

AT THE STATE HOUSE

ASK RATE REDUCTION

Broadwater county sugar beet growers have asked the state railroad commission to lower the freight rates on sugar beets from their county to Missoula from \$1.25 to \$1 a ton. At a hearing on the matter, growers testified that they could make no profit on the crop at the present rate.

LAND'S VALUE GROWS

Leon Choquette, of the field division of the state land department, says 20 acres of state owned land adjoining the city of Billings, formerly low and swampy, has been drained and may now be worth \$500 an acre. He says he will recommend that the land be placed into an addition to the townsite of Billings.

JUDGEMENT AFFIRMED

The state supreme court has affirmed the judgment of the Hill county district court in sentencing Martin Estep to prison on a charge of stealing a coat in 1928 from John Kollveit. Estep has appealed from an order of the district court denying a motion for a new trial.

WARNING IS ISSUED

D. A. McKinnon, chief engineer of the Montana state highway commission has issued warning that persons caught defacing or injuring historic markers or other signs erected by the highway commission will be prosecuted. The warning was issued following the discovery that a marker in the Glacier park region had been mutilated.

MAY MEET IN HELENA

Following a conference with Col. E. H. Williams, adjutant general, at Helena, Maj. Gen. George A. White, commander of the 41st division of the national guard, said he would recommend holding division command post exercises at Helena next summer. He said Helena and vicinity offered an ideal location for military maneuvers on a large scale.

NAMED AS SECRETARY

Miss Freda Miller has been named secretary of the state orthopedic commission to succeed Mrs. Lydia Fousek of Great Falls, a member of the commission who has been acting as secretary. Other members of the board are Mrs. P. J. Brophy, Butte, president; Mrs. T. J. McDonough, Billings, vice president; D. A. J. Everett and Dr. W. F. Coeswell.

AMEND REINSURANCE PLAN

The state board of examiners has voted to amend a reinsurance contract the state now has with the Miller insurance agency of Butte by substituting an 80 percent policy for the 60 percent policy in effect. As a result of the change, Attorney General Nagle stated, the state will benefit 20 cents for every dollar of insurance written.

MONTANA'S STORED LIQUOR

Montana ranks 19th among 30 states in the amount of distilled spirits stored in bonded warehouses, according to word from the alcohol tax unit of the treasury department. This state, the unit announced after a survey of bonded warehouses throughout the country, had 63,134 gallons of whiskey and 1,037 gallons of brandy remains in government warehouses in August.

SECOND BEST NOT ELIGIBLE

Candidates who ran "second best" in the nominating primary election last July, are not entitled to a place on the ballot, even if the winning candidate does not accept the nomination. Attorney General Raymond Nagle ruled in an opinion written for County Attorney Oscar House of Hill county. House said in some cases a candidate on one party ticket had his name written in on the other and received the highest vote on both. He asked if, after the candidate had refused the nomination on the ticket on which his name was written in, the next highest on the ticket could lay claim to the nomination.

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CONTRACT IS AWARDED

The West Coast Construction Co. of Seattle was awarded the contract for repairing the Montana girls' vocational school, Helena, damaged by the earthquake a year ago. The Seattle firm was low bidder for the job at \$2,320.70. The only other bidder was the Cahill-Mooney Co. of Butte, it was announced by the board of examiners which awarded the contract.

TO VISIT OREGON

R. L. Housman, executive head of the state school of Journalism at the State university, has been granted permission by the state board of examiners to go to the University of Oregon for a study of that institution's Journalism department. Housman will study the press, equipment, operation and financing of the Oregon university plant preparatory to starting the construction of the new Journalism building at Missoula.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Ten cases of typhoid fever were reported to the state board of health last week, according to Dr. R. E. Kilbourne, epidemiologist for the body. Five were from Conrad. Others were at Miles City, Saco and Flathead county. The communicable diseases reported for the week were: Smallpox, 4; diphtheria, 3; scarlet fever, 2; whooping cough, 3; chickenpox, 14; mumps, 10; influenza, 8; meningitis, 1, and polynomiellitis, 1.

TO RECONSIDER PROJECTS

The state water conservation board will reconsider six projects rejected by the PWA administration at Washington in an effort to eliminate the objections of the engineering and financial divisions of that body to them, according to Governor Holt. The rejections were based variously upon physical characteristics which would limit storage capacity, excessive cost of water to the users and limited field for resale of impounded water.

PROTECT "BABY" PHEASANTS

The state game board is appealing to Montana sportsmen not to kill young Chinese pheasants during the hunting season this fall. The open season on these birds, which pheasants are liberated from the game farm at Warm Springs and the board feels that the inexperienced birds are entitled to some protection. Postcards will be posted in areas where young birds will be liberated and it is hoped the hunters will then seek other shooting grounds.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AID

Montana educational authorities have been informed by J. B. Love, state director for the PWA, that \$18,044 per month has been allotted Montana to aid 2,675 needy high school students during the coming school year. Of the total Love said \$6,000 had been the regular allotment for special assistance to students in the drought areas. He also said that arrangements are under way to care for 100 needy Indian students on the state's seven reservations.

"FAVORABLY REPORTED"

Gov. Elmer Holt has been informed from Washington that five more Montana water projects have been favorably reported by the PWA administration. They include Ruby river, Beaverhead Rock, Ackley lake in Judith Basin county, the Big Dry in Garfield county and the Midway drainage district project. Projects now being studied are Little Missouri river, Jefferson river diversion, the Great pumping and the West Fork of the Bitter Root project.

Treasure State News in Brief

BUTTE—Delinquent tax collections in Silver Bow county since April 30 totaled \$91,085.27, County Treasurer Mervin Dempsey reported.

FROID—F. L. Darland was elected president of the newly-formed commercial club here. A. R. Kemps was named vice president and E. A. Harbo, secretary.

BOZEMAN—Taxable valuation of property in Gallatin county this year is \$11,930,497, an increase of \$441,888 over last year, County Assessor Phil Evans reported.

GRASS RANGE—A. O. Gillespie, while motoring near the Beedie ranch, shot a 48-pound bobcat, one of the largest killed in this area in several years.

LEWISTOWN—Forty-four blocks of oil paving were completed this year in Lewistown's first major paving program, City Engineer Joe Schmitt reported.

CUT BANK—The city council awarded to Neilson-Smith Co. of Great Falls on a bid of \$27,608, a contract to grade, oil and retille streets of this city.

BOZEMAN—First-day enrollment at Montana State college totaled 1,187 students, a new record. Total enrollment last year was 1,142, a mark expected to be exceeded this season.

LEWISTOWN—A contract for excavating the basement of a new high school shops building here has been awarded to Lovinger and Longbotham, of St. Paul. The shops building is a PWA project.

BIG SANDY—John Kain of Helena, grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Montana, was the principal speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Masonic Welfare association of north central Montana.

BUTTE—"To protect, expand and build up" Butte's wholesale, jobbing and manufacturing interests, the Butte Rate and Trade association has filed articles of incorporation, R. H. Pauli, its secretary, announced.

GREAT FALLS—The Great Falls Recreational association sent out 3,000 questionnaires to determine what activities are desired by prospective participants in a community "leisure-time" program.

STEVENSVILLE—Bids will be opened by the Stevensville council Oct. 13 on a contract for a new water works. The town has received a \$20,615 PWA grant for the project, and in addition has voted \$30,000 in bonds.

CHINOOK—Russel Vadman, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Vadman, of Hoeland, was drowned near Oma, Wash., while swimming. Friends here were informed. Vadman had just started a term as principal of the Omar public schools.

ROUNDUP—The four classes at Roundup high school have elected new officers for the coming school year, with the new presidents as follows: Senior, Tana E. Herr; junior, Billy Jens; sophomore, Joe Vranish, and Freshman, Catherine Daer.

FORT PECK—Darrel E. Rosell has been installed as the new commander of the Fort Peck American Legion. Other new officers include Edward Ketter and H. M. Taylor, vice commanders; Raymond J. Pritton, chaplain, and Joseph Haushey, sergeant at arms.

MISSOULA—C. W. Brayman of Missoula was elected at the organization's Denver convention to membership on the tenth district national council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The district includes Montana, Minnesota and North Dakota.

BOZEMAN—Bankers, realty dealers and County Clerk I. W. Sigel report a sharp increase in sale of farms and city property in the Bozeman area. "You have only to put the visible factors together to see a land boom in the Gallatin valley," said Blase low.

MISSOULA—Regional forest service headquarters here announce a contract for a half million pounds of explosives has been awarded to the Columbia Powder Co., of Tacoma, on a bid of about \$40,000. The powder will be used on construction projects in national forests of this region.

BUTTE—Football enthusiasm among Butte youngsters has risen so high. Chief of Police Walter Shay has had to warn them to stop playing in the streets under penalty of having their footballs confiscated. Chief Shay said the youngsters were in danger from the heavy automobile traffic.

HARLOWTON—District Judge W. L. Ford sentenced Ed Steffes to six years in prison for complicity in thefts of wool and live stock. Steffes pleaded guilty. Authorities said he was a member of a gang of rustlers that operated in Wheatland, Golden Valley and Ferris counties.

BOZEMAN—To become eligible to sell supplies for the new Gallatin county high school, Chairman Walter F. Chanuser and Carlisle E.

Time of Planting Has Important Bearing on Wheatgrass Success

Based on findings of the Judith Basin branch experiment station, late October or November seeding of crested wheatgrass produces the best stands, states Ralph D. Mercer, extension agronomist at Montana State college. When crested wheatgrass is planted in the fall on unprepared land, the seeding should be done so late the grass plants will not emerge until spring. When so planted the seedlings emerge in the spring before Russian thistles and other annuals begin growth.

On nonirrigated land in the plains section, however, seeding crested wheatgrass on summer fallow or cultivated lands in the fall introduces certain hazards, foremost among which is the danger of weed infestation the following spring and the possibility of damage from soil blowing during the summer months.

MISSOULA FIRE VICTIMS FIND MAKESHIFT SHOPS

With typical western optimism Missoula business men who suffered a \$400,000 loss when the Florence hotel recently was destroyed by fire, have resumed operations in makeshift offices.

Coming to the fore in the crisis, several owners of business houses which escaped the 20-hour ravage of the flames threw their establishments open to the unfortunate.

An owner of a floral store destroyed in the fire resumed in a shoe shining parlor, a brokerage firm began activities in offices provided by a bank, and other burned out businesses are fast adjusting themselves.

Kenyon has resigned from the school board. Both are the lumber and building supply dealers. The board appointed Robert M. Espar and A. C. Talmadge to fill the vacancies.

SUPERIOR—Harry Tamplin was elected president of the Mineral County Chamber of Commerce. O. J. Pike was elected vice president. R. W. Spangler, secretary-treasurer, and F. A. Chadwick, Pike, Tamplin, John E. Hansen and W. E. Hansen, members of the executive committee.

GLASGOW—The high school here has been given a fossil collection, taken from excavations in the Fort Peck area, by Darwin Harbottle, geologist at the federal dam project. The collection includes two specimens of 50-million-year-old fish, a section of a dinosaur tooth and other interesting pieces.

BIG SANDY—When six boys left here to attend college at Oakland, Calif., they were worrying about their room rent during the school year. The boys have built a trailer car and will use it at Oakland as a "dormitory." The boys are Allen Barrett, Paul Benken, Joseph Walters Jr., Morton Larson, Myron Hansen and Lloyd Larson.

PARADISE—Charles Herman, forest service employe in charge of building a lookout station on Vermilion peak, was granted a sabbatical leave to study for a master's degree in forestry at the University of Wisconsin.

MISSOULA—An allotment of about \$680,000 to rezone one of the national forest service for the three-month period starting Oct. 1 was announced. Of the total, \$278,000 was allotted to projects in Montana forests. Fire prevention and campground improvements are major activities for which the money was allotted.

BOZEMAN—Suitcases containing about 98 boxes of women's hosiery, shoes and other apparel were recovered in a store here where burglars apparently dropped them when they were interrupted during a robbery. Officers discovered the robbery when they found a basement window in the store had been broken. The thieves made their getaway.

LEWISTOWN—Mayor C. E. Baker and City Engineer Joe Schmitt, after a conference with PWA officials at Helena, described as "still within the realm of possibility" a \$200,000 water supply gravity line from the head of Springs creek to Lewistown. The mayor and engineer said PWA chiefs told them the project needed only final allotment of funds at Washington.

KALESFELL—Herman Scholle, postoffice employe, is the owner of a book 196 years old. The volume is the eighth of a set of world history books published in 1740 in Nurnberg, Germany by Johann Leobhard Buzetti and Johann Andreas Ceib. The book is replete with illustrations describing wars, festivals, religious rites and social activities from 1710 and 1730 during the reign of Carolo VI. The volume is well preserved, being stoutly bound. The pages are of excellent quality paper and show little deterioration.

FARM MEETS TO PLAN FOR 1937

RESULTS OF 1936 PROGRAM, SUGGESTIONS FOR 1937, TOPICS AT COUNTY GATHERINGS

At a series of county meetings to be held as soon as arrangements can be completed, Montana farmers will have an opportunity to appraise the results of the 1936 agricultural conservation plans and make recommendations for the 1937 program, according to J. C. Taylor, director, Montana extension service. Similar meetings will be held in all of the states in the western region.

The county meetings will be completed, recommendations made and summarized by Oct. 10. From the county reports a state report will be prepared to submit at a regional meeting to be held at Bozeman, Oct. 16, at which recommendations from North Dakota will also be made.

At each of the county meetings questions or recommendations offered by farmers will be discussed. Subjects will include:

What progress was made in soil conservation in the county under the present program?

What practices should be recommended as most valuable to conservation?

Should a greater portion of the payments be made for soil building practices in 1937 than in 1936?

Should a maximum total conservation allowance be established for each farm or ranch? If such an allowance were established, how should it be earned?

Should the crop-income insurance features contained in the present program be enlarged?

Three questions will be submitted at the meetings by the Montana agricultural conservation committee. These are:

Should there be a plan based upon the increase or maintenance or both, of soil conserving crops or practices without regard to soil depleting acreages?

If a payment be made for maintaining a percentage of crop land in soil conserving crops or practices, what should this percentage be? Should percentage be different for irrigated than for dry land?

Does the planting of caragana in rows on the line of strips have possibilities as a soil conserving practice?

SPECIALIST JOINS EXTENSION STAFF

Appointment of Mrs. Margaret Huston Tuller, for the last two years home demonstration agent in Newton county, Missouri, to the position of extension home management specialist, is announced by J. C. Taylor, director, Montana extension service. Mrs. Tuller began her new duties Oct. 1 and succeeded Miss Oona Stautz, resigned.

Mrs. Tuller comes to the service with a wide experience in extension work, and a broad practical knowledge in home furnishing, farm and home accounts, and handicraft. Prior to becoming home demonstration agent in Newton county, Mrs. Tuller served as a state 4-H club agent and as a county home economics agent.

A native of Missouri, Mrs. Tuller is a graduate of the University of Missouri.

No Slackening in Ice Cream Demand

Instead of quick disintegration of the ice cream business, as prophesied when liquor stores came into being, an increased consumption of the product in Montana, is revealed by the August report on butter, cheese and ice cream production.

A 32 1/2 percent gain for August, over the same month last year, was noted. Total gallonage was 180,445, an increase of 44,108 gallons. The total increase for the eight months period ending Aug. 31 was 299,790 gallons or 48 1/2 percent.

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