

MATHWIG HEADS COMMERCIAL CLUB

Annual Meeting Held Tuesday Evening Reviews Work of Year—A. B. Nelson is Re-elected Secretary

At the annual meeting of the Warren Commercial Club held at the club rooms on Tuesday evening, Mr. R. C. Mathwig was chosen as the head of that organization for the coming year. Mr. Mathwig has been a very active member of the club and a consistent and persistent booster for Warren and the Red River Valley during all the years he has resided here, and his elevation to the position of President is well deserved and fortunate indeed for the club and for the city and community whose interests it is the purpose of the club to promote. Mr. L. Lamberson who has served very acceptably and ably as president during the past two years declined to serve in that capacity any longer and the members thought it no more than right to accede to his wishes. Mr. C. E. Lundquist, another active booster for the community, was elected vice president. Mr. A. B. Nelson, who has given efficient service as secretary during the past year, was re-elected to that position. Mr. C. A. Nelson was re-elected as treasurer.

The report of the secretary showed that the membership of the club is 108. The report of the treasurer showed that the financial condition of the club is satisfactory. Reports of the various committees in regard to the activities of the year were encouraging and indicated progress even though no very big things can be set down as the accomplishments of the past year. Mr. Mathwig as chairman of the Publicity committee, complimented the local newspapers for the good work they had done in boosting for the community, publishing matter relating to agricultural interests, and sanely and truthfully advertising the advantages and possibilities of the valley. Mr. Mathwig also paid tribute to the enterprise of those citizens who have had the courage to build and make improvements during a year of high building costs. He mentioned also the great work that the Spaulding farm is doing in building up a splendid herd of Holsteins which just now has captured the state record for milk and butter production and will make Warren known among progressive stock breeders all over the United States, and even the world.

C. E. Lundquist, O. H. Taralseth and others spoke in favor of adding an agricultural committee to the list of other committees of the club and favorable action was taken on that proposition. A committee was ordered appointed by the president to attend a meeting of the St. Paul to Winnipeg highway organization at Crookston.

The annual club banquet will be held in the near future and the president was authorized to appoint a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

WARREN DROPS CLOSE GAME TO STEPHEN

Failure To Make Free Throws Gives Opponents 15 to 12 Win Over Local Team.

Failure to successfully make opportunity free throws when each point counted, contributed to the defeat of the Warren high school basketball team and resulted in a 15 to 12 win for the Stephen high school over the local basketball team on the Stephen floor last Saturday night. Stephen made five out of eight free throws while Warren was only able to make two out of seven attempts. Each team garnered five field baskets.

Raymond Swandby, usual heavy scorer for the local high school team, was closely watched from the opening whistle and was able to make but a single field basket throughout the fray. Lindstrand led in the scoring for Warren with three field baskets to his credit. Warner made the other two-point heave.

H. Kroke and E. Kroke each made two field baskets for Stephen while H. Stevning shot one and dropped in five free throws.

At the end of the first half of the contest Warren was leading by an eight to seven score but the second period proved the undoing of the locals and when the final whistle blew they were trailing the Stephen quintet by three points. Zimmerman of Pembina acted as referee.

Next Saturday night the Warren high school quintet will clash with the Ada high school basketball team on the Warren floor.

The lineups last Saturday night were as follows: Warren—Swandby, Warner, Lindstrand, Hanson and Melgard; Stephen—H. Kroke, E. Kroke, H. Stevning, J. Carlson and R. Nyland.



R. C. Mathwig, Newly Elected President of the Warren Commercial Club.

CHILD WELFARE BOARD ASSISTS FEEBLE-MINDED

State Board of Control Will Examine Those Reported at County Seat Soon.

An effort to weed out all of the feeble-minded adults and children who may reside in Marshall county, will be made by the county Child Welfare Board during the next few months, according to Miss Loretta C. Newman, executive secretary of the board. With all of the feeble-minded persons in an institution where they may be cared for by competent persons, crime and low moral conditions would be considerably lessened, according to the secretary. Reports from the state reformatory show that 25 per cent of the boys at that institution are of low mentality and therefore hardly responsible for their acts.

It is to raise the moral and mental atmosphere of the county that the Child Welfare Board is undertaking this work of weeding out all who may be weak or feeble-minded. The marrying of people of low mentality or practically feeble-mindedness, will doom the country to a gradual decline from a sound mental basis to a more or less unsound basis, according to experts on the subject.

The school for the feeble-minded at Faribault, Minn., is one in which the patients receive every care and consideration and an effort is made to teach them useful occupations with the result that should they improve over their former low mental condition they are again allowed to return to their community or former habitation. They are not released, however, unless it is definitely ascertained as to the advisability of their returning to their former freedom.

A number of cases are under consideration in Marshall county by the board at present and it is expected that soon they will be examined by the state board of control and should there be any found that the board believes should be sent away, they will be sent to the state institution for feeble minded where they will receive the best of treatment and every consideration and should they then prove their ability to properly care for themselves they will eventually be released and allowed to return to their former homes.

The state institution for the feeble-minded at Faribault was opened in 1882 and its present capacity is given as 1,775. The area of its grounds is 1,145 acres. The value of land and buildings is \$1,585,731.00. The total number of officers and employees at the institution are 325. The gross per capita cost, current expense, is \$210.58, according to the yearly report.

WOMEN VOTERS TO MEET. Miss Emily Kneubuhl, director of political education of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, will hold a school in Warren for those interested in the work on the 14th and 15th of this month, according to an announcement received by Mrs. N. O. Stadium, who is in charge of the work here. Miss Kneubuhl has traveled considerably in the interests of the work and has held many schools in the various parts of the state with commendable success.

The Ada high school basketball team will be here Saturday night to meet the Warren quintet on the local floor.

GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE MAKES INITIAL DEBUT.

The first official signature on a legal document of the governor under the new state administration, was received at the office of the clerk of court last Thursday afternoon. The document contained the signature of Gov. J. A. O. Freus and Mike Holm, secretary of state. It was a certificate of notary public to A. M. Nilsson of the St. Hilaire Lumber company bearing the names of the two new state officers, and was dated the 19th of January, 1921.

COUNTY BREEDERS ELECT OFFICERS

Officers For Ensuing Year are Elected and Report on Sale of Last Year Heard.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected and the report of L. Lamberson on the sale held by the Marshall County Breeders' Association Nov. 5th and 6th of last year was heard, at the annual meeting of the association held in the Commercial club rooms last Saturday afternoon. Charles Franks was elected president of the association, Andrew Hansen, vice president; C. L. Spaulding, treasurer; and B. R. Houser, secretary.

According to the report of Mr. Lamberson, the sale held last fall was most satisfactory, considering the economic conditions at that time. The hogs sold at the sale amounted to a total of \$1,746.50, an average of \$51.36 each. The percentage of expense per hog was 18 per cent on the sale price. Cattle sales amounted to \$4,340 or an average of \$108.50 per head. The average expense per head was 11 per cent of the sale price.

It was also decided that advertising in the county was the best form of advertising and brought the largest returns as practically all of the buyers attending the sale were from within the county borders.

It is the desire of the organization to cut down the expense in sale per head of stock and hogs to 10 per cent of the sale price. It is expected that in the near future this will be accomplished as the sale expense for cattle last year ran but one per cent above that figure.

MARSHALL COUNTY TO BE WELL REPRESENTED AT CROP SHOW

Marshall county, as in the past, will be well represented by exhibitors at the Farm Crop Show in Crookston Feb. 7 to 11th, this year. A stock-judging team from Boxville will attend and it is expected that at least eight cattle exhibitors will have stock in the judging barns and ten or more grain exhibitors will have their grains on display.

The Marshall county exhibits have always ranked high at the annual winter show and it is assured that this year will be no exception. The stock-judging team from Boxville is made up of the following men: Arthur Knutson, Ralph Erickson, Herman Probst, and Fred Kurz, alternate.

Sheriff Collects Interesting Data

Deputy sheriff John Bordewick returned from the eastern end of the county Monday morning after a brief business visit. Business was fairly good too, as the sheriff brought along with him a much twisted copper pipe, a wash-bottle cover, a jug and bottle of moonshine.

While visiting a short distance north of Thief Lake on Tuesday of last week, the sheriff started collecting trophies for his return trip. His host, a man named Smolanski, furnished the above named articles. The moonshine, together with the parts of the distillery, is being held at the sheriff's office here. No action has, as yet, been started against the alleged moonshiner.

"Hello" 2,422 Times A Day At Exchange

How many times do you "hello" during the day? Starting out in the morning you probably meet half a dozen friends on the way to the office or your work and "hello" six times. At noon you repeat the morning's list with a few added, perhaps, and then in the evening. Granted you "hello" say 25 times during the day you are still some 460 "hellos" behind the local telephone central operator computed on the average number of calls a day.

According to a recent tab on calls at the local telephone exchange, there were 2,298 local calls and 124 toll calls during the course of one day, 24 hours. According to the chief operator, it was a dull day. With five girls working at the office each would handle approximately 485 calls while on duty. During the night, of course, there would not be the number of calls that are made in the day time. It is therefore very probable that the girl at the exchange "hellos" some eight or nine hundred times each day while you are "helling" around one score and five.

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

All of the officers and members of the board of directors were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples Trading company held in the company's office last Wednesday evening. Aug. Lundgren will serve again as president, A. C. Swandby as vice president and C. E. Lundquist as secretary-treasurer. The members of the board are Aug. Lundgren, A. C. Swandby, C. Wittensten, J. A. Bloomquist, V. A. Johnson, H. Mitgard and C. E. Lundquist.

LEGION PLANS TWO ENTERTAINMENTS

Minneapolis Artists Will Appear and "Honeymoon Days" Will Be Staged Locally.

Tentative plans for numerous activities during the coming months have been laid by the officers of the local American Legion post. Two entertainments are scheduled for the latter part of this month and the first of next month, constituting a recital by two artists from Minneapolis and a musical comedy given by local talent the last of this month or the first of next month.

Negotiations are under way for the appearance of Miss Mildred Langtry and Mrs. John F. Dahl of Minneapolis, under the auspices of the local Legion post, the latter part of the month. They will give an entertainment composed of songs and piano numbers. The date is still tentative but it is expected that it will be along the middle or latter part of this month.

The second entertainment will come the last few days of this month or the first of next month, according to present plans. It will consist of the presentation of "Honeymoon Days", a musical comedy, and will be put on by home talent under the direction of Boyd B. Trossdale, who staged "45 Minutes From Broadway" here last year.

According to reports, "Honeymoon Days" is a clean, crispy comedy which was so successful in its appearance at Pierre, S. D., when put on by the Legion post of that place in conjunction with the Mothers' club and several other city organizations, that it was lately called back for a return engagement. With the exception of the two men who will come up to promote its production, the play will be played by a cast made up from home talent. It will be shown here two nights, according to present plans.

N. S. C. FACULTY TO GIVE RECEPTION TO STUDENTS.

One of the big social events of the school year, will be the annual banquet tendered the students of North Star College by the faculty at the college building on Friday evening, Feb. 4th, commencing at seven o'clock. All students enrolled in any of the various departments of the school, are invited guests of the faculty. Members of the board of directors and their families, will also be entertained by the faculty on this occasion.

State Record Made By Spaulding Cow

The Minnesota state record of 795.1 pounds of milk produced in seven days by a single cow was broken last week by Neeltje Mercedes De Kol Homeland, H. B. No. 174016, seven-year-old Holstein cow, on the P. Frost Spaulding Farm, when she had given 845.5 pounds of milk at the end of a seven-day period. Her highest production for a single day was 129.7 pounds. A state inspector is at the farm and will remain until the completion of a thirty-day test, when it is expected the state record of production for that period of time will also be broken.

This is the fourth state or world record to be broken by J. H. Berg, who is in charge of the herd at the farm. In 1912 he broke the state seven-day record and yearly record for butter production and two years ago the world's record for butter production during a ten-month period. The cow which has just broken the state record was purchased at Northfield by the Spaulding Farm company five years ago when still a two-year-old.

County Spellers To Meet Next Week

The two winners in the Marshall county spelling contest, which will be held at the office of the county superintendent Feb. 10th, will get a free trip to the annual Farm Crop Show the day following to compete with spellers from other counties of the Red River Valley. They will also travel to the state fair next fall to compete with the various county spellers from all over the state.

Last Saturday afternoon six spellers, winners in the spelling contests of districts 88, 40, 42 and 71, competed for the right to enter the county spelling match next week, at the office of the county superintendent. Ado Bodell of district 71, won first place and Alda Stornsolki of district 40, won second place. The others competing were Roy Fulton, district 88; Wanda Cheney, district 40; Olvera Appelquist, district 71; and Emily Carlson, district 88.

The contests were both in written and oral spelling and they have been conducted in the various sections of the county to decide those pupils who will compete at the superintendent's office on Thursday of next week at two o'clock in the afternoon. The winners will go to Crookston to compete the next day and at state fair time will represent Marshall county against the other counties of the state in a spelling contest at Hamline.

STEPHEN GIRL WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Averill Burlum of Stephen was declared winner of the group declamatory contest held in the Warren high school auditorium last night. Margarite Patterson of Warren was given second honors by Prof. F. L. Rickaby of the University of North Dakota, who was the judge in the contest. The others competing in the contest were Marvin Sands, Alvarado; Adlae Brink, Donaldson; and Edla Lindholm, of Argyle.

Averill Burlum will represent the group of above named schools in the contest of the Red River Valley Declamatory contest to be held at the Farm Crop Show in Crookston next week. Her selection last night was "Pro Patria". In addition to the declamatory contest last night the girls' glee club of the high school gave a musical number. Selections were also played by the high school orchestra and Charles Tullar gave a violin solo.

COUNTY BOARD WILL CONSIDER NEW DITCH

Farmers of Oak Park, Big Woods and Fork Townships Would Be Benefited.

On Thursday morning, Feb. 10th, the county board of Marshall county will meet at the court house to hear and consider a petition and the engineer's report on a proposed ditch, No. 34, which would run in a northeasterly direction through the townships of Oak Park, Big Woods and Fork, with its outlet in the Snake river. The petition was filed with the county auditor on the 16th of November, 1920, and contains the signatures of 27 of the property owners who would be benefited by the construction of the ditch.

According to the petition, the ditch would start near the southeast corner of section 33, township 156 of range 50 and thence north and east and finally, terminating in the Snake river. A survey of the ground was made by Irving E. Quist, ditch engineer, which resulted in several minor suggestions and the suggestion of a lateral to the main ditch running north from near the junction of sections 26, 27, 34 and 35 of township 156 of range 50 in Big Woods township.

According to the engineer's report, the total estimated cost of the main ditch would be \$35,375.00. He estimated the cost of the main ditch together with the lateral at \$48,450.00. He estimated the total number of yards of dirt that would have to be moved from the main ditch and the lateral as 150,000 cubic yards. According to his report, 11 bridges and 20 culverts would have to be constructed.

During the past few years the drainage projects of Marshall county have, in general, been confined to the eastern part of the county. This is the first big project of the western section in some years and, should it pass, will be of inestimable value to the farmers in the part of the county which it will affect.

Following is a part of the engineer's report on the soil situation in the three townships which would be affected by the proposed ditch:

"He finds that the outlets are into the Snake river about five miles above the terminus in the Red River of the North. This stream has ample capacity under ordinary conditions and lies sufficiently lower to always provide a good outlet.

"He further reports that the entire area is overlaid with a fine river alluvium soil to a depth of one to three feet. The lower soil consists of Lacustrine silt, giving a good natural underdrainage. The large difficulty experienced by the farmers in this locality has been due to the occasional flooding of the Red River of the North during the spring of the year and as this land is lower than the river banks, the receding river leaves the fertile flat inundated only to drain over the surface and soak into the wet subsoil. This delays the spring work to such an extent as to make a crop failure almost certain.

"He further finds that the road conditions are had along these described routes and that a great benefit would accrue to the towns of Oak Park and Big Woods on account of the construction of these ditches.

"He finds that the cost would be about five dollars per acre with full benefit."

SIX MORE WEEKS WINTER VERDICT OF GROUNDHOG.

Six more weeks of winter was the verdict rendered in the case of Winter vs. Spring today by Mr. Groundhog, who, according to the ancient myth, awoke this morning from his sleep and became a weather prophet for the day. An early riser might have expected a different verdict but it was not long after the sun had scaled the eastern horizon that it burst forth in winter brilliancy. Mr. Groundhog had little difficulty in seeing a dark shadow on the whiteness of the snow before returning for the second lap of his long sleep.

FARM BUREAU UNITS ORGANIZE

County Agent Is Active In Building Up Local Farmer Organizations.

The work of forming Farm Bureau units in the various townships of the county is going on rapidly under the direction of B. R. Houser, county agent. Paul Engelstad, a representative of the state federation is addressing the meetings and aiding in the organization work. Committees are appointed at each of the local unit meetings, which draw up a complete program of work which is applicable to that particular community.

The formation of a bureau is completed with the calling together of all of the members of the Farm Bureau in that section and the election of the officers for that unit. From then on the work is in the hands of the unit under the general supervision of the county and state.

The formation of the farm bureau unit has been completed in eleven various communities and officers elected and it is expected that by the end of the week the work will have been completed in 28 of the townships in the western part of the county. The communities which have organized with their officers are as follows:

Warrenton—The first unit to be organized was in Warrenton township with Geo. W. Head, director; A. C. Kiudsen, vice director, and M. E. Cederlund, secretary. Next meeting to be held February 5th.

Vega—Vega township unit was organized with Nels Palm, director; Leonard Westberg, vice director, and John A. Berg, secretary. Meetings are subject to call from either the unit directors or the Farm Bureau office.

Oak Park—Oak Park township unit was organized with J. A. Nelson, director; Ole A. Elden, vice director, and Hiram Hawkinson, secretary. Call meetings.

McCrea—McCrea township unit was organized with Ole Neraal, director; Andy Morkassel, vice director, and Leif Grange, secretary. Call meetings.

Comstock—Comstock township unit was organized with Peter Turlund, director; Joe McGregor, vice director, and Frank Gilmore, secretary. Call meetings.

Tamarac—Tamarac township unit was organized with Geo. W. Merdink, director; R. S. Campbell, vice director, and Matthew Lorange, secretary. Call meetings.

Donnelly—Erhardt Anderson, director; Joe J. Pagnac, vice director, and Geo. W. Avery, secretary.

Eagle Point—Logan Conner, Stephen, Minn.; C. B. Mussell, Drayton, N. D., and Martin Paulson, Drayton, N. D.

Fork—Albert Buro, Fork; J. T. Brodahl, Argyle, and Harry S. Thibodo, Stephen.

Parker—C. Soderlund, Stephen; Ben Lundstein, Stephen, and Forrest Henserson, Stephen.

Big Woods—J. T. Imsdahl, Oslo, R. 2; E. Morberg, Oslo, R. 2, and Carl Haugen, Oslo, R. 2. Meet second and last Saturday in every month.

BORROWERS PATRONIZE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

More Than Two Hundred Books On Shelves of Institution Fostered By Mothers' Club.

Eighty-one of the 100 borrower's cards to be given out at the public library, have been taken up by borrowers, according to Miss Mabel Rounseville, school librarian who is also in charge of the public library. The public library, which was organized under the auspices of the Mothers' club and opened to the public for use the week before Christmas, is situated in the same room with the school library at the school but is kept distinctly separate from the school library.

There are now approximately 250 books, mostly fiction, on the public library shelves and available to borrowers. The public library is open to the public from 3:15 until 4:30 on school days. So far the circulation of the public library has been complied with that of the school library so the figures for the circulation during its life of five weeks are not available.

With some action by the city council making a monetary provision for the library, a separate record would probably be kept and more volumes added to the lists. There is plenty of room for many more books in the part of the school library room which has been donated and set aside by the school for the public library.

School children under the age of 18 are not allowed to take out books from the public library but are confined to the school library in this respect. Miss Rounseville, who is in charge of the school library, also takes care of the public library.

TWO COUPLES TO WED.

Marriage licenses were issued to two couples during the past week by A. C. Swandby, clerk of district court. They were issued to Luther H. Engelstad and Miss Helen Thorson, and Jonas A. Stromlund and Miss Alna G. Nelson.