

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Department of Agriculture and Markets for the work they have done to help increase the consumption of cheese and other dairy products in the past year. Wilbur G. Carlson who has had charge of the advertising has done some very constructive work along that line, and I do not think his efforts have been in vain.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

MR. PETERS: We, the auditing committee, have examined the secretary and treasurer's books and found them to be correct.

JOHN PETERS AND WALTER SCHMIDT.

President Whiting: We will now have the financial report of our Secretary, Mr. Sammis.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

MR. SAMMIS: Mr. President, I am glad to see members here from a distance. Wherever we meet, everybody in the county will be there, but the fruitful thing is to have many members present from all over the state.

I would like to remind you who are here from various counties that tonight at six o'clock we have dinner at the Foeste Hotel.

The purpose of that dinner is to discuss new methods and plans for the growth of the branches and I hope that officers and representatives of all branches will be at that supper tonight at six o'clock and take part. Bring your ideas, and learn from the other branches what ideas they have.

Two years ago you voted that this Association recommend that cheese makers in every county should organize local branches, to meet monthly, to discuss the local and state-wide matters of importance.

Your officers carried out your wishes and you now have 29 branches. Nearly all of them are quite prosperous. One or two very seldom report and we can't tell whether they are dead or alive. But the great majority of the branches send in reports promptly and you get them in your news letters and know all about them. The news letters were started as a means of keeping branches in contact with each other. During past years up to this last year, you have had all this work done at no cost to you. The State paid for part of it. The Legislature presented you with six hundred dollars cash. The Dairy Department of the University told the members of its staff to help the Association, to help the cheese makers, and to do anything they could for them and do it at State expense. You doubtless recall that our friends downstairs who occupy the booths pay in money. The facts are summed up, that for every dollar the cheese maker pays in, other people, in the past, have contributed five dollars, for the work of this Association.

At the last convention I reported that I would be glad to visit any branches that requested me to do so. I received eighty requests to

attend branch meetings during the last six months, and I attended sixty-five of them.

Last year you voted to allow \$750 to pay the traveling expenses to attend these branch meetings. The directors appropriated five hundred dollars. They are a little more economical than you are. I spent only about \$450 of it, so I was a little more economical than the directors were; they have audited the books and have seen the expense accounts and they are still on file in the office.

It has grown up as a sort of tradition in the minds of the cheese makers of the State, that the Association somehow takes care of itself, and that if they don't come to the convention they have no particular reason to pay dues to the Association. To find out if this is true, I put in the book on the first page an invitation to cheese makers all over the state, two thousand of them, to send in their \$1.00 membership fee and I want to tell you I haven't received a solitary dollar from any of them. They feel that they have no responsibility to the Association, and if they don't come that is the end of it, as far as they are concerned. That isn't the way other people do things.

The buttermaker who joins the Buttermakers Association pays twelve dollars a year, whether he attends their convention or not. This is an Eagles building. If you join the Eagles you don't get in for a dollar a year. To join any lodge or go to any church, you don't get by for a dollar a year.

You might instruct the secretary to send to each cheese maker in the state, at his home, a bill for his membership for support of the State Association. I don't know how much money you would raise that way. The subject will come up for discussion no doubt tomorrow.

MR. MULLOY: Mr. Chairman, I would say the present auditing committee made a check of the books yesterday; they know more about the condition of finance than any other committee that could be selected from the audience and I think it would be no more than right if a recommendation for the purpose of raising additional funds for another year should be made, that the auditing committee should be in a position to make any necessary recommendations, and if we are to have a committee, I make a motion that that committee act as such committee.

Motion seconded and carried.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

MR. MULLOY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have a little bit of further information. Are we going to vote on it again to make it constitutional, or do we have to vote against it to get it out of the records. Wasn't the constitution legally amended last year regarding the dues? If that amendment that was passed last year was enforced, that would give us about double the revenue we are getting now.