

First Annual Convention of District No. Seven Judge John J. Greene Rules In Liquor Cases

Montana Federation of Womans Clubs

District No. 7 of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Choteau, October 18th and 19th. This district is made up of the Women's Clubs in Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Pondera and Teton counties.

Each club is entitled to the following delegates. The Club president and one delegate for each fifteen members or major portion thereof. A club having less than fifteen members is entitled to club president and one delegate. In addition to these delegates all district officers, by virtue of their position, are delegates. At present there are nine federated clubs in the district, four district officers, eight chairmen of departments and four secretaries. This should assure a good attendance at the first convention.

All club members are invited to attend the meetings and may address the convention but are not privileged to vote.

The speakers and the subjects discussed by them are as follows:

Mrs. E. M. Sounders, state president, "Women and World Issues."

Mrs. I. E. Pace, 1st vice president, "County Federation."

Mrs. C. D. Wiggernhorn, 2nd vice president, "Junior Organization."

Miss Elsie Witcher, "Junior Red Cross."

Mrs. Margaret Thomas, R. N., field nurse of state board of health, "Community Health."

Mrs. F. L. Buzzell, president of district No. 7, "Social Service."

Reports will be made by all county secretaries and county press agents.

The chairman of each department of the district will outline her plans. A most interesting and beneficial meeting is promised. The convention will open at 9 a. m., Thursday, the 18th and close at 4 p. m., Friday the 19th.

The public is invited to all these meetings and Thursday afternoon the program will be particularly interesting. Rev. Meclenberg, who speaks on that day especially requests that all men who can possibly come, be present.

The full program follows

Wednesday Evening
 Reception to Visiting Club Women
 M. E. Church Parlors
 Thursday Morning, 9:30
 Singing—"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."
 Invocation—Rev. R. B. Culbertson
 Singing—"America."
 "American's Creed."
 Violin Duet—"By the River"
 Marion and James Pridham
 Addresses of Welcome:
 Hostess Club—Mrs. J. I. Cain
 City of Choteau—Mayor Coffey
 Response—Mrs. W. Shannon, Cut Bank
 Vocal Solo—"Sunrise and You"
 Mrs. R. E. Nelson
 History of District 1, written by Mrs. Robert Pauline, of Cut Bank.
 Appointing Committees.
 1.—Credentials.
 2.—Nominating.
 3.—Resolutions.
 Recess—Meeting of Teton County Federation.
 Report of Constitutional Committee—Mrs. W. E. Norem, Chairman
 Adoption of Constitution.
 Report of Nominating Committee.
 Election of Officers.
 Reports of Clubs.
 Report of Credentials Committee.
 Thursday Afternoon, 1:30
 Singing—"Battle Hymn of the Republic."
 Club Woman's Collect.
 Minutes of Morning Session.
 Violin Solo—"L'Alba D'Amore"
 Miss Marjorie Grover
 Address—"Community Health"
 Miss Margaret Thomas
 field nurse for state board of health
 Address—"Industrial and Social Conditions"
 Rev. Geo. Meclenberg,
 Pastor of M. E. Church, Great Falls
 Vocal Solo—"Bendemeers Stream"
 Mrs. R. B. Culbertson
 Address—"Women and World Issues"
 Mrs. Margaret Sounders
 President Mont. Federation of Women's Clubs.
 "Seal Sales" for Anti T. B. Assoc.
 Mrs. C. D. Wiggernhorn, Billings
 Address—Mrs. Perham
 Second vice Pres. National Federation
 General Federation Headquarters
 Mrs. I. E. Pace, Whitehall

Thursday Evening
 Banquet—Beauport Hotel
 Friday Mornings, 9:30
 Invocation—Rev. R. B. Culbertson
 Singing—"The Star-Spangled Banner"
 American's Creed.
 Reading of Minutes and Roll Call.
 Presentation of District Banner.
 Trio—Selected—Mrs. W. V. Smith,
 Miss Harriett Larson and Miss Mary Elizabeth Forrest.
 Talks by District Chairmen.
 1.—"International Relations"
 Mrs. B. I. Packer, Choteau
 2.—"American Citizenship"
 Mrs. W. R. Lathrop, Dutton
 3.—"Conservation of Natural Resources"
 Mrs. F. M. Shannon, Glacier Park.
 4.—"Fine Arts"
 Mrs. G. C. Smith, Cut Bank
 5.—"Applied Education"
 Mrs. W. L. DuBois, Conrad
 6.—"Legislation"
 Mrs. Jas. Goodrich, Conrad
 7.—"Public Health"
 Mrs. A. B. Trux, Sunburst
 8.—"Community Health"
 Mrs. R. C. Comport, Brady
 9.—"Press and Publicity"
 Mrs. A. B. Guthrie, Choteau
 Piano Solo—"March Winds"
 Miss Helen Gorham
 Reports of County Secretaries:
 Glacier County—Mrs. Wiley Shannon
 Toole County—Mrs. H. Beaupre
 Pondera County—Mrs. T. A. Busey
 Teton County—Mrs. J. C. Taylor
 Liberty County
 Friday Afternoon, 1:30
 Club Women's Collect.
 Report of Resolutions Committee.
 Junior Red Cross—Miss Elsie Witcher
 "County Federation as a Factor in Club Extension"
 Mrs. I. E. Pace,
 1st vice president Montana Federated Clubs.
 Vocal Duets:
 1—"Morning Mood."
 2—"Autumn Song."
 Mrs. Norem and Mrs. Busey
 "Junior Organizations"
 Mrs. C. D. Wiggernhorn,
 1924 Bi-ennial—Mrs. S. M. Sounders
 Report of Resolutions Committee.
 High School Quartette—Selected
 Adjournment.

District Judge John J. Greene yesterday handed down his decision in the liquor cases against Andy Streng, G. F. Underwood, Joe Scott and Harry Wilson. In all these cases the defendants petitioned the court for the return of goods seized and for the suppression of same as evidence, on the ground that Sheriff Reiquam was guilty of coercion in making the seizures and arrests. The hearings were had on the first three cases on the 13th of September, and the same was by the court taken under advisement. The Wilson case was continued until September 27th by stipulation, and on the later date Wilson failing to appear in court in defense of his petition, the court denied it.

In his decision Judge Greene holds that under the Montana statutes as amended, no property right shall at present exist in intoxicating liquors or property used for its manufacture, unless the same were lawfully acquired. That no man can have any property right in contraband liquor, and as soon as it comes into evidence it is forfeited. The court having found from the evidence introduced in each case that the defendant was in the possession of intoxicating liquor and other property by

him intended for the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor, in violation of the prohibitory liquor act, that he could therefore have no property right therein, and that the same was contraband, and therefore denied the defendants' petition for the return of the liquor to them.

In his decision Judge Greene further held that a sheriff has no authority to arrest or search his person or premises without a warrant, in any case where the facts and circumstances, independently of those discovered through the arrest or search, are not sufficient to produce in the mind of the arresting officer a conviction, which amounts to a practical certainty, that he is witnessing, at the time, the commission of a public offense. In other words, a mere suspicion founded upon hearsay evidence only, however trustworthy in source, without personal observation by the officers of occurrences actually taking place at the time, which in themselves indicate that an offense is being committed in his presence, does not justify an arrest or seizure.

Following the opinion of the supreme court of the United States in Amos vs. U. S., 225 U. S. 313, and the opinion of the late Chief Justice

Brantley, in the case of the State vs. Mullén, 63 Montana 62.

The court found in the Streng and Underwood cases that no coercive methods were used by the sheriff other than that implied from the fact that he was sheriff, and told the defendants that he came to search their places for whisky and would have to go through with it.

In the case the court found that Scott waived his constituted rights and voluntarily gave permission to the sheriff to seize the liquor found in his possession, and his petition was consequently denied.

The decision in the Streng and Underwood cases covered the ground thoroughly ordering such of the articles as were found by the court to be contraband to be destroyed by the sheriff within five days, and the return to the petitioners of such as were not found to be contraband, the same being ten sacks of corn meal.

A perusal of the decisions will throw considerable light on the powers of the sheriff on such matters. County Attorney Stanley R. Foot appeared on behalf of the state and Attorney George W. Magee on behalf of the defendant petitioners.

Radio Program Well Received By Citizens Last Friday Evening

The radio program presented by the Choteau residents at the Tribune building in Great Falls, was very successful and well received by radio fans, last Friday evening.

This effort, by our community, is the result of more than three years preparation on the part of the instrumentalists and from one to two years with the vocalists.

The work which Mr. and Mrs. Pridham have done in developing their wonderful family orchestra clearly illustrates the years of patient labor required to produce music of this high standard. Several encores were requested of them.

The orchestra which has been recently organized by Miss Grover, of Great Falls, shows promise of becoming a great asset to the community.

The Misses Helen Morgan and Helen Gorham are products of years of training and very ably acquitted themselves as accomplished pianists.

The vocal numbers, which composed solos, duets, trios, and male quartette and ladies' chorus, is a result of last year's chorus training under the direction of Prof. R. A. Keyes. The solos by Mrs. R. B. Culbertson were enjoyed and a number of requests were telephoned in for encores Mrs. Culbertson is a pupil of Mr. Keyes, having received her instruction for a period of three years. The success of the vocal numbers are due to Mr. Keyes, who so generously gave

his time without compensation.

Mrs. W. W. Smith had charge of arranging the program.

The program ended with a five minute talk by Mayor Coffey.

His talk follows:

"Soon after the battle of Custer, a resourceful Missourian was being shown about the frontier by an Indian beau of Sacajaweh. His name was Choteau. Canoeing up the crystalline water of the now Teton river, from its confluence with the Missouri a few miles below the Great Falls of that river, they gazed across wide valleys upon the serrated peaks of the Rocky mountains. Waving in sign of satisfaction the Indian said, 'The choice of the buffalo—the choice of me—I call it Choteau.'

"So it was, if legend be true, Choteau, Teton county, Montana, uniquely received its charter. And unique is Choteau today. Typical of glorious transformations in Montana, the canoe route of Mr. Choteau to the pastures of the buffalo is replaced by the Custer highway and the Yellowstone-Glacier trails, by the Great Northern and Milwaukee railways, to the little city of Choteau—a municipal lieutenant, if you please, to the major city of Great Falls two hours ride to the southeast and to the capital city of Helena four hours by automobile to the northwest. The nation's great playground, Glacier park is a tourists half day from Choteau,

to the north.

"And when the aeronaut views a beautiful plaid of green and grey between meandering streams, where Choteau is today, he may truthfully tell the world that there are seven miles of concrete walks and curbs with shade trees fronted in; that there is abundant water undesfiled, supplied from springs, by an electric power system comparable in excellence to any. That Choteau has a \$100,000.00 County High School building, three churches, three modern office buildings, three banks with footings aggregating over a million dollars, a hospital, a public library an American Legion hall built by public hand and subscription, a flour mill, a modern butter factory which disburses to the farmside about \$100,000.00 a year, a commercial club a woman's club, a rod and gun club, and a club and links for those who do play golf. A thing unknown which we do not have in Choteau and Teton county, is a bank to fail. Yes, we have no bananas! Withal Choteau has a clear municipal conscience. It is a matter of civic pride that Choteau's obligations to its bondholders is but a little over fifty thousand dollars.

"Teton county has the largest irrigated area of any county in any state in the Union embracing the famous federal project at Fairfield and the farm land areas in the vicinity of the towns of Dutton, Agawam, Farmington, Bynum and Pendroy. Many of the cattle and sheep ranches for which Montana is noted are within the confines of Teton county.

"Included within the western part of Teton county is one of the greatest elk ranges and Rocky mountain sheep and goat habitats in the world. A tourist this summer standing on Main street in Choteau and describing the size of Rainbow trout he had caught in one of our streams extended one hand to the aurora borealis and the other to the equatorial equinox.

"So, when you pass this way, breathe up, my friend, breathe up, of our wholesome, friendly atmosphere."

The Choteau people were entertained after the program through the courtesy of Wm. Steege, manager of the Liberty theater.

The thanks of the community is due those who took part in the program and to those who so generously donated their cars for the transportation of those who participated in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harris entertained at luncheon at the Glenloyd Hotel Thursday afternoon. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hirshberg of Havre, Mrs. George Hirshberg of Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hirshberg, Tishell Hirshberg, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hirshberg, Elsie Hirshberg, Johanna Hirshberg, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hirshberg.

Miss Marie Schimmelfeng of Great Falls was a week end guest at the T. H. Pridham home this week.

NEWS ITEMS FROM AGAWAM

Walt Streeter of Choteau was a visitor in Agawam Friday.

Otto Wagnild and Jim Barnes were Choteau visitors Thursday evening.

Anton Schaefer of Bynum was in Agawam on Friday.

Geo. Wright has purchased a new Ford Touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Garich were among those in Choteau shopping on Friday.

Mrs. H. Johnson and children of Pendroy were visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wendall Petri on Friday.

John Kramer transacted business in Choteau the first of the week.

Mrs. Albert J. Schwab, Mrs. LeRoy B. Kay and son, Morris, of Fairfield, spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Reed.

Fred Gewald returned to his home in Wyoming after several days visit with his daughter Mrs. Otto Wagnild.

Mrs. Kate Angell of Anaconda is visiting with friends in Agawam this week.

M. and Mrs. Otto Schaefer spent Sunday with relatives in Bynum.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Driscoll and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cumming of Great Falls were guests at the A. M. Rongstad home on Sunday.

Mrs. John Wilson and sons of Sand Coulee were guests at the George Wright home on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. P. J. Reed attended the bridge party at the Fred Roth home at Fairfield on Wednesday.

Washington Reports the Decline in No. of Pension Claims

Washington, Oct. 11.—The bureau of pension rolls carried 7,260 fewer names during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, than the previous year department of the interior complications show. However, the money expended in payment of pensions increased \$9,204,917.

Pensioners during the last fiscal year numbered 539,756, in 1922 there were 547,016. The amount of money paid out to pensioners in 1923 was \$263,012,500, in 1922 \$253,807,583.

The number of Civil war veterans on the pension rolls decreased from 193,881 in 1922 to 168,623 last year, while the widows of the Civil War men on the rolls fell from 272,194 to 264,580.

In 1922 there were 45,955 Spanish-American War petitioners, last year 68,393. The widows of veterans of this war receiving pensions increased in number from 9,198 to 13,167. An increase of 56 in the number of Indian war petitioners for the year is noted.

At the present time there are but 49 Mexican War veterans drawings pensions from the government, the number having been decreased from 73 during the fiscal year of 1923. Widow-pensions of this war were reduced from 1,878 to 1,638. Of the war of 1812 the widows being pen-

sioned declined from 49 to 40.

The pension bureau is handling all cases rapidly. During 1923 claims disposed of numbered 159,727, new claims filed 127,779. At the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 1922, the bureau was 30,000 claims behind. The work of the bureau is current, and it is announced that no difficulty is anticipated in keeping it up to date.

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Robison, Mrs. Cora and Mrs. Looney visited the first and second grades Friday afternoon.

The eighth grade played a football game against the freshmen last week on the high school grounds.

The score was 6 to 6.

The eighth grade citizens league held a program last Friday afternoon.

The public school children were examined by Dr. Rhoads and Dr. Bateman Tuesday.

The eighth grade is using its grammar period this week for giving book reports. Every child in the eighth grade is to read at least 10 books during the year.

Dance at the Bellevue school house, Saturday, Oct. 13. The Davis Orchestra will furnish the music.

Statement of Condition of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business September 14, 1923

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vault and in other banks..... 87,215.14	Deposits.....244,977.73
County warrants, real estate, etc..... 27,198.42	Capital and surplus..... 60,000.00
Loans and discounts.....190,564.17	
304,977.73	304,977.73

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

THE COMMUNITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Friendly Church

(Robert B. Culbertson, Pastor)

A large crowd greeted the pastor last Sunday. The music was enjoyed by all.

A Ladies Aid and Sunday school was organized last week at Bynum.

The Ladies Industrial spent Wednesday afternoon sewing at the church.

Morning worship 10:30.
 Sermon, "Man's Religion."
 Solo, Mrs. Evelyn Lyford of Great Falls.

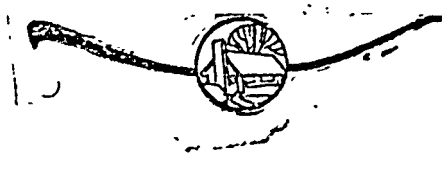
Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
 Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.
 Benn Slinger, leader
 Evening service 7:30 p. m.
 Sermon, "Lost and Found."
 Violin Solo, Betty Webb.
 Vocal Solo, Mrs. Evelyn Lyford.
 Services at Pendroy 3 p. m.

By attending a church service on Sunday you will be better prepared to do your work the following week. You are welcome.

A Noble Ambition

The ambition of this institution is to justify the confidence of its customers, to be trusted because of its good judgment, its faithful observance of duty and its financial responsibility.

Conferences with the officers of this bank are cheerfully given to those who desire seasoned and well-reasoned advice.



Citizens State Bank

CHOTEAU, MONTANA

Capital, Surplus and Profits over \$65,000.00