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WISHING ALL
OF THE
COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
A
HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL
NEW YEAR

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND STAFF
NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

This is the first regular publication of North Dakota County News which will be published quarterly during the first week of January, April, July, and October, and will be distributed to all elected and appointed county officials. In order to hold down the mailing cost, we will be making a bulk mailing to each auditor and ask that proper distribution be made in the courthouse and to the county commissioners. We intend to limit our news items to things that are of interest to persons associated with county government. Some of the news from time to time may relate to politics, however we will try always to maintain a non-partisan position.

We will invite input into this publication from our readers in the form of local county news on letters to the editor. In order to have an item printed in a publication it is necessary that we set a deadline for receiving news items as the 15th day of the month preceeding a publication.

If you have local news items of interest, you are invited to send them to this office for publication. I hope that each county will appoint some one in the courthouse to be responsible for getting any local news to this office. I think that this is the one thing that will make our paper interesting and that is to have local participation.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEET IN DICKINSON FOR 69th ANNUAL MEETING

On November 12th through 14th the County Commissioners Association met in Dickinson for their 69th annual meeting at which time the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year:

President -- Theo. Gulke	Director-Grant Foss	Director-Warren Vrana
Vice-Pres. -- Donald Hastings	Director-Roy Ashland	Director-Archie Thomte
Sec.Treas. -- Willard, Grubb	Director- Donald Hanson	Director-Oscar Sondrall

The meeting was well attended with over 300 persons registered. During the three day meeting, the group heard addresses from the Governor, State Auditor, Highway Commissioner, and Tax Commissioner.

At the business meeting, the Association acted on a resolution to send seven of its members to a Washington Rally for Federal Revenue Sharing which was scheduled for November 18th. Also, other policy resolutions were passed covering the following subjects:

- 1A. Continuation of general revenue sharing program.
- 1B. Sending of delegates to Washington for Revenue Sharing Rally.
2. Proposed legislation: Costs of elections called by state, to be paid for by state.
3. Proposed legislation: Court reporters salaries to be paid by state.
4. Proposed legislation: Salaries of Juvenile Supervisors to be paid for by state.
5. Proposed legislation: Fines levied by District Courts to be allocated to County General Fund instead of State Government.
6. Proposed legislation: 25% of sales tax to be returned to counties in same proportion as sales tax is collected for county.
7. Support of US House resolution 1793, increasing inheritance and gift tax exemptions to \$200,000.
8. Congressional delegation to US Congress, requesting support funding of not less than \$125,000,000 for roads and bridges.
9. Thanks to City of Dickinson and corresponding organizations, etc, for outstanding convention.
10. Silent meditation for members who have passed away.
11. Provide for enactment of legislation for counties to revert to former formula for distribution for highway use of taxes and funds.

THEO. GULKE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

At the 69th annual meeting of the North Dakota County Commissioners Association's meeting in Dickinson, Theo. Gulke was elected President of the Association for the 1975-1976 fiscal year.

Theo. Gulke grew up on a farm in Dickey County and has continued a farm operation in Dickey County most all of his life. During his youth, he attended the Ellendale Normal College at Ellendale and was one of the ardent supporters to continue the Ellendale school when it was closed by legislative action.

Besides having served on the Dickey County Board of Commissioners for the past 22 years, Ted has served on the school board, A.S.C. Committee, and recently is a member of the Executive Council for the South Central Dakota Regional Council.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SLOPE COUNTY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER RECEIVES RECOGNITION
FOR WORK IN EDUCATION

Vivian Norby, Amidon, Superintendent of Slope County Public Schools since 1965, won the award for Outstanding Woman of North Dakota in Education.

A beautiful silver engraved plaque was awarded to Ms Norby by the North Dakota Woman's Coalition in a ceremony honoring the ten Outstanding North Dakota Women in the House Chamber of the State Capitol on November 7, 1975. The awards were presented by Jean Waldera, assistant professor of speech and theater at Dickinson State College. Frances (Sissy) Farenhold, congresswoman from Texas, was the featured speaker.

In addition to serving as a Director on our Board, Ms Norby is a member of the Rural Education Association, NDEA, NEA, Slope County NDEA, North Dakota School Administrators, and immediate past president of North Dakota County Superintendents Association. She represented rural North Dakota at a Conference on the Disadvantaged Child in Washington, D.C., and is presently serving on the Title VI-B Board. In addition to her work in the field of Education, she is a past president of Senior Young Citizen's League, member of the Board for Social Service of the Badlands Human Service Center, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, area Coordinator for FRIENDS, Festival chairman of Slope County Bicentennial Commission, and a recipient of Lutheran Social Service Award.

Our congratulations go out to Vivian for the achievement.

BOTTINEAU TO REPLACE OLD COURTHOUSE

A special election was held in Bottineau County on December 3, 1975 covering the question of a \$1,285,000 bond issue calling for the destruction of the old courthouse building and replacing it with a new structure and a sheriff's residence. An overwhelming vote supporting the bond issue of 1899 for and 412 against was registered at the election.

Depending on the sale of bonds, construction could start in the spring of 1976 with completion due in about 18 months thereafter. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,620,832, with financing coming from bonding, revenue sharing, annual interest from investments, and a three mill building levy.

Building plans call for a two-story concrete structure, with stonefaced pre-cast concrete panels. The interior will be completely flexible for future changes. Of the proposed 25,164 sq. ft., 1,344 sq. ft. will be for the sheriff's residence.

The new courthouse will serve the following:

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| 1. Social Services | 8. Lunch room |
| 2. County Nurse | 9. Register of Deeds |
| 3. Storage Vault | 10. Courtroom |
| 4. Law Enforcement Center | 11. District Judge's Office |
| 5. County Agent | 12. County Judge's Office |
| 6. County Auditor and Treasurer | 13. Sheriff's residence |
| 7. County Commissioners room | 14. Additional parking space |

REVISED COUNTY BUDGET FORM TO BE USED IN 1976

A special committee of county auditors composed of the following auditors; Francis Haynes, Robert Erickson, Mildred Olson, DuWayne Hoehn, and Ed Bauer, met with John Hulteen, State Supervisor of Assessments, Gayle Syverson, Deputy State Auditor, and Henry Luther, Executive Secretary, North Dakota Association of Counties, to review the new proposed county budget form.

The new form will cover most all of the items presently covered in the old budget, however it will be set up in loose-leaf form and will be flexible enough to handle the needs of both the large and small counties.

The state auditors office is planning a series of regional meetings which will be used to explain the use of the new form.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

On December 4, 1975, Lynn Will joined the staff of the Association as Henry Luther's secretary. The past secretary, Eleanor Runyan, is now running the Bismarck office for Bob Reimer's campaign for nomination for governor.

Mrs. Will is the mother of four grown children and a long time resident of Bismarck. Her husband, George Will, is the owner of Will's, Inc. manufacturer of roasted sunflower seeds.

Formerly, Mrs. Will worked for an automobile agency and for a moving company. She also has done volunteer work at the Awareness House in Bismarck.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR 1977

At the annual meeting of the Council of the North Dakota Association of Counties, several by-laws to the Constitution were adopted. Section 5 provides, quote -- "Individual Member Policy Position. The North Dakota Association of Counties will not recognize individual member policy position, unless such positions have been endorsed by one of the member associations, if such policy position would be in conflict with other member associations, then a determination will be made as provided in Section 4 of these by-laws."

Therefore, it is important for all of the county officials to be considering proposed legislation for 1977 and to take such proposals to their respective associations for approval. All of the affiliated associations will be holding an annual meeting in 1976, and it is hopeful that each association will take it upon themselves to have their 1977 legislative program approved at that time. This is a responsibility of each association's president and his legislative committee to see that their 1977 legislative program is ready to be submitted to their association's membership when they meet in 1976. Now is the time to be thinking about legislative changes in 1977.

NOW LET US HEAR FROM YOU BY MARCH 15th. WE WILL BE VISITING YOU AGAIN IN APRIL!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6-7 State Capitol Building, Bismarck
Legislative Council's Committee of Finance & Taxation

January 8 Chalet Place, 2 miles north of Oakes
Southeast County Commissioners Association Meeting

January 15 State Highway Building, Bismarck
North Dakota County Commissioners Executive Board Meeting

January 15 Kirkwood Motel, Bismarck
Law Office Management Workshop, State Bar Association

January 20-21 State Capitol Building, Bismarck
Legislative Council Committee on Judiciary "A"
Subject: Revision of election laws

January 22-23 State Capitol Building, Bismarck
Legislative Council's Committee on Political Sub-divisions

February 6-7 Minot State College, Minot
State Bar Continuing Legal Education

February 19 Townhouse Motel, Bismarck
North Dakota Association of Counties Executive Committee

February 20 State Highway Building, Bismarck
North Dakota State Highway Department Letting

March 18 Bismarck Area County Auditor's Workshop Meeting

March 19 Dickinson Area County Auditor's Workshop Meeting

March 23 Minot Area County Auditor's Workshop Meeting

March 24 Devils Lake Area County Auditor's Workshop Meeting

March 25 Valley City Area County Auditor's Workshop Meeting

April 21-23 Valley City
North Dakota County Engineers Association Annual Meeting

April 30 State Highway Building, Bismarck
North Dakota State Highway Department Letting

June 10-11 Holiday Inn, Bismarck
North Dakota County Auditor's Annual Meeting

June 16 Holiday Inn, Bismarck
States Attorney's Annual Meeting

June 26-30 Salt Lake City, Utah
National Association of Counties Annual Meeting

July 22 Tentative---Seven Seas Motel, Mandan
North Dakota Association of Counties Annual Meeting