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## TERM OF COURT STARTED TODAY BY GRAND JURY

**Criminal Calendar Is to Be  
Decided Upon By Grand  
Jury, Now Meeting**

### PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR CITIZENSHIP HEARINGS

**Robert Miller, Convicted Last  
February on Murder Charge,  
to Have New Trial**

The preliminaries to the opening of the regular term of the district court began this morning at 10:00 o'clock, when Judge B. F. Wright addressed the members of the grand jury before going into regular session for the consideration of a brought before that body.

A large number of liquor cases where local soft drink parlor proprietors and others were bound over to await the action of the grand jury, will be considered, as will several other cases, according to reports.

The case of the state against Tom Won, a Chinaman, who is held on account of his alleged attack upon another Chinaman by the name of Hum Kee, will doubtless receive attention.

Sheriff Andrew Johnson has appointed two women deputy sheriffs to act during the term of court. The two named are Lucy Lafontisee and Linnea Anderson.

Wednesday is naturalization day at the court house. Nine applicants are to appear before the court to prove their right to citizenship to this great American nation. In addition to the nine new applicants there will be a large number of hold-overs, who could not, for some reason or another, be admitted at previous terms of court.

It is understood also that a number of ex-service men will be given citizenship papers. These are not required to have made previous preparation.

A splendid program is being arranged by the school children under the direction of Miss Martha Fibiger and representatives of the American Legion have also been asked to participate in this program. Addresses by Judge B. F. Wright and R. K. Doe, naturalization examiner, will be heard by the newly-made citizens.

The program is intended to impress upon the new Americans the importance of the step, which they have taken and to start them off along proper lines as citizens of the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

The petit jury session is called for Thursday morning at which time this body will convene and organize for the present term of court.

There are a large number of civil cases to be heard as well as a goodly number of criminal cases.

Robert Miller, who was sentenced to life imprisonment and who appealed the case to the supreme court asking for a new trial and was granted that request, will probably be tried again for the alleged murder of a man by the name of Fenton. Arrangements for his case at this term of court have not yet been made, however.

### BISHOP BENNETT WILL CONTINUE HIS SERVICES

Bishop G. G. Bennett will continue his services during the week. Each evening the bishop will deliver a brief address on the subject of the real nature of the church. He will also deliver short sermons each evening as follows: Tuesday evening, "The Brand of Cain"; Wednesday evening, "The New-Born Man"; Thursday evening, "The Whole Family of God." On Thursday evening there will be another class for confirmation. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### MINNESOTA OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT EDUCATION SURVEY

St. Paul, Feb. 14.—University of Minnesota officials today were to submit a survey to the legislature interim commission on education.

The commission has been probing educational facilities of the state and will make a report to the next session of the legislature.

Several meetings have already been held and a number of witnesses heard. A large amount of information has been compiled on which the commission will base its report.

### PRESENT WAGE SCALE FOR MINERS FAVORED

(By United Press)  
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 14.—Continuance of the present basic wage scale in the soft coal fields was recommended to the United Mine Workers of America today.

This is considered the olive branch of peace in the war of words between the miners and their employers, which threatened to develop into a strike April 1, when the present agreement expires. Coal operators must agree now to meet the miners if the strike is averted. A majority of the operators

## RUSSELL K. BROOKS IS LAID TO REST MONDAY

**Parting Tribute Paid Deceased  
Ex-Service Man Who Died  
as Result of Service**

Russell Kenfield Brooks was laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery Monday afternoon, following services at the Presbyterian church at 2:30. Rev. Lester P. Warford, pastor of the church, officiated both at the church and at the grave. The deceased, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Brooks of this city, passed away at Prescott, Arizona last Tuesday morning after an illness of more than a year, the greater part of which he was confined to his bed at his home and in various hospitals.

Members of the Bemidji Masonic orders, American Legion, school-mates, friends and acquaintances of the deceased and his family gathered at the church to pay parting tribute to this young man who in the defense of his country during the recent war contracted the disease which later brought about his death. A member of the A. F. and A. Masons, the Ralph Gracie post of the American Legion, the 1920 Bemidji high school state championship football team and well and favorably known by all his acquaintances, his death is mourned by a large circle of friends who unite in extending their sympathy to the family in this hour of bereavement.

The floral tributes at the ceremony were many and beautiful, and appropriate ceremonies added to the reverence of the occasion. The Presbyterian choir, of which church the deceased was a member, sang at the church as did W. R. Nelson. Close friends of the deceased, members of the Masonic order and the American Legion, served as pall-bearers, while other close friends and American Legion members served as honorary pall-bearers. A firing squad and bugler paid the military tribute at the grave.

Out of heartfelt respect for the deceased, the high school pupils at 2:30 ceased their work for two minutes.

The deceased leaves to mourn his death besides a host of friends and all who knew him, his wife, Mrs. Russell K. Brooks, a son, William J.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Brooks; two sisters, Miss Mabel Brooks and Mrs. Harold Hayner. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery under the direction of H. N. McKee, funeral director.

## DECLAMATORY-ORATORY CONTEST THIS EVENING

Three young men and three young ladies of the Bemidji high school are taking part in the declamatory-oral contest which is to be held at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock this evening. The announcement of the contest was made by the young men and which young lady will represent the school in the district contest to be held Friday evening at the Methodist church, when the various schools of this district will be represented.

Misses Elyia Elliott, Ruth Caskey and Margaret Stewart will compete to represent the school in the oratorical contest, and Harry Hodgson, Roy Webster and Willard Jameson will compete to represent the school in the declamatory contest.

The high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Martha Fibiger will also be on the program, for which a small admission charge is being asked. The public is urged to support this contest and show its interest in public speaking of this sort as being taught in the high school under the direction of Miss Esther Young, instructor in English.

## MINNESOTA LEADS IN WOODROW WILSON FUND

"Minnesota Leads Wilson Fund Race" is the headline appearing in a recent issue of the New York Times. This follows the announcement of George H. Partridge, Minnesota chairman for the Woodrow Wilson foundation, in which he stated that Minnesota has raised two-thirds of its quota.

The national fund-raising of \$1,000,000 according to Mr. Partridge, in a telegram received from Hamilton Holt of New York, has already passed the half-way mark. The progress of the campaign, in spite of widespread business depression, may be attributed, according to Mr. Partridge, to the fact that the idea has found support among all classes.

### WATER SUPPLY SHUT OFF BY MISTAKE MONDAY NIGHT

Bemidji's city water supply was shut off for about 15 minutes Monday evening when the main feed valve which feeds the mains was shut off by mistake. While the cause of the water being shut off was being ascertained by the water department numerous telephone inquiries kept the department busy. No damage except inconvenience to consumers had been reported this forenoon.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED E TO MILL PARK THIS MORNING

Fire which caused no mentionable damage called the fire department to 131 Mill Park shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. The department was also called to 1122 Dewey avenue about 8 o'clock Monday morning because of a chimney fire. No damage was done, however.



## GIANTS MEET SUPERIOR HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

**Teachers Will Play Hibbing  
Here Friday; High School  
Teams to Travel**

The Bemidji Giants will play only one game with the Superior American Legion basketball squad instead of two as originally planned, it was announced late Monday. Games had been arranged for Thursday and Friday evenings but only the Thursday night game will be played since the Teachers college has a game here Friday evening. Defeated by Thief River Falls and sure to be defeated by Crookston tonight, the Superior team will run up against a hard combination here, although a fast game is looked for by local college will play a return game with the Hibbing Junior college at the new armory Friday evening. That squad defeated the Bemidji teachers 22 to 5 last Friday night at Hibbing, but a much closer game is looked for on the Bemidji floor.

The high school squad will play the Crosby-Inton squad at Crosby Saturday night. At the first meeting of these two teams on the Bemidji floor, Crosby won by a score of 31 to 21 with the first period 14 to 14. Another hard game is looked for Saturday night. The high school second team faces a hard game Friday night when it journeys to Deer River to play the high school squad of that village. Deer River recently played the State Teachers college a hard game, losing by an 18 to 17 score and the high school second team will undoubtedly have a big job on its hands to keep the scoring fairly even.

### A. F. AND A. MASONS TO PUT ON THIRD DEGREE WEDNESDAY

Bemidji lodge, A. F. and A. Masons will meet in regular communication Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Masonic hall. Third degree work will be conferred upon a class of candidates and it is urged that all members be present promptly at 7 o'clock since there is important business to be disposed of after the degree work is completed.

### M. E. BROTHERHOOD TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of the Brotherhood of the M. E. church will be held Tuesday evening in the basement of the church. At 6:30 o'clock a ham and egg supper will be served to which all the men are invited and this will be followed at 8 o'clock by a debate on the cancellation of the European debts, by Messrs. C. L. Issted, R. L. Given, E. H. Denu and J. C. McGhee.

## JEWISH RELIEF DRIVE IN STATE OPENS FEB. 19

February 19 has been set as the opening date for the campaign in Minnesota for the Jewish Relief committee for war sufferers. Although the date has been advanced a full month on account of the immediate need for funds with which to carry on the work of mercy in Central and Eastern Europe, Minnesota will be ready, according to an announcement made by J. H. Schanfeld of Minneapolis, state chairman.

Despite the fact that American Jews during the past five years have contributed \$47,000,000 for this purpose, the necessity for continuing the work is so urgent that there is no doubt at state headquarters at 900 Hennepin avenue that the full amount to which Minnesota is pledged, \$250,000, will be raised by March 1.

## BELIEVE DRUG QUEEN KNOWS MURDER DETAILS

(By United Press)  
Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 14.—The queen of the dopes was hunted today in the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery. This woman, head of a powerful drug ring operating in Hollywood, knows the circumstances of Taylor's killing, in the belief of Sheriff Eugene Biscaraine and Deputy Sheriff Frank Dower. All known members of the ring, including its queen, have gone into hiding.

(By United Press)  
Denver, Colo., Feb. 14.—William D. Taylor, slain movie director, was not an Irish lord as he claimed, but just the son of a "good-old-fashioned Kansas farmer," according to Mrs. Petroff of Denver. Mrs. Petroff claims to be a cousin of the director. His father was Oscar Tanner, who came to Kansas from Ireland. Mrs. Petroff said he settled in Kansas because he wanted to be near his brother, her father, who lived in Topeka. The murdered man was married in 1901, according to Mrs. Petroff.

### BALFOUR BELIEVES THAT BRITAIN WILL RATIFY

(By United Press)  
London, Feb. 14.—"I would not doubt for one minute that Great Britain will ratify the Washington arms conference treaty," Arthur J. Balfour, who was head of the British delegation, declared on his arrival here today.

## HAMLIN GLEE CLUB TO APPEAR HERE TOMORROW

**Special Matinee for Children  
at 3:30; Performance for  
Adults in Evening**

The Hamlin University Men's Glee club of St. Paul will sing at the Grand theater tomorrow afternoon and evening under the auspices of the Bemidji B. P. O. Elks. This organization is one of the best known in the northwest. Last year a total of 76 concerts were given in a 6,000-mile tour and everywhere the club met with hearty support and much favorable comment from its hearers and from press.

Although the personnel of the club has been slightly changed from that of last year, it is still under the supervision of Prof. J. A. Jaeger who is prominent in musical circles in the twin cities.

The tour which the club is now making started at Glencoe Feb. 1 making practically every date filled until Feb. 17, when the tour closes at Little Falls. Last night and the night before the club sang at Fargo, N. D., and tonight is scheduled to sing at Grand Forks.

A special matinee will be staged tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 for the benefit of the school children. Admission has been set at 25 cents for the children at the matinee.

The evening performance is intended for the adults and for this a straight admission charge of 50 cents will be made. Tickets are on sale at the various drug stores. There will be no reserved seats, those coming early getting their choice.

Included in the personnel of the club is Robert Naylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naylor, Sr., of this city, a graduate of the Bemidji high school with the class of 1921 and now a freshman at Hamline.

A varied and interesting program will be given and it is assured that it will be one which will appeal to all classes of people. There is considerable expense attached to the appearance of the club here and it is urged that the general public support this exceptionally fine entertainment.

## AUTO DEALERS PUT ON MINIATURE AUTO SHOW

**Columns of Pioneer Will Be  
Used Next Week as Show  
Rooms for Autos**

Bemidji has not yet grown to the size where it can support an auto show, although a building of the necessary size is available and nearly all the practical and popular cars are represented by energetic dealers, who are ready and anxious to have those who are interested in an automobile for spring, come in and see the "newest wrinkles" in the cars that are being built for the coming season.

The next best thing to take the place of an auto show will be the Automobile Edition which the Pioneer will place before its readers Tuesday, Feb. 21.

This edition was planned for an earlier date but many delays were encountered in gathering the material for such an undertaking and as a result the date has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Nearly every dealer in the city is co-operating with the Pioneer in making this a regular Automobile "Show Window" that will be taken right to the readers' homes where they can study the merits of the various cars in the quiet of their fireside and later can go to the different show rooms and see the cars, after they have learned something of them.

One outstanding feature on all the cars for spring is the lower prices. There will also be a number of announcements from tire and accessory dealers.

### LEGION DESIRES EMPLOYMENT FOR NEEDY EX-SERVICE MEN

The Ralph Gracie post of the American Legion is in touch with a number of needy ex-service men who are out of employment and who would appreciate either temporary or permanent jobs. Those who have either small or large jobs to offer are asked to communicate with the adjutant of the local legion post or Miss Lila Stanton, secretary of the Civic & Commerce association. Almost any kind of work will be appreciated by those out of employment and these men are anxious to take on even short jobs if no other kind of work is available.

### ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES LEADERS

Ashland, Wis., Feb. 14.—The annual meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce will be held here tonight. The organization will elect officers for the coming year Tuesday, Feb. 21.

## TO DISCUSS EVILS AND FAULTS OF UNIVERSITY

(By United Press)  
Minneapolis, Feb. 14.—Evils and faults of the University of Minnesota will be discussed tonight at the first "Gridiron Banquet" of the school.

President L. D. Coffman was the first man invited and the first to accept. Other university officials and faculty members will be present. Gov. Preus and state officials, together with twin city officials and newspapermen have been invited.

Only men will be permitted to attend the banquet. It will be fashioned after the gridiron banquet held at Washington each year, in which senators, representatives and newspapermen participate. While the Washington banquet has been mostly a humorous affair in years past, it is expected the Minnesota banquet will be on a more serious basis.

## CASS COUNTY ORGANIZES FOR MORE CLEARED ACRES

**Farmers in Nearby County Plan  
to Beat Record Set in This  
County Last Year**

The farming and business interests of Cass county have united in a movement fostered by the state university and the farm bureau to clear up cut-over lands for purposes of crop production. In the last five years the rate of clearing in Cass county has been an average of only 1.3 acres per farm a year. It is estimated at this rate it would take 551 years to clear up the remaining cutover land in Cass county.

Beltrami and Itasca counties multiplied their land clearing operations five or six times in 1921, and the Cass county men purposed to do as well if not better in 1922. Nearly 200 farmers and business men representing all parts of the county recently met at Walker and organized a land clearing association, and laid plans for follow-up meetings which are to be held over the county by representatives of the land clearing section of the university, by the county farm bureau, and by the state forestry department. The meeting was addressed by university and railway and development association men who are interested in the future of the county.

The first series of meetings will be held at the leading community centers in the county, such as Cass Lake, Federal Dam, Backus, Pine River, Hackensack, Pillager, Shovel Lake, Remer and Boy River. The meeting at Cass Lake was held Monday, Feb. 13, at Shovel Lake, Feb. 27, Remer, Feb. 28, and Boy River, Mar. 1. The dates for the other places have not been arranged. Farmers and business men will work together at three meetings in planning attack on the land clearing problems of each community.

A second series of meetings will cover the county in a much more intensive way, the plan being to hold a land clearing meeting with every farm bureau unit. The university, the farm bureau, and the state forestry department will be represented at all these meetings. Land clearing slides will be shown.

Cass county has been allotted two carloads of picric acid from the second consignment which has been made Minnesota by the federal government. The fact, too, that dynamite prices are being reduced all along the line will also spur to land clearing operations in the north.

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE

Recently the First Lutheran church held a meeting to welcome the members who joined during the year 1921, at which time the annual report was read for the various activities of the church by G. Thompson, treasurer; by Mrs. Martin Moe, secretary of the Ladies' Aid society; by Miss Ruth Nelson, secretary of the Luther league; and Miss Mabel Croon, treasurer of the league; by Mrs. L. J. Jerdee, superintendent and treasurer of the Sunday school, and Olaf Opsahl, secretary of the school.

A report on missions was made by Mrs. L. P. Jerdee, a report of the parsonage fund by I. Nygaard, treasurer. Rev. L. J. Jerdee read his annual report showing a membership increase of 160 during the year. The Ladies' Aid had an increase of 35 members, the Sunday school 76, and the Luther league 46 during the same period. The confirmation class has an enrollment this year of 35 members, an increase of 21.

The congregation was greatly encouraged by the increase during the past year. At this meeting the Ladies' Aid served free lunch and all who attended were inspired by the accomplishments of the church and its various organizations during the year.

## ACCOUNTANT ARRESTED ON TECHNICAL CHARGE

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 14.—The arrest of Herman Brissman, St. Paul accountant, on a technical charge here yesterday was seen to-day as part of the defense of A. C. Townley, under indictment in Fargo, Brissman was arrested on a charge of "unlawfully assuming the title of a certified public accountant in the state of North Dakota." The charge was brought by Joseph Coghlin, Non-partisan member and member of the state department Brissman was released on bonds and the case was set for Feb. 18.

Townley was recently arrested at Fargo on a charge of being an accomplice to an alleged illegal note to the Scandinavian-American bank at Fargo. The charge grew out of examinations in Fargo in which the Bishop-Brissman Co., of St. Paul was involved.

## TONSorial ARTIST SELLS TICKETS TO "BARBER'S BALL"

Minneapolis, Feb. 14.—Detectives today were looking for a tonsorial artist and a young lady accomplice, and about 1,000 other young men and women would also like to find them. For the last two weeks the professor and his accomplice have been busy selling tickets to a barber's dance. Last night about 500 people found the hall dark and cold.

### CONFERENCE ON BONUS NOW WAITING ON PRES. HARDING

Washington, Feb. 13.—Republican conferees on the soldier bonus bill are waiting on President Harding before going further with the efforts to find a satisfactory means of raising the money for such a bonus.

## OPERATIONS OF SWINDLE TRUST ARE UNCOVERED

**Chicago Police Swoop Down on  
Office of Novacolite Co.  
and Arrest President**

### FOREIGN-BORN WORKERS DEFAUDED OF MILLIONS

**According to Office Manager  
of Concern, Escaped Man  
Was Leader of Trust**

(By United Press)  
Chicago, Feb. 14.—Operations of a gigantic swindle trust, which robbed the foreign born of millions of dollars were unearthed today as police sought Leslie Harrington, who fled Chicago shortly before his office was raided, following the probe of Raymond Bishoff, 25, who admitted he drained \$4,500,000 from the Lithuanian stockyard employees.

Harrington was sought as police swooped down on the office of the Novacolite company and arrested President Luke Burns, Secretary Thomas Moran and Office Manager A. A. Lebecki. According to Lebecki, Harrington was the power of the frenzied financial operators.

"We have given promissory notes for about \$1,400,000 since the office began. People came to us with their money and wanted us to invest it for them. We made them accept stock in the Novacolite company."

Large books of promissory notes were seized in raids by police.

### MARKET INFORMATION NOW BEING SENT BY WIRELESS

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 14.—Wireless is now playing a very important part in making the American farmer the best informed farmer in the world. National and local agricultural market reports are now spread broadcast throughout practically the entire country by means of the wireless telegraph and telephone, and are being received by state bureaus of markets, agricultural schools, and hundreds of amateur wireless operators, and thence relayed to farmers, shipping associations, banks, and other agricultural interests.

### SAYS SAFETY OF AMERICA IS DEPENDENT UPON NAVY

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 14.—The safety of the United States depends upon keeping up an efficient navy, it was declared today before the house naval affairs committee.

Admiral Koenig, chief of naval operations, made this statement to the congressional committee investigating the situation which will result from the reductions and restrictions in naval affairs directed by the five-power limitation treaty.

### BANDITS RIFLE SAFE OF MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS

(By United Press)  
Minneapolis, Feb. 14.—Mayor George E. Leach of Minneapolis lost \$14,000 in negotiable papers and pearls when bandits robbed his safe here last night, he said today. The safe was in the office of his brother, Walter C. Leach and was filled of Liberty bonds, other securities and jewels. Among the securities he lost were \$1,500 in Liberty bonds he purchased while overseas with the A. E. F., and which he prized highly.

### McGOWAN MEETS McLEAN AT WINNIPEG TONIGHT

(By United Press)  
Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—Everett McGowan of St. Paul and Bobby McLean of Chicago met here tonight in a series of ice skating races. McLean formerly held the world speed skating championship.

### EIGHTEEN DEAD AS RESULT OF FIGHTING AT BELFAST

(By United Press)  
Belfast, Ireland, Feb. 14.—Casualties in the street fighting here between Sinn Fein and Ulster men mounted to a total of 18 dead and 50 wounded today. There was intermittent sniping all during the night.

## BISHOP BENNETT WILL ADDRESS ASSOCIATION

Bishop G. G. Bennett of the Duluth diocese will speak at the regular weekly meeting of the Civic & Commerce association Wednesday noon following the noon-day luncheon. Minnesota has no public speaker who excels the bishop in entertaining forceful logic on timely questions, and it is urged that there be a large attendance to hear the bishop at this time.

Music will be furnished by the Riggs orchestra and altogether a very interesting program has been prepared.