

LOCAL TAX RATE CUT .31 MILLS FOR NEXT YEAR

New Figure Will Be 56.5 As Compared To 59.6 For This Year.

INCREASE ANNOUNCED FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES

Sleepy Eye and Springfield Residents Will Pay Higher Taxes.

Rate of taxes which New Ulm citizens will pay next year will be 56.5 mills or a reduction of .31 mills over the rate of 59.6 mills which has been in effect this year, Louis G. Vogel, county auditor, announced last night.

While New Ulm's tax rate is cut that of Sleepy Eye and Springfield, the two other larger communities in the County, has been increased. The new Sleepy Eye rate is 80.8 mills as compared to 75.6 mills in effect at present while the rate for Springfield next year will be 79 mills or an increase of 2.2 mills over this year.

Includes All Levies.

The tax rate includes state, county, and local levies, Mr. Vogel explained. The state rate for next year is 4.18 mills and the county 9.32 mills or a total of 13.5 mills for county and state. This rate, of course, is the same all over the county. The difference in local rates therefore results from the difference in local assessments.

In New Ulm it was necessary to levy 22 mills to raise \$80,400 for city expenses and 21 mills to secure \$74,560 for school purposes. This amount added to the state and county levy of 13.5 mills make the total tax rate of 56.5 mills for New Ulm.

Sleepy Eye Rates

In Sleepy Eye the levy for city purposes was 32.6 mills to raise a required \$34,800 and for schools, 34.7 mills to yield \$39,660. In Springfield for village purposes 23 mills were levied to secure \$16,000 and 42.5 mills to collect a school fund of \$70,000.

The tax rate for Hanska has been fixed at 57.3 mills as compared to 55.6 mills collected a year ago.

Both the state and county rates are less than they were last year. The rate for state taxes a year ago was 24.3 mills and for county taxes, 9.57 mills.

New Ulm Taxes Lower

The reduction in New Ulm taxes, Mr. Vogel explained, is due to the decrease in state and county levies and the fact that the New Ulm school board lopped \$5,000 from its levy of last year. The levy made by the City Council was the same as that a year ago.

The new rates cover taxes for 1922 payable in 1923.

Tax rates for the other communities in Brown county are now being determined by the county auditor.

OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE MYSTERIOUS BURNING OF SIX CORDS OF WOOD

Jack Forster, deputy state fire marshal in conjunction with Alvin Hartmanning, chief of police, and W. T. Eckstein, county attorney, is investigating the mysterious fire early Sunday morning which burned six cords of wood belonging to Frank Karl. The wood was piled on the rear of the premises of his father, John Karl, located on Valley Street south between Seventh and Eighth streets.

The Karls were awakened by the blazing wood and immediately telephoned the fire department. Because the situation was not regarded as serious there was no general alarm turned in and the boys at the station took a chemical and truck to the fire. Although a barn was located within 25 feet of the wood pile there was no particular danger as a strong north-west wind blew the flames in the opposite direction. When the firemen arrived on the scene the fire was well under way. They were forced to rely on the chemicals as the nearest hydrant was six or seven blocks away. It was impossible to extinguish the fire which did not burn itself out until 7 a. m. Sunday. The alarm was received at 3:10 a. m.

Because of the recent rains and the dampness of the night, firemen believe that the blaze was started by human hands. The value of the wood destroyed is placed at \$50. John Karl is foreman of the Northwestern car repairers and his son, Frank, is employed as a car repairer.

Have you any evergreens or other plants with bright bark or foliage to make the winter surroundings more cheerful?

CHILD DIES FROM SHOCK OF BURNS

Robert Ackermann, 3 Years Old, Falls into Pail Of Hot Water

Robert Ackermann, the three year old son of the Reverend and Mrs. Adolph Ackermann, fell into a pail of scalding water at the home of Mrs. Bertha Fenske, 1000 Center street, Friday morning, and died at 7:15 p. m. the same day. Physicians declared that the child's death was not due to his burns primarily but to the shock.

The child was playing about the kitchen where his mother and Mrs. Fenske were engaged in plucking chickens after scalding them in hot water. He was picking up the long feathers for an Indian head dress which he wanted his mother to make. In his excitement he bumped against a pail one quarter full of hot water which had been used for scalding and sat down in it.

He was rescued immediately by his mother and Mrs. Fenske but while the burns were not fatally severe, the shock to the nervous system was so great that death followed. The child was born in New Ulm on February 3, 1919 and lived here with his parents until last June when Reverend Ackermann accepted the pastorate of the Immanuel Lutheran church, Mankato.

Mrs. Ackermann and little Robert came to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. H. Retzlaff Friday, and expected to return to Mankato Friday evening. For 25 years Reverend Ackermann was connected with Dr. Martin Luther College, ten years of which he was president. Besides his parents the child is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Adolph, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Gertrude, training for a nurse at Rochester; Edwin, Eleanor and Carl, all at home. Funeral services were held at Mankato Monday afternoon.

"Resolved That The Volstead Act Should Be Repealed" is the subject of a debate on the program of the Protean Literary Society at the New Ulm High School next Monday evening.

The affirmative of the question will be taken by Victor Zimmerman while the negative will be upheld by Bernard Esser. Other numbers on the program are: Current Events, Francis Hartl; Humorous story, Eugene Waterston; Junking of American Warships, Carl Spaeth; Jokes, Oscar Muesing; Henry Ford, Louis Schugel and a song by Arno Wendland, Armin Garries, Joe Schueller and Ellis Jones.

COURT WILL HAVE HEAVY CALENDAR

Many Criminal And Civil Cases Scheduled To Come Up.

A heavy calendar of both Civil and Criminal cases faces the December term of Brown county district court. The civil calendar is now being prepared by Carl P. Manderfeld, clerk of the district court, while W. T. Eckstein, county attorney, is getting in readiness the cases which he will present to the grand jury.

Twenty-three grand jurors have been ordered to report on Monday, December 11, while 30 petit jurors will be on hand for jury service the next day. Seven of the grand jurors and 10 of the petit jurors are women.

Many Criminal Cases.

Two cases growing out of an alleged riot staged by Edward F. Berkner, Sleepy Eye real estate man, in the Sleepy Eye court room on July 17, are among those to be presented to the grand jury by the County Attorney. Others include the cases of Helmuth Reinke, former proprietor of the Motor Inn, 10 South Minnesota street, Ralph Glaser, his bartender, and Charles Schroeck proprietor of a bar at 4 South Minnesota street, who are charged with having sold intoxicating liquors to Henry Ahrens, 214 North Franklin street, a tinner. The grand jury will also consider the cases of Billy Edwards and Leo H. Halley, employes of a carnival which played New Ulm at the time of the Homecoming celebration, who are charged with carnal knowledge. Both men have been confined in the Brown county jail since their arrest on August 22.

Names of the grand and petit jurors who have been summoned are as follows:

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EDITOR IS FOUND GUILTY OF LIBEL AFTER JURY TRIAL

W. E. Schei of Lamberton Star is Given Two Months In Jail

COURT SAYS LIBELOUS ARTICLES MUST CEASE

Sentence is Suspended To Give Defendant Another Chance.

W. E. Schei, editor of the Lamberton Star, was found guilty of criminal libel by a jury in the Redwood county district court November 13 and sentenced the following day to 60 days in the Redwood county jail by Judge I. M. Olsen.

The sentence was suspended by the court for six months on condition that Schei cease publishing libelous articles. This Schei agreed to do and his paper has since come out with blank spaces where he formerly attacked merchants who had withdrawn their advertising from his columns.

Indicted October 25.

Schei was indicted by the Redwood county grand jury on October 25, 1922 for criminal libel against Charles Chester, a Lamberton merchant and bank president. In the issue of the Lamberton Star for October 12, Schei had declared that the public "refuses to encourage Chester to go on playing with the bank and with the public's money as though it were his own, applying the influence and prestige of his position for the furtherance of unbecoming and selfish personal interests."

Schei entered a plea of not guilty. The case came to trial at 1:30 p. m. November 13. It went to the jury at 4:30 p. m. and that body returned a verdict of guilty of criminal libel three hours later.

Articles Must Cease.

In sentencing Schei the following day Judge Olsen took up a copy of the Star and pointed to libelous articles which must cease. It has been the habit of Schei for over two years to direct abusive attacks against advertisers who had withdrawn their business from his columns. These comments were published in the spaces formerly occupied by the advertisements. The court declared that all such matter was libelous. As a result of the decision, the Star for November 16, contained 15 columns of blank space and nine columns of printed matter.

Judge Olsen's Decision.

The decision of Judge Olsen in full is as follows:

You, W. E. Schei, having been accused by the Grand Jury of this County, by their indictment dated on the 25th day of October, 1922, wherein and whereby you are charged with the crime of criminal libel, as set forth in said indictment, and you having pleaded not guilty to the indictment in this case, and you having been duly tried before the Court and Jury upon said indictment and the Jury in your case having duly rendered and returned its verdict herein that you are guilty of the crime so charged, which verdict has been received and recorded in this case.

Therefore it is considered by the court that you, W. E. Schei, are guilty of and have been duly convicted of the crime by publishing a criminal libel as set forth in the indictment in this case, and

it is further considered by the court that, as a punishment for said crime of which you have been so duly convicted, you be and hereby are sentenced to be committed to and confined in the Redwood County Jail, in custody of the Sheriff of said County, for a term or period of sixty (60) days.

As I have already indicated, this sentence, at this time, will be suspended for six months on the condition that you behave yourself and obey the laws of this state, be of good behavior, and on the condition that you cease publishing libelous articles the way you have been doing. If the Court feels at any time that you are not living up to the conditions imposed then the Court reserves the right at any time to revoke the suspension of sentence and order you committed. Dated this 14th day of November, A. D. 1922.

I. M. Olsen, District Judge.

B. J. Krahn, monument dealer, attended the quarterly meeting of the Southern Minnesota District of Memorial Art clubs held at Mankato Wednesday of last week.

NEW ULM DEBATES SLEEPY EYE HERE ON DECEMBER 14

First High School Forensic Clash To Be Held At Home In Years.

THREE STRONG SPEAKERS ARE ON LOCAL TEAM

Kansas Court Of Industrial Relations Will Be Discussed.

The first high school debate to be held in New Ulm for years will take place Thursday evening, December 14, in the high school auditorium when the local team clashes with Sleepy Eye on the question "Resolved That the Kansas Type of Industrial Court of Arbitration Should Be Established in Minnesota." The New Ulm debaters will uphold the affirmative.

After exhaustive tryouts which have continued for the past two weeks, Principal R. J. Steward has announced that the New Ulm team will consist of Elizabeth Hintz, Clarence Roloff and Howard Vogel. The team is now going through an intensive training in which it is studying the subject from all angles and with special stress on rebuttal.

Sponsored by Governor Henry J. Allen, the Kansas Court of Industrial Arbitration went into effect in 1920. Those in favor of it declare that since that time it has settled a critical coal strike, railroad troubles and many other disturbances. Strikes, they assert, have diminished because of its activities.

Court Adopted In 1920.

On the other hand, Labor, under the leadership of Samuel Gompers president of the American Federation of Labor, has bitterly assailed the court as being too radical and violating the Thirteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, against involuntary servitude.

The court is composed of three judges appointed by the Governor, one of the judges represents Capital, one Labor and the third, the Public. Cases are heard and decisions handed.

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FINED \$25 FOR CIGARETTE SALE

John F. Schneider Pleads Guilty To Selling To Minors.

John F. Schneider, proprietor of a cigar factory at 26 North Minnesota street, was fined \$25 and costs by Justice N. Henningsen Monday when he pleaded guilty to selling cigarettes to minors. Mr. Schneider paid a total of \$30.80.

Two school boys, 13 and 14 years old, told the court that they had purchased cigarettes in Mr. Schneider's place of business. They were accompanied to the hearing by Arnold Gloor, Superintendent of Schools.

In his own defense Mr. Schneider declared that the boys had said they were buying the cigarettes for adults. Mr. Henningsen explained that the law did not permit the sale of cigarettes to minors under any conditions and advised dealers to bind themselves together to see that the law was obeyed.

While the hearing was in progress, W. T. Eckstein, county attorney, telephoned to say that he intended to proceed against minors who were smoking as well as dealers selling to minors. He said that the State law provided that any minor caught smoking could be fined \$10 or sent to jail for five days.

Morris Larson of Evan was fined \$100 and costs by Justice Henningsen Friday morning when he pleaded guilty to driving an automobile while intoxicated. Larson and two companions, A. W. Welles and Bernard Carstensen, were arrested by the police on North Payne street Thursday evening in an intoxicated condition. The automobile in which they were riding had been driven by Larson from the street to the boulevard. Welles and Carstensen were each fined \$10 and costs.

Ed. Person who was found by the police in a paralyzed condition on the Northwestern tracks Friday evening was fined \$5 and costs for drunkenness by Justice Henningsen Saturday morning. Person gave his home address as Lafayette and declared that he was enroute to Mankato.

POULTRY EXHIBIT WILL BE HELD IN ARMORY, JAN. 5-8

Commercial Club Helps to Secure Upper Floor of Building.

EXPECT 1,000 OR 1,200 BIRDS WILL BE ENTERED

Premium Lists Now Being Prepared Admission To Be Free.

Arrangements have been completed for holding the greatest poultry show in the history of Brown county on the upper floor of the New Ulm Armory, January 5, 6, 7 and 8, Anton Weis, president of the Brown County Poultry association, has announced.

It is the first time the association has ever secured the upper floor of the Armory for its show. Heretofore, shows have been held on the first floor but this year, because the committee has information that from 1,000 to 1,200 birds will be exhibited, it was thought necessary to secure the spacious top floor.

Commercial Club Helps.

The Armory was obtained for the use of the Poultry association through the assistance of the Commercial club. At the request of the association, the Commercial Club appointed a committee consisting of F. H. Behnke, Andrew Saffert, and C. A. Stolz to assist in finding a desirable place for the annual exhibit. W. C. Cockroft, captain of the National Guard company, readily granted the use of the building when he was interviewed by a committee consisting of Mr. Weis, Herman Raabe and William A. Lindemann.

Prizes Will Be Given.

The poultry association is now arranging its premium lists. Prizes will be given for the finest birds exhibited in all of the leading breeds. The largest numbers of birds shown are expected to be in Leghorns, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rocks, Mr. Lindemann, explained. Prize winning chickens are also expected to be entered from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Stillwater and points in North and South Dakota.

Expect Many Entries.

Eight hundred birds were exhibited at the Poultry show which was held two years ago in the Armory, Mr. Lindemann declared. But so rapid has been the increase of poultry raising in Brown county that fully 1,000 or 1,200 birds are expected this year. The show was held last year and three years ago at Sleepy Eye. The upper floor of the New Ulm Armory with its ample room for the arranging of coops is considered the best place in Southern Minnesota for the holding of such an exhibit by members of the poultry association. Admission to the show will be free.

Officers of Association.

Officers of the Brown County Poultry association are: Anton Weis, New Ulm, president; Ezra Berkaer, Sleepy Eye, vice president; Herman F. Raabe, New Ulm, secretary-treasurer; Julius Grams, New Ulm, assistant secretary, and William A. Lindemann, Joseph Karl and Edgar Ruelmeck all of New Ulm, members of the executive committee.

As one illustration of the progress New Ulm is making in supplying full blooded poultry to other sections of Minnesota, Mr. Weis announced that he had recently sold pullets to the Rev. W. R. Palmer of Heron Lake and to George W. Sickler of Fairmont.

LOCAL MEN ASKED TO JOIN KIWANIS CLUB

New Ulm business and professional men are being interviewed concerning the organization of a Kiwanis club by Organizer Humpton of Chicago. Working under the motto "We Build", the club has established hundreds of branches over the United States within the last few years. Members meet together for luncheon once a week and listen to an program which has been arranged for the occasion. International regulations require that 50 charter members must be secured in a Community before a local can be organized. Those who join are asked to pay an initiation fee of \$20, three fourths of which goes to the parent organization. Meetings discussing the formation of a club were held last yesterday and Thursday evening in the Commercial club rooms.

Mrs. J. Knott of Cologne spent the week-end with her daughter, Victoria, who is employed as housekeeper at St. Mary's church rectory.

COAL CRISIS IS A THING OF THE PAST

New Ulm Residents Need No Longer Worry Over Fuel.

The coal crisis has passed and New Ulm residents do not need to have any further fear of not being able to get fuel. While there still may be difficulty in securing particular grades of coal, there will be sufficient of other kinds on hand to meet the demand.

This was the opinion expressed yesterday by New Ulm coal dealers. They declared that Franklin county coal from Illinois was now being received in eight days where formerly it required 30 days. Hard coal from the head of the Lakes can now be secured in from three to five days.

Anthracite Now Arriving.

The mild weather of the fall season has served to improve the coal situation materially and if this happens to be an open winter there may be sufficient coal of most varieties to meet the demand, dealers asserted. Cars have recently been received in New Ulm of the popular stove and nut varieties of anthracite which a few weeks ago were impossible to obtain.

Prices of the stove and nut coal are quoted at \$18.50 delivered while the smaller pea variety of hard coal can be secured for \$17. Soft coal ranges in price from \$12 to \$16.50. The popular Franklin county is \$12 a ton, Pennsylvania soft coal is more expensive because of the longer haul.

Car Situation Improves.

Within the last few weeks, dealers reported, there has been a material improvement in the railroad situation. There now appear to be ample cars to transport the coal from both the Illinois fields and the head of the lakes. Many families in New Ulm have already laid in their stock of coal and if the weather changes for the worse suddenly, dealers declared that they considered their present supplies sufficient to meet any reasonable demand.

Dealers are selling wood from \$8.50 to \$11 a cord. Basswood and elm can be secured in the cheaper grades while oak costs the maximum price quoted. Dealers explained that with mild weather many of the smaller homes are heated by cook stoves without the necessity of starting the self-feeding coal stoves. New Ulm is fortunate in having wood in its immediate vicinity, dealers said. The result is that there is sufficient near at hand to meet any demand in case the train service is tied up.

CODDEN COMPANY WILL OPEN STORE

St. Paul Merchants Lease Weiser Building For New Business

The Codden Mercantile Company, dealers in clothing for men and boys, shoes for the family and furnishings for men, women and children, has leased the Weiser building at 125 North Minnesota street and will open for business this coming Saturday. Temporary fixtures are being installed under the direction of Sidney Marver of St. Paul, general manager, pending the arrival of enclosed clothing cabinets.

The Codden Mercantile company has its general offices at St. Paul, and operates stores at Tracy, Marshall, Waseca, Albert Lea, Mankato, St. Cloud, Hibbing, Virginia, Fairmont, Buhl and Superior, Wis. It was organized 32 years ago by J. C. Codden, Sr., of St. Paul who still remains active in the business.

Secure Good Location.

"We have had our eyes on New Ulm for many years," Mr. Marver explained. "We have now secured the kind of a location we want and feel that we will do a large business here. We have had our store at Tracy for 11 years, at Marshall for 14 years and at Fairmont for three years. We are now operating two stores at Albert Lea.

"It is our opinion that this is the time to go ahead in business. The development of business has been hindered recently by the railroad and coal strikes, but the depression has been largely psychological. We feel that fundamentally the condition of the country is sound and the near future will see business move ahead rapidly."

Store Opens Saturday.

The store will open Saturday with a complete stock ready for business. (Continued on page 3.)

BROWN CO. CAPTURES HIGHEST AWARD AT SHOW

Joe Isaksen's Grade Hereford Calf Brings Him \$1,121 In Cash.

WINS TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW

Louis Schugel Gets Prize Stock is Sold At Fancy Figures.

Joe Isaksen of Springfield is sitting on top of the world this week. His grade Hereford calf won the grand championship for calves at the Fifth annual Junior Livestock show held in South St. Paul last week. The calf was sold for 75 cents a pound to the Golden Rule, St. Paul, bringing Joe \$915.75 in cash. In addition he received \$100 from the Hereford breed association, \$25 prize in the Junior yearling class, \$45 first prize in the Tri-County fair at Sanborn, \$15 at the Brown County Fair, \$12.50 as the champion Hereford of the Junior show and \$8.30 as a member of the Champion Hereford herd.

Wins Total of \$1,121.

The calf made for Joe a total of \$1,121.55 in cash. Joe is also entitled to a trip to the International Livestock exposition, at Chicago and carried home to Springfield the Grand Champion Silver cup, the Champion Hereford cup and the gold medal in the Junior Yearling class.

Joe was one of seven boys and girls from Brown county to show their pets at the Livestock show. In every department the show was greater than its predecessors. Probably the most outstanding feature was the record breaking prices paid by bidders last Friday evening for the 211 calves and yearlings, the 16 fat lambs, the 23 fat sheep, and the 37 barrow hogs, entries at the show, which were auctioned off.

Schugel Secures Award.

Louis Schugel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schugel of Cottonwood township and a student at the New Ulm high school, won fourth place with his Purebred Shorthorn calf securing \$14 in prizes. This calf weighing 950 pounds was auctioned off for 13 1-2 cents a pound realizing \$128.25 for its owner.

Armond Scheibel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scheibel of Cottonwood township, entered a grade Hereford calf, which won sixth prize and sold for 12 1-4 cents a pound or \$101.60. The calf weighed 825 pounds.

Edward Schugel, a younger brother of Louis, and Edgar Scheibel, a younger brother of Armond, although they did not attend the show, entered grade Shorthorn calves which were sold for \$113 and \$101.57, respectively. The calves weighed 1100 pounds and 850 pounds.

Brown County Winners.

Other Brown County prize winners were Lloyd Anderson of Sleepy Eye who won second place with a grade Hereford yearling and Zeldia Johnson of Sleepy Eye who secured fifth place with her Chester White hog. Aldrich Faltis of Sleepy Eye secured sixth place with a pure bred Hereford.

Pig Brings 60c a Pound.

The champion lamb, entered by Raymond Sullivan, New Prague, sold for \$2 a pound. The champion pig, fed by Terrance L. Hagen of Belview, Redwood county, brought 60 cents a pound.

The 210 calves sold for an average price of 14.5 cents a pound. The average price brought by the 37 pigs was 12.73 cents a pound; 39 lambs averaged 29.56 cents a pound.

Boys and girls from 70 counties in the state who entered animals in the show had the worth of "stick-to-it-iveness" well demonstrated in the judging ring, when Joe Isaksen's animal was finally declared the grand champion. Joe had entries in two previous shows. Two years ago, he was in seventh place and last year in seventeenth, but came back this year to win with a better calf and a better understanding of the work, due to his previous defeats. "I'm gonna do like Joe did" was the slogan of every youngster when the show closed.

Lawson Tells of Show.

Willis Lawson, County agent, who has charge of the club work in the County, gave out the following statement on the show in which Brown County reaped so many honors.

"Brown County was represented with a total of nineteen head of baby bees and one fat barrow. This is (Continued on page 3.)