

FARMERS PROMISED EARLY ADJUSTMENT

FIRST PAYMENT TO BE MADE
DURING THE WEEK BY
THE RED CROSS.

REPAYMENT OF THE FINES
IMPOSED BY VYE TO BE
MADE LATER.

Refunds to Minnesota farmers, who were unlawfully forced to contribute to the Red Cross by Vidian Vye and other agents of the Minnesota Food Administration, were to have begun this week, says the Minnesota Leader.

The refunds were made possible as the result of an investigation demanded by the Nonpartisan league and others.

From \$25,000 to \$30,000 is to be returned by the northern division of the Red Cross, Professor A. D. Wilson, food administrator for Minnesota, said last Monday.

Repayment of fines imposed by Vye and others will be attended to later, Professor Wilson, said.

Farmers Vindicated.

Action of the Red Cross means vindication to the League farmers, who were hounded by agents of the food administration last summer because of their membership in the League and forced to market their seed wheat and chicken feed and pay the Red Cross various amounts after having been given the alternative of paying fines of \$5,000 or going to the federal penitentiary.

All of the claims of the farmers in McLeod county have been presented to Professor Wilson, and about 100 vouchers, signed by the farmers, stating that they had made contributions to the Red Cross unwillingly, had been received Monday, Professor Wilson said.

To Pay At Once.

These vouchers were to be turned over to the northern division of the Red Cross and payment made on them at once, the food administrator said.

No further trouble is anticipated in the adjustment of the claims of the McLeod county farmers. The claims were collected by a committee formed for the purpose.

Farmers in other counties, who received similar treatment at the hands of the agents of the food administration, are planning to get together and present their claims for refunds to Professor Wilson.

More Time Needed.

The fines imposed on the farmers by Vidian Vye and his aides for "expenses" will take more time for adjustment. Professor Wilson said he expected to present bills to the federal government for "legitimate expenses, such as livery hire.

"Illegitimate" expenses charged to the farmers will have to be paid back by the agents of the food administration, who collected them by means of intimidation.

In addition to McLeod, Brown, Nicollet and Kandiyohi counties, Vye and his terrorizers operated in Lac qui Parle county, according to a letter to the Leader from Frank T. Stolpman of Bellingham.

Mr. Stolpman says that Vye and his partners visited about 100 farmers around Bellingham during the harvest season last year, forcing them to abandon their farm work and market as little as two pounds of wheat.

In addition to forcing contributions to the Red Cross and making the farmers pay the customary fines, several farmers were forced to buy war savings stamps, Mr. Stolpman says.

FARMERS TO VISIT UNIVERSITY FARM.

The Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota will throw wide its doors to the farmers of the state on Friday, June 20, which is to be designated as Farmers Visiting Day. At 10 a. m. the visitors will assemble in the auditorium for addresses of welcome by Dean P. W. Thatcher, and possibly, by President M. L. Burton. Following the assembly, from 11 to 1, the visitors will partake of picnic dinners, which they are expected to bring with them, on the campus. Between 1:30 and 2 there will be a livestock parade, and the rest of the afternoon will be given to group visits to points of interest about the farm. Provision will be made for entertaining over night any who may not be able to return home the same day.

W. Fleck, editor of the Amerikanische Turnzeitung and Der Freidenker, left the city on Saturday for a trip to Detroit, Mich. He expects to return in about a week.

COST OF CROP PRODUCTION

It costs \$16.33 to produce an acre of spring wheat in Minnesota; \$16.54 to produce an acre of oats; \$15.81, barley; \$16.66, rye; \$19.28, corn; \$19.03, fodder corn; \$23.53, corn silage; \$45.37, potatoes, \$18.99, flax; \$11.22, clover and timothy hay, one cutting; \$16.59, alfalfa hay, three cuttings; \$8.67, wild hay; \$7.54, timothy seed; \$9.61, clover seed.

These figures, taken from a bulletin on the cost of producing Minnesota field crops by F. W. Peck, of the Minnesota experiment station, are based on investigations covering the period from 1913 to 1917. At the average farm prices for the period it was necessary for the farmer to obtain the following yields per acre, merely in order to cover the cost of production: Wheat, 13 bushels; oats, 34.4 bushels; barley, 21.6 bushels; rye, 15 bushels; flax, 9.9 bushels; corn, 27 bushels; potatoes, 66 bushels; hay, 1.4 tons.

The average yields of these crops for the 10-year period from 1908 to 1917 inclusive were as follows: Wheat, 14 bushels; oats, 32 bushels; barley, 24 bushels; rye, 18.7 bushels; flax, 9.3 bushels; corn 32.6 bushels; potatoes, 100 bushels; hay, 1.57 tons. The normal margin over and above cost of production made by the farm, therefore, is not large. While prices of farm products have risen since the data referred to have been gathered, the cost of production has also increased.

The bulletin makes an interesting study at this time in view of the very lively interest in the high cost of living. Copies of bulletin may be had by addressing Office of Publications, University Farm, St. Paul.

COURT BEGINS ITS SEMI-ANNUAL JOB

FARMERS IN A HURRY TO GET
BACK TO FIELDS. WANT
SHORT SESSION.

THREE CASES SETTLED. SIX-
TEEN TO JURY TWELVE
COURT CASES.

Monday morning promptly at 11 o'clock sheriff W. J. Julius at the direction of Judge Clague announced the opening of the May term of the District Court of Brown County. Of the twenty-three grand jurors, four failed to respond when their names were called. Anthony Anderson had been excused, Emil Metzinger and John Torginson had not been found by the sheriff and the fourth man who did not appear was Urban Bertrand of the town of Home. P. D. Raverty was appointed foreman and Henry P. Bastian was elected as clerk. Captain Jos. Hofmeister is bailiff of the grand jury and Charles Lindemann and Ed. Wagner are the other bailiffs. Geo. Hogan is again on duty as Deputy Clerk of Court.

Judge Clague announced that a great number of the petit jurors had asked to be excused on account of pressing farm work and he urged the attorneys to try as few jury cases as possible at this time.

At the preliminary call of the civil calendar the following disposition was made of the cases.

Settled and Dismissed.

James Erickson as father of Henry Erickson vs. City of Sleepy Eye and F. E. Beech;
James Erickson vs. City of Sleepy Eye and F. E. Beech;
Springfield Milling Company vs. Royal Indemnity Company.

Jury Trial.

Joseph Werdan vs. Fred Wellner and Harvey Hellner;
M. L. Johnson, W. S. Johnson and W. H. Evans, vs. Jacob Klossner, Jr.;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. H. A. Alfred;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. R. P. Johnson;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. W. F. Remus;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. Frank Gross;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. Joe L. Kloeckl;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. Wm. J. Lend;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. Wm. Trebesch;
J. L. Bushard, vs. Fred J. Bushard and John Schneider;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. Otto Orth;
Farmers Co-Operative Packing Co. vs. M. H. Altermatt;
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ARMY SERVICE HAS MANY OCCUPATIONS

FOUR NEW ULM SOLDIERS IN
VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN
FRANCE.

CAPT. B. HUBBARD, P. WINKEL-
MANN, C. BURK, AND FR.
NIEMANN BACK HOME.

A large variety of military occupations is represented by four New Ulm soldiers who just returned home from army service in France. Capt. Bert Hubbard had occasion to show his abilities as a leader, Paul Winkelmann served as artillery casual whose duty it was to fit out men coming back from the hospitals for service at the front, Cornelius Burk was an expert in handling a machine gun, while Frank Niemann was instrumental in making the transportation of the Americans possible across France. These four soldiers had very interesting careers while in the service of Uncle Sam.

Was With National Guard.

Capt. Bert Hubbard was First Lieutenant in the National Guard of Minnesota when the war broke out and he entered the service in August, 1917. One year later he was elevated to the rank of Captain. That was shortly before he left for France, in October, 1918. He made a quick trip to Le Havre, via Liverpool and southern England, and then was sent to the neighborhood of Bordeaux in southern France where he was stationed for ten days. He was a member of the 34th replacement division made up of National Guards and this division was sent to the front but a few days before the armistice was signed. Thus they did not come into fighting contact with the enemy. Later on, Captain Hubbard was assigned to the 4th division, commanding Co. B, 47th infantry. Another transfer was made in the middle of February, 1919, when he was assigned to the 91st division, commanding Co. L, 362nd infantry. With this unit he returned to the United States the latter part of April. Captain Hubbard belonged to the army of occupation for two and one-half months. While in Germany he was stationed at Insul, five miles northeast of Coblenz, Rhine Province.

Capt. Hubbard intends to remain in New Ulm for about a week and then go to Fargo, N. D., where he expects to take up some work. Mrs. Hubbard has been living with her parents here during his absence.

Went Through the "Mill."

Private Paul Winkelmann, son of William J. Winkelmann, also relates some interesting instances in his military career. One of them was the passing through the "delousing station" at Genegart in southern France, where all the American soldiers had to make their call, before returning to this country. This is what the soldiers call "Going through the Mill," he said. But more important was his service at the front, having been a member of the corps of replacement battalions whose duty it was to fit out men as they came from the hospitals to rejoin their regiments with everything they were in need of. This corps was a unit which was organized at that time, Mr. Winkelmann said. Their organization was made up of one captain, fourteen sergeants and two mechanics, Paul being one of the latter. At first they were stationed at Moran, eleven kilometers north of Nancy, where they remained for one month. Their next station was at Clermonten-Argonne, sixteen kilometers below Verdun. While there the signing of the armistice was made known to them and they soon were assigned to other units. Mr. Winkelmann became a member of the 40th Division located at Rivigny-Lairmont. Having made the trip back to Bordeaux in box cars they made some long hikes through the southern part of France receiving their orders to embark for the U. S. A. April 13. They arrived in New York April 27 and he was mustered out at Camp Dodge.

Pvt. Winkelmann left New Ulm with several other boys April 7th, 1918. They first went to Cincinnati where they attended an Auto Training school for two months. After finishing their course there they were sent to Camp Jackson in South Carolina. But there he lost sight of his comrades "Moses" Janke, Alex Garrow and Stanley Koehler. He was ordered to Camp Merritt, N. J., and sailed for overseas July 22 landing

Bar Silt Removed

The committee appointed on June 27th, 1918, at the joint meeting of the Commissioners of Redwood and Brown counties, reported that they have inspected the work consisting of the removal of a bar silt that partly obstructed the outlet of Tile Branch No. 7, which gives said branch now a free outlet and therefore, recommend that the \$500 which was withheld to be paid to the National Construction Company who had the contract for the open work on said ditch. On motion it was decided to authorize the County

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JOINT COMMITTEE FOR BRIDGE WORK

BUILDING OF APPROACHES TO
BENTZIN BRIDGE TO BE
TAKEN UP SOON.

OTHER INTERESTING MATTER
DISPOSED OF AT COUNTY
BOARD MEETING.

The street committee of the New Ulm City Council and the special committee appointed by the Chairman of the County Board at their session held March 26, were charged to consider the important matter in regard to the building of the approaches to the Bentzin bridge over the Cottonwood river, at a special meeting of the County Commissioners held May 15. Pursuant to a resolution of the city council adopted at their last meeting the street committee consisting of Messrs. Carl Auderheide, Christ Filsen, Jr., and Otto F. Oswald, together with attorney Henry Somsen as representative of the city attorney, Mr. Dempsey, appeared before the Board, calling their attention to the serious situation of road and bridge during the time of a flood. It is now up to this joint committee to see to it that this matter is settled in a satisfactory manner. It has been said that the County Board is willing to defray half of the expenses incurred by the building of new approaches and the raising of the bridge to a higher level.

No County Nurse.

In the matter of providing for a county community nurse for the benefit of school children as well as for the help of adults, no decision was taken by the Board. Several communications and petitions received from individuals and societies regarding this matter were presented by the chairman. They were laid on the table, without any further action.

County Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

A communication from the advisory commission of the State Sanatorium for consumptives in the matter of establishing and maintaining a tuberculosis sanatorium in conjunction with Nicollet, Watonwan and Redwood Counties, was read. This was in answer to an inquiry made by the County Board regarding the feasibility of erecting such an institution by the said counties. The next step in this matter will be a joint meeting of the commissioners of all four counties which will be held at some future date.

Good Roads Meeting.

The county auditor informed the Board that W. D. Rosenwald, 1st assistant road engineer of the state highway department, stated that the Department arrange meetings in the various counties of the state to discuss the good road amendment, and that May 23rd was open for such a meeting in Brown county. It was moved and carried that such a meeting shall be held in the village of Springfield on that date, when a representative of the State Highway Commission will explain in detail how the State and Federal Aid will furnish \$100,000, or more, to be applied towards the construction of highways, providing Brown County bonds itself for a like amount. Commissioner Herman Polkow was requested to make all necessary arrangements which he has done.

\$2,400 For District Engineer.

Mr. Mathers, Division Engineer of the State Highway Department, appeared before the Board, with the request that the county take over the District Engineer on the county pay roll. He stated further, that the Highway Department would pay the salary of said engineer direct to the county and that the District Engineer is at the present time on the State pay roll with a salary of \$2,000 per year. The Board decided to comply with the request and by special resolution fixed the salary for the District Engineer at \$2,400 per year, effective June 1st, 1919.

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TO CONSTRUCT WATER MAINS.

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council of New Ulm Friday, May 9, the city engineer was directed to prepare plans and specifications for the following local improvements: To lay and construct water mains on Front street from 5th to 6th North streets; to construct water sewer on Front street in the same block; to grade, gravel and boulevard Front street from Center to Third North streets, and to grade, gravel and boulevard Front street from 5th to 6th North streets.

The City Clerk was directed and authorized to advertise for bids, to be received up to 5 o'clock p. m., June 3, 1919, for furnishing vault equipment in the offices of the City Clerk and City Treasurer in the new Municipal Building.

The following estimates were allowed and ordered paid: Estimate No. 7 in final payment of \$13,382.56 to the A. C. Thomas-Guthrie Construction Company, general contractors for the Municipal Building, \$10,000 ordered paid now and the balance on presentation of the building by the engineers and upon proof that the building has been completed in accordance with plans and specifications and in proper shape for its acceptance by the city; Estimate No. 3, in the sum of \$5,058.35 to P. J. Gallagher, contractor for the installation of heating and plumbing in the new Municipal Building; estimate No. 4, in the sum of \$499.55 to Langfried Electric Company, contractors for the electrical construction work in the new building.

LARGEST CLASS TO COMPLETE N. U. H.

DR. L. D. COFFMAN OF MPLS.
TO ADDRESS GRADUATES
AT HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS OF '54; 32 GIRLS AND
22 BOYS, TO RECEIVE
DIPLOMAS.

Most probably taking educational reconstruction work by the government for his subject, Dr. L. D. Coffman of Minneapolis, Dean of the College of Education, University of Minnesota, will address the graduating class of the local high school at their commencement exercises, set for Friday, May 30. Dr. Coffman, who for many years has been at the head of the department mentioned, was in the service of the government for more than six months organizing reconstruction work along educational lines for returned soldiers in this country, and it is assumed that he will make this work and other educational plans of the government for the important after-the-war period the contents of his announced speech.

The Program.

The program for the evening exercises also contains the usual Salutatory and Valedictory addresses by members of the departing class. Violette D. Steinmetz will be salutatorian and Rosa W. Tepe will be Valedictorian. Besides these, there are several musical numbers on the program. The full program is as follows:

Overture: "Royal Pageant" High School Orchestra.
Salutatory Violette D. Steinmetz.
Music: "Greetings from Mendelssohn" Senior Girls Octette.
Essay (With Valedictory Honor) "The Morning After" Hilda A. Sommer.
Music: "Fifth Nocturne" High School Orchestra.
Valedictory Rosa W. Tepe.
Address Dr. L. D. Coffman.
Presentation of Diplomas.
Music: "Columbia, Our Motherland" High School Chorus.

Many Finish English Course.

Among the fifty-four graduates whose names appear in the list below are not less than thirty-five who have finished the English course. Those finishing the scientific course are next in number, sixteen. The other four finished their course in Home Economics, three and in Latin, one. The official list made public by Prof. H. C. Hess, Superintendent, is as follows:

Latin Course.
ELEANOR C. BIEBL
Home Economics Course.
ELEANOR C. BIEBL
**MARAGARET M. ESSER
**VIOLETTE D. STEINMETZ
Scientific Course.
*OLIVE MYRTLE ALWIN
ARTHUR J. ERICKSON
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CONVENTION OPENS AT TURNER HALL

DELEGATES ARRIVE IN GREAT
NUMBERS FOR WOMEN'S
GATHERING.

FIRST MEETING HELD MONDAY
EVENING, MRS. ASCH
PRESIDING.

With a large attendance from the affiliated clubs, the annual meeting of the Second Minnesota District Federation of Women's clubs was opened last night at the Turner Hall. Mrs. C. A. Asch from Springfield, president of the organization, was in the chair. The opening address by Mrs. Asch was followed by the presentation of the program by Mrs. C. W. Miller of New Ulm.

This is the first time that this ladies convention is being held in New Ulm. Lake Crystal had the honor last year.

Interesting Program.

The program contains quite a number of very interesting and instructive addresses, to be delivered by speakers of note, as may be seen from the complete outline printed below.

The business session of the meeting had been set for this Wednesday morning, while the election of officers will take place during the last meeting, Thursday morning.

At the dinner arranged for Wednesday evening for all the delegates present at the Turner Hall, several toasts will be given by members of the clubs, Miss Edna Cole, Lake Crystal, vice-president of the Second District Federation, having been chosen as toast master for the occasion.

The Program.

Following is the complete program of the convention:
Tuesday Evening, May 20, 7:30 o'clock.
Patriotic Songs, Leader—Mrs. Roy Andrews, Mankato.
Invocation, Mrs. G. F. Reineke, New Ulm.
Greeting, Mrs. H. L. Beecher, New Ulm.
Response, Mrs. D. L. Morse, Blue Earth.

Music, Mrs. Louise Owen, Mankato.
Presentation of Program, Mrs. C. W. Miller, New Ulm.
Opening of Convention, Mrs. C. H. Asch, Springfield, president Second District M. F. W. C.
"The End of the Long Road", Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Minneapolis, president State Suffrage association.

Music, mixed quartet.
"Public Health Up to Date", Dr. H. W. Hill, St. Paul, executive secretary Minnesota Public Health association.
Music, piano, Miss Zella Eberlein, Mankato.
"The New Social Consciousness," Mrs. Peter Oleson, Cloquet.
Reception, Turner Hall Club Rooms.

Wednesday Morning, May 21, 8:30 o'clock.
Music, Piano, Robert Fischer, New Ulm.
General Business.
Reports of District Officers.
Roll call of Clubs, Mrs. Reuben Potter, Cor. Sec., Springfield.
"Library Needs in the 2nd District," Miss Clara Baldwin, St. Paul.
Music, Vocal Solo, Mrs. H. Schrammel, New Ulm.
"The New Education," Miss Annie Sheldall, Department of Education, St. Paul.
"Rural School Problems," Mrs. Lewis Minion, Bingham Lake.
Discussion, Miss Jennie Holm, Slayton.
Appointment of Committees.

Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 o'clock.
Music, Assembly Singing.
"Travel Folk, A Day in the Shakespear Country," Mrs. C. W. Belville, Tracy.
"Reconstruction Work at Fort Snelling," W. L. Miller, Captain San. Corps U. S. Army.
"Woman's Work After the War," Mrs. W. T. Cox, Wayzata, General Federation director.
Discussion, Mrs. E. E. Miller, St. Peter.
Music.
"The Balance Sheet of Americanization," Mrs. K. E. Mo, Minneapolis.
Discussion, Mrs. J. C. Rabe, Nicollet.
"Memorials; Past and Proposed," Mrs. F. J. Sheffield, Springfield.
Discussion, Mrs. B. H. Curtis, Fairmont.
Complimentary Dinner to Visiting Club Women, 5:30 o'clock at Turner Hall.

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