; Hans Ulen, Hanska; Thos. Peterson, Cobden; Rasmus Hansen, Evan; Isaac H. Olsen, Albin; J. O. Wood, Bashaw; Herman Unger, Burnstown; Peter Carstensen, Eden; Clay Current, Home; Jos. Fromm, Leavenworth; H. J. Albrecht, Milford; Park Green, Mulligan; Henry M. Timm, North Star; Nick. Mertz, Prairieville; Ed. W. Flor, Sigel; Jos. H. Hoffmann, Stark and Ernest Balbach, Stately.

Assessor's Duties.

Mr. Lord gave a general talk on the duties of an assessor. It was five years, he said, since he had been in Brown County and addressed the assessors. He added that certain changes had made their appearance during that period, in regard to the assessing of property in the state of Minnesota. But these changes were made to better conditions, the dissimilarity of assessing in the different parts of the state having been done away with. "Now there is uniformity in the manner the work is done. By holding meetings in each county, assessors are instructed as to the manner in which they shall discharge their duties."

Must Be Fair.

"The work of an assessor, for the greater part, must be guided by his fairness and judgment, he continued. The assessing of property calls him to visit his neighbors and place a valuation on their earthly possessions. This must be done in all fairness to the neighbor as well as the community at large. It is no easy task to make an equitable assessment of all the personal property in a community. Take the two best men you have in the city and turn the job over to them. The returns of each will differ in many particulars. All that can be asked is that those, who assess, shall be guided by fair judgment and impartiality.

"I have come to assist you, and not to crack the whip," Commissioner Lord informed those present. "I will not tell you where to get off at, but desire to discuss certain matters with you, which will be helpful to each of you in discharging your duties, and assist you in doing as perfect a job as possible. If a bad job is the result of your work, your community will suffer; your neighbors will get the worst of it."

People Should Help.

It is up to the people to make honest and fair returns, Commissioner Lord said. If they do this many troubles will be eliminated. "If taxpayers would co-operate with assessors and endeavor to make honest and fair returns many of the troubles you face would be eliminated. Men, who are scrupulously honest in regard to ordinary business dealings often are found to be among the most versatile tax-dodgers in a community. In this connection it may well be added that the man, who most generally escapes assuming his fair share of the common burden is the man, who can best afford to pay. Much of his property may be easily concealed and he often is more adroit at the art of concealing than those with but little of this world's goods. On the other hand the property of the poor man is easily discovered and he generally is assessed at nearer the correct amount than is his rich neighbor. This naturally tends to put much of the burden on those who can least afford to assume it,

because every dollar which is saved by the tax-dodger means that some one else must make it up.

"In order to fairly determine the amount and value of a man's property the assessor should ask questions freely. Go to the taxpayer boldly and ask for the information which you are entitled to get. Convince him that you want it only to equalize taxes and in many cases you will succeed. Assessors often are prone to follow the gum-shoe method, trying to pick up information from outside and apologizing to the taxpayer when they have to ask him about his property. This procedure is valuable as a check on what you are told, but absolute frankness with respect to your duties and insistence on a strict compliance with the law always is to be commended, and, in the long run, will produce the best results."

Discussion of Questions.

"It is our duty to set people to thinking. Discuss these problems with your friends and neighbors, force them upon the attention of your people. Eventually wise changes will result. Mistakes, of course, may be made at first, but the supreme necessity is to 'start something now.'

"The ordinary man considers taxes a necessary evil and he seldom stops to inquire as to who imposes them, how they are raised or what they are used for. He does not realize the people vote to tax themselves and that his responsibility is just as great with reference thereto as that of his neighbors or any other citizen. If he would take some interest in local affairs and attend the town meetings he might become enlightened."

MILFORD BOYS NOW RETURN TO HOMES

FRED ROLLOFF AND WALTER GAREIS RETURN FROM OVERSEAS

ROLLOFF WOUNDED IN TRAINING CAMP BUT FOUGHT NO BATTLES.

Several New Ulm homes enjoyed an honest-to-goodness happy Easter this year because of the arrival of that son, brother or sister who had not appeared in the family circle last year. And of course many a boy of the A. E. F. experienced a thankful feeling for his present surroundings.

Back From France.

Fred Rolloff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Rolloff of Milford township, has been discharged from his duties in the U. S. Army, and has returned to his home near New Ulm. He was a volunteer and enlisted at Mankato May 2, 1917, shortly after war was declared by Congress.

Four Months in the States.

Young Rolloff, was in training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for a short time and from there was transferred to Key West, Florida, where he remained until September 16, 1918. At that time he went to Charleston, S. C., later to Camp Merritt, N. Y. and on October 15, of the same year he landed in France and was stationed near Paris.

Six Months of Strenuous Training.

All the while that he was stationed in France, he says, they did some hard drilling. He regrets that he was not given an opportunity to attend school while he was there but the officers were given the first chance and thus there were few of the regulars who were among the fortunate ones to attend.

Although their division never came near the front, Rolloff had a narrow escape while he was still stationed in the states. While at Key West, a corporal who was standing directly in front of him accidentally fired his rifle and the bullet went thru Rolloff's side and also injured nine other men. He was laid up in the hospital for thirty days and when almost recovered got an attack of the flu. His being wounded didn't bother him very much; he rather felt thankful that he was still alive as one of the men in the group died from the injury.

Meets Other New Ulm Boys.

About the 20th of January while at St. Naziere he met Armin Mack and Walter Gareis. That day was one of the happiest for them while he was in the A. E. F. Armin Mack is still in France, travelling with an entertainment division. They go to all the large cities in France and Germany. Walter Gareis returned home Saturday afternoon.

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PROGRESSIVENESS SHOWN BY DEALERS

LOCAL MERCHANTS MODERNIZE THEIR SHOPS BY MAKING ADDITIONS.

KRETSCH GARAGE ENLARGED; NEW OVEN INSTALLED BY F. W. EIBNER

The right spirit of progressiveness is shown by several New Ulm merchants who are taking early advantage of the benefits of the reconstruction period which is beginning. Although the cost of material and labor is still high it has somewhat receded from the excessive proportions of war time prices and all the restrictions on building permits have been removed. At present there are three different firms in the city who are making improvements to their plants. They are the Kretsch Automobile Co. Uneeda Bakery of F. W. Eibner and Frank C. Schnobrich's meat market.

Garage Re-opened.

Having finished the additions and changes, Kretsch's garage on First North street now belongs to the largest on the city. There is room now for eighty cars, storing place being provided in the first and second floors of the building. The handsome addition has a special entrance on Broadway, being equipped with one of the latest folding doors. In the old theatre building additional floor space was secured by the construction of an entire new cement floor about twenty feet above the ground floor. The office and store also was enlarged and newly equipped and Mr. Kretsch is now living on the second floor of the building. An elevator which is to be installed in the near future will be used for taking the cars up and down.

New Oven Installed.

F. W. Eibner on North Minnesota Street had a new addition built to his plant, known to everybody as the Uneeda bakery. This gives him 60x25 feet additional floor space. The work was done by Keute & Koop, contractors and this part of the building will house a bake oven of the very latest model. It was shipped here from Chicago by the Middleby-Marshall Oven Company who also sent one of their men, John Innes, to install the new oven, and get it into perfect working condition.

But Mr. Eibner's plans do not stop there. He intends to have his Dutch Room entirely remodeled and enlarged during the coming weeks. With the eight sets of fine booths contemplated, in place and the tiling of the entire lower floor finished, Mr. Eibner will have one of the coziest places in town. All these improvements will be finished by the middle of May, according to present plans.

New Front At Schnobrich's

Frank C. Schnobrich's meat market on South Minnesota Street will have a different appearance after the work on the new front is finished. The show windows have received a new base of imitation marble in red and white, furnished by Saffert-Guggisberg. The cement work was done by Puhlmann Bros., contractors. No doubt, the near future will see more improvements along this line in New Ulm.

New Fountain Installed.

A new Soda Fountain is being installed at Willibald Eibner's Fountain Inn. It is one of the latest models. Two special features are that it will have two distinct draft arms or serving stations and that it will be connected with the ice machine in the basement of the building. In the matter of sanitation it can compete with any modern soda fountain. There are no wooden parts in it but the inner structure is all made of iron and all the visible parts are of German silver, marble and opal onyx. The entire length will be 18 feet.

OPPOSE DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN

The National Farmers league, in annual session at Denver, Col., on Thursday, April 17, passed a resolution in favor of abolishing the so-called daylight saving law according to United Press report. Expressing their dislike of the plan the delegates ask Congress for a return to sun time.

The upper house of the Wisconsin legislature passed a similar resolution during the course of the week. The senators of Wisconsin do not see any good reason for this change in time and ask the repeal of the law effecting the time change.