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## THE ROAD MEETING

Will Be Held in Court House Hall  
Next Tuesday, January 4,  
at 1:30 O'clock.

The Object is to Further the  
Cause of Road Improvement  
in Mille Lacs County.

Every one who is interested in road-improvement in Mille Lacs county should make it a point to attend the road meeting at court house hall next Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 1:30 p. m. Members of town and village boards and road overseers are especially requested to attend. It is expected that all of the county commissioners will be present. Chief Assistant State Road Engineer J. H. Mullen will be here and give a practical talk and answer any questions that may be propounded to him.

There has been some talk of getting a rock-crusher for the county. The matter can be discussed at the meeting. In fact any and all matters pertaining to road-improvement in the county will be discussed.

The meeting is called for the express purpose of devising ways and means for furthering the cause of road-improvement in the county—of getting the best results as speedily as possible.

During the past two years a great deal of money has been expended on roads and bridges in the county, probably the aggregate would exceed \$100,000, yet the mileage of permanently improved roads is small.

The need of better roads is apparent to all. The only question is how to get them, and get them soon. The meeting may result in great good. Certainly it will do no harm to get together and listen to suggestions for bettering road conditions in the county.

Let there be a good attendance, for there is no matter of more vital importance to the people of every section of Mille Lacs county than the getting of better roads.

### Joint Installation.

The Masonic and Eastern Star lodges had a joint installation of officers Monday evening, and the impressive exercises were attended by about 60 members of the two organizations.

The Eastern Star officers were installed first, and Mrs. Anna Christopher acted as installing officer. Hereunder appear the names of those who were inducted: Anna Ewing, Worthy Matron; Guy Ewing, Worthy Patron; Mary Huse, Associate Matron; Jennie Whiting, Secretary; Georgia Keith, Associate Conductress; Isabella Carleton, Chaplain; Frances Cooney, Marshal; Anna Evens, Organist; Anna Christopher, Adah; Ruby Randall, Ruth; Sadie Fox, Esther; Mrs. Stevens, Martha; Flora Neely, Electa; Mrs. Fox, Warden; E. K. Evens, Sentinel.

H. J. Plaas acted as installing officer of the Masons, and the following were duly introduced to office: J. A. Smith, W. M.; P. J. Wilken, S. W.; Swan Olson, J. W.; J. C. Herdlika, Treasurer; Rufus P. Morton, Secretary; M. A. Belsam, S. D.; H. J. Plaas, J. D.; O. M. Warner, S. S.; J. H. Hoffman, J. S.; Grover Umhoecker, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies a male quartet composed of Nathan Peterson, Joe Kallher, Jay Winsor and Lemuel Briggs favored those present with several vocal selections, and an oyster supper was then partaken of. The Masons were hosts and, as usual, did things up right.

The Masonic and Eastern Star organizations are in a flourishing condition, and at the dawn of 1916 everything indicates that another successful year lies ahead of these excellent orders.

### The Christmas Exercises.

Christmas was fittingly observed in the various churches of Princeton with exercises particularly appropriate to the sacred occasion.

At St. Edward's Catholic church a solemn high mass was held at 5:30 o'clock Christmas morning. Music was furnished by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Claire Caley, and Rev. Fr. Willenbrink's sermon on, "That Wonderful Infant at Bethlehem," was an inspiring effort. The edifice was appropriately decorated with evergreens and flowers, and the scene of the first Christmas night in Bethlehem was a pleasing feature of the sacred observance of the anniversary of the birth of our Saviour. The last services at St. Edward's took place at 10:30 o'clock, and Rev. Fr. Bialka of St. John's university delivered a special sermon.

On Christmas eve the Methodist,

Congregational and German Lutheran churches had appropriate exercises in commemoration of the birth of "The Prince of Peace." Pleasing programs of songs, recitations, readings and dialogues were rendered, and each one taking part did splendidly. All the services were largely attended, and the spirit of "Peace on earth, good will toward men" predominated.

The Swedish Lutheran church had special services on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock, and Rev. M. Peterson delivered a sermon especially fitting the sacred occasion. On Sunday evening the Sunday school rendered its Christmas program, and the edifice was filled to overflowing. Both the Swedish and English languages were used, and the sacred songs, recitations and readings were given in a manner that reflected credit upon the participants.

### Four Things That Make Farming Pay.

A farm management demonstration in Southwestern Minnesota showed that the average labor income of sixty-three farms taken in order was \$423. This means that the farmer had \$423 left for his own work above all business expenses and 5 per cent interest on an average investment of \$24,500. In addition to the foregoing the farmer had his house rent and such products as the farm furnished toward the family living. The results given coincide with extensive investigations in several states which have shown that one should endeavor to exceed the average of one's locality in as many of the following ways as possible if a profitable farm business is desired: (1) Size of business; (2) crop yields per acre; (3) live stock receipts per \$1 of feed; (4) amount of work accomplished per man.

In this locality the average farm had 192 acres of crops; the yields per acre of the leading crops were corn 39 bushels; wheat, 11 bushels; oats, 35 bushels; the average receipts for \$1 spent for feed were \$1.16; and the average amount of work done per man was the raising of 100 acres of crops and the care of a corresponding amount of live stock. The foregoing averages should not be taken as applying to any locality except the one included in this demonstration.

There were five farmers who fell below the average in each of the four factors. Not one of the five made as much as \$500 labor income. Of eighteen farmers who exceeded the above average in but one of the four factors, only one made a \$500 labor income. Again 11 farmers exceeded the average in three of the four factors. Out of the eleven there were 10 who made more than \$500 labor income. Just five farmers exceeded the average of their neighbors in all factors and every one made more than a \$500 labor income.

This demonstration shows that under the conditions prevalent in this locality, the year of 1914, a farmer who can do a little better than the average of his neighbors in at least three of the above four factors is almost certain to make more than 5 per cent interest on the investment and a labor income of over \$500.—W. L. Cavert, University Farm, St. Paul.

### Incontrovertible.

A Northern attorney, after acquiring a large South Carolina estate, formed the Eureka Debating Society to encourage free speech among the negroes of the neighborhood. On his next trip South he was confronted by the proud winner of the society's prize.

"Now, what was the subject of the debate, Sam?" asked the attorney.

"De subject were, sah, What is de mos' benefit to mankind, sah, de sun or de moon?" answered the negro.

"And which side did you uphold?"

"De moon, sah. I jes' argued dat de sun shines by day, when we doan' need de light, but de moon it shines by night, when dat light certainly am needed. An' dey couldn't answer dat, sah!"—Everybody's.

### Two Little Boys—An Allegory.

Once upon a time there were two boys. One was the child of rich parents; the other the offspring of the slums. The one was richly dressed and attended by servants; the other clothed in rags.

The rich little boy had tutors to instruct him in learning; he attended gymnasium classes to make him strong and read great and noble books to teach him to be brave. On Sundays he was sent to Sunday school, where he was taught the duty of self-sacrifice and devotion to his fellow men. The poor little boy had none of these things.

Now it so happened that both these little boys one afternoon were playing in the park beside the river. And while they were there a child fell from

one of the piers into the deep water. Now which of the boys was it that leaped fearlessly into the water, at the peril of his life, to rescue the struggling child?

The poor boy, you say at once. Not at all, you are quite wrong. It was the rich little boy. Didn't I say that his mind had been specially trained and that he had been taught to be courageous? In he jumped at once.

The boy from the slums simply stood on the bank and said: "Gee, see the young dood jump into the drink!"

By the way, the rich little boy was drowned. They'd forgotten to teach him to swim. Too bad—Stephen Leacock in Collier's Weekly.

### Will Start New Year in Jail.

Joe Nichols was arrested at Shakopee last Thursday by Sheriff Harry Shockley, on complaint of L. E. Balow and Fred McKay, charging petit larceny. He was arraigned before Justice Dickey Friday morning and after learning that a jail sentence would be the maximum penalty, entered a plea of guilty. Justice Dickey sentenced him to pay a fine of \$25 and costs, or in default of payment of said fine to serve 30 days in the Hennepin county jail. The fine was not paid, and Sheriff Shockley escorted the prisoner to the Minneapolis bastille Christmas morning.

The theft was committed on or about November 25, 1914, at which time Nichols was in the employ of Fred McKay in the town of Kathio. It appears that Nichols took some geese to Onamia for Mr. McKay, who had disposed of them to Mr. Balow. Nichols delivered the geese, and coaxed Mr. Balow to pay him the money for them, stating that he needed it to purchase some feed for the horses. After receiving the money—only \$10, by the way—he proceeded to sit up on booze, and left for parts unknown, leaving the horses uncared for. He evaded arrest for over a year, but was finally apprehended, and will start the new year in jail.

### Family Reunion at Riverside.

One of the merriest reunions of the season was held at the Riverside hotel over Christmas, when Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sauer of Hazelton, N. D., were the guests of honor of their daughters, Mrs. E. S. Brechwald and Mrs. Rose Bringleton. All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Sauer were present, viz: Mrs. Brechwald and daughter, Virginia, and Mrs. Bringleton and son, Raymond, of Princeton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonnell and daughter, Janet Louise, of Ida Grove, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stebbins and son, Emery, and daughter, Florence, of Le Mars, Iowa; Mr. Leo A. Sauer of St. Paul, and Mr. Edwin Sauer of Fargo, N. D.

This was the first time in ten years that the entire family had gathered under one roof, and the event was celebrated with a sumptuous course dinner on Christmas day. Mrs. Bringleton has been bedfast for over six weeks with a severe attack of rheumatism, and it was an occasion of great rejoicing to the family that she was able to be up for the Christmas dinner.

Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Leo Sauer left for their homes on Monday, and the other guests will remain for a more extended visit.

### Forgiveness.

A Swedish count has an autograph album in which three statesmen have written a sentence of their respective philosophies. The eighty-year old French minister, Cuzot, wrote: "During my long life I learned two wise rules; the one is to forgive much, the other, to forget nothing."

Underneath these words the French statesman wrote: "I fill up what a little forgetting does not detract from the sincerity of the forgiving."

On the same page there was place enough for an autograph of the German chancellor, Bismark, he said: "During my life I have learned the need of forgetting much and having much forgiven me."—Exchange.

### Apr-Poe.

The landlady of a well known boarding house made a point of asking departing guests to write something in her visitor's book. She was very proud of it—of some of the people whose names were in the volume, and the nice things they said.

"But there's one thing I can't understand," the lady confided to a friend, and that is what an American gentleman put in the book after stopping here. People always smile when they read it."

"What was it?" queried the other. "He only wrote the words, 'Quoth the raven!'" —Tit-Bits.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eighty-Three Licenses to Wed  
are Issued in Mille Lacs  
County the Past Year.

September and December Tied  
for First Place and October  
is Second on the List.

That Cupid was rather busy in Mille Lacs county during the year 1915 is evidenced by the fact that the records in the office of the clerk of court show that 83 permits to wed have been taken out. This is two less than last year, but as another day remains of 1915 the total of 1914 may be equalled.

September and December are tied for the honor of being the banner month of the year, as during each of these months 11 licenses were issued. October was second, 10 licenses being issued that month, while January and May are tied for third place, nine licenses to wed being issued during these months. August is at the bottom of the list with a total of only three, and during each of the months of June and July only four licenses were issued.

Following is a list of those to whom marriage licenses were issued:

JANUARY—Frank Albrecht and Grace Trabant, Edward W. Lambert and Carrie Norby, Roy B. Addington and Marian E. Middlemas, Roy R. Essler and Alice Walton, William J. O'Brien and Lucy H. Snow, Harry L. Baker and Muriel B. Price, Daniel Daline and Marie Larson, Ed Minikus and Dena Quade, Elmer Woodman and Blanche Fields.

FEBRUARY—John Norman and Hilda Anderson, Oscar W. Pearson and Esther Leeden, Robert E. Cook and Essie E. Norcross, Peter A. Nelson and Anna M. Fredlund.

MARCH—Louis Larsen and Minnie Seeman, John Person and Louisa Albrecht, Leon E. Holmes and Anna LaSelle, Fred H. Axell and Mabel I. Magnuson, Walter A. Patterson and Mary Johnson.

APRIL—James R. Bullis and Emma Simpson, Christ Mathison and Jennie Peterson, John H. Brinks and Johanna Regina Kiel, John J. Marcinak and Mamie J. Lindquist, Sven L. Kight and Harriet F. Larson, Louis E. Willey and Sadie E. Allison, James W. Parks and Hildur Lofgren, Martin Leach and Nancy McCall.

MAY—Joe H. Hansen and Ruth Moline, Norman D. McCuaig and Grace A. Patterson, Peter Olson and Jennie Lofgren, Stanley Mather and Alice Bergeron, Edward G. Berg and Hazel E. Johnson, Oscar Schramm and Elizabeth A. Schlee, Carl J. Hultman and Lydia Blomberg, Carl W. Johnson and Anna Samuelson, Simon E. Snow and Gladys Pitmon.

JUNE—Leopold Josef Pierlot and Jantje Vink, Peter Hanson and Pearl Buchan, George S. Knight and Mary S. Lynch, Frank Edward Balow and Esther L. Miller.

JULY—Charles W. Soper and Clara E. Spencer, George Hastings and Mae Baker, Charles O. Fairbanks and Evelyn E. Moore, Axel M. Peterson and Adella T. Homme.

AUGUST—Victor Sandberg and Ida E. Peterson, Edward Reps and Olive Schmidt, Arthur H. Lueck and Sophie M. Klingbeil.

SEPTEMBER—John P. Olson and Anna L. Ristvedt, Clarence N. Tennis and Eva M. McClintock, Archie Taylor and May P. Callender, Ben J. Sumner and Pearl Labissonnier, Conrad N. Erickson and Anna C. Oakleaf, Walter Peters and Nettie Braton, Will Brink and Gertrude Ruis, George Wills and Frances Robinson, Emil J. W. Dalchow and Helen E. Hoefft, Gustav Kulkric and Frieda Lueck, Leon Dilley and Lizzie M. Drescher.

OCTOBER—Lawrence M. Helmen and Thekla C. Holmen, Arthur J. Anderson and Ruth L. Merrill, John H. Bender and Alma Roos, Ray A. Wetzel and Freda Jaenicke, Roy Torgerson and Lula Blackburn, Nels V. Jensen and Cora Bockoven, John F. Anderson and Nellie May Briggs, Herbert H. Holby and Helen Woelper, Walter E. Brown and Minne Goff, Andrew Johnson and Amanda Josephine Gustafson.

NOVEMBER—Hugo H. Grapentin and Bertha Schwantes, Paul J. Lueck and Martha M. Schwartz, Andrew O. Johnson and Elvina A. Olson, Carl O. Warolin and Hilda M. Johnson, Ray Sycks and Flossie Burrows.

DECEMBER—Basil Ernest Dill and Amanda Larson, Charles Oftung and Olga Larson, Gustaf H. Gustafson and Esther E. Norlander, John Schutte and Lena Otten, Peter Dorholt and Emma Larson, Charles O. Johnson and Clara Thompson, Mat Pint and Millie Smith,

Andrew Olson and Bessie E. Foltz, Oscar G. Thilquist and Charlotte Sandholm, Jacob Pluimer and Hilda Hanenberg, Myron D. Northway and Clara Pernella Arseth.

### Olson-Foltz.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Foltz in this village was the scene of a quiet wedding last Thursday morning when their daughter, Miss Bessie L., and Mr. Andrew Olson of Brainerd took the matrimonial vows. Only near relatives and friends were in attendance. Rev. M. L. Hestage of Brainerd performed the ceremony, in the living room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers.

A tempting wedding breakfast was served immediately after the ceremony, and the newly weds departed on the morning train for Brainerd to visit a short time. They will make their home near St. Paul.

The bride, who is a graduate of the Princeton high school, is an accomplished young lady and has the esteem and well wishes of a large circle of friends. The groom is a graduate of the agricultural college of the state university and is possessed of qualities that assure him of success in life. At present he is managing a large farm near St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson will have a wedded life of uninterrupted bliss if the well wishes of friends count for aught.

### Harry Acts as a Peacemaker.

While Sheriff Shockley was accompanying Joe Nichols to the Hennepin county jail Christmas morning, two men in the coach in which he was riding engaged in a heated argument. One of them was standing and the other was seated. Quite unexpectedly the individual on his feet proceeded to "swing," and he didn't miss. The two then grappled, but the first aggressor soon had his opponent down, and was hammering him most unmercifully. Harry then intervened, and in vigorous language told the assaulter to "lay off." His advice was followed, and the two returned to their original places in the car. Harry later learned that the seated individual was an escaped patient from the Rochester state hospital, and that the other one was a guard, who was returning him to that institution. The treatment of the patient was uncalculated, however, as there was no further trouble up to the time Minneapolis was reached. Sheriff Shockley never has had trouble with insane patients placed in his charge, and in most cases it can be avoided.

### The 1916 Season to Open.

The Co. G basket ball team will open the 1916 season at the armory on the afternoon of New Year's day. The boys have engaged in regular practice three times a week since last seen in action, and the rough edges of the scoring machine have been smoothed off. A marked improvement in the play of the team is noticeable, both in the passing and basket throwing departments. The militia boys expect to give a good account of themselves, and no doubt they will.

The locals will be opposed on this occasion by the Wells Memorial club team of Minneapolis. This is the quint that recently defeated the high school, and we are informed that it is stronger now than it was upon that occasion. The contest will undoubtedly be a hummer. Play will commence at 3:30 o'clock.

### Reform in Oil Inspection Department.

Andrew Jackson Rush, state oil inspector, under the present democratic regime, has done one thing that will meet with the approval of the people of the state.

He has issued an order that all dealers in gasoline be instructed to post a statement of the gravity test of the oil sold.

Oil inspection as practiced heretofore, has been a farce because no protection has been afforded to the consumer; the only protection afforded was to the dealer, who in every case was amply able to protect himself.

The new rule, if enforced, will begin to meet the ends for which oil inspection was established, and will go some way in justifying the continued existence of the department.

Mr. Rush is to be commended for his stand.—Dawson Sentinel.

### Prices Advance.

Potato prices now are the highest they have been since 1911. The prices advanced on Tuesday on all varieties except Triumphs, from 10c to 15c, and the increased prices still prevail. Burbanks and Russets are bringing from 63c to 68c, Rose from 60c to 65c, Kings from 55c to 60c and Ohios from 50c to 55c. Triumphs are worth from 90c to 95c.

Receipts have been rather light since the last issue of the Union, which is

to be expected during the holiday season. Yesterday, however, a goodly quantity of spuds were marketed, and the advanced prices should materially increase the receipts.

Shipments have also been light, but 14 carloads will leave today, which indicates that the outside demand is picking up. On Saturday only four carloads left this point, and on Tuesday 12. The total for the week will be 30.

### West Branch Telephone Co. Meets.

The West Branch Telephone company held its annual meeting at the west school house of district 4 yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by President Henry Uglem, who presided during the proceedings.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved, and they showed that the company is in a healthy condition. The lines have been greatly improved during the past year.

It was decided to levy an assessment of \$6 against each stock holder during the coming year, \$4 of which will go to operating expenses and \$2 to the central company which owns the Rural exchange in this village.

On motion duly made and carried it was decided that the annual meetings be held on the last Saturday in December hereafter.

Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: A. H. Johnson, president; Albert Johnson, vice president; Fred Erickson, secretary.

Ole H. Uglem, Fred Eggert and Rufus P. Morton were chosen to represent the company in the management of the central company. These representatives will later choose one of their members to act as a director of the central company.

The annual meeting of the central company will be held in Princeton on Monday, January 10.

### First Democrat to File.

Thomas P. Dwyer, a Minneapolis boilermaker, who has achieved a reputation as a local politician, has filed for the democratic nomination for governor.

### Leon A. Parks.

Leon A. Parks succumbed to pneumonia at his home on the Wm. Ross farm in Blue Hill, Sherburne county, Tuesday, at the age of 34 years and 16 days, after a short illness.

The funeral services are being conducted this afternoon from the residence in Blue Hill. Rev. S. Johnson of the Princeton Congregational church is officiating. Interment will be in Oak Knoll cemetery.

Leon A. Parks was born in Westfield, this state, December 12, 1881. He was united in marriage to Miss May Gardner at Minneapolis on November 30, 1904, and five children were born of the union, four of whom are living. In the spring of 1906 Mr. Parks, accompanied by his family, came to Princeton and this vicinity had since been his home.

Besides the widow and children deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Parks; three brothers, Clifford, of Arpan, S. D., and Freeman and James; three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Fiero of Teepee, S. D., and Misses Stella, Elizabeth and Emma.

Leon A. Parks was an industrious young man, respected by all who formed his acquaintance, and that he should be summoned hence in the prime of life is indeed sad.

### Young Tom Shevlin Dead.

Thomas L. Shevlin died of pneumonia at his home in Minneapolis early yesterday morning. He had contracted a cold while assisting in coaching the Yale football team a few weeks ago, and it developed into pneumonia. Mr. Shevlin was a promising young business man of great executive ability and an athlete of national reputation.

### Mary M. Edwards.

Mary M., the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Edwards of Spencer Brook, passed away Christmas night. Heart failure was the cause of death. The remains were taken to Glenville, where the girl was born, for interment, Monday, and the funeral services were conducted at that place Tuesday.

### Mrs. Anna Hummel.

Mrs. Anna Hummel departed this life at her home in Minneapolis Friday morning after an illness of only three days. Deceased was well known here, having often visited her children, Mrs. G. H. Gottwerth and the late L. C. Hummel, at this place. Mrs. Gottwerth was at the bedside of her mother when the end came. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow.