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BROADWATER IS BOOSTING HARD FOR G. P. C. ROAD

GOVERNOR M'KELVIE ASKED TO HELP GET FAIR PLAY

Broadwater Chamber of Commerce Says State Representatives Did Not View Their Route.

The lively little town of Broadwater, in the midst of a somewhat heated discussion as to where the Bridgeport-Alliance road is to be constructed, is not sitting in the grandstand watching the playing of the game, but has grasped a ball bat and is out on the field mixing into the fray. The Broadwater men, who are the original road boosters, have done their part, aside from state and federal aid, to make the G-P-C route between that town and Alliance a real road. But this isn't all. They are out to see that the road in question gets a fair deal in competition with the Bridgeport-Alliance road.

This summer, when Alliance road boosters helped to bring about a settlement of the Morrill county deadlock, a settlement of the difficulties of that county was arranged whereby the commissioners approved the Bridgeport road as route No. 1 and the Broadwater road as No. 2. Broadwater's belief being that the state engineer would be called in to decide as between the two routes. It develops, according to the Broadwater road boosters, that the representatives of the state highway department, instead of looking over the two routes and selecting the one most feasible for a road through the sandhills, never inspected the Broadwater road at all, but apparently went ahead on the assumption that the Bridgeport road was the one to be built.

G. P. Harries, secretary of the Broadwater chamber of commerce, has taken the matter up directly with Governor McKelvie, in a letter in which he reviews the controversy between the North Star and G-P-C highways and tells some interesting facts about the two routes. He declares the G-P-C route the most feasible for going through the sandhills, and why it is, and makes a most effective argument against the theory that through roads should connect county seats. Mr. Harries also declares that the state highway department did not give Broadwater a fair shake, and asks Governor McKelvie's assistance and intervention.

Mr. Harries' letter to the governor follows:

Origin of the North Star

"I have been requested to write you in behalf of the Broadwater chamber of commerce, officers of the Nebraska organization of the Gulf, Plains, Canadian Highway and residents of this part of the county, in reference to obtaining State and Federal aid in the construction of a north and south highway between Alliance and Broadwater, connecting the Nebraska Highway and the Lincoln highway and the Black Hills on the north.

"As near as I can learn the facts of the case are this: a highway association was in the process of organization to lay out a direct and feasible north and south highway from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border, known as the Great Plains highway, and up to the time of war, the route was designated to some place in southeastern Colorado. During the war this work was laid aside for more important work. Last year the organization work was again taken up and the name of the highway changed to the Gulf-Plains-Canadian highway, incorporated in the state of Colorado, and the route designated from Holly north to Wray, Burlington, Holyoke and Julesburg, thence north to the Colorado-Nebraska line. The Nebraska organization meeting with the Colorado organization, then took up the work in Nebraska, and designated the route from the Colorado-Nebraska line, through the state of Nebraska to the Nebraska-South Dakota line. The route designated through Nebraska, was from Julesburg north to Oshkosh, thence west following the Nebraska highway to Broadwater, then directly north to Alliance, Chadron, Wayside to the state line.

"A little later, a rival organization in Nebraska sprung up and called themselves the North Star highway. They designated a route from Sedgewick north to Chappell, then west to Sidney following the Lincoln highway, then north to Bridgeport and finally to Alliance. The route from Bridgeport to Alliance was not established for the reason no right-of-way had been obtained, as has not to this day, as I will explain later.

Sandhill Roads Hard to Build.

"With your personal knowledge of the sandhills, you know it is not practical to build a road in every part of the sandhills in western Nebraska. This was one of the things encountered by the G. P. C. Highway association and after very careful consideration, they designated the route from Broadwater directly north to Alliance as the most direct and feasible road, keeping in mind the purposes of the road.

"The fact that the road from

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Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Vally fair tonight and Saturday, rising temperature.

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north to Alliance is the most feasible has been established for many reasons. One is that it has the most traveled route through the sandhills from the Black Hills and vice versa for the past forty years. Another is, that it is now a Star route and Post road from Alliance south and east for over thirty miles. Another is, the distance from Broadwater to Alliance is only about 40 miles and is now an open donated road. Still another, Alliance is almost directly north of Broadwater, and the sandhills lay in a northeasterly direction, and the road after leaving the table, follows up the valleys in the sandhills, leaving really only a few sandy places, and magnesia for surfacing purposes very close at hand.

"With all these things in favor of this road, the county commissioners were asked to designate this route for State and Federal aid. Bridgeport, being the county seat, and the strong factor in the rival road, North Star road, also asks the county commissioners to designate the North Star route for aid, notwithstanding the fact, they had not as yet secured their right-of-way and their route was some 25 miles farther around. The county commissioners finally designated the North Star as road No. 1 for State aid and the G. P. C. highway from Broadwater to Alliance as road No. 2 for State aid, leaving the decision to the
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FOUR MEN FROM HEMINGFORD ARE THROUGH COURT

MEN TAKEN IN HOCH RAID ARE GOING THROUGH MILL

Four Culprits Await Sentence of the Court—Remainder Assessed the Limit Allowed by Law.

The justice mill is somewhat like the far-famed mills of the gods, in that they grind slowly and exceedingly small. This is true, at least, in the case of the eight men captured in a New Year's raid at Hemingford. Of the men captured, but four have appeared in court to receive their medicine. Four of the men are still in jail, and three are awaiting trial. David Crisp, released under \$500 bonds, was being tried early this afternoon.

The cases so far disposed of include the following:

Sanford Sahling and Clayton Erskine pleaded guilty to having intoxicated liquor in their possession, and were fined \$100 and costs each by Judge Tash.

William Ervine and James Wilson entered pleas of guilty to charges of intoxication and were fined \$50 and costs.

Wilson, in entering his plea, declared that while he was not intoxicated at the time, he was willing to plead guilty in order to get out of jail and put an end to the case. He had just he told Judge Tash. A two-ounce bottle of hooch was found in an inside pocket of his coat.

"I wasn't drunk, but I probably would have been if the officers had not showed up when they did," Wilson told the county judge. "The raid was a good thing for Hemingford. The bootleggers have been going entirely too strong there the past few weeks. They were getting young boys mixed up in the trade. The raid will have a good effect."

At noon today there were still four men in jail, William Ervine, who had no money to pay his fine, and Lloyd Chapman, whose case has not yet come to trial. At the city jail there were Fred Lehman and Jim Potts, who have not yet gone through the mill.

Only words of praise for the officers come from Hemingford. The Ledger of that city remarks, laconically, that the lid is on and on to stay. It also hints that everybody is suspecting everyone else of being a spotter, and that several Hemingford heads are uneasy these days.

Dr. Minor Morris Is Made President of Medical Society

A banquet and annual election of officers were held by the members of the Box Butte county medical association last night, with the members of the staff of St. Joseph's hospital. Dr. Minor Morris was elected president; Dr. Einar V. Blak, vice president and Dr. E. J. Baskin, secretary. Dr. Charles E. Slagle and Dr. B. F. Schoch were elected as delegates to the state convention, and Dr. Slagle and Dr. J. P. Weyrens were elected as censors. The censor committee is to see that the ethics of the profession are not infringed upon. Dr. Young of Gering then read a paper upon a medical topic, followed by a discussion by the various physicians present. Drs. Griggs and Plehn of Scottsbluff were visitors.

PUBLIC IS STILL DISCUSSING THE PHONE QUESTION

MUCH INTEREST IN PROBABLE ACTION OF COMMISSION

Indications Are If Rate Increase Is Allowed There Will Be Some Attempt at Reprisals.

The matter of telephone rates continues to be discussed in Alliance, although the state railway commission, by order, continued the status quo until January 27, at which time there will be another hearing. The commission has announced that other cities than Alliance may ask for figures concerning investment and revenues of their exchanges. The twenty-five or more towns in which an increase has been requested have organized a committee, and some of them, at least, are employing legal talent on a contingent fee, that is, pay nothing unless the company is routed. In Alliance, City Manager Kemmish and P. E. Romig, who represented the Alliance chamber of commerce at the hearing last week in Lincoln, have been placed in charge of preparing Alliance's showing.

City Manager Kemmish has already received the data contemplated by the Alliance franchise, and is now engaged in going over the figures and getting ready to prepare the case against the company. He has as yet made no outline of the course he intends to take, and probably will not until he is ready to go before the state railway commission.

In the meantime the discussion continues. A week ago only a few men were talking county telephone company, and now the number has increased considerably.

Employees of the company at Alliance are not particularly alarmed over this line of talk. "If these men who are talking a county system would get far enough along with their project to inquire concerning the cost of materials," said one of them, "that would mark the end of it." Of course, the men who are discussing a county system have an idea, back in their heads, that they will get enough prospective patrons lined up so that the North-western Bell company will be glad to consider selling. The matter has not as yet, apparently, gone beyond the discussion stage, the general idea being to wait to see what action will be taken by the state railway commission at the hearing on the 27th. If the company should be granted an increase then there will be ample opportunity to discover whether the various people who dislike the Bell company are sufficiently peeved to bow their necks and set about the task of getting even in this fashion.

Thoro Investigation Promised.

In the meantime, the state railway commission, having one ear to the ground, apparently, is not sitting idly waiting for the big battle. It has an-

Fire Chief Schafer Makes a Few More Good Suggestions

Five Chief "Bud" Schafer has issued another statement concerning the relations of the fire department and the public, as well as giving some suggestions as to the best course to be followed in the event of fire. The statement follows:

"The many favorable comments received since my recent statement to the people of Alliance leads me to believe that suggestion from the chief of your volunteer fire department are welcome, and I feel that our department has the good will and the desire to co-operate with the people of our city.

"The intense high wind of last Friday kept the entire volunteer fire department 'on their toes' for almost any kind of a fire would have been out of the control in a few minutes in that howling gale. A fire in some of the frame buildings of Alliance might have done many thousands of dollars worth of damage. Luckily nothing happened and I feel that this was largely due to the care exercised on that day.

"In case of fire, it is not a good idea to wait until you have failed to extinguish it yourself before you call for the department, for the first few minutes are always the most important. The fire department can oftentimes 'nip it in the bud' before it gets headway. In case of fire first call centrally by phone, giving the street address and your name. Then use your best efforts to hold the fire in check until the arrival of the firemen.

"At least ten of your volunteer firemen are going to Norfolk for the annual state convention, leaving Sunday night, January 15. There firemen do not go for a good time but they go to learn the newest wrinkles in fire fighting and to help keep up the fire fighting spirit that makes Nebraska the foremost state in the Union in fire prevention and in fire fighting. These firemen give of their time without pay, for your benefit and for the benefit of their fellow members, for what they learn is imported to the department members on their return."

KEMMISH TALKS TO ROTARY CLUB ON BOYS' WORK

NEED OF PLACE AND SUPERVISION FOR RECREATION

Urges That Community Building Be One of the First Projects Put Across by the Public.

City Manager N. A. Kemmish was the speaker at the Wednesday dinner of the Alliance Rotary club at the Palm Room of the Alliance hotel. Mr. Kemmish spoke on "Boys' Work," and emphasized the fact that there is a need in Alliance not only for more opportunities for recreation, but also for supervision during hours of play, which he considered fully as important.

Alliance has no Y. M. C. A., and no agency that in any sense takes its place, the speaker declared. In other cities the Y. M. C. A. fills an important place in boy life, furnishing them with several kinds of recreation. The Boy Scout organization came in for considerable praise, but the chief drawback to this, it was said, is that it reaches so few boys. There is but one active troop in the city. The present scout master is an ideal man for boy leadership, but the difficulty is the lack of men who will take the troops and organize and lead new ones. Boys, Mr. Kemmish declared, are clannish, and the older ones object to associating with their younger brothers in the same organization. He declared that a great need was more troops, and a thorough training in the Scout principles.

There is also a great need for a place where boys may meet and enjoy themselves. The present Scout club house is ideal for the purpose for which it was constructed, and is admirably suited to swimming parties, skating excursions and week-end camping trips, but it is not large enough and is not favorably located for a number of the athletic sports in which the boys are interested.

Urges Community Building.

Mr. Kemmish then explained his plans for converting the present city armory into a community building. The armory already contains a swimming pool, now covered with a dance floor, which is of ample size to accommodate 2,500 bathers a week, and his idea was to extend the building up another story and have a community center with swimming pool, shower baths, dressing rooms, springboards and all the paraphernalia to be found at Hot Springs. The great problem for a swimming pool in Alliance, he said, has been heating the water. At Hot Springs nature has solved this problem. In Alliance, he said, it could be done by the city at very little expense, by laying a pipe line to the city's plant, and utilizing the exhaust steam. A purifying system could be

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Dr. Simpson Talks to Alliance Lions Thursday Evening

Dr. John M. Simpson, government veterinarian located at Alliance, was the speaker at the Thursday evening dinner of the Alliance Lions club. Dr. Simpson made an extended and interesting address, telling of the work being done by his department, the duties of himself and his assistants.

Report on the telephone committee was made by C. E. Aberg and Romig. They told of the work already done and of the meeting to be held in Omaha on January 27.

An "Eskimo Pie" was served to each member by courtesy of Cub LeRoy Gregg, to whom the following was dedicated:

"Here's to Eskimo Pie, that delicious confection
We've all got one, it's the selection
Of our new Cub, LeRoy Gregg,
Who hopes we all will learn to beg—
Even you and I—
For Eskimo Pie!"

The question of bringing the farmers of Alliance territory into the membership of the club was discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that the members of the club are heartily in favor of admitting farmers into the membership of the club, subject of course, to the by-laws and regulations of the club admitting to membership only one member for each line or branch of business. Inasmuch as there are farmers who specialize in different branches of the farming industry it should be possible, according to the opinion of members, to bring into the club several live members from the different branches of the farming business.

Cub President Harper announced that the chairman of the next regular meeting would be Cub LeRoy Basye, with Cub Bob Reddish as substitute in case it is not possible for Cub Basye to be present.

The city council at its meeting last night delayed consideration of the request of the St. Agnes academy for the closing of certain streets. A remonstrance containing 93 names was placed on file.

Basketball Team Won Victories on Its Holiday Trip

Prospects for a winning team for the local high school seem to be bright this year as the team is meeting with great success on the annual trip during the holidays.

After defeating Hyannis, 46 to 19, the locals fell before the fast Ravenna pastimers, 27 to 17. They then took the measure of Ansley 20-13, Aurora 46-19, College View 32 to 14, Greenwood by the close score of 25 to 21 and Havelock 31 to 19.

Either tonight or Saturday night the boys play Lincoln high. Lincoln is credited with having one of the strongest teams in the state, having had a strong team last year and losing few men by graduation. If the Alliance boys can defeat them they may be ranked as one of the strongest teams in the state.

From comparative scores Ravenna and Greenwood would seem to be the strongest teams met. This is doubtful in the case of Greenwood but is probably true for Ravenna as this team won the championship of class C last year and has practically the same team this year.

From the victories on this trip Alliance will probably be in class A at the tournament this year.

After playing Lincoln the team will return on Sunday in time for the reopening of school after the holidays.

Lyman Boylan of Crawford was operated on this week for appendicitis.

AUTO THIEVES IN NO HURRY TO GO TO STATE PEN

YOUTHS BACK UP ON THEIR PLEA OF GUILTY

Prospect of Immediate Sentence Not So Pleasing After They Listen to Advice of Friends.

Harold Watkins and Peter Schieve, the two youths brought back from St. Paul by Sheriff Miller the first of the week, have suffered a change of heart since their return. They were arrested in the Minnesota city when they were found in possession of the J. F. Spletman automobile, stolen from the Spletman garage in Alliance about three weeks ago. The young men admitted the theft in St. Paul, and came to Alliance with the sheriff without fighting extradition. They pleaded guilty in county court Tuesday, and asked County Attorney Basye to arrange to take them before Judge Westover at Rushville, where they could plead guilty in district court and begin serving sentence. Plans were made to take them to Rushville yesterday.

Some time Wednesday the youths changed their minds. The jail was filled with Hemingford men and others, and the officers have an idea that they were advised not to both plead guilty for the one offense and that there was a chance one or both of them might get off. So the two youths and announced that the Rushville trip was off.

Later one of them changed his mind again and the other intimated that all that was needed was a little coaxing, but when County Attorney Basye went to Rushville, they did not accompany him. The net result will be that the two prisoners will probably have a month or so more time to serve. The only advantages to having them plead guilty would be that the county, if it boarded them, would be able to tax the cost to the state. There is now no room in the penitentiary. But the officers had had enough of mind changing, and the confessed auto thieves will be guests of the county until the February term of district court.

Charity Ball Being Planned for Benefit of City's Unfortunate

Announcement was made today that some time in the near future, a charity ball will be staged for the benefit of the city's charity organization. Under the present arrangement, the committee which investigates the various cases has no funds but calls upon other organizations to take care of needy cases. There are times when emergency relief is needed, and in several of these it has taken considerable time to get help to those who most need it. It is believed that a big charity ball, which should be well patronized, will furnish needed funds to enable the charity committee to perform its work efficiently. Announcements concerning the event will be made later.

The committee held a meeting at the chamber of commerce rooms yesterday afternoon, and went over the situation. There are new cases showing up constantly, and from all indications, there will be many calls upon the committee during the next few months. The committee plans to ask the county commissioners to give assistance in a few cases.

JOLLIES OF 1922 PROVED A BIG HIT THURSDAY NIGHT

AMERICAN LEGION PLAYERS SCORE A SUCCESS.

Second and Last Performance of All Home Talent Show to Be Given at the Imperial Tonight.

"The Jollies of 1922", an all home talent production by the members of Alliance post No. 7 of the American Legion, which gave the first appearance at the Imperial theater last night, made a decided hit with the good-sized crowd that assembled to see the Legion's fundmakers in action. The show was produced under the direction of the Joe Bren company of Chicago, with Chris Ming and Joe Iverson as directors. The rehearsals got away to a late start, but with two directors on the job the cast was whipped into fine shape in the short time. The show was one of the most successful ever produced by an amateur cast in Alliance, several of the members getting by sufficiently well to be classed with the professionals.

The performance consisted of two acts and four scenes. The first act showed a tropical island, with a king who had never laughed for a reason that was adequately explained. The king has offered a large reward to anyone who can make him laugh, and Shorty Arkins, as a colored aviator, essays to collect by inviting the king to come to the United States and witness a mistrel performance that will turn the trick.

The second and third scenes presented a pleasing interlude in which Miss Sarah O'Keefe, S. E. Wible and George Madsen, as a tough customer, win a good many laughs, with a clever comedy sketch. Mrs. Frank Buchenstein sang "Longing," Joe Bren's latest hit, accompanied by a chorus of girls and men.

The plot is carried forward in the second act. There's a scene staged in the Alliance County club, followed by an old time minstrel show, which was perhaps the most popular part of the program. There were several musical numbers, in which local singers won some heavy applause. Miss Dorothy Fricke and Johnny Williams making especially noticeable hits.

Second Performance Tonight

The show will be repeated this evening at the Imperial, and a huge attendance should turn out to see one of the best shows that has struck Alliance in months.

Following is the cast of characters for the various parts of the performance:

The committee from Alliance post which had charge of "The Jollies of 1922" was composed of D. C. Bradbury, chairman; Ed Reardon, Edwin M. Burr, George Madsen, Tom W. Gee, Joe D. Williams and M. D. Nolan. Mrs. Lee Farmer was musical director and Mrs. D. C. Bradbury patroness in charge of the girls' chorus.

The following cast of characters participated in the various parts of the performance:

First scene of Act I, "The Island of Go See Go Go:

The King's Favorites—Misses Winnie Barry, Emma Barry, Irene Hazelton, Sarah O'Keefe, Katherine Buchenstein, Genevieve Dotson, Margaret Carey, Rose Carlson, Helen Hawes, Mattie Miller, Madeline Zediker, and Mesdames Wible, McKenzie, O'Keefe and Madsen.

Cymbaline, one of the king's favorites, Miss Winnie Barry.

Boola Boola, the king's factotum, Edwin M. Burr.

King Cocobola, king of the island, George Belsaw.

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Youths Fined on a Disturbance Charge Will Appeal Cases

Stanley Zediker and Frank Gilleran, arrested Monday evening of this week by Officer Stilwell, when they were charged with creating a disturbance on the street, by yelling and otherwise noisily deporting themselves, were fined \$25 each in police court Tuesday afternoon, together with costs amounting to \$9.45. The two men took an appeal to district court, being released under bonds of \$200 each.

Fire Department to Send Eleven Men to State Convention

At a special meeting of the Alliance volunteer fire department, Wednesday evening, arrangements were completed for sending a delegation to the annual state convention which will be held at Norfolk the latter part of this month. The following eleven men will leave at midnight on Sunday, January 15 for the convention: Charles L. Hill, Penrose Romig, A. G. Isaacson, Henry Blume, O. C. Moore, president, Chas. Safford, John Guthrie, C. E. Schaffer, chief, Ray Trabert, C. E. Byrne, secretary and Lloyd C. Thomas.