

FARMER-BUSINESS DAY . . . More than area farmers from Wisconsin and Minnesota were guests today of Winona merchants. Participating merchants familiarized the farmers with the operation and problems of the business. At J. C. Penny Co. this morning Manager Robert Boschulte, right, discusses Penny's program with Truman Boyum, Peterson, left, and Gerald Brown, Ulica. The men attended a noon luncheon and a program at Hotel Winona. (Daily News photo)

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County Asking Bids on Third Bridge in '65

A decision to advertise for construction of a bridge — the third to be let this year — was made Tuesday by the Winona County Board of Commissioners.

The bridge will carry County State Aid Highway 39 over the middle branch of the Whitewater River 1.5 miles south of Elba. The project will also involve grading of one mile of CSAH 39 from Trunk Highway 74 westward.

THIS PROJECT—not included in the county's five-year road program—was agreed to by the board after Gordon M. Fay, highway engineer, explained that money would be available for it.

The low bid on the bridge let by the board earlier that day was about \$40,000 less than had been expected, Fay pointed out.

Morever, he said, the state has indicated that it might help pay for the CSAH 39 bridge.

Were the work not undertaken now, Fay asserted, the bridge would need substantial repairs soon.

The board awarded a contract for a bridge to carry CSAH 26 over the main channel of the Whitewater River in Elba. Low bidder was H. S. Dresser & Son, Winona, which will do the work for \$148,787.22. There were three other bidders on the project.

The bridge to be built by the Dresser firm will be almost 240 feet long and 30 feet wide. The CSAH 39 bridge will be smaller, but no plans or specifications for it have been prepared yet.

The CSAH 26 bridge is the only one actually included in the five-year building schedule. The other bridge let by the county this year—one to carry CSAH 37 over the south branch of the Whitewater northeast of St. Charles—had been let over from the 1964 construction season.

THE BOARD also let a contract Tuesday afternoon for two pickup trucks for the highway department. Successful bidder for both was Winona Truck Service. Its price for a single-seat vehicle was \$1,445, and it set \$2,723 as its price for a six-passenger truck.

Owl Motor Co., Winona, had bid on the single-seat pickup, but Winona Truck Service was the only firm to bid on the other truck.

The board voted to advertise for bids for maintenance supplies and equipment for the highway department. The major items of equipment are scheduled in the five-year plan for purchase this year.

Bids will be called for on a season's supply of gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil, a four-wheel drive truck for a soils drill, a soils drill, two tractors with mowers, approximately 25,368 cubic yards of crushed rock and the following approximate amounts of bituminous material—144,948 gallons of bituminous material, 1,800 tons of cover aggregate, 3,771 cubic yards of bituminous aggregate, 3,520 tons of reclaim, 1,708 tons of bituminous material (AC-1) and 1,000 tons of pre-mixed bituminous material.

THE BOARD passed a resolution stating needs for two parcels of state-owned land for right of way in connection with the CSAH 26 project. A total of 7.21 acres is involved.

A resolution awarding \$102 in damages to a Pleasant Hill Township landowner was approved by the board. The money will go to Frank Johnson, whose land was affected by a project on County Road 103 south of Ridgeway.

The board has not been able to reach an agreement with Johnson as to damages resulting from the project, so board members—following condemnation procedures—determined the amount.

Three Wisconsin Communities Vote Fluoridation

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Five Wisconsin communities asked their residents Tuesday whether they wanted fluoridation of local water supplies.

Three of them said yes—including Antigo.

The vote in Antigo was 1,824 in favor, 1,665 against. At Eagle River, which also added fluorides from 1960 to 1960, the vote was 328-174 to return. At Strum, there was comparatively little heat and fluoridation was voted, 123-60.

But at Brandon, in Fond du Lac County, voters who turned down fluoridation in 1943 turned it down again, 196-105, and at Browntown, in Green County, a tie vote of five years ago was superseded by a 46-39 vote against.

17-18-Foot Crest Seen

A 17-18-foot crest was predicted for the Mississippi River at Winona April 21 in a revised Weather Bureau flood forecast today.

This would be near the all-time record high of 17.94 established in 1952.

THE MISSISSIPPI stage here today was 10.1 and was slated to rise steadily over the next two weeks, reaching 11.3 Thursday, 12 feet on Friday and 12.5 Saturday.

The Weather Bureau emphasized that additional heavy rains over the Upper Mississippi watershed and warm weather to hasten the snow melt might force a further upward revision in the prediction.

Rises of one to nearly two feet occurred at all Upper Mississippi River measuring points in the past 24 hours.

Tributary streams in southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin were at or past crest and unless unusually heavy precipitation occurs are expected to start falling.

The ROOT RIVER at HOUSTON was 17.1 today, and a little from its 18-foot crest. It was expected to crest tonight at 18 feet.

The Root River crested at Rushford at 8 p.m. Tuesday

and by 11 a.m. today had receded eight inches. The river was about seven-tenths of a mile wide while under ordinary conditions it is 25 feet wide here.

There was flooding in the Jerusalem and Brooklyn areas and several families had to stay in the hotel overnight. Several home owners and business places were busy today pumping seepage out of their basements.

The rising water in the CHIPPEWA was expected to start the ice moving today and Heads Landing was prepared for a sharp rise in the main channel of the Mississippi.

The Chippewa was at the 9.5-foot mark Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and was approaching 10 feet today at noon. There has been no general breakup of ice yet. Several used-car lots were cleared of their vehicles Tuesday by owners, as a precautionary measure. The lots are in areas which may be threatened if waters keep rising.

Three towboats, the W. S. Rhea, Arthur J. Dyer and Ann

King, were pushing a path through the ice on LAKE PEPIN as the level of the lake began rising. At noon today they were more than a mile into the ice, which softened considerably Tuesday.

THE SERIOUS flood outlook was further complicated today by a disturbing five-day weather forecast which called for another inch of rain in Minnesota by Monday.

Temperatures during the extended period are expected to average near seasonal daytime highs of 49-54 and nighttime lows of 22-34.

The one-inch precipitation is expected as rain in the south and snow in the north Thursday and again on Saturday and Sunday.

The forecast for Winona and vicinity calls for increasing cloudiness tonight with a low of 30-36 and mostly cloudy and colder weather Thursday with rain and a high of 40-45.

The Winona temperature rose to 45 Tuesday, dropped to 34 overnight and was 48 at noon today.

A YEAR AGO today the high was 56 and the low 35. All-time

high for April 7 was 77 in 1900 and the low 13 in 1936. Mean for the past 24 hours was 39. Normal for this time of the year is 43.

Although another four inches of snow fell at International Falls, where the morning temperature was 31, the rest of the state escaped without heavy precipitation.

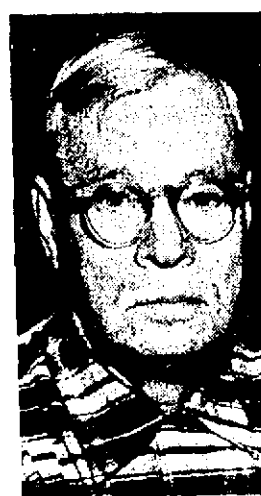
Rochester had a low of 34 after a Tuesday high of 48 and La Crosse posted temperatures of 34 and 44 for the same times.

Shorewood reported the highest temperature in the state Tuesday when the reading climbed to 67. It was 66 at Racine, and 65 at the Milwaukee Airport, Rockford-Beloit and Burlington.

Low temperatures during the night were Park Falls 32, Superior 33, Madison, Wausau and Eau Claire 34.

HIGHEST temperature in the nation Tuesday was 91 at Ocala, Fla. and Del Rio, Texas. The lowest this morning was 19 at Millinocket, Maine.

Search On for Missing Man



George Mrachek

Police today extended a little their knowledge of the movements of a Winona man listed as missing since Tuesday morning.

Police Chief James W. McCabe said that the missing man, George Mrachek, 74, 853 E. Sanborn St., had been seen eating supper at the Avenue Cafe, 310 Mankato Ave., Monday at about 5:30 p.m.

Mrachek left home Monday around 11 a.m. to vote in the city election. Voting records at Washington-Kosciusko school show that he did vote, although it is not known what time of day he voted.

Mrs. Mrachek became worried when her husband did not come home Monday evening, and she called police the next morning.

The Mracheks live alone. Of their eight children, all are married; and four live away from the Winona area. Adolph, Chester and Edward Mrachek and Mrs. Robert Schultz are the Mrachek's married children living in or near Winona.

Chief McCabe urged anyone who sees, or has seen, since Monday evening, a person answering Mrachek's description to contact police headquarters at once.

Mrachek was wearing a dark brown cap, dark jacket and trousers when he left home Monday. He is about 5-foot-7 and weighs about 170 pounds, according to police. The missing man walks with a slight limp.

Teresan Student Forum Names Wisconsin Girl

Elected president of the student forum of Marian Hall, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, was Miss Virginia Nicgorski, College of Saint Teresa sophomore currently in the clinical part of the college's nursing program.

The forum is an organization for all students using the facilities of the hospital. It includes the students in St. Mary's School of Nursing, in the Rochester School of Practical Nursing and in dietetic internships, as well as Saint Teresa students at the hospital.

Between 500 and 600 students are members of the forum. Miss Nicgorski is from West Allis, Wis.

Auxiliary Police To Meet Thursday

A meeting for all auxiliary police and auxiliary service police will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in City Hall, Police Sergeant George K. McGuire announced today. The meeting is to be held in the patrolman's room on the second floor of City Hall. Topic of the meeting will be emergency procedures.

Barn Saved In Fire At Nodine

DAKOTA, Minn. (Special) — Combined efforts of firemen from Nodine, Ridgeway and Dakota saved a barn and stock on a farm three miles north-west of Nodine Tuesday afternoon, but 200 bales of hay piled next to the barn were destroyed by fire and water.

Firemen believe that an electric fence ignited hay piled on a farm owned by Leo Liebsch Tuesday about 3 p.m. A passerby, driving a gasoline truck on CSA 12, noticed smoke, whipped by a 15 m.p.h. wind, coming from the side of the pile facing the road.

He stopped at the farmhouse on the Liebsch farm, rented by Liebsch to Dean Gile and his wife, but found no one home. The truck drove on and reported the blaze at the Ivan Sperbeck farm. Mrs. Sperbeck notified the fire departments.

Men using pitchforks and a tractor with a fork lift attempted to scatter the burning bales while others soaked the pile with water. The hay was stacked about 160 feet from CSA 12, next to a barn.

The hay was completely destroyed, but the barn wall was only slightly scorched. More than 20 head of young Holstein stock were released from the barn by firemen on their arrival to fight the blaze. All losses were covered by insurance.

Add lots of lemon juice to mashed avocado to use as a dip; the lemon juice helps to keep the avocado from turning dark.

Ambassadors Name Pettersen



Stanley J. Pettersen

Stanley J. Pettersen, 475 Glen View Ct., was elected ambassador supreme at Tuesday night's annual meeting of the Ambassadors.

He moved up from the secondary post — that of envoy in charge — in the Winona Chamber of Commerce good-will group.

Replacing Pettersen as envoy in charge is Dr. George Joyce, Stockton Hill.

About 30 persons were present for the annual meeting, which was held at the Oaks.

The Ambassadors sell chamber memberships and promote Winona activities in neighboring communities.

County Postpones Microfilm Issue

Whether to microfilm records in the register of deeds office again was discussed by the Winona County Board of Commissioners Tuesday — and again no decision was reached.

The matter first came up at the board's December meeting, when Anthony Winczewski and Ronald Dreas of Winona County Abstract Co. proposed to film all documents for the office, using the firm's newly acquired equipment. Cost to the county would be \$185 a month.

THE BOARD postponed a decision then, contending that it needed time to obtain more information. It indicated it was particularly interested in learning whether such filmed records would be permanent — a question raised by Register of Deeds Rollie Tust.

If the board were to decide against buying this service from the abstract company, it would still have to furnish the firm with a place in the courthouse for its microfilming equipment. State law requires that abstract companies have "reasonable access" to these records — and it would be considered unreasonable to require a firm to copy records by hand.

For more than an hour Tuesday afternoon, the board heard L. R. Olson, Minneapolis, a representative of Remington-Rand Office Systems. He told the board that it would eventually save money if it bought microfilming equipment from his firm.

MAKING photostatic copies of a book of records—360 exposures — now costs the county about \$128, Olson contended. (Tust said the cost was actually a little greater.) His firm's equipment would allow the county to record the same number of documents for \$10.80.

This saving would enable the county to pay for the equipment needed within a few years,

the salesman maintained. The equipment would cost \$6,825, he said.

This equipment also could be used to record documents now kept in the office of E. D. Libera, judge of probate court. His records are now piled to the ceiling in his vault, Judge Libera told the board Tuesday, and he will run out of storage space in about another year.

"We're going to have to have more room within a year's time," the judge asserted.

AFTER OLSON left, Winczewski and Dreas returned with Tust, who had also been present when the Remington-Rand representative was with the board.

Winczewski asked whether the board had reached a decision, pointing out that his firm is now renting a photo-printer — a device it would need only if the county were to buy the filming service from him.

Tust reiterated his doubts about the permanence of the records that would be furnished by Winczewski's firm. He noted that Remington-Rand guarantees its films in writing to last hundreds of years.

Winczewski produced a letter from the manufacturer of the film used in his machine. It guaranteed the film to be up to federal archival standards.

Tust, however, objected, arguing that "archival" was a meaningless term in this context. An archive, he pointed out, is defined as a place in which records are kept. There is no time period involved, he said.

"I'm in favor of microfilm," Tust said, however, adding that he — like Judge Libera — needs more space in his office.

THE BOARD decided to visit counties in which microfilm systems are now in use. Specifically mentioned were Olmsted and Carlton counties. A decision would be reached later—perhaps by the June meeting, commissioners said.

"We don't want to rush into something," Adolph Spitzer, 3rd District, asserted.

County Board

Red Cross Sets Arrangements For Flood Here

Plans for meeting any flood emergency here were discussed at Monday's meeting of the Winona County American Red Cross board of directors.

Sgt. George McGuire of the Winona police department, city civil defense director, described CD plans for coping with a flood and said the Red Cross would be called in as soon as an emergency would arise.

Guests at the meeting included two Red Cross disaster workers, as well as the group's new blood program field representative.

The disaster workers were Edward J. Craren, St. Louis, who is now working out of St. Paul, and Mrs. Virginia Ramsland, Duluth. Jerry Undis, St. Paul, is the new blood program representative.

Should a flood become imminent here, it was explained, junior high school Red Cross members will distribute a pamphlet, "First Aid for Flooded Homes and Farms," in the areas of the city hit by previous floods.

In addition, 48 high school members have volunteered to help evacuate persons from threatened parts of the city.

Trained disaster workers will be sent here from area Red Cross headquarters, the board was told.

Also during the meeting: Mrs. R. E. McCormick, a board member, said that a class in care of the sick and injured now is in session. She and Mrs. Henry Williams are the teachers.

A senior lifesaving class will start in about two weeks, it was announced. John Martin, Winona State College swimming coach, will teach it. Classes will be conducted in the Winona State, YMCA and YWCA pools. Interested persons should call the Red Cross office for further information.

The production committee reported that women of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church are making 100 adult bibs for use in veterans hospitals.

Rabbit to Lead March at Parties For Retarded

A live rabbit will lead the grand marches at two Easter parties for area retarded persons this Saturday.

Sponsored by the Winona County Association for Retarded Children, the parties will be given by the Winona County Red Cross at its chapter headquarters, 276 W. 5th St.

Children up to the age of 12 will be guests of Winona Senior High School Red Cross members from 10 a.m. until noon. Cotter members will be hosts at the party for those 13 and older to be given from 2 until 4 p.m.

Invitations were sent Tuesday but a Red Cross spokesman said any retarded person would be welcome, even if he had been overlooked when invitations went out.

During the afternoon, the day activity group of retarded persons, which meets at Central Elementary School, will present a sketch, "Cinderella."

Invitations to the parties were made by 6th grade pupils from St. Mary's and St. Casimir's schools. Junior high school Red Cross members are in charge of decorations, and the Mrs. Jaycees will furnish favors. Lunch will be served at both parties.

Commissioners OK 2 Set-off Petitions

By GEORGE MCCORMICK
Daily News Staff Writer

Approval of two controversial school district set-off petitions was among the last items of business Tuesday for the Winona County Board of Commissioners.

The result of this action will be to transfer land owned by Arno Wendt and Lawrence Schneider from Common School District 2574 at Elba to Independent School District 858 at St. Charles.

AT A PUBLIC hearing conducted Monday afternoon, a delegation of CSD 2574 residents opposed the move, contending that it would set a precedent.

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dent for diminishing the valuation of their district.

CSD 2574 has a valuation of \$112,619, and ISD 858's valuation is \$1,644,669. According to Schneider, the combined valuation of his and Wendt's properties is approximately \$9,000.

Although Wendt has a son attending high school in St. Charles — as do all CSD 2574 high school students, no grade school children are involved in the transfer.

Because of this, approval of the set-off Tuesday was a reversal of the board's usual policy, which has been to deny set-off requests unless it could be shown that the welfare of school children was involved.

Commissioner Adolph Spitzer, St. Charles, in whose 3rd District both the school districts are situated, abstained from Tuesday's vote.

THE BOARD Tuesday authorized the county attorney to write a letter endorsing a proposed state park for the Stockton area. To be known as Stockton Creek State Park, the area involved is a 1,100-acre tract south of the village.

Such a letter had been requested Monday by a delegation from the Stockton Citizens Park Committee, the group organized to promote the proposal. Appearing before the board were Stockton Mayor George Hinton, committee chairman; Lydie Gordon, vice chairman, and Ralph Benicke, secretary. In addition, William Silman, federal soil conservation agent here, was present to help explain plans for the park.

What the citizens group is seeking to do, the delegation explained, is to obtain enough letters of endorsement to persuade the legislature — in this session — to designate the land as a park. Actual development of the park probably would come later, they said.

THE WINONA City Council backed the proposal Monday night.

The citizens group wishes to have the land declared a park now, before property values rise because of the site's proximity to the proposed route of Interstate 90, the delegation explained.

A natural recreation area containing only 80 tillable acres, the delegates contended, the site would provide much-needed camping facilities. It would be the first such park reached by tourists from the east when they enter the state.

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ANOTHER IMPORTANT COMMUNITY FACT

SOON . . . A beautiful new building in Winona

SAUER MEMORIAL HOME
Home for the Aged
WINONA, MINNESOTA

Rushford Talent Show Finances AFS Student

RUSHFORD, Minn. — Total receipts from the American Field Service variety show presented here Saturday are not yet available, but AFS chapter officials say enough will be available to sponsor a foreign student here next year. A capacity crowd attended the show given in the high school auditorium.

CLINIC at LANESBORO

LANESBORO, Minn. (Special) — "Be Wise — Immunize" is the reminder slogan for the first immunization clinic for adults Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Community Hall in Lanesboro. Inoculations against tetanus and diphtheria and small pox vaccinations will be administered.