

# F. RYAN DIED THIS MORNING

### Funeral Saturday at Pro-Cathedral; Interment at Minto.

Francis L. Ryan, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ryan, 312 North Seventh street, died at 8 o'clock this morning, at his parents' home. Death was due to complications following an attack of influenza. Mr. Ryan having been ill for several months.

Funeral services will be held at 8:15 o'clock Saturday morning from St. Michael's Pro-cathedral, with Rev. Mr. J. A. Lemieux officiating. The body will then be taken to Minto, where services will be held at 10 o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic church, with Rev. John Maxwell in charge. Interment will take place at Minto.

Mr. Ryan was born in Minto in April, 1891, and had made his home in Grand Forks for the last several years. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Frances, aged 4 years, his parents, two brothers, John Ryan and E. L. Ryan, and one sister, Miss Gertrude Ryan, all of this city.

# THIS CITY INVITED TO SEND DELEGATES TO BISMARCK MEET

W. M. Smart, president of the city commission at Minot, has written to Henry O'Keefe, Jr., president of the city commission here, suggesting that Grand Forks be represented at a meeting of representatives from every city and commission of any size in North Dakota. The meeting is to be held on January 18 at Bismarck.

Among the topics to be discussed, according to Mr. Smart's letter, is the law limiting the levy which cities may assess for operating expenses to one-third of the total levies made during the years of 1918, 1919 and 1920. Other matters affecting cities and villages also will be taken up. It is planned.

# ONE BOY SCOUT OUT OF 20 PASSES TEST

About twenty local Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Roy Young, scout executive, hiked into the country Thursday, returning last evening. Various tests were held, only one boy, Bob Wallace, placed in line for promotion to second class scout. Following are the boys who made the trip:

Troop 5 — Robert Massey, Vernon Squires, and Gordon York. Troop 4 — Rudolph Broen, Tom Moore, Dick Sturtevant, Russell Berge, Robert Simpson, Robert Wallace, William Young, John Seebas, Fred Evans, and Harold James. Troop 3 — Rolf Eggers, Rheinhardt Lander, Harold Johnson, Charles Christanson, and Edgar Evanson. Troop 2 — William Hawkes. Troop 6 — David Hunter.

# U. N. D. PEOPLE AT MEETINGS IN EAST

Several University of North Dakota faculty members are attending the Christmas holidays attending various educational meetings in the east.

Among those who went from the university are Rafael A. Soto, associate professor of Spanish; E. T. Towne, head of the department of economics and political science; J. H. Bond, assistant professor of economics; A. D. Keator, associate professor of library science; Dr. J. M. Gillette, head of the department of sociology; C. E. McGinnis, L. V. Vold and Thos. E. Atkinson, all of the college of law.

R. H. Young, professor of zoology, has gone to Boston to attend a meeting of scientists in that city. The American Economists association is holding its meetings in the Congress hotel, which began on Wednesday and will continue until Saturday. The convention of the Modern Language association is also at the Congress and began yesterday. It will continue through Saturday. The Association of American Law Schools is meeting at the LaSalle and the convention opened Thursday.

# NIAGARA CLUB HAS ANNUAL ELECTION AND XMAS PARTY

The annual meeting of the Niagara-Shawnee Community club was held Wednesday night at which time the election of officers to serve during the year 1923 was held. Hans Georgeson was re-elected president, and other officers named include: Ernest Kirk, vice president; Henry Link, treasurer; D. Eliertson, secretary, and Mrs. Axel Thompson, lunch captain.

In connection with the business meeting there was an informal Christmas party with a program. Hans Georgeson gave a humorous reading, and a mixed chorus sang a Christmas hymn. The social gathering was in charge of a committee comprising Mrs. Steve Nason, Mrs. George Kirk, Jr., and Mrs. George Hanson.

The next meeting of the club will be held on January 9.

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# WANT RUPPRECHT TO RULE BAVARIA



Former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

Bavarian republicans believe they have discovered a monarchist plan to place former Crown Prince Rupprecht in power and restore the throne. They believe that the bill to create a "state president," introduced in the diet by the reactionaries, is a part of this plan. A figurehead would be put up first and then Rupprecht would step in, republicans assert.

# Vets To Send Harding Resolution On Bonus; New Officers Elected

Arguments for the passage of an adjusted compensation bill are contained in a resolution adopted by the Grand Forks Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the annual meeting last night. A copy of the resolution is to be sent to President Harding.

The appointment resulted in the naming of John Taylor as commander; F. P. Ross, senior vice commander; E. J. Rabinovich, junior vice commander; Sam Lohmeyer, quartermaster; John McIver, chaplain; Dr. A. C. Deane, surgeon; Harold Lowe, officer of the day; Austin Henry, trustee for 18 months, and W. E. Maher, trustee for 12 months.

# MOTOR CARS CAUSED \$30,000,000 LOSS ON THE OATS CROP

Chicago.—American farmers are losing approximately \$30,000,000 a year on their oats crop and probably a like amount on their hay crops through the use of automobiles, motor trucks and tractors which have largely supplanted the use of horses in the cities, according to Robert McDougal, president of the Chicago Board of Trade in analyzing the effect of motorized hauling on the horse and grain market. Mr. McDougal believes, however, the pendulum is swinging the other way, pointing out that the prices on good draft horses are advancing.

"In 1919, there were 2,500,000 horses in the cities," said Mr. McDougal, "while in 1920 there was a trifle more than half that number. Most city horses are fed upon oats and hay. Oats in prices recently averaged 65 cents below wheat prices, whereas before we began using gasoline they averaged 62 cents below wheat. This is a loss of three cents per bushel, which based upon an average crop of one billion bushels nets the farmer a tidy loss.

# SCIENTISTS ASSERT SUGAR OBTAINABLE FROM SODA WATER

London.—Sugar may today be obtained from soda water, the aerated beverage which flows from nickel plated faucets in thousands of drug and candy stores throughout the country, according to two English scientists who for nearly three years have been conducting laboratory experiments with the idea of duplicating artificially the work done by plants in self-nourishment.

It always has been a scientific mystery how living plants build up the sugar necessary for their growth, from the carbon dioxide or carbonic acid, a component part of the atmosphere, which they absorb, by mixing it with carbo-hydrates and the starch universally found in plants. Their experiments convinced the scientists, Professor E. C. Baly and Professor Heilbren, that not only is it possible to produce formaldehyde from soda water by the action of very short wave length light, but that it is also possible to produce formaldehyde with ordinary sunlight in the presence of malachite green, or other appropriate coloring matter.

# LOCAL BANK CLEARINGS

Great Grand Forks bank clearings for the week ended December 27 were \$1,513,800 compared with \$1,874,900 for the previous week, according to the weekly report of I. A. Berg, manager of the Grand Forks Clearings House association.

# SOLDIER HUSBANDS NOT IN FAVOR WITH ALMOND EYED MAIDS

Tokio.—Military men are not desired as husbands by the modern Japanese. It is indicated in the writing of the people of the Gohanshin high school, one of the best in Tokio. They state some of the reasons are official duties and the fact that they are

# BIG RAILROAD MERGER PLAN IS COMPLETED

### Proposal Needs Only I. C. C. and Stockholders' Approval.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Only the approval of the Interstate Commerce commission and stockholders of the New York, Chicago, St. Louis, the Toledo, St. Louis and Western, the Lake Erie and Western, the Fort Wayne, Cincinnati and Cleveland, and the Chicago and State Line is necessary today for the consolidation of these railroads into one of the largest railroad systems east of the Mississippi river.

Unification of the railroads, all of which are operated and controlled by the O. P. and M. J. Swearingen interests of this city, was agreed upon yesterday. Application to the Interstate Commerce commission for authority to amalgamate will be made immediately. It was said. Meetings of stockholders to vote on the proposal have been called for early in March.

# FORMER BREWER OF ST. LOUIS FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE

(By The Associated Press.)  
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—William J. Lemp, former brewer, today was found shot to death in his office here. A revolver was found nearby. Police expressed the belief he had committed suicide. His father and a sister committed suicide.

# COLLEGE ALUMNI OF BOSTON PLANNING A COMMON CLUB HOME

Boston.—College men and women of Greater Boston have in prospect a club home, to be built at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 under plans of a committee of the present University club, the sponsor of the project. With the existing organization as a nucleus, the University club is expected ultimately to have a membership of 5,000.

There are known to be 28,000 persons, alumni of 237 colleges and universities, resident within 20 miles of the city, who are eligible to membership. Separate organizations are now maintained by graduates of 71 of these institutions. The present University club was organized in 1892 at the suggestion of Amherst men, whose idea was to form a luncheon club.

Specifications of the new structure call for a building in the Renaissance style, of limestone and brick. The basement will contain squash courts, swimming tank, billiard and pool room, barber shop and locker room. The two floors next above will include dining and grill rooms for both men and women, reception rooms, library, lounge and guest rooms. The third floor will be given over to women's use and the fourth and fifth floors will consist of sleeping quarters.

# BOARD MAKES ANNUAL REPORT TO GOVERNOR

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vides a clear perspective of comparative institutional work. It is only in this manner that those charged with the supervision and administration of the institutions can acquire the foresight and good judgment upon which the improvement of the character of institutional service depends.

# BOARD MAKES ANNUAL REPORT TO GOVERNOR

Without making a recommendation that arrangements be made by which the board may take advantage of discounts and the lower prices which invariably follow the payment of cash, the report of the board says: "Delayed payment of institutional bills on account of the limited funds available due to the deferred collection of taxes has presented numerous difficulties. To make possible payment of institutional salaries and expenses loans in a number of instances were negotiated through the Bank of North Dakota and local banks. Nothing will more quickly reflect itself in dollars and cents than a financial arrangement that will assure creditors of a prompt payment of their accounts. Especially is this true in connection with construction work on institutional buildings where contracts run into large sums which contractors cannot afford to carry. Costs on such work can be materially decreased if contractors can be made to feel that their estimates will be paid promptly. The same holds true of other institutional accounts. Instead of being settled with a discount at the end of the month, the bills should be paid before payment is made. The consequence is that firms affected will make due allowance for interest reimbursement when they submit their quotations on supplies, etc., and the general cost is correspondingly increased."

Entering into discussion of the general life of the schools and institutions, the board reports that the system of holding two sections of the summer school had proved so successful it would be continued. During the summer months of 1922, 4,375 students attended summer schools. The board feels that it is an advantage to utilize to the fullest extent the physical equipment of the schools.

The board also feels that the institution of a normal school president's council which has met with the board several times has been of great help in advancing the work of the teachers' training schools. Announcement also is made that the teachers' training courses, known as the two years' teachers' course, will be discontinued at the end of the 1923 summer school, the course not being offered at either of the schools this year and the date mentioned enabling the ending of courses of all who initiated the work a year ago. The university and agricultural college will offer the

# more advanced work in teachers' training, however

### Service Men Helped.

The report of the board also notes that the North Dakota schools have been allowed to receive the assignment of bonus claims in payment of school bills and that in spite of the financial conditions, hundreds of former service men had taken advantage of this provision.

The report of the board also called attention to the presence of disabled veterans at Jamestown and Dunseith and that the war department was supervising the care of these men, especially in recreative, amusements and occupational therapy. The board also repeats the emphasis on the report of a year ago concerning the good work being accomplished by the use of occupational therapy among the patients of the state at Jamestown. The department is being extended as rapidly as possible. The report also calls attention to the extent of the outdoor activities being encouraged at the institutions.

# Herds Improved.

Improvement of the dairy herds at the different institutions has been in progress during the last year, especial emphasis being laid upon the getting rid of the "boarders" in the herd and building up the herds by the addition of pure bred cattle.

Efforts made throughout the year to send back to states all residents of other commonwealths are presented, together with the report of the work of O. B. Holton of the United States immigration office at Minneapolis, who conducted a survey at the state hospital, penitentiary, training

# school and institution for the feeble minded which resulted in the finding that a number of inmates were deportable.

Approximately 450 persons were transported by the board too and between the different institutions during the year. Most of these were to the state hospital, state training school and penitentiary.

Report is made that only a small amount of the \$1,000,000 appropriated by previous legislatures was used in 1921 while some of the buildings have been constructed in 1922. Some contracts remain to be let from these sums for the spring of 1923. The board report mildly criticizes the plan of not preparing for a building until the need for it has become embarrassing and the service of the institution rendered correspondingly ineffective and the placing the burden for the payment of the building upon the taxpayers for the one or two biennial periods in which the building is erected.

In connection with the buildings, the board calls attention to the plans which have been made to arrange the buildings systematically in all future projects, plans for all the

# schools and institutions being in the process of making or being completed.

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