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PERSHING MAY VISIT ALLIANCE

COMMUNITY CLUB EXTENDS AN INVITATION

Many Interesting Matters Up for Discussion at the Last Meeting of Club Directors

The regular weekly meeting of the Alliance Community club's board of directors was held in the office of the secretary Tuesday night. The editor of The Herald, who was present, found that a number of highly interesting matters came up for discussion, some of which were as follows:

Secretary Rufus Jones had extended, through Congressman Kinkaid, an invitation to General Pershing to visit Alliance and spend as much time as possible here when he leaves for a tour of western military posts after a visit to relatives in Lincoln at Christmas time. Since then Mr. Jones has received a telegram from Mr. Kinkaid saying that General Pershing will include Alliance in his itinerary if possible.

The committee which has had in charge the formation of a racing circuit, reported the following tentative circuit: Alliance, Gordon, Chadron, Sidney and Sterling, Colo. The secretary has written each of these towns, mentioning the dates which have been assigned them, and asking if the arrangement is satisfactory.

An interesting report was made as to the progress of the affairs of the home building association. It is probable that sale of stock in this laudable organization will begin at an early date.

No information had yet been received as to whether the invitation of the Community club to the Nebraska good roads association to hold its next annual meeting here had been adopted. This matter was left up to the judgment of the directors of the good roads association, and Secretary Jones is now in communication with them to ascertain what decision has been reached.

It appears probable that the electric piano purchased by a preceding secretary of the Community club has been sold to a gentleman in Minneapolis, with whom negotiations are in progress. There seemed to be no regret on the part of the club directors that the piano had probably been disposed of.

Agent Simpson of the express company was to have been present and discussed with the directors the express service in Alliance, but was unavoidably detained and promised to be present at the next meeting.

The secretary announced that he was in communication with the proper officials of the Burlington in an effort to secure special freight rates on sand and gravel into Alliance.

J. W. Guthrie, a director of the club, intended going to the forthcoming state fremen's convention at Scottsbluff, and it was decided to leave to his judgment the question of whether the fremen-should be invited to hold their 1921 convention in Alliance. Mr. Guthrie will look into this matter when he attends the Scottsbluff convention.

The fire insurance agents of the state will meet in Alliance next February, and there was some informal discussion as to the proper methods of entertaining the visitors.

The secretary said he had written to two or three outside wholesale produce houses, with a view of inducing one of them to establish a branch establishment in Alliance. He was also in touch with one or two wholesale grocery houses, with this same idea in view. Mr. Jones seems reasonably sure that before many more months have rolled around Alliance will have a wholesale grocery and a wholesale produce house.

Big Springs, Neb., is going to organize a Community club, and asked Mr. Jones to come down and address a mass meeting of citizens. He did not feel like leaving his desk at this time, but it developed that Lloyd C. Thomas, a member of the club, would be in the vicinity of Big Springs at the time of the meeting, Friday night, and it was thought he might be induced to stop there and talk to the Big Springs citizens. The Herald understands that Mr. Thomas left for Big Springs today.

The question of a municipal Christmas tree came up for general discussion. The directors believed that the church trees would sufficiently cover the occasion except for a few children who might not be present at the churches. It was decided that the city mission would probably want to have a tree for

SHOP EARLY

16 Shopping days until Christmas

These children, and the club decided to aid the mission in that event.

The secretary had completed all the arrangements asked for by the weather bureau at Lincoln, and it was hoped that a resumption of daily reports to Alliance by wire would be begun some time within the next few days.

Packing house plans were discussed. This project is marking time pending permission from the state securities commission to sell stock, but it was hoped the matter would soon be under way.

There was quite a general discussion as to the condition of the road to Antioch. There have been many complaints to the Community club regarding this matter. The club, in turn, is endeavoring to good naturedly find out just where the fault lies and see if it cannot be remedied. The contractors feel that they are doing their full duty, but it would seem that the officials of the state engineer's office are not so sure of this and there has been some bickering over the matter; but the club is hard at work trying to properly adjust the matter and believes this will shortly be accomplished.

The directors took action regarding the retaining of Mr. Jones as secretary, he having been offered the secretaryship at Amarillo, Texas, at a much higher salary than he has been receiving here. Full mention of this is made in another column of this issue.

The editor of The Herald has had the pleasure of attending several meetings of the directors, and has greatly enjoyed all of them. Those who do not attend these meetings have no idea of the volume of business that is attended to, nor of the hard work being done by the nine public spirited gentlemen who make up the board of directors. They receive no pay for their services—on the contrary they pay, out of their own pockets, for the meals which are eaten immediately preceding each directors' meeting. Secretary Jones remarked to The Herald man, following the meeting:

"I deserve no credit for the work I am doing, for I am drawing a salary to do it; but sometimes I think the lay members of the Community club fail to appreciate their directors, who get no pay except the consciousness of doing a splendid public duty and doing it well."

As has often been said, these meetings are open to every member of the Community club. They are directors' meetings, but are not held behind closed doors, and the directors themselves would be highly pleased to see a big attendance of members at every session.

FAVOR SKATING AT CITY PARK

Young Folks Are Hoping That the Council Will Make Provision for Winter Sport

Several of the young folks of the city are hoping that the city council will make provision for turning the city park into a skating rink sometime before long. Last year the park was flooded with water, with the result that it was one of the most popular places imaginable.

The expense involved is not particularly great, and the result furnishes a source of pleasure for a lot of kids and some folks who are considerably older. Last year the pond wasn't large enough to supply the demand, and the young people are hoping that the rink this year will be of sufficient size to accommodate everyone who wants to cut figure eights. The water can't be turned on any too soon to suit them. This sort of weather is the best for skating, and while there's plenty of time before the spring thaw sets in, they figure that every day of good skating weather is just so much fun lost.

RESULTS OF THE RED CROSS ELECTION

At the annual election of the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross held Thursday evening in the court house, the following were the ten receiving the highest vote: Judge Ira E. Tash, Robert Graham, Mrs. C. H. Fuller, Earl Mallery, J. B. Miller, Dr. H. A. Copey, Mrs. H. C. Gantz, Mrs. Arthur Wright, Mrs. E. H. Boyd, E. G. Laing. These will constitute the board of directors and they will select the officers of the chapter from among their number.

ASK VOLUNTEERS FOR COAL FIELDS

Governor Asks for Enlistments From Over State to Aid in Averting Disaster

County Clerk W. C. Mounts Friday morning received word from the governor's office which indicates that effective measures will be taken immediately to avert disaster due to the coal strike and the resulting coal famine. Governor McKelvie has asked for volunteers from Nebraska to work in the coal mines to assist in relieving distressing conditions all over the country. He has had a fine response, over five hundred men from the University of Nebraska alone responding to the call.

The state adjutant general's office has been assigned the task of handling the volunteers and providing transportation for them. The county clerk is made the agency through which voluntary enlistments may be made. Other states have contributed men from all walks of life, and unquestionably Box Butte county will come to the front, as always in cases where prompt and patriotic action is required.

The governor's proclamation follows:

Proclamation

Conditions surrounding the inadequate supply of coal, as a result of strikes, are rapidly becoming unbearable. Unless relief is obtained at the earliest possible moment, there is no telling the extent to which disaster may be visited upon the people of our commonwealth. It is not longer a matter of ascribing causes—results alone will suffice.

Therefore, in this great emergency, and in sympathy with movements that have already been started in this state, I have the following to suggest:

Five hundred students of the University of Nebraska have volunteered for service in the mines in territory from which Nebraska obtains its supply of coal. This volunteer force may be greatly augmented by enlistments from all parts of the state. I have wired the governors of adjoining coal producing states to the effect that these forces are available for emergency service, with the understanding that "they are to be given adequate police protection and the necessary comforts of living." I am expecting prompt advice from the governors of these states as to what the possibilities are of producing relief through these channels, and I am in hopes that by the time their answers are received, the movement for voluntary service in this state will have been sufficiently well organized to go at once to any field in which the opportunity is afforded for service.

In order that organization may be effected most expeditiously, it is requested that all those who desire to enlist for volunteer service shall make the fact known to the county clerk, who will in turn report to this office. The more prompt and liberal the response, the greater the hope for relief.

SAMUEL R. M'KELVIE,
Governor.

KITTLEMAN PROVIDES FOR HIS FAMILY

Oswald Kittleman, who was taken to the state penitentiary the first of the week, presented a rather pathetic figure, according to the man who escorted him to the place where he will spend the remainder of his life.

Kittleman wept considerably during the trip to Lincoln. He said that he "didn't give a d—n"; he was "better off dead," but insisted that he wanted "the children provided for." He was worrying considerably about how affairs would go on the farm in his absence. He didn't believe, he said, that they was feed enough on the farm to keep the stock in good condition, and mentioned that he had given power of attorney to an Alliance lawyer, with instructions to sell off part of the cattle and horses, keeping only enough to supply the needs of his family. Kittleman has seven children, all of whom reside on the farm.

He talked freely with the man who had him in charge. He is said to have denied that he violated the conditions of his parole and intimated that the complaint was filed in order to get him out of the way. There were a number of things that had aroused his suspicions, he said, that others than himself were in his family difficulties. Among other things, he mentioned that thirty hogs butchered in December last were all gone by march, the rate of consumption being abnormal, to say the least.

HOME BUILDERS OPEN STOCK SALE

Price Placed Low Enough So Every Alliance Citizen May Co-operate

Announcement was made this morning that the organization of the Alliance Home Builders' Association is now completed, and that stock subscriptions may be made at any time through J. W. Guthrie or M. S. Hargraves. Shares have been placed at the low price of \$10 each, in order to enable every Alliance citizen with the interests of his community at heart to have a share in upbuilding the city.

It will not be necessary to pay the full amount subscribed at once. One-fourth is to be paid in cash at the time the subscription is made, and the balance in three equal payments, due two, four and six months thereafter.

The plan is to build modern, medium priced homes which will be sold on attractive terms to those desiring to own their homes. By buying and building on a huge scale, the association will be able to build cheaper and sell lower than private concerns or individuals, and yet pay a good return on the investment to stockholders. In order to secure sufficient money to enable the association to achieve its object, the prices will be fixed so as to leave a good margin of profit.

The officers and directors of the association are: G. L. Griggs, president; Dr. H. A. Copey, vice president; M. S. Hargraves, secretary; J. W. Guthrie, treasurer; Glen Miller, A. D. Rodgers, F. W. Harris, B. J. Sallows and F. A. Bald.

COUNTY SHOULD PAY PART OF EXPENSE

Suggests County Sell Present Poor Farm and Go In With City on Forty-acre Tract

Mayor A. D. Rodgers, speaking to a Herald reporter Tuesday morning, said that for months he had been attempting to persuade the commissioners of Box Butte county that they should assume a fair proportion of the burden of caring for the sick and poor of Box Butte county. In other counties of the state, the mayor said, this work is largely done by county authorities, but in Box Butte, the city of Alliance has practically all of it to do.

At the present time there are eight patients in the city pest house. These people come from all over the county. They are cared for by the city physician, and they are fed by the city. Every smallpox case in the county is rushed to the city's pest house, and the city is forced to pay the bills.

The city is being called on every day or so to furnish food or coal to some family that is in need. There are no funds available for this purpose, but the city manager has been taking care of those who apply. Both the city manager and the mayor think that it's high time the county and city got together and if the latter can't see its way clear to take over the work, to at least help the city do the county's work.

"There's no reason on earth why the county shouldn't stand at least a portion of this expense," said Mayor Rodgers. "There isn't any reason why unfortunates should ask the city to furnish them coal and food and other necessities. It doesn't work out this way in other counties. The city stands its share of taxes for just this purpose."

Mayor Rodgers suggests that the county sell the present poor farm, which is most difficult to reach, especially in days when the weather is like this. The poor farm was evidently established in the days when Heiningford was the county seat. Of late years, the mayor said, there hasn't been a single Alliance man in the poor house. The last one who was there walked back to town and requested permission to sleep in the city jail. If the county will get rid of the farm, city and county can go together and purchase a forty-acre tract near this city and make adequate provision for the care of the poor of both county and city.

MEXICAN WEDDING AT COURT HOUSE

Judge Tash Monday afternoon performed the ceremony which united in marriage John Gonzales and Eloise Rozales. The bride gave her age as seventeen years and her mother was present to give consent. A number of Mexicans were present to witness the ceremony, for which it was necessary to use an interpreter.

BUY RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS

Within another week over a billion Red Cross Christmas seals will be on sale in every nook and corner of the United States. These seals are sold to finance the campaign against tuberculosis in this country. Of every dollar received from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals 91.7 per cent remains in the state where the seals are sold for the benefit of the organized anti-tuberculosis campaign in that state. Out of the remaining 8.3 per cent, the expenses of running the campaign are first deducted, and whatever is left is then divided between the American Red Cross and the national tuberculosis association.



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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM AT THE IMPERIAL

"When Bearcat Went Dry" Will Be Attraction at the Alliance Playhouse

One of the best comedies that has hit Alliance for a long-time will be shown at the Imperial this evening, "When Bearcat Went Dry." Those who have seen the picture describe it as a knockout hit. It's a feature film full of red blood and other attractive things and you will pass a pleasant evening discovering just what happened at Bearcat.

Saturday night the second of the series of vaudeville programs will be given. Five good acts have been secured. You will see and hear Daffy Jones, Jr., in twelve minutes of comedy magic—something a little different than the usual line of parlor tricks. Le Boa and Sauline will present "Sis Hopkins" in New York; Miss Clara Reville in "One Baby"; Dearwin and Gushee will entertain for a quarter of an hour with piano and impersonations, including a number of songs written by Miss Dearwin.

The feature of the Saturday evening bill will be A. H. Lewis' five native Hawaiians in twenty-five minutes of native songs and high class music. There's a charm about Hawaiian music that you can't fail to enjoy, and these boys know how to beat their instruments—or do they scratch 'em?—in order to get everything there is in them.

A Chaplin comedy, "A Night in the Show," and Clara Kimball Young in Shirley Kaye will be a complete program. Make your reservations early.

FOOTBALL TEAM TO SCOTTSBLUFF

The Alliance high school football team left Thursday afternoon for Scottsbluff, where they will meet the sugarbeet bunch on the gridiron today. Upon the outcome of this game hangs the championship of Western Nebraska. The Alliance boys went down determined to cop the bacon, and as they have met with defeat but one time during the entire season, Coach Prince figures that the odds are not so worse.

The Scottsbluff game is a postponed match. It was to have been played Thanksgiving day, but the weather was unkind.

Mrs. A. T. Lunn suffered some injuries from a fall at her home Tuesday. She is reported making a good recovery.

RUFUS JONES WILL REMAIN IN ALLIANCE

REFUSES FLATTERING OFFER FROM AMARILLO, TEXAS

City Is fortunate to Retain Its Commercial Secretary Despite Strong Competition

About two weeks ago Rufus Jones, secretary of the Alliance Community club, received a special delivery letter asking if he would accept the secretaryship of the commercial organization at Amarillo, Texas, at a salary of \$3,200 per year. Without consulting his board of directors here he declined the offer with thanks.

A few days ago Mr. Jones received a renewal of the offer from the Amarillo organization, this time in the shape of a telegram. The Texas body had raised its price to \$3,500 and asked him to make application for the place at that figure.

This time Mr. Jones consulted the board of directors of the Community club. He showed them the telegram and asked their advice as to whether it was desired to retain him as secretary here. They took the stand that Mr. Jones' services here were thoroughly satisfactory to them, and that if he was valuable to Amarillo he was also valuable to Alliance. They asked him not to accept the Texas offer, and in view of the fact that he followed their wishes in the matter, they voted him a bonus of \$200 on his present year's salary, making it \$2,900 instead of \$2,700, and furthermore agreed that in March, when his second year's work in Alliance begins, they will recommend to the incoming board of directors that his salary be fixed at \$3,300.

These are the terms on which Mr. Jones remained in Alliance. Incidentally, this is the third time he has turned down the secretaryship at Amarillo, Texas, it having been offered him about the time he came to Alliance.

The Herald is frankly delighted that Rufus Jones refused to surrender the Alliance secretaryship. We believe we speak the universal sentiment of business circles here when we say that his refusal means two things: first, that Amarillo loses the chance to get the ablest secretary she would have ever had, and second, that Alliance retains the best man who has ever held the position here. A director of the Community club, in conversation with The Herald editor, offered the opinion that the local organization has never progressed so smoothly, harmoniously and effectively as it has during Mr. Jones' incumbency, and that in his opinion it would have been a calamity if he had left the place at this time, when so many important things are in the making—such, for instance, as the packing plant project, the working out of the home-building plan, etc.

The only criticism The Herald ever heard of Rufus Jones has been that he is entirely too modest. His modesty is one of his principal characteristics, and The Herald has itself seen many examples of it. When Amarillo offered him a raise of \$300 about the salary he is receiving here he told no one except his directors, and this newspaper experienced considerable difficulty in securing from him sufficient facts regarding the circumstances to make a "story" of it.

So far as that is concerned, The Herald is willing to admit that Mr. Jones is entirely different from most commercial secretaries who have come under our observation. It would seem, unfortunately, that the great majority of them labor under the delusion that they draw salaries for the purpose of keeping themselves in the public gaze, instead of advertising their towns. They have a habit of doing considerable strutting and calling perpetual attention to what "I" have done.

In direct contrast to this, Rufus Jones is a quiet, unassuming gentleman who strives to hide his own personality and to force to the front the work of the organization itself. He works hard but quietly, and when there is personal publicity to be had he has invariably insisted that it go to his officers and directors, not to himself. He is, for instance, despite his declarations to the contrary, a convincing and very engaging speaker; but when there is a speech to be made he shoves to the front some officer or director, or occasionally some member, while he remains in the background. Those business men of Alliance who accompanied him on the recent booster trip to Oshkosh and Broadwater will recall how true this is. The work he has done during his eight months' stay in Alliance (Continued on Page 8.)