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REPORT OF COMMUNITY CLUB TO DATE

SEC. FISHER MAKES INTERESTING REPORT FOR PERIOD FROM OCT. 15TH TO DATE

SHOWS AN EXCELLENT RECORD

Two and One-Half Months of Busy Business for the Community Club Is the Record

Held three open meetings with an average of sixty.

Sent out 1,200 invitations to the potato growers throughout the state, inviting them to attend the state convention at Alliance.

Had moving pictures taken of the potato industry in Box Butte county.

Took out all gates on the Alliance-Scottsbluff road in Box Butte county but one, and replaced them with runway automobile gates.

In company with the county commissioners, the Good Roads committee went over part of the Broadwater road, the road to Bridgeport, and the Scottsbluff road and as a result Mr. Wanek, highway commissioner of Box Butte county, ordered galvanized culverts and same have arrived and these will be used in the low places and the proper fills will be made.

Took charge of the Second Liberty Loan drive in which Liberty Bonds were purchased to the amount of \$135,000.

Assisted the county agricultural agent in bringing the Indians to Alliance to help the farmers with the potato harvest. It is estimated that the Indians picked over two million bushels of potatoes, so you can judge for yourself whether the club is doing any real work or not.

Within twenty-four hours after a committee had been appointed to see what could be done regarding the car shortage we had received a promise from the Burlington that they would give us at least seventy-five cars within the next week, a telegram from the State Railway Commission arrived stating that they were back of us, and a telegram from G. W. Wattles, state food administrator, informing us that he had taken the matter up with the Burlington and we would get our share of refrigerator cars.

Held a Good Roads Day on November 9th, to repair the Antioch road, in which thirty-two business men from Alliance took part and seventy-two subscribed cash to this fund. As a result three miles of impassable road was improved and since that time, the Good Roads Committee has been working from two to three days each week on this road and now it is in a better condition than it has been for over two years—a lot of people talk, but this committee did the work.

The hotel committee has held several important meetings and figures have been secured from a large number of towns in the state and we are hopeful that we can close a satisfactory deal by the 1st of February, if not before, with some reliable company, or build the hotel ourselves.

Placed a large sign at Tenth and Box Butte, with the words, "Come Again" and under this the towns and distance from Alliance. This same sign was also placed on Third and Toluca and shows the distance to Bridgeport, Scottsbluff, Anzora, Mitchell, Bayard and the towns on the river.

Marked the roads from Alliance to Bayard, from Bayard to Scottsbluff and from Scottsbluff to Alliance. This took two men three days, and at every important cross road, a large sign, cut in the shape of an arrow, was placed, the name of the town and the distance shown, and at every intersection and turn all poles and fence posts were marked with the Alliance-Scottsbluff colors. This road is considered by those who have traveled since it was remarked, to be the best marked road in western Nebraska. Every automobile owner should be a member of the club, if you appreciate the above call at the office and do your part.

Assisted the T. P. A.'s in entertaining the boys who left for Fort Logan on December 14th.

Helped make arrangements for the reception of Captain Miller.

During these ten weeks, twenty-three articles have been written for the Lincoln and Omaha papers.

Assisted the Red Cross in the Sales Day Auction.

Conferred with the Bridgeport Commercial Club regarding the improvement of the Alliance-Bridgeport road and plans are now being made to start work early in the spring on

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MUCH FESTIVITY TUESDAY NIGHT

Traveling Men and Volunteer Firemen Both Entertained With a Large Crowd and Much Fun

Alliance was the scene of much festivity Tuesday night—New Year's night. The Alliance volunteer fire department gave a dance at the opera house and the members of Post M. T. P. A., entertained at a dance, card party and lunch at Reddish hall.

Nearly one hundred and fifty tickets were sold by the fire boys who appreciate greatly the encouragement given them by the people of Alliance. The music was excellent and a good crowd stayed until a late hour. Punch was served by Charley Hill in the latest approved style with plenty of cherries (but nothing stronger) in every glass. The committee in charge deserve much credit for the successful manner in which the dance was handled.

The T. P. A. entertainment was the best attended of any given by the post. The hall was packed and the varied program furnished amusement and entertainment for everybody, both old and young. Music was furnished by the stringed quartet, who did excellently. Short talks were made by Mayor Rousey, Captain R. C. Strong, Colonel H. P. Coursey, Lloyd Thomas and others. The ladies had provided an excellent lunch which was well partaken of with the delicious coffee brewed by Jack Hawes, St. Thompson, Roy Strong and Alderman Tom Spencer. "Dad" Ewing was much in evidence, although still somewhat miffed over the fact that he had "bitten" on the first joke of the year at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Dad's telephone number in 198. At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning some one called him out of bed and asked if this was 1918? It took Dad thirty minutes to get "wise." The boys were grieved to learn that Dad will leave Alliance within a few weeks to take up another territory.

WILL ERECT POTASH REFINERY

Lincoln and Eastern Nebraska Capitalists Will Take Over Leases on School Lands

Western Nebraska is to have another potash reduction plant and a refinery, according to the plans of Lincoln capitalists who visited Alliance Monday. The party came in a private car and spent one day in the potash district and Monday morning at Alliance. Frank, Mark and George Woods, Eli Shire, Nels Urdike and Ed Westervelt of Lincoln; John J. Russell, of New York City; Judge Harrington, of O'Neill, F. M. Brome and Judge Quigley, of Valentine, and W. S. Ridgell, of Lincoln, composed the party.

The capitalists in the party are planning to take over the potash leases on state school lands secured by Ridgell and associates. This is contingent on a favorable decision of the state supreme court on the right of the state board of education lands and funds to grant such leases. They purpose to erect either at Alliance or Antioch a 200-ton plant and refinery.

The men have ample capital to swing the proposition and are known as men of the highest standing.

Big Powder Plant Is in Sight
The Herald has been informed by a very reliable authority that the DuPont Powder company is seriously considering the placing of a powder plant at Antioch, a few miles east of Alliance. As potash, one of the chief ingredients of powder, is manufactured in vast quantities at Antioch, it can be easily seen that the placing of a powder plant at the base of supplies would have a great deal of expense in hauling the raw material. The chief reason for having a powder plant at Antioch would be in the time saved, enabling the company to place the finished product on the market so much quicker. If the proposed new plant should be located at Antioch it would undoubtedly make that town the biggest and liveliest town in western Nebraska.

District Court Terms
W. H. Westover, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Nebraska, announced terms of district court for the year 1918 as follows: Sheridan county, March 18 and September 3; Cherry county, April 1 and September 1. Box Butte county, April 22 and November 25. Dawes county, May 13 and December 9. Sioux county, June 3 and November 11.

Sergeant Beach Home
Sergeant Perley Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Beach, of Alliance, arrived home Sunday for a short visit with home folks. Perley leaves tonight for Funston. He is making an excellent army record.

SATURDAY WILL BE OUR DEFENSE DAY

WORTHY CAUSE TO BE BOOSTED BY THE WOMEN OF NEBRASKA

GOOD WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Woman's Committee of Box Butte County Council of Defense Will Wage Membership Campaign

The Woman's Committee of the Nebraska Council of Defense has taken a census of the woman power of the state. In each of the ninety-three counties of Nebraska, registration of women for war service has been successfully conducted. This campaign has already cost over \$2,000. Only 500 was contributed out of funds of the Nebraska State Council of Defense for this work.

The Woman's Committee conducted the first food pledge campaign without the financial aid of any governmental agency.

They materially assisted in the second food pledge campaign, giving freely of their time and effort.

The Woman's Committee has seen to it that the compulsory school attendance law was observed, and that child life was conserved in our state.

Nearly 200,000 women are working actively every day in the Red Cross making bandages, surgical dressings and supplies for our allies and our own armies. The Department of Home and Foreign Relief, of which the Red Cross is a part, is working directly with the committee.

The women are looking after civilian relief taking care of the needy families of soldiers at the front.

The Woman's Committee has organized in every county for the naturalization of foreigners. This work has resulted in hundreds of women taking out their first papers, and indirectly has brought scores of men to apply for citizenship papers.

The Woman's Committee sold \$1,500,000 worth of Liberty Bonds in the state of Nebraska in the second Liberty Loan drive. They will quadruple this record in the next drive.

The Woman's Committee, through its educational department, is seeing to it that un-American literature is eliminated from the school text books; that more English is taught in foreign districts; that children receive an American education; that our flag flies over every school, public and parochial, in our state.

It has established a speakers' bureau, and will have a small army of two-minute women prepared to give patriotic speeches at any public gatherings.

All of the above activities require money. The United States government asks that the women of each state carry out this work. Our state has provided no funds for these undertakings. The citizens of Nebraska must do what the citizens of other states have done. They must supply the financial means to carry on this work. Defense Day, the 5th of January, is the day when Box Butte will make its drive for membership. Twenty-five cents a year is the lowest membership. Fifty cents a year is the subscribing membership. One dollar a year is the contributing membership. Ten dollars is an honor roll membership. In some counties as high as \$100 per membership has been subscribed. Every one subscribing 25 cents or over will receive a membership card as well as a membership button.

TROUBLE OVER EXPELLED BOYS

Neighborhood Aroused Over Controversy Caused by Expelling of Two School Boys

School District No. 30, eighteen miles northwest of Alliance, has been having an interesting time over the controversy caused by the expelling of two boys, aged 12 and 14 years, from the school by the school board. The boys are the wards of Miss Lotie Worley. They were charged with unruliness by the teacher and expelled by the board—Theodore Johnson, Charley Tuckek and Mrs. Bergfeld.

Miss Worley retained E. C. Barker, well known Alliance attorney, to represent the boys and a meeting of the board was held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The board refused to reconsider their former action and no further decision was arrived at. The meeting was said to have been productive of many verbal fireworks. Miss Worley announced that she would carry the matter to the district court.

GOVERNMENT URGES WEEKLY POTATO DAY

FOOD ADMINISTRATION ADVOCATES LARGER CONSUMPTION OF THIS FOOD

POTATO MARKETS ARE BETTER

Food Administration Says People Are Not Eating As Many Potatoes as in Normal Times

A special dispatch to The Packer from Washington a few days ago says that the food administration favors a weekly potato day. Potato growers of western Nebraska will join in the desire for a potato day throughout the nation, for it would mean increased consumption and the resulting of better prices for the grower. The dispatch from Washington was as follows:

Urges Weekly Potato Day
Washington, D. C.—One of the things needed to help us win the war right now is special selling effort behind the potato, which has proved of so much value to the Kaiser in holdings on "over there" that, even with General Byng after him, he recently found time to issue a medal commemorating the bringing of the potato from America to Europe, says the food administration.

Last fall, the grocery trade joined hands with the food administration for a concerted drive on potato sales. But unfortunate complications came in the crop. There was a field frost that hurried damaged potatoes to market, and also a delay in shipments, due to railway congestion, which put prices too high for free consumption.

Now, most of the baby troubles of last year's crop seem to be over, and there are plenty of potatoes in most markets, with satisfactory supplies steadily coming in.

What we need now, is a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together on potatoes—grower, grocer and consumer all doing team work to get good potatoes to market, and put them on the consumer's table at reasonable prices, and with minimum cost.

Look over your weekly schedule of deliveries, Mr. Grocer. Find out which day is lightest. Make a special price on potatoes for delivery that day. Get "Potato Day" fixed in your community as a weekly event.

The plan of a potato week has been tried, and it concentrated too much attention upon the potato at one time. The plan of a potato month was also tried, but it had drawbacks.

In this new plan of a potato day every week, Uncle Sam thinks that he has found the stimulus for steady selling of potatoes. One potato day each week makes no abnormal demands upon the farmer, or the railroads, and so will not disturb prices, or cause shortages, or gluts. One potato day a week will enable the retailer grocer to fill up a hollow space in his sales and delivery service, and keep his money and his employees busy. One potato day a week will enable the consumer to use this valuable food article as a balance in diet, and reduce living costs, and conserve wheat and meat for our fighters, and the allied nations.

Get up some potato posters, and announce your potato day. Explain the idea of the weekly potato day in your newspaper advertising. Make a special price on the tubers for that

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INTERESTING THRIFT MEETING

H. O. Palmer, State Thrift Stamp Secretary, Made an Interesting and Instructive Talk

The Thrift Stamp meeting, held at the court house Monday evening, was well attended. Dean William Carson Shaw presided. On invitation of Charles Brittain, county chairman, a good crowd had assembled to hear H. O. Palmer, of Omaha, state secretary, tell of the work.

Mr. Palmer held his audience for about an hour and gave them some excellent advice and pointers on the work of selling Thrift Saving Stamps. The points which he emphasized are brought out in articles published in The Herald which should be read by everyone.

Cecil Keister, who has been secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Lewis, is in the city visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Beck. Mr. Keister will stay in Alliance until his orders and papers transferring him to foreign service arrive.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

Will Be Held at Central School Building in Alliance on Saturday, January 5th.

The annual meeting of the Box Butte County Farm Bureau will be held at the Central School Building in Alliance on January 5th—Saturday—at 11 o'clock. The directors will meet at 10 o'clock to take up any business left over from 1917.

Promptly at 1 o'clock a meeting of all the farmers of the county will be held to elect officers and to take up the work for the coming year. Every farmer of Box Butte county is considered a member of the Bureau and it is the desire of the officers that every one be present.

The annual report of the county agent will be given at this meeting and there will be a discussion of those problems which are affecting Box Butte county at this time. Mr. C. E. Gunnels, state leader of county agent work, will be present to discuss plans of organization and review the work as it is being carried out in other parts of the state.

The ladies of the county will also hold a meeting at this time. A short program will be given commencing at 11 o'clock and lunch will be served at the noon hour.

This will be the one big meeting of the year and every farmer should plan to attend.

Shoplifter Is Caught at Golden Rule
A shoplifter was arrested at the Golden Rule store yesterday afternoon and was taken to jail. The woman was taking goods and placing them under her coat, being caught in the act by one of the clerks. The shoplifter was busy watching Mr. Barnett, the manager, and failed to observe that one of the clerks had been keeping tab on her movements. The Golden Rule store has been missing goods for some time, but this is the first time that the source of the mysterious disappearance has been accounted for.

THE BOX BUTTE COUNTY MIXER

Miss Margaret Sherwin, Home Demonstration Agent, Urges Good Attendance Saturday

(By Miss Margaret Sherwin).
Box Butte County Bureau and Homemakers' Association will meet together Saturday, January 5th, at 10 o'clock at the Central School Building, Alliance, for the purpose of electing officers and making plans for the coming year.

Men and women will be from all over the county and this will be a splendid opportunity to get together. A good program has been planned with Mr. Gunnels in charge of state county agent work and Miss Re Kahn, assistant state leader home demonstration agents, present.

This is a general mass meeting. Come and have a good time. The program is as follows:

Morning Program—10 A. M.
Invocation.....Rev. Layton
Woman's Part in the County
Council of Defense.....Mrs. C. B. Dole
Music.....Mrs. Fisher
Address of Welcome.....Judge Tash
Music.....America
The Family Farm Bureau.....
.....Mr. Gunnels
Lunch, 12 to 1:30 o'clock—(Bring Basket Lunch)

Food Conservation Ideas.....Mrs. Harris
Hoover Helps That Our Club Has
Used.....Mrs. Fred Nason
Music.....Miss Alta Young
Our Country's Needs.....Mrs. Haign
The Homemakers' Association.....
.....Miss Rokahn
Music.....Mrs. Satterfield
Election of officers—
Organization of Homemakers' Association.....

Pleads Guilty to Charge
E. E. Clark pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him by the Nebraska Rooming House in court Wednesday afternoon. Judge Tash reprimanded him and let him out with costs. Costs were high, as Mr. Clark paid \$13.20. This was due to the fact that the sheriff had to send a deputy to Bridgeport to persuade him that his presence was wanted in Alliance.

The Redpath Lyceum Course
The Redpath Lyceum Course, given by the ladies of the Baptist church, of Alliance, has three more numbers. The next will be a lecture by Dr. E. H. Lougher, the noted army captain, given at the Baptist church, January 12, at 8 p. m. Those holding season tickets will take notice.

Mrs. Paul Bach, of Rock Springs, Wyo., is in the city visiting her sister, Miss Ethel James. She will soon leave to visit her husband at San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Bach is in the quartermaster corps of the army and located at San Antonio.

Three numbers of the Redpath Lyceum Course, by the Baptist ladies are yet to be given. The next will be Saturday, January 12th. Dr. Lougher on "The War."

HAUSER CALLS FIREMEN FOR CONVENTION

STATE PRESIDENT OF NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ISSUES STATEMENT

WANTS GOOD REPRESENTATION

Nebraska's Most Popular Volunteer Firemen Believes in Principle of Judicious Conservation

Hauser Urges Full Representation
Harry J. Hauser, of Fremont, state president of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, urges that every department in the state be fully represented at the annual convention to be held in Fremont starting January 15th. President Hauser makes the following statement for publication in order that every Nebraska fire department may read the same:

Fremont, Nebr., Dec. 27, 1917.
Lloyd C. Thomas, Editor,
The Alliance Herald,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Friend Lloyd: In connection with the 1918 convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association I noticed in your issue of December 20th an article from your Ord correspondent on the sacrifice made by the Ord fire department. I take this means of expressing, through our official paper, my feeling of satisfaction and admiration for the Ord boys in their patriotic action.

I greatly regret, however, that the Ord band is not planning on coming. I have written the Ord department asking them if there is not some way by which the band can come and still not alter their plans for the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. In all our moves toward the welfare of the boys who go to the front the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. are and should predominate, but we must not overlook altogether the protection of our food supplies and property from the greatest destructive element—FIRE. We must defeat the plan of German incendiarism—that of destruction of our food supplies by fire. We must protect our food and property from fire destruction by natural and uncontrollable causes. And to do this properly we must uphold the enthusiasm and good work of the Nebraska state association of fire fighters.

The Nebraska division of the national food administration regards the firemen of the state as among the greatest conservers of food. It is up to the boys over the state to keep the association up to high standard of enthusiasm and patriotism at which it now stands. Let us have judicious conservation and give the officers of the state a chance to feel the strength and enthusiasm that is behind them in the promotion of food conservation by protection from fire.

In these days of world disturbance we are all sacrificing. We are glad to sacrifice for such a just cause but if we cut out those things which go to build up the strength and interest of the state association of firemen we are creating a dangerous situation. We are loosening the cords of fraternalism and friendship that binds us together in an organized body of volunteer fighters for the protection of property from destruction by fire.

I appeal to the members of the association to let the fire fighting spirit grow stronger than ever. Let the state officers feel the interest and enthusiasm that is backing them and let us tie more tightly than ever the cords that bind the state volunteer departments together in a united, organized and fraternalized association of fire fighters. Let every city, town or village department in the state be represented at this convention and come into full realization of the important duty we owe to our country in this time of disturbance and trouble.

Yours for judicious conservation,
(Signed) HARRY J. HAUSER,
President Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Store Opens on January 7th
The G. M. Burns store, which was to be opened to the public on January 3, will be ready for business on Monday, January 7. The opening was delayed on account of not being able to get the fixtures ready.

It will pay everybody to visit this sale, as Mr. Burns has a large stock of seasonal goods, and everything will go, as the prices are down to bedrock.

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