

OTTERTAIL CREAMERY BEGAN IN 1906

On March 15, 1956 the annual meeting and the observance of the 50th anniversary of the creamery's existence was celebrated.

Henry Werbes, a former manager for 29 years spoke of the history and progress of the creamery. There were seven different operators during the half-century of operations. The price paid for butterfat varied from 17C to \$1.04 per pound. The patrons were pioneers and improvements such as "Dairy Herd Improvement", "Cow Testing Associations" and the building of silos and milk house were seen throughout the community.

Herman Grefe served as secretary for 44 years. He was concerned about the success of the creamery and did not figure in terms of how much he would get, but how much he could give.

The volume of business in 1955 was \$268,058.22 and manufactured 353,830 pounds of butter.

Two directors, Herman Lueders and William Ohlrogge, were reelected for three years.

Other speakers were Al Thornes of Land O'Lakes Feed Department and Sherman Mandt, East Otter Tail County Agent.

The Legion Auxiliary served dinner to over 200 at noon and Otto Kawlewski family orchestra entertained the crowd. Prizes were given by the local merchants.

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