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CONSUMER'S BANQUET IS GREAT TREAT

Good eats and good fellowship prevailed at the joint banquet which was given by the Woman's Club and the Baker Chamber of Commerce in the Masonic hall, Friday evening.

Between 150 and 200 of Baker and Fallon county citizens gathered around the tables at about 7:30 and the festivities began. The orchestra which was composed of Mrs. E. Lentz, piano, E. Lentz, cornet; Shirley Andrews and H. L. Cory, violins; Ross Bunn, clarinet and Charles Russell, French horn, headed the program with the overture, Felecia, by Gruenwald.

A substantial five course dinner was served, numbers of the program being sandwiched between courses.

The menu was as follows: Fruit cocktail, roast beef, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, scalloped corn, marshmallow salad, ice cream and cake, coffee and after dinner mints. The food was capably served by Misses Eula Sparks, Bonita Cornish, Bessie Millard, Bessie Hubbard, Catherine Blake, Alice Smith, Ida May Damon, Dottie Bonnor, and Irene Lentz and Mesdames Evers and S. Chilton. Mrs. Lee having charge over the waitresses.

L. A. Conser presided as toast-master for the Chamber of Commerce and Miss Carrie Bachtel ably filled the capacity of toast-mistress for the Woman's Club. Both introduced the speaker with tact and fitting words.

Mayor elect Barstow was represented Attorney Hodgson who by a short speech made every guest feel welcome.

Hobart L. Cory delivered a violin solo which was one of the musical hits of the evening. His first number was a medley of National airs and he responded with The Last Rose of Summer.

"The Woman's Club; It's Local Work and Future" was the subject of Mrs. Lake's paper and was the first of the toasts.

L. C. Burns was next with a very interesting paper on "Eastern Montana the Granary of the World." This paper was interesting and contained many figures and statistics.

Mrs. L. P. Chuning sang "When the Dew is Falling." This was one of the pleasing features of the banquet.

"Baker, Its Products and Its Commerce" was the subject treated by Mrs. Millard who told many things about the wealth and industries of Baker.

J. H. Schmidt spoke on "Western Montana, Its Industries and Resources" and summed up in conclusion that western Montana was better than the Eastern part of the state.

Miss Bonita Cornish entertained with a vocal solo, "The Darkey's Lullaby" and it was so well received that she responded to encore with "A Little Bit of Heaven"

Mrs. P. C. Cornish read and prepared an interesting paper on "Education is the Road to Success."

"Baker Its Future; The Gateway to Montana" was the subject of Charles Dousman's address.

"Women, Their Part in the Development of the State" was the subject which Mrs. Mains treated and proved that the fairer sex has played and are still playing a part in making Montana the greatest state in the union.

Mrs. Chuning again favored with a solo, "Somewhere A Voice Is Calling."

H. J. Bamford spoke on "Good Roads, A Necessity to the Farmer."

Mrs. Geo. M. Daugherty's paper on "The Woman's Club, Its work in the State" was good.

Judge D. L. O'Hern spoke on "Cooperation as a Means of Success" and pointed out several ways by which Baker could be made better by cooperation.

The Fallonite has been unable to secure manuscript for all the topics from those who prepared and delivered them but we have secured a goodly share of them which appear in this issue. Look them up on the various pages as all are worth reading.

CITY OFFICERS AND PRESS ARE ENTERTAINED

The fact that E. S. Booth will resign as city attorney and will devote his time in the future to his law practice exclusively, was made public at a banquet which was given to the outgoing city officials and the newly elected mayor and aldermen at the Royal Cafe, Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth have been desirous of entertaining the old and new magistrates and their wives and took those means of showing their hospitality. All the ex-officials and the newly elected dignitaries and their wives and the newspaper men of Baker were present in response to invitations.

Mr. Booth has been city attorney for several years and has performed his duties in a conscientious manner but at this time he feels like his law practice needs all of his time which necessitates his resignation. Toasts to the success of the host and hostess were offered by the different guests and the affair was greatly enjoyed by those present.

The following menu was served: Shrimp Cocktail Oyster Bisque Celery Green Onions Olives Sliced Tomatoes Filet of Beef with Mushroom Sauce Rost Corn Fed Chicken Demi Glace with Prince Dressing and Sauce, Lobster Salad Strawberry Shortcake Whipped Cream Coffee

E. L. Lyon, of California, who is advertising a car of horses which he has for sale in Calumet, was in Baker the first of the week. He says he will have a car of broken horses here in a few days which he will offer for sale. Mr. Lyon will leave for Minnesota in a few days and will buy a car of milch cows which he will bring out here and sell to the farmers of his vicinity.

Dr. Meyran has moved into his new offices over the Baker Mercantile company's store and has fitted up the rooms in a manner that will mean convenience to him in the practice of his profession. The doctor has been in Baker but a few months and is well satisfied with his practice.

A. N. Hotchkiss, president of the Montana Petroleum company and who resides at Moorehead, Mont. was in the city the first of the week inspecting the drilling operations.

The Fallon County Abstract company has taken offices over the Baker Mercantile company's store and now in a position to wait on the public.

Ped Aker of Webster is in the city today on business. Ped is a good fellow and has heaps of friends all over the county.

STRIKE ONE FOR A BALL TEAM; EVERYBODY HIT WHEN A HIT IS NEEDED

Is Baker going to have a base ball team this season? That is the question. Towns all around us are making preparations for teams and some of them have already organized. What is Baker going to do? Are we going to sit idly by and not have any of the national games pulled off here this summer? Are we going to let neighboring towns have good teams and have them say that Baker, the best town on the line, has no team?

There is material here and there are many warm supporters of the game. The team last year was not a big success because weather conditions were unfavorable. Let that be garded against this season and make necessary arrangements to have the games booked later in the summer, along in July and August when the weather is more settled.

In speaking with an old base ball man of this city he voiced his opinion that here-to-fore the team was organized too early in the season. He advised that we wait until about the first of May before a team is organized and then all get together and push the project. Arrange the schedule so that most of the games be played in

July and August, real base ball weather, and then there would be more satisfaction and more of a chance of a winning team.

So far this season we have had no real base ball weather. The May and June rains are a great handicap. It requires good warm weather to get the best kind of work out of the players and oftentimes the cooler days have a tendency to injure the men and surely such weather does not bring out the best of playing.

With such men as Dabb, Miller, Rushton, Russell, Leifsey, Parker, Niccum, Roy Smith and others there is a nucleus around which a good team can be built. These men stand ready to give the best they have in them for a suitable base ball team and it is up to the supporters to voice their sentiments in regard to the matter.

If Baker is to have a ball team let it be a first class aggregation and one that will be a credit to a town. A fast team is an admirable advertisement to any town and is money well spent because many remember a town from its base ball better than through any other channel.

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORS CONTEST FOR PRIZE

The first declamatory contest given by the Baker High School will be given, Friday evening, in the opera house.

The winner of Friday evening's contest will represent the Baker high school at the state declamatory contest which will be held in Missoula in connection with the state athletic meet. At the state meeting a gold and silver medal will be awarded the two best speakers ranking highest in the opinion of the judges.

The winners on Friday evening will receive three prizes donated by citizens of Baker interested in the school. These range from seven dollars for first prize to three dollars for third prize.

Contestants have been receiving aid from the best talent available in Baker and have been training for several weeks. It goes without saying that they will reflect credit upon themselves and teachers.

Such contests are invaluable, as to the training each speaker receives and have a tendency to encourage young persons along the lines of public speaking. Being able to face a crowd is an accomplishment which all are not gifted with, but a great deal of the shyness can be overcome by early training.

Judges for Friday evening's contest are L. C. Burns, E. S. Booth and H. W. Sparks.

The entertainment begins promptly at eight o'clock.

ARM GONE, LEARNS TO SHOOT



Photo by American Press Association. Remarkable as have been some of the transformations worked on the war-wounded abroad, we still hear of newer inventions to aid cripples. Here is a German minus an arm who has been taught to shoot without it.

L. E. Rushton is a Miles City visitor his week.

J. A. Williams was a business visitor at Butte the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Devine of Ekalaka were in town a short time Tuesday, while on their way home from Marmarth.

For Sale—A heating stove in good condition. R. B. Lowry, 42

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bergstrom of Wildard Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Barril who reside north of Baker are the parents of a girl born Tuesday.

BOY SCOUTS HIKE OUT TO MORRIS FARM

In response to an invitation which was extended to the Boy Scouts of Baker by Mrs. Morris who resides eight miles north-west of this city, sixteen of the boys accompanied by Scout-Master Bamford and Ward Goble hiked out to the estimable lady's home, Saturday.

The main body of scouts left here at ten o'clock and thirty minutes later Victor Brown started out with a letter and the aim to break through the line of march and delivered his message in safety.

Victor played a clever game. He had his father meet him with an automobile and not only passed by safely with his letter but beat the main body to the Morris farm buy more than an hour. The manner that Victor employed is permissible. The rules allow the carries any method he may employ to carry his message in safety and elude his would be captors.

The main body of scouts arrived at the farm about 12:30 and was greeted by an elaborate dinner, which Mrs. Morris had prepared. The boys were hungry after the strenuous walk and did ample justice to the good things which were set before them. The treat was greatly enjoyed by all the scouts and masters.

The return hike was a duplication of the outgoing one and the boys enjoyed the days exercise immensely.

At the recent election of officers, Floren Smith was chosen First Patrol Leader, Arnold Crosby, Second Patrol Leader; Roger Silvernale Secretary; and Quincy Sinclair Treasurer.

Mr. Wood of the Wood Land Co. of Mankato, Minn. was here Tuesday and Wednesday, looking over this section of the county for the purpose of purchasing a large tract of it. It is the method of the company to colonize different sections of the country and for the past few years that concern has placed numerous land seekers in Texas but Mr. Wood has become convinced that Montana is a better field and came here to look over the prospects. He was favorably impressed and said that this was the best country he had seen for many a day.

Baker has a fire fighting system that is adequate in every way, one that can be depended upon and one that the citizens can feel that is a protection against fire. This was demonstrated at the fire which completely destroyed the home of Miss Mary Brossau, about midnight Monday.

The department responded quickly to the alarm but as the building was small and covered with paper it was all ablaze when the water was turned on but was soon checked.

The fire is of unknown origin. There was no insurance and the loss was a heavy one upon the owner of the building.

R. R. Ferris, wife and son who have been at Forsyth for a short time arrived in Baker Thursday of last week. Mr. Ferris has charge of the Fallon County Abstract Co. office and is a man with about ten years experience in that line of work. He comes highly recommended.

The Comstock and Fagaines families enjoyed themselves at Medicine Rocks, Sunday afternoon.

Baker's Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting this evening in the armory. All are requested to be present as matters of extraordinary importance will be brought up.

THE FIRST TIME VOTE DIRECT FOR PRESIDENT

For the first time in the history of the nation voters have the privilege of voting directly for the nomination of their favorite for president of the United States at the presidential primary election which will be held Friday, April 21.

This is the first law of its kind that has ever been passed and given voters the opportunity and duty to vote directly for one candidate for president, one candidate for vice-president, four presidential electors and eight delegates to the national convention. This primary system does away with the old convention system.

Each voter must name the political party for which he wishes to cast his ballot and he will not be given a chance to vote but on one party ballot at this election.

The poll will be open from noon until eight o'clock in the evening.

The polling place in the second ward will be in the Montana Petroleum Co's office and in Pearce's hall in the first ward.

In an interview with Mr. Booth, we were told, "We republicans are trying to get out all the voters we can in order to have the county go strong for the party. By doing this we aim to make the democrats more active in the coming later elections."

Mr. Booth further states, "This election will prove unpopular because of the small number of voters who seem to show any interest in it."

That is not only true of Montana but the same fact has been demonstrated all over the country. It will also prove expensive and each vote will cost \$3 and this will have to be met by the taxpayers.

Mr. Booth is of the opinion that the old convention system will be reinstated and is the best system. The best men were sought by the different parties and were nominated as their candidates. Under the present method any one can be a candidate and oftentimes the weakest man is nominated.

"The race on the republican ticket seems to simmer down to two men," quoths Mr. Booth, "and they are Roosevelt and Hughes. As far as the rest are concerned they are minor quantities."

Smith-Long

Roy L. Smith and Miss Opal Long were quietly married by Judge P. L. Prichard, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Long are among Baker's most popular young persons and have made this place their home for a number of years and their many friends wish them success. They will make their home in the house, which has been occupied by Mrs. Ed Fay, as soon as Mrs. Fay vacates.

Owing to the lack of space in the Fallonite this week Rev. Bamford's speech given at the joint banquet Friday night, will be printed in next week's issue.

Bert and Pete Palmer of Beach, N. D. and Wm Orr of Galva, N. D. were visitors in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Calahan of Galva, N. D. called on Baker friends Tuesday.

C. V. Crosby has purchased the water business from Wm Bowmer and will conduct the same in the future.

Miss Annetta Leonard is visiting schools throughout the county this week.