

REMODEL AND STUCCO CITY HALL IS PLAN OF ALDERMEN

Alterations to Cost \$7,000 Will Give Bemidji Attractive Municipal Structure.

ESTIMATED PAVING WILL COST \$24,076

Matters of Importance Disposed of By City Council Monday Night

Bemidji within the next few months will have a municipal building which its citizens may inspect without apology. At Monday evening's meeting of the council plans for remodeling the city hall, as drawn by Architect Earl A. Roberts at the suggestion of Alderman-at-large Charles Vandersluis, were approved and the architect was instructed to complete plans and specifications for the changes.

It is expected that the improvements to be made will cost less than \$7,000, money for the purpose being provided in the last tax levy which included \$9,000 for the permanent improvement fund. But few changes are to be made in the building itself, which is to be covered with stucco, but the interior is to be completely rearranged and made more convenient.

Changes Planned.
The ground floor of the building will be slightly changed, the firemen's dormitory being made a little smaller to make room for the stairway, while the vault now at the front of the structure will be taken out and rebuilt in the basement. This added space will make room for a women's rest room, which operated in this manner will save the city a small amount each month. The office of the city clerk will remain where it now is as will the office of the police department and the chief of office. The council chamber will be converted into offices for the city engineer and superintendent of the water department.

Second floor alterations will give spacious room to a council chamber and municipal court room, an assembly hall, with kitchen, for the Commercial club, a large band rehearsal room and an office for the band director. Convenient toilet accommodations are provided for, and storage room. The plans are certain to meet with general approval as the present city hall is a reflection on the enterprise and progressive spirit of the community.

Was Busy Session.
Many other matters of importance were considered at the meeting. E. J. Bourgeois, city engineer, reported that the paving of Tenth street, from Beltrami avenue to Dewey avenue and up Dewey avenue to the normal school, would cost \$19,261.88, the total expenditure with storm sewers totaling \$24,076.27. The proposition of paving was referred to the finance and streets and walks committee. Engineer Bourgeois also reported that he had taken the matter of repairing the sink hole near the Crookston Lumber company barn on the Nymore road up with the State Highway commission.

Bids for the placing of a sanitary sewer from Second street to the alley between first and second streets, to connect with a sewer from Koors Brothers plant were very close, J. J. Doran agreeing to do the work for \$428, but thirty cents less than the amount asked by L. P. Eckstrum. The council gave the work to Doran, the contract to be completed just as soon as Koors brothers make arrangements to complete their end of the line, and privilege to cross the right-of-way is obtained.

Street Light Changes.
On the recommendation of the water and light committee, comprising President Vandersluis, and Aldermen Bagley and Benner, the Electric Light company was given until May 1 to change the street lights that a more equal distribution might be secured, as follows: all 500 watt lights on Irvine and America avenues to 60 watt; light at Park and Fourth streets from 500 watt to 60 watt; all 200 watt lamps to 60 watt and all lights on Bemidji avenue north of Sixth street to 60 watt.

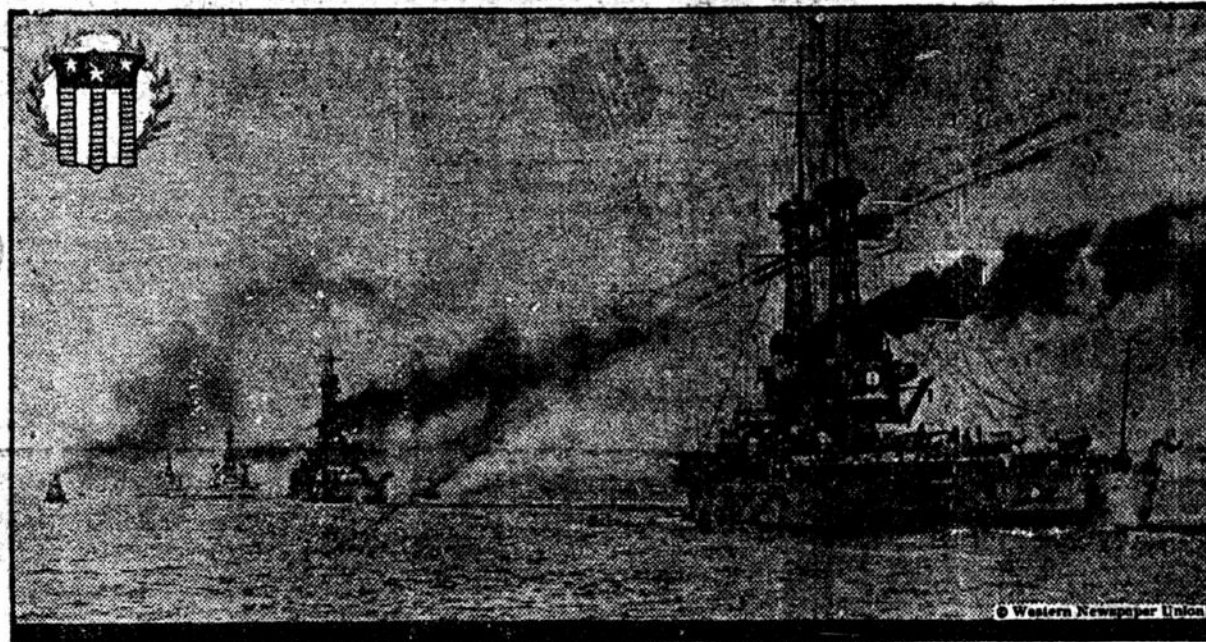
The Sentinel publishing company was named as the city's official publication for the ensuing year. It was also instructed to order a two-color cut to be used on stationery for city officials.

It was decided by the council that the city dock has outlived its usefulness and the street commissioner was instructed to remove it, building a substantial platform at the cement base of Third street for a boat landing.

E. E. Kenfield appeared for the property owners of Thirteenth street and asked that this street be graded from Beltrami to Doud and that Bixby be graded from Twelfth to Fourteenth streets, and that a curb line be established around his property. This matter was referred to the street committee and to the city engineer.

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VICTORY FLEET COMES BACK FROM CUBAN WATERS



One hundred and twelve vessels of the victory fleet have returned from target practice in Cuban waters. All of New York's harbor craft turned out to greet the sea fighters. The photograph shows in the foreground the U. S. S. Delaware following the fleet into the harbor.

RAKO RETURNS HOME; MUCH PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF SESSION

Bemidji Solon Believes Beltrami and Northern Minnesota Given Splendid Legislation.

A. E. Rako, who so splendidly represented Beltrami county in the legislative session just brought to a close, returned to Bemidji this morning glowing enthusiasm and satisfaction concerning legislation which has been provided Beltrami county and Northern Minnesota.

Representative Rako won recognition during the session as one of the most progressive, fair minded and conscientious members of the legislature and his opinions had weight in the discussions on measures of importance. Bills fathered by Rako were given quick consideration and in almost every instance were approved by the solons and are now laws.

Among bills in which Representative Rako was especially interested were the seed certification, five mill road money for the county, the \$142,550 normal school dormitory appropriation, county division and the \$36,200 aid for improvements and the erection of cottages at Itasca state park.

The county division bill became a law the last day of the session and was signed by the governor, which means that the proposition of dividing Beltrami county will be decided by the voters at the general election in the fall of 1920. Several proposed division lines are being considered, the one using the Red Lakes and the Tamarack river as the dividing point being favored by many.

DEPENDENTS TOLD HOW TO ADDRESS WAR RISK LETTERS

New Instructions Will Facilitate Correspondence—Home Service Giving Assistance.

Members of the home service department of the Bemidji Red Cross are at all times glad to be of service to dependents of American soldiers and sailors by giving information regarding the activities of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

The following suggestions are made by the home service, with a view to facilitating correspondence between these dependents and the bureau. A large number of men having similar names, it is absolutely necessary to give identifying facts when corresponding, to enable the bureau to locate the records. (A striking example is that the records of the bureau show over 1200 Smiths whose first initial is E.) The following should always be stated:

When Corresponding as to Allotments and Allowances—Full name of enlisted man; present address; his allotment number or army serial number; date of enlistment; rank and organization November 1917, or at enlistment if subsequent thereto; full name of allottee; relationship to enlisted man; address.

When Corresponding as to Compensation—Full name of enlisted man; present address; his army serial number; date of enlistment; rank and organization; date of death or discharge from service; full name of beneficiary; address.

When Corresponding as to Insurance—Full name of insured; present address; his army serial number; rank and organization when insured; insurance certificate number; date of birth; date of discharge; full name of beneficiary; address.

Letters concerning the payment or nonpayment of the allotment or allowance, compensation, or insurance, should be addressed to the Accounting Division of the Bureau. Letters concerning compensation or insurance claims due to death or disability should be addressed to the Compensation and Insurance Claims Division of the Bureau.

GOLF EXPERT TO REACH BEMIDJI TOMORROW

Orville W. Chapin, golf professional of Minneapolis, who is to be in charge of the course of the Bemidji Country club this summer, will arrive in the city tomorrow morning. Mr. Chapin is one of the state's most expert golfers, and Bemidji players feel fortunate in securing him as coach and director of the course. Many improvements will be made on the links, the work to be done under Chapin's supervision.

SOCIAL HYGIENE FILM TO BE SHOWN AT ELKO THEATER NEXT FRIDAY

Will be Witnessed by High School Students.—Sent by Federal Health Society.

Under the auspices of the Women's Community and Civic club a social hygiene film, circulated by the United States public health society, co-ordinating with the Minnesota public health society, division of venereal diseases, will be shown to the students of the Bemidji high school at the Elko theatre Friday morning at 10 o'clock. This announcement was made this morning by Mrs. E. W. Johnson, of the Civic club.

Mrs. Johnson also announces that all mothers of high school students who wish to see the film are invited to do so and they will be admitted free.

Mrs. Schwartz, of the state board of health will address the girls of the high school on matters relating to social hygiene, at the close of school Friday afternoon. It is possible that a man will also be sent to Bemidji by the board of health to address the boys. Mrs. Schwartz will also address the meeting of the Civic club at the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This will be the last meeting of the club before the summer recess.

INFLUENZA NOT GAINING VICTIMS IN BEMIDJI NOW

Rumors that another influenza epidemic has started in Bemidji have been heard on the streets during the last several days. Dr. E. A. Shannon, city health officer, says the report is untrue, but that a few cases of pharyngitis are to be found. This ailment is not serious and is accompanied by a sore throat and a fever which last about a day.

R. B. LYCAN NOW ASSOCIATED WITH HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Ralph B. Lycan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lycan, who several weeks ago returned to Bemidji after serving in the navy as a lieutenant, having been on duty since soon after the declaration of war, today became associated with Earl W. Byers in the management of the Hotel Markham.

MASONS MEET TOMORROW.

At a special meeting of the Masonic lodge to be held tomorrow evening there will be work in the first and third degrees. At six o'clock a dinner will be served in the basement of the Masonic hall and the lodge work will start at seven o'clock sharp. It is urged that all members be in attendance.

MORE TOWNSHIPS REACH LOAN QUOTA

Liberty township has reported to C. A. Huffman, district campaign chairman, as having subscribed its Victory loan quota. Nebish has also reported and needs but \$100 more to go over the top. The town of Northern is nearing its quota, and Turtle River township reports that it may fall a little short of its allotment.

Gladys Geanette Olson, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Olson, died yesterday from pneumonia, after an illness of five days. The funeral will be held in the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

PLANS FOR BASEBALL SEASON WILL BE MADE AT MEETING TONIGHT

Followers of Diamond Sport are Urged to Attend Session at Commercial Club Rooms

Whether Bemidji will be represented by a semi-professional baseball nine this year will be settled at a meeting of fans of the city to be held in the Commercial club rooms at eight o'clock this evening. It is urged that ever baseball enthusiast of the city attend the meeting.

Bemidji has a splendid supply of baseball material, and with the securing of several players can place a nine in the field capable of holding its own with any semi-professional aggregation in the northwest. Many towns in this section of the state are organizing baseball teams and an interesting schedule can be easily arranged.

It is possible that games can be arranged with the teams of the Central Minnesota leagues, which includes St. Cloud, Little Falls, Staples, Iron-Clay, Brainerd and Crosby. Games will be played on week days, the daylight saving law making it possible for evening games of nine full innings.

An organization will be perfected at the meeting this evening and it is urged that every fan in the city will be present that his views and ideas may be presented. Bemidji should have a baseball team this year, but whether it will have will be determined by the enthusiasm which is shown at this evening's session.

Bemidji has the grounds, the players, and the fans, and with financial assistance assured a winning team can be placed in the field.

ADDED HELP NEEDED IN CLEAN-UP WORK

More extensive assistance in the clean-up work, which is being conducted by the civic committee of the Women's Community and Civic club, is urged by Mrs. C. A. Huffman, chairman in charge of the work.

Owners and agents of vacant lots are requested to lend aid to the movement and see that rubbish, tin cans, papers, etc., are removed, thereby being of material help in the campaign waged to beautify the city. The campaign ends Saturday and school children and the public in general is asked to give assistance.

\$4,000 PAID FOR HOGS.

T. N. Rode has purchased a carload of hogs from the Clark Pole and Tie company, the transaction involving approximately \$4,000.

FARM-TO-TABLE PLAN OF PARCEL POST CLAIMED TO BE FAILURE

(By United Press.)
Washington, April 29.—The farm-to-table plan of the parcel post has failed to dent the high cost of living, postoffice officials admit today.

Despite the fact that when the measure was proposed in congress its advocates declared it would bring down prices of farm products, it appears to have done nothing toward stopping the advance of butter, eggs, poultry, meat, etc.

"There is little indication that the parcel post will bring down war-boostered prices for any great number of people," declared Director of Postoffice Ryan in an interview on the subject. He indicated the wealthy people were about the only ones profiting by the parcels post short-cuts.

"Although the department has been working years to make this system general, people generally seem unwilling to patronize it," he said. "It's much cheaper for the consumer. I know that by personal experiment. For several years I have bought all my eggs from a countryman in Virginia who, by the way, I never have seen."

NATIONAL LEAGUE TO HOLD FIRST MEET IN WASHINGTON WITH WILSON IN CHAIR

(By United Press)

Fiume, April 29.—The national council today telegraphed President Wilson notifying him that Fiume has formally declared itself to be united with Italy.

FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT

Paris, April 29.—Japanese delegates and the Big Three failed to reach an agreement in the China-Japanese territory controversy in their first session today. The conference was to be resumed at four o'clock.

The British were reported today to have agreed that the first meeting of the League of Nations shall be held in Washington, with President Woodrow Wilson presiding. The fifth article of the covenant provides that the initial meeting shall be called by the President of the United States.

PAGE AND ORLANDO CONFER

Rome, April 29.—Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, held a long conference late yesterday with Victor Orlando, the Italian Premier. The greatest significance was attached to the meeting, the import of which was kept secret. Orlando is scheduled to appear before the Italian parliament today.

NEW YORK POLICE AID HARRIS SEARCH FOR DYING MAN'S SISTER

Women is Located, But Too Late to See Injured Brother Before Death Comes.

Through the co-operation of the police department of New York City, Judge J. E. Harris, of the Beltrami county probate court, has been enabled to locate Mrs. Elizabeth Kuntz, a sister of Fred Kruger, who died at the hospital here a week ago Saturday as the result of a broken neck. Kruger was injured while employed by the National Pole company when he fell from a car.

When Captain George W. Wakefield, of the New York police force, received Judge Harris' letter he called all policemen of his precinct before they left for their posts and ordered them to make a house to house search for the women, it being the request of her dying brother that he see her before death came.

Kruger was in the Bemidji hospital for thirty days before he died, and realizing that death was near he sent for Judge Harris, gave him as near as possible the address of his sister and asked that she be sent for. The judge promised to try and find the woman.

The New York American had this to say about the case: "Residents of Williamsburg may have noticed today that the police were entering each house and store. It is not for the purpose of selling Victory notes, nor are they taking the census. They are simply trying to grant a dying man's wish to see his sister."

Kruger was buried in Greenwood cemetery and money which he left will be sent to the sister, although no definite information has been received from her. Particulars as to the finding of the sister's address were sent to Judge Harris by Captain Wakefield.

The family that pays its store bills out of the poultry receipts, or with the cream check, is usually situated on the sunny side of Easy street.

WILL INVESTIGATE STATE IRON ORE AND PEAT FIELDS

St. Paul, April 29.—The legislature has adjourned but legislators will be busy just the same. One of the important interim commissions appointed by the state senate is that headed by Senator G. H. Sullivan of Washington county. It will investigate the possibilities of developing iron ore and peat deposits in the state. The senate voted \$3,000 for such an investigation and the commissioners are expected to begin their work soon. J. D. Sullivan of St. Cloud, F. E. Putnam of Blue Earth, A. J. Rockne of Zumbrota and Ole Sangeng of Dalton are the other senators on the commission.

INSTITUTES END AT DEBS TOMORROW

A. W. Aamodt, of Bemidji, agricultural agent for south Beltrami county, W. V. Goussard, professor of animal husbandry at the experimental station, Crookston, accompanied by Mrs. Coe, Miss Josephine Creelman and Miss Lucy Cardiner, home demonstrators, all of St. Paul, will leave tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for Debs, Minn., where they will hold an institute meeting. This is the final meeting of "Home Makers Week," which commenced Wednesday. Meetings have been held at Quiring, Kelliher, Blackduck, Turtle River and Spivey. "The Proper Manner of Conducting the Farm Home" has been the principal topic at the different meetings.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CLUB TOMORROW

It is urged that as many members of the Commercial club as possible be in attendance at the luncheon tomorrow noon. R. L. Given, club president, announces that the special committee named to map a revision of the club along community lines will be ready to report, and that action on its recommendations will be taken.

RECEIVING TAX RETURNS.

Andrew Johnson, sheriff of Beltrami county, has sent out notices to five hundred delinquent personal property taxpayers, and returns have already been received from a number of them.

PROGRAM TONIGHT.

Tonight at the high school the Experimental science club and the school orchestra will give a program which will go to paying the expense of putting their sections in the high school annual. There will be violin solos, readings and a chemical demonstration which will interest everyone. A play "Not on the Program" is also to be given, the best talent in the high school being chosen for the characters.

DORMITORY CONTRACT WILL BE LET JULY 1

It is likely that the contract for the construction of the Bemidji Normal school dormitory, for the purpose of which the legislature appropriated \$100,000, will be let about the first of July. This is the news brought to Bemidji by H. P. Wallace, of St. Paul, under whose supervision the heating, plumbing and electric wiring was done in the main building of the Normal school, who was in Bemidji last evening en route to Walker on official business.