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ALLIANCE BRANCH OF WOMAN'S ARMY

Woman's Club Committee Sponsoring Economy Campaign—Are Awaiting Instructions

The Alliance Woman's club, which is sponsoring the economy campaign in this city, is off to rather a late start. The club's president, Mrs. W. W. Norton, has been in California, and all the literature dealing with the subject was sent to her at Los Angeles and had to be returned. As soon as detailed information arrived, last week, Mrs. Will Johnson was selected as chairman of the committee. Then state headquarters further delayed matters by sending her a commission as chairman for Garden county, instead of Box Butte. The drive of the woman's army had been scheduled to end on February 20, but the Alliance club wasn't able to do much more than make a start by that date.

The woman's army has been making things interesting for the dealers in other cities and towns of the state. In some places public meetings have been held, addressed by leaders of the movement in the state. Pledge cards have been distributed and widely signed. Lists of retail prices have been made and sent in to state headquarters.

In Alliance, these lists have been made and forwarded, but there the work is halted. A false impression of the nature of these lists has gone out, with the result that some of the retailers are a trifle warm under the collar. Statements have been made that the committee collected only prices of materials without attention to grade, but this is not the case, the women say. Definite grades were given before prices were asked, and inasmuch as the report shows little variation in Alliance retail prices, it may be presumed that the women knew what they were asking for and that they got what they wanted.

A large supply of pledge cards has been received by the Alliance club, but no effort has been made to have them signed. In fact, some members of the committee doubt whether this is worth doing. They have called no public mass meetings, and in all probability none will be called. The price lists were asked for, and the committee secured them, but inasmuch as the campaign has officially ended, they have written for instructions. If state headquarters says to continue the work, it may be done. There the matter rests.

A considerable amount of publicity matter has been furnished the newspapers of the state on the economy campaign. It develops that the general federation of woman's clubs, at the convention held at Ashville, N. C., last May, adopted a resolution offering the assistance of woman's clubs in promoting the campaign to make America a thrifty nation. Writers everywhere have pointed out that America is in an orgy of spending. The country has gone "shopping mad," they tell us. Approximately ten thousand people each day, according to estimate, are selling their liberty bonds.

The original plan was to inaugurate a thrift campaign. Governor McKelvie, when faced with a public demand for a war on high living costs, neatly sidestepped the issue by commissioning the state federation officers to make their thrift and economy campaign a campaign against high prices. The women have the support of the retailers of the United States, the Nebraska federation of retailers and the association of retail clothiers.

The object of the economy campaign, it is announced, is to show the women what can be done in helping to reduce prices—not by means of boycott, but by sensible buying. The home standard sets the schedule of production for the industrial world. Much of the trouble is the result of a shortage of supply. Conservation is still necessary.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN FLORIDA

E. C. McClure, for over twenty years a resident of Alliance, died in Florida Sunday of last week, and was buried Thursday. He was at one time owner of one of the largest dry goods establishments in the city. About three years ago he closed out his interests here and removed to Florida. He was a member of the Knight Templar and the Shriners. Mrs. McClure is a sister of Mrs. Joder of this city.

FRED HOOVER FUNERAL HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Fred Hoover, who was burned to death at his home west of Alliance last Friday evening, were held from 2 to 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Mearl C. Smith officiated. The body was laid to rest in the Alliance cemetery. The Odd Fellows attended in a body and assisted in the services at the grave.

Fred M. Hoover was born at Summit City, Pa., June 6, 1884, and died February 20, 1920, at his home near Alliance, aged thirty-five years, eight months and fourteen days. When only one year of age he came with his parents to Nebraska, locating on a ranch near Gordon. Here he grew to manhood, and lived until seven years ago when he moved to Alliance.

In 1913 he was married to Blanch L. Chapman, who with one child survives him.

He was a member of the Episcopal church, the Masonic and Oddfellow's lodges.

Besides his immediate family, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Powell of Gordon, and one brother, Ray, of Long Pine, Neb.

COMING IN STRONG ON HOME STRETCH

The Alliance high school basketball teams are coming in strong on the home stretch. The girls' team, which lost but one league game during the season, has tied the Scottsbluff girls for the championship, and unless something occurs to prevent, will probably play off the tie on a neutral floor, Sidney being the choice.

The boys, who struck a run of hard luck two or three weeks ago, have been playing in better form than ever, despite the handicap of the loss of two of the best men. Friday evening, in a big double-header, the boys took the fast Bayard team to a cleaning to the tune of 15 to 35, and on the same evening the girls trimmed the Scottsbluffs fluffs, 7 to 10.

The double bill Friday was the best ever presented on the local floor, according to the fans, and there was a record number of them out to witness the contest. Both games were decidedly fast, and while there was some unpleasantness during the girls' game, due to the efforts of Coach Tyson of Scottsbluff, who acted as umpire and fought hard to save the day, there was no question as to the outcome.

The Alliance boys and the Bayard girls furnished the chief thrills. The team, which had still a chance to be one of those to tie for the championship, never played in better form, and the teamwork was especially good. Captain Glen Joder featured with splendid floor work, and was ably supported by each member of the team. Attorney Earl Meyer refereed both games.

In the girls' game, Alliance vs. Scottsbluff, Coach Tyson, who had agreed to leave the decisions to the referee, suddenly decided that he wanted to umpire, and umpire he did. He tooted his little whistle assiduously during the game, calling some twelve or fifteen fouls, a noticeable feature being that out of the entire total but two of them were called on members of his own team. At the close of the engagement, Mr. Tyson declared that Alliance would either give Scottsbluff a game or play off the tie on a neutral floor. The latter proposal is strongly favored by the Alliance girls, and providing the consent of the association is gained, the contest will take place.

Monday evening, while the Alliance boys were in Scottsbluff, the girls' team played on the home floor against Chadron normal, the hot-toed undefeated champions of the league next door, and when the scrimmage was over, the undefeated had lost, 31 to 3. The following is the lineup: Elsie Simpson, forward; Garnet Lunsford, forward; Clara Garrett, center; Lily Simpson, second center; Thelma Zobel, guard; Frances Schott, guard. Blanche Peterson substituted for Thelma Zobel in the second half, the latter having been forced out of the game by an injury to her knee.

A preliminary was played by the eighth grade teams from Central and Emerson schools, which resulted in a tie. The two teams played good ball and were evenly matched. Coach McCandless of Chadron refereed the game, and was an entirely satisfactory official.

The Chadron girls are on a little post-season tour this week. They will play at Scottsbluff this evening, at Bayard Wednesday evening and at Torrington, Wyo., on Thursday.

TEACHERS' MEET IS CALLED OFF

According to Present Plans, No Convention Will Be Held This Year

The meeting of western Nebraska teachers, scheduled for Alliance some time during the coming month, has been called off, according to Miss Opal Russell, secretary of the association. W. R. Pate of the local schools is president of the association. The decision was made shortly before Mr. Pate left for Cleveland to attend the sessions of the national education association.

Several reasons are given for doing away with the convention this year. A number of the schools in this district lost considerable time during the coal shortage, and in others the influenza has seriously handicapped the work. It was decided that the better course was to complete the terms with as few vacations as possible.

The committee appointed by the Community club to take care of the visitors' entertainment has been kept busy endeavoring to find accommodations for the prospective guests. Alliance will be in much better shape to handle a large number of visitors another year, after the home builders' have had an opportunity to provide more houses.

IRATE FATHER CHARGED IMPERSONATING COP

According to word received by Chief of Police Taylor Tuesday morning, a Crawford gentleman who bears the same surname as the chief himself is in dutch for fair. The story is that, in order to revenge himself on a suitor of his daughter, he came to Hemingford, posing as a deputy sheriff, and caused the arrest of George Miller, employed on the Worley ranch. The Crawford man is said to have told the Hemingford marshal that he had a warrant for Miller's arrest. And the Hemingford marshal, acting on this statement, phoned over to Night Watch Traber, who promptly secured Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller was as promptly released, and advised by the chief to proceed to Crawford and have it out with the other Mr. Taylor. According to Chief Posson of Crawford, Miller arrived in that city, and the fake warrant was soon brought to light.

BAIL NOT SECURED FOR LAURENCE LACKEY

Up to the time of going to press, friends of Laurence H. Lackey had not been able to secure the \$5,000 bail required to give him his liberty. Lackey's attorneys put up a strong plea for his release under bond, setting forth that his children needed his support and that there was little danger of his escaping. Judge Westover granted the plea at the special term of district court held last Friday, but bondsmen have not been secured.

ALLIANCE POLICE SHATTER ROMANCE

Ruin a Perfectly Good Elopement at the Request of Anxious Parent

Chief of Police Nova Taylor Sunday evening, at the behest of unsympathetic parents, just simply ruined an elopement. Jack Dutt of Scottsbluff, aged all of eighteen years, and Miss Emma Harding of Minatare, who had it all planned out, neglected to take the telephone into consideration, and another romance is either spoiled or delayed, according to the chief. The couple met by appointment at Scottsbluff Sunday evening and the vanished cars brought them hither.

Shortly after 8 p. m., Chief Taylor got a telephone call from the girl's mother at Minatare. He received a good description of the elopers—and was able in spite of a snowstorm to pick them up as they came off the train together.

The next day, the chief escorted the two to their respective homes. The young lady was taken to Minatare, and the would-be husband to Scottsbluff, where their parents were on hand to receive them.

PLAN LIVELY SESSION FOR INSURANCE MEN

A lively meeting is promised at Alliance on March 23 and 24, when the Nebraska association of insurance agents get together for the first meeting that has been held by the association in many years. President J. W. Guthrie has notified the members of this fact and has also given out further details of the program.

The first day has been planned as one of entertainment, leaving the 24th for more serious matters. A trip is contemplated for the 23d during the course of which the \$10,000,000 potash plants near Alliance will be visited. In the evening a smoker is to be a feature.

Although Alliance is in a remote section of the state, the agents of this city are such a lively bunch that a rousing time is assured and a full attendance is expected. The last meeting was held in Kearney.

SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS SUPERVISING ARCHITECT

The Alliance school board has selected Architect Meginnis of Lincoln to draw plans for the new high school building which will be erected on the site with the present high school building. It is planned to have work begin as soon as spring arrives. The board has secured sufficient signatures to the petitions to authorize a bond issue, and bonds to the amount of \$150,000 will be issued.

Pete Beckwell is engaged in installing a hot water heating system in the Norton building. When completed, this will give the hotel occupying the upper floor a modern system of hot and cold water in each room.

ANYHOW, THERE WERE A FEW DECREASES

The average family expenditure for food increased 2 per cent in the month ending January 15, according to statistics made public recently at the labor department. This is an increase of 9 per cent over January, 1919, and 104 per cent since January, 1913. Comparisons of retail prices paid for forty-four articles of food, showed twenty-nine had advanced since December 15, while eleven had decreased and four were unchanged.

Prices of cabbage increased 33 per cent, potatoes 26, granulated sugar 23, onions 11, lamb 4, hens 7, flour 5, sirloin steak, rib roast, chuck roast and bread 4 each, round steak and raisins 3, rice 2, ham, evaporated milk, macaroni, baked beans, tea, coffee and bananas 1.

Decreases were recorded in strictly fresh eggs 8 per cent, butter 5, lard and canned tomatoes 3, pork chops, storage eggs and oranges 2, fresh milk, canned corn, canned peas and prunes 1.

LARGE ATTENDANCE FOR CLUB'S ANNUAL BANQUET

The committee having in charge the sale of tickets for the annual banquet of the Community club reports a surprisingly large sale of tickets. Those who have been overlooked in the canvass will be able to secure tickets at the secretary's office. Governor McKelvie will make the chief address on that occasion, and considerable interest is being shown.

ANOTHER STEP NEARER CHAMPIONSHIP GOAL

The Alliance boys are another step nearer the championship goal. In a game with Scottsbluff on the sugar city floor Monday evening, they trimmed their opponents by a score of 25 to 18. At the end of the first period the situation looked rather dark, Scottsbluff being on the long end of an 8 to 7 count, but the Alliance boys rallied and played in ideal form the rest of the game. It was a rough house game all the way through, according to reports of the contest reaching Alliance.

Friday the Alliance team will play Sidney on the local floor, and if the locals are again victorious, it will mean that Alliance, Kimball and Sidney will be tied for the championship. The Friday game will be a thriller.

TAYLOR ARRESTS MAN FOR SCOTTSBLUFF

Chief of Police Nova Taylor Tuesday afternoon picked up Virgil Day, wanted in Scottsbluff to answer to a charge of grand larceny. Day, who has also gone under the names of Jack Wilson and Earl Wilson, is said to be implicated in the theft of automobiles and hides. He was discovered in a local pool hall, and has admitted that he is the man the Scottsbluff authorities are seeking.

He was going under the name of Earl Smith in Alliance, and was employed as a dishwasher.

MELICK & REDMON TRACTOR SCHOOL

Despite the handicap of cold weather and roads that are almost impassable, the Melick & Redmon tractor school opened Tuesday noon with an attendance of over fifty, and considerable interest. Prospects are that the second and third days of the session will see a big increase.

There is a full corps of factory experts lecturing on the various phases of tractor operation.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM GRIFFITH COMPANY

Stockholders in the Griffith Oil company continue to receive encouraging reports regarding the holdings of this company, largely financed at Alliance, in the Poison Spider field, thirty miles southwest of Casper. The Griffith company has 640 acres of leased state land one mile from the Poison Spider Bolton syndicate well just recently completed and which is now overflowing the top of the casing. They also have another section of validated government land one-half mile from a well being drilled by the Carter Oil company and now down 1,500 feet. The Frantk corporation is drilling in the same field and the New York Oil company has a well completed two months ago, within one mile of the Griffith holdings, in which oil is standing at the top of the casing.

\$3,000 DAMAGE IN LAUNDRY FIRE

Blaze Thursday Evening Was Confined to Small Area and Was Soon Extinguished

Quick action on the part of the Alliance volunteer fire company resulted in a saving of considerable money to the Alliance steam laundry Thursday evening, when a fire broke out in the steam drying room. The alarm was turned in at 8:30 o'clock a patient in the city hall hospital, adjoining the laundry, seeing the flames from the window. The fire was confined to the drying room, but the loss will probably exceed \$3,000.

It is difficult to explain the origin of the fire. The drying room is lined with heavy sheet iron, and contained only two racks of clothing—about three hundred suits of overalls and underwear. The heat in this room is furnished by a number of steam pipes. The contents of the room were destroyed, and the wooden framework was so burned that it will have to be rebuilt. Just how a fire could gain headway in a room filled with steam is more or less of a mystery.

Employees were in the building until after 7 o'clock. When the alarm was turned in, it was less than two minutes before the firemen were on the ground, and within ten minutes the blaze was extinguished. Had the fire gained only a little more headway, it is probable that the plant would have been forced to close down. Machinery valued at thousands of dollars was within a few feet of the drying room, and the wooden rafters overhead would have spread the flames.

Aside from the drying room and the clothing it contained, the loss was not extensive. There were five canvas aprons for the mangle on top of the enclosed room, valued at \$40 each, and these were rendered worthless. There was some damage from water, but none from smoke. Mr. Hill is enthusiastic in his praise of the prompt action of the department.

The laundry will be somewhat handicapped for the next two or three days, but the inconvenience will not be of long duration. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

BLISS TO HOLD SERIES OF MARKET DAY SALES

Col. L. E. Bliss this week announces that he will inaugurate a series of market day sales, which will be held each Saturday afternoon on the vacant lots north of the Alliance hotel, from 2 to 3:30 o'clock. The sales will start at that location, and the farm machinery and small stuff will be disposed of, after which the cattle and horses will be sold at the Palace barn, at the rear of the lots.

Many people have a horse or two, or small lists of articles, that they would like to have sold, but not a sufficient quantity to warrant holding a public sale. Mr. Bliss plans to take care of such cases and will make the market day a regular thing. He has found a number of farmers and stockgrowers who are enthusiastic over the idea, and a good list of stuff has been secured for the first sale, which will take place the coming Saturday.

ELKS DANCES CEASE TILL CLOSE OF LENT

There will be no more dances at the local Elks club until March 17, when the St. Patrick's day ball is scheduled, according to announcement by W. R. Harper, chairman of the entertainment committee. The St. Patrick's day dance will be an open house, free to everyone who wants to shake the light fantastic toe, and the committee is making arrangements that will insure its success. Special decorations have been ordered, the best orchestra available will be secured and there will be light refreshments served.

The committee thought it advisable to do away with all dances during the lenten season. Mr. Harper said. Shortly after the close of Lent the committee will stage a formal ball, where the requirements will be garments that are strictly soup and fish.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

As a few of our customers' clothes were ruined in a small fire, but having a complete check on them we will adjust all articles satisfactorily. ALLIANCE STEAM LAUNDRY.