

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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Excerpts from the Plain Talk
By Cleo Erickson
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Nine inches of snow was a welcome introduction to 1932 after a freak hot and dry year. It is the most snow to fall at one time in a dozen years, 1931 goes down as one of the hottest and driest years on record. The blistered crops and a grasshopper plague came to make memories of 1931 rather unpleasant.

Clerk of Court's fees total \$39.15 for 1931. The fees received were for making abstracts of birth, death, marriage and divorce. There were 100 deaths, 188 births and 119 marriages. However, the figures may not be

completely accurate as many residents of the county die or are born or married outside the county.

Adverse times increased revenue fees 58% in 1931 over 1930 at the Register of Deeds. The annual report of fees collected in 1931 totaled \$1,494.25 as compared to \$948.05 in 1930. This is an all time record. There were many more foreclosures and more mortgages and extension of mortgages filed in 1931.

The Civic Council will hold its winter white elephant sale on Saturday in the American Legion rooms at the municipal building. Used clothing will be sold at low prices to those who are needy but who do not wish charity. Boy Scouts will stop at local homes to collect articles for the sale.

The daily per capita consumption of water for 1931 was 77 gallons per person. The report shows 230,979 gallons were consumed daily. This is based on a population of 3,000. Twenty percent more water was used in 1931 than in 1930. The wells on the island pumped a total of 84,357,400 gallons last year. One hundred eighty one tons of chemicals valued

at \$4,072 were used in the filtering plant last year. Twenty four new consumers were obtained in 1931.

The average monthly salary in 1932 for rural school teachers averages \$100.40. The highest salary is \$140.00 per month and the lowest is \$80.00 per month. Of the 51 rural teachers, 10 are married, 10 have had no previous teaching experience, 13 live outside the county and 26 have never taught before in the district in which they are now employed.

Viking Sweet Rye Bread is the new bakery product. Every member of your family will be enthusiastic about this new bread, similar to the bread which sustained the hardy Norsemen of Yore. Stop or phone the City Bakery.

Don't risk the cheap substitutes when you can buy genuine Oshkosh B'Gosh overalls for \$1.19 at G. Meisenholder's.

Charley Ross came to Vermillion 25 years ago to look for a job. He registered for the night at the Waldorf Hotel. The next morning he found a job. He has been a guest at the hotel since.

The court house front lawn has been made safe for grass

and flowers. The County commissioners changed the wording where mortgage sales can be legally held. The old wording stated "from the front door of the courthouse" to "on the courthouse lots." This change makes it legal to hold the sale behind the courthouse. The front lawn is no place for the sales because of livestock, machinery and so forth, but this procedure was technically incorrect as long as the spot was from the front door of the courthouse.

H. L. Sletwold manager of Sletwold Greenhouse reports that many people are interested in petunias. More than 30 varieties of the plant were started at the greenhouse this week for spring planting.

The Bloomingdale school rhythm band presented several numbers at the officers' meeting in Vermillion. All but ten of the pupils were able to attend. The band is the only one of its kind in this or surrounding counties and is under the direction of Miss Mildred Larson, the teacher at Bloomingdale.

Free hot lunches will be served to needy school children. The school nurse reported that some children have been coming to school without breakfast. The School Board voted \$50.00 for students whose families could not afford smallpox vaccinations and allowing 50 cents for the doctor's fee for each vaccination. The serum is to be furnished by the state health lab. The Board has decided to buy a long needed band saw for the high school manual training department. The cost will be close to \$400.00.

Half a dozen drivers have been taken before the local justice courts and fined \$4.00 each for failing to observe stop signals. Beginning next week, fines for failure to observe stop signals will increase several dollars. The maximum penalty under the city ordinance is \$25.00.

The E. C. Barton Implementation firm has absorbed the Thompson-Lewis Company who has been in business here for 62 years.

South Dakota and Iowa are now connected with the nationwide air mail network. The postage is five cents for the first ounce and ten cents for each additional ounce. Letters leaving Sioux Falls and Sioux City in the afternoon, reach Denver before

breakfast the next morning and Los Angeles by noon. "Via Air Mail" should be prominently written on the envelope.

Two fire sirens, both with five horsepower motors, are now being tested by the city.

Two local eating places announced this week they are changing locations. The USD Café operated by Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Hawthorne, now is being moved to the Michels building on Market Street, and adjoins the University Cleaners. They have been located in the IOOF building for the past 10 or 11 years. Mr. & Mrs. Russell Swift will move the Rite-Made Sandwich Shop from the Strawn building on Center street across the street in quarters formerly occupied by the Woodworth Insurance Company.

Board at the University will be reduced from \$5.50 per week to \$5.00 per week for the second semester according to Herman G. James.



Formula requires 1.2 percent boost in school aid

PIERRE (AP) — A state economist says a formula in South Dakota law will require that state financial aid to school districts increase by 1.2 percent next year.

Jim Terwilliger of the state budget office told lawmakers Monday that last year's inflation rate was 1.2 percent as measured by the consumer price index for urban wage earners. That means state spending per student will increase by that percentage amount in the budget year that starts next July.

Terwilliger explained the school funding formula to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

A combination of state money and local property taxes is used to fund schools. Spending increases each year by the rate of inflation or 3 percent, whichever is less.



National 4-H week

On Monday, Oct. 6, members of the Jolly J.J.'s 4-H club attended the Vermillion City Council meeting at the new city hall. Mayor Dan Christopherson read a proclamation declaring Oct. 5-11 as 4-H Week in Vermillion in conjunction with the National 4-H Week celebration. Pictured are Ashley Sorensen, Marley Hanson, Hannah Doochen, Mayor Dan Christopherson, Ellen Hanson and Terrissah Doering.

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The Center For Children and Families is seeking applicants for the position of Director. The Director will be responsible for the overall operation of the Center; to include enrollment, supervision of staff, curriculum and all financial matters. This is a 100% time position located in Vermillion, SD.

Qualifications: Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education preferred. Bachelor degree in Special Education, Human Development or a related field also considered, as well as an Associate degree in Early Childhood Development or Child Development Associate.

Application Procedure: Send a cover letter, copy of resume; and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three professional references to:
The Center For Children and Families
Attn: Director Search 505 Stanford St., Vermillion, SD 57069

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed immediately and will continue until a suitable candidate is found.

Center for Children and Families
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