

# Old Creamery remembered

Vern and Helen Shoemaker saw the photo of the Equity Creamery building being torn down in the Feb. 5 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*.

"We enjoyed the picture and article about the creamery building being torn down," Mr. Shoemaker said. "I graduated from high school in 1944 and, if I remember correctly, my brother, Gus, and I took eggs and cream to 'Adams Produce' during our high school days. It was located about a block east of the building that is now being torn down."

"I wonder what year Mr. Adams closed his creamery. One thing that I remember — he always paid paper money for the \$5 and \$10 but give out silver dollars for the \$1 bills."

Donna Carmichael Armstrong, Edson, remembers having a job in the creamery candling eggs.

"It was a stinky job," she said, noting that she was happy when she no longer had that job.

She thought Herb Lampe and Dale Kelly were working in the bookkeeping department at that time and Lewis Collins was the manager of the Equity Grocery Store.

Don Holliman, Bird City, remembers his family selling eggs to Adams Produce. He thought there was a creamery in the business. Morris Hatchery, which would have been south of Ross Manufacturing's new office, was also in the egg and cream business.

There were evidently two Equity creamery: Equity Union Creamery and Office along with the St. Francis Equity Exchange office, creamery and independent. Both offices had the same telephone number: 272 (the days when only

two of three numbers were needed to make a call through the local telephone operator).

Apart from the creamery, Mr. Shoemaker said he and Mrs. Shoemaker enjoy the articles that Margaret Cooper Bucholtz writes. "I grew up a couple miles from where she and her brother, Gary, lived."

"My wife and I owned and op-

erated the store and post office in Wheeler for 36 years. Then I was appointed postmaster in Cawker City. I worked nine more years and retired in 1992.

"Many retired people live here and enjoy the hunting and fishing. I enjoy woodworking and repairing furniture. We both keep busy and enjoy traveling."

## Team walking program begins

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## Board questions gas bill

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The February Cheyenne County Fair Board meeting opened with the treasurer's report and questions about the gas bill.

Gary Cooper, secretary, reported the Midwest Energy bill for November through December was \$714. Clay Zimbelman, board member, asked why it was so high. Jared Douthit, board member, reported there had been three rentals during that time.

Mr. Cooper reported there is \$25,100 in the board account and the grandstand payment, \$9,200 is due. The board agreed to approve the report and pay the grandstand payment.

### 4-H club trophies

Joe Leibbrandt, extension agent, presented the board with a request to change trophies. He said at a recent 4-H Council meeting, it had been discussed that trophies have been the same for awhile and it was suggested they be replaced with plaques. He noted the board had been more than generous with purchasing yearly trophies.

Nick Ketzner, board member, mentioned banners as trophies. Mr. Ketzner had been to a recent show with banners as awards and they were beautiful. Mr. Douthit suggested jackets, belt buckle, or even chairs as awards and Megan Downy brought up maybe some useful item such as a bucket or horse tack. There was some discussion how to get more local sponsors.

"We are in favor of sponsoring trophies, but would like a figure (cost)," said Dick Bursch, president.

No further discussion and no decision was made.

### Changes in derby rules

Reporting for the Derby Committee was Mr. Zimbelman. He said the committee has updated the rules and in Goodland, everyone read them and liked them. However, the rules must have approval by the Kiwanis organization during their next meeting.

Mr. Zimbelman reported the changes were so the building of the cars would be simple enough to build in a garage. One change would be that any bumper could be

built onto any derby car. Discussion followed concerning types of bumpers that could be used.

In the welded class, Mr. Zimbelman said there was only one driver who still had a car. In addition, the other drivers said they wanted to go back to hobo derby. Motion carried to take out the welded class in the derby.

He asked that the prize money of the hobo derby be increased to a \$1,500 purse. Furthermore, he asked for a \$500 Mad Dog purse, a clean aggressive drive not just driving in circles. The board agreed to the increased prize winnings.

There was discussion on the changes in the derby rules, and it was decided to wait for a copy of the rules before making any decisions. A special meeting is needed to approve the rules; it needs to be done quickly, Mr. Bursch said. He mentioned he had been receiving requests for the derby rules.

### Events scheduled

The lawnmower and 4-wheeler races on Wednesday night which are opposite the bull-riding event in Goodland; Kids Rodeo, barrel racing, and roping is scheduled for Thursday night. On Friday night, everyone liked the horse verses horsepower event; the derby is scheduled for Saturday night.

Mr. Cooper said Ryan McAtee had resigned from the board. It was noted that Ryan had provided the cattle for the roping event; however, he might still be interested in helping out.

"Committees need to get everything lined out and bring to next meeting," said Mr. Douthit

### Renting the exhibit building

Mr. Bursch presented the commissioners' resolution to allow the sale of alcohol in the exhibit building when it is rented. He said Kari Gilliland, county attorney, will write up the resolution and bring it back to the commissioners. In addition, unless there is something major that would stop the resolution, it will go through.

The commissioners made several requirements when renting the exhibit building. One change would be if alcohol is sold, the damage and cleaning deposit must increase. Mr. Bursch said \$1,000 was suggested, but he thought it

was too much and told the commissioner \$300 to \$500 would be enough.

"I showed our rental contract to Kari (Gilliland) and she said it covered damages well enough," said Mr. Bursch.

The commissioner's second requirement wanted the fair board to have a rental cost figure for non-profit and a different rental cost figure for commercial. A lengthy discussion followed. They said the main problem was the gray area of who is non-profit and who is not.

There was more discussion concerning liquor licenses to sell alcohol. Motion carried seven to one to charge \$500 cash deposit to non-profit or profit organizations with proof of liquor license to sell alcohol, and the previous rental agreement with non-alcoholic renters stay the same.

The third requirement was for the board to appoint only one person who would be responsible getting the contract signed and pick up the money at the same time before the key is given out, preferably someone who lives in St. Francis. Mr. Bursch said he had spoken to Karol Lohman, board member, and she said she would be responsible.

### Miscellaneous items

Other items discussed by the board included:

- The trespassing signs are up.
- The island in the exhibit building will stay.
- Tabled was the matter of board members riding in the parade.
- A motioned carried to lay a water line to the hog barn and adding two hydrants.
- Christy Wurm will be given a key for the food booth, which is operated by the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club during fair time.
- Another key will be given to the Extension office for the main food stand.
- Nick Ketzner is in charge of fair book.
- It was noted that with Ryan McAtee resigning, the board is three members short.

### Next meeting

The next fair board meeting has been set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, in the commissioners' room at the courthouse in St. Francis.

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