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BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL PREPARES FOR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Largest Class in History of
School to Graduate Here
Friday Evening, June 2

**DR. LUCIUS H. BUGBEE
TO DELIVER ADDRESS**

**Senior Class Play at Grand
Theater This Evening to
Attract Large Crowd**

With only one more week of school, commencement and the other functions attendant upon commencement are occupying a prominent place in the minds of the class of the Bemidji high school, which is scheduled for graduation this year. This is the largest class in the history of the Bemidji school, fifty-five being listed for graduation. Events which figure prominently in the life of every high school graduate were begun two weeks ago with the staging of the Junior-Senior prom at which the seniors and the faculty of the high school were guests of the juniors.

The next big event for the graduating class is the senior class play which is to be staged at the Grand theatre this evening at 8:15 o'clock. A matinee performance was staged this afternoon for the benefit of the pupils and those adults who cannot attend this evening.

The Grand theatre will be no place for long faces this evening, it is assured. This play "A Pair of Sixes", is a real good chaser as well as an artistic production. Indications are that there will be a packed house.

Tickets are on sale at Boardman's drug store and all seats are reserved. The play is being staged under the direction of Miss Esther Young and promises to be one of the best class plays ever staged in Bemidji.

Another prominent event for the graduation class is the baccalaureate service which will be held Sunday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal church, Dr. G. H. Zentz, pastor of the church having been chosen to deliver the address.

The most outstanding event of the year, however, comes on Friday evening, June 2, when the commencement exercises will be held at the new armory. Dr. Lucius Hatfield Bugbee of the Hennepin avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Minneapolis, will be the speaker of the occasion. In the forenoon at 10 o'clock he will deliver the commencement address for the graduating class of the Bemidji State Teachers.

Diplomas will be presented the graduates by Dr. J. T. Tuomy, president of the board of education. The valedictory will be given by Miss Frances Sinclair, highest honor student of the class, while the salutatory will be given by Miss Ruth Campbell, second honor student. Other honor students are Misses Helen Sinclair, Carolyn Groves and Marguerite Donovan.

To all of these events the public is invited and it is especially hoped that there will be a packed house to greet Dr. Bugbee when he delivers his commencement address. A very suitable program has been arranged and a fine entertainment is assured.

BREAD BAKING CONTEST HERE NEXT SATURDAY

Bread bakers of the various boys' and girls' clubs throughout the county will compete here next Saturday in a bread baking contest to be staged at the central school, to begin at 9 o'clock. Contestants from practically every section of the county are expected to take part. The Home Economics instructor of the Northwestern School of Agriculture at Crookston will serve as the judge. There will be individual as well as team contests.

MUSICAL PROGRAM FRIDAY STATE TEACHER COLLEGE

A musical program, a program which precedes the commencement exercises each year, will be given in the assembly room of the State Teachers college Friday forenoon at 11 o'clock. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental numbers and selections by the glee club. The kindergarten section will sing a bird song. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ELECTRICAL COMPANY HANDLES RADIO SETS

The Naylor Electrical Construction company is not behind the other radio fans in getting "tuned in" on this new wonder of the age. Their advertisement to supply the necessary receiving outfits, appears on another page.

They now have one of the better outfits set up and ready for inspection at their store on Third street, where the public is invited to come and acquaint themselves with the theory of wireless entertainment.

If the demand for these sets is worthy, the Naylor Company intends to stock them at various grades and prices, which are hard to get at the present time.

ASSOCIATION ENJOYS TALK ON STATE CLUBS

Apparent Abandonment of
Lath Mill Brought to Attention
of Ass'n Members

A. J. Gittleton of the agricultural college of Crookston addressed the members of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association (Wednesday noon on Boy's and Girl's Club work throughout the state.

He stated that there were over 3,000 boys and girls enlisted in the work, who last year produced about \$60,000 worth of products at a cost of about \$21,000.

He stated further that the work was growing and considerable interest was being taken in the work by the young folks.

Abe Grosman, president of the lath mill, made an announcement to the members of the association.

"I will take the lath mill out of the stock market," said Mr. Grosman, "and keep it for my own use."

"If five or six men will raise \$5,000 or \$6,000 I will put in cash \$6,000 or \$7,000 more in order to keep the business going. I know that with the contract the mill now has, we can make a good profit on the investment."

The matter was referred to the Industrial Committee, of which Elmer E. Swanson of the Minnesota Electric Light and Power company is chairman.

C. S. Carter, a member of the Tri-State advisory board brought the matter of fuel rates before the directors and briefly discussed the cut-over land development, with regard to securing long time loans at a low rate of interest.

BITUMINOUS COAL PRICES JUMPED SINCE STRIKE BEGAN

(By United Press)
Washington, May 25.—All bituminous coal prices in mines throughout the country jumped since the nationwide strike began April 1. Statistics of the national coal association printed in a magazine here today show that the price of most grades of coal had been increased from 25 to 50 per cent. The price of a few grades has been doubled.

TONNAGE TAX ON IRON ORE CONSTITUTIONAL

(By United Press)
St. Paul, May 25.—The tonnage tax on iron ore was held constitutional by Judge Tilton Johnson of Salt Lake City in Federal court. The ruling was handed down Wednesday evening.

Attorneys for the Oliver Iron Mining company and seven allied concerns gave notice today that an appeal will be taken. More than 40 iron mining companies are interested in the tax case. The law passed by the last legislature places a state tax on the occupation of iron mining, and the tax is determined by the tonnage of ore mined. It is called occupational tax by the state.

The mining companies declare the tax is unconstitutional on the ground that the ore is placed in interstate commerce the minute it is contracted for, and therefore not liable to state tax. The tax would mean about 3 1/2 per cent more revenue to the state. The present unit involves only about \$1,000,000 in taxes, since last year was a very light production year in the iron mines.

In the ninth, with one gone, Baney again hit to deep right field for the circuit, scoring Hickerson ahead of himself. Rhea also hit to deep left center in the ninth inning greeting Auer who had replaced Maas. The drive was easily good for the circuit, but he was called out by Umpire Malloy of Park Rapids who claimed he did not touch third base, Bemidji scoring six runs and putting the game on ice for good. Baney then sent back the three men to face him in the ninth by striking them out and the excitement was over.

The victory gave Bemidji the championship of the Northern Minnesota (Continued on Page 8.)

A. F. & A. M. PUTS ON WORK IN THE SECOND DEGREE

Work in the second degree was put on by the A. F. & A. M. in special communication at the Masonic hall Wednesday evening. Next Wednesday evening there will also be work in the second degree. It is now planned to wind up the degree work for the summer with work in the third degree on Wednesday June 7, at which time a special dispensation is expected that a class of ten may be taken in.

AIRCRAFT WILL PLAY BIG PART INFUTURE WAR

Rival Armies Not to March
to Enemy Borders; Will
Travel Through Air

CLAIM NEXT WAR WILL
LAST BUT WEEK OR TWO

Sea Experts Predict Future
Battles Will Be Terrible in
Every Department

By David L. Blumenfeld
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, May 25.—When the next great war breaks, rival armies will not march to enemy borders as Germany did in 1914.

Instead they will be entrained in giant air lorries—fifth avenue buses of the skies—and whizzed at break-neck speed to the front.

There they will be landed under the cover of smoke screens to man the front tanks (already almost to an accomplished fact) which will crawl along the beds of rivers to come to the surface opposite enemy towns there to hurl their poison gas shells, their fire bombs, their high explosives and their disease spreading projectiles on the sleeping people.

Trenches will hardly perform such a leading part in the next war as they did in the last for the simple reason that events will move more swiftly.

Of what use would the trenches be, experts say, when explosives used will be so powerful that a battalion dug in will go rocketing heavenwards by the mere pressure of a button or the hurried whisper into a field telephone.

And what of the men called cannon fodder in the late war?

Again the experts claim that the old order must change.

The fighters of the next war, they say, who are to take the place of our modern infantry will be strange looking creatures. Uniforms as we know them will be extinct. In their place men will appear as giant crabs—huge crablike beings, covered from head to foot with bullet proof steel grotesquely masked against fumes. Some experts think that they will move electrically that they will propel them along in their armor, at the same time pumping oxygen into their steel cases so that they may walk and breathe with ease despite the weight and encumbrance of their protective metal.

If the infantry are to be covered with steel armor, what of the men who are to man the super-tanks mentioned in the last chapter?

Death in Tanks
Tank experts already forecast that they will be clothed in a kind of a diving dress, in case the tank should be blown up when on its river journeys by the anti-tank destroyers—heavily armored submarines capable of traveling either on land or in the water at hundred mile an hour speed, carrying tank death in their electric projectors which will

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STORES TO CLOSE

Bemidji merchants are requested to close their places of business Memorial Day from 9:30 o'clock for the remainder of the day.

This request is made by the trade committee of the Bemidji Civic and Commerce association that the day may be observed to its fullest extent.

The trade committee also requests that every merchant co-operate with the American Legion and the G. A. R. to make the observance of the day a success.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL BY FALL IS NOW ASSURED

That Bemidji will have a new hospital by early fall is now practically an assured fact. Indications are that the Lutheran Hospital Association will begin active work on one unit of their new, modern, fire-proof hospital soon.

Some thirty thousand dollars has already been subscribed and practically all of this has been secured outside of the city of Bemidji. These subscriptions are now due and are coming in rapidly.

A campaign for added funds will be made in the city soon and when \$50,000 has been secured, the work on the building will be rushed with all possible speed, according to reports.

The new site which was purchased some time ago is on Fourteenth street between Bemidji and Bixby avenues. It is on this site that the first unit of the new building will be erected.

The St. Anthony hospital is to close June 1 and from then until early fall Bemidji will be compelled to get along without a hospital.

Three additional directors have been added to the Lutheran Hospital Board: J. L. Elwell, Rev. L. P. Warford and H. C. Baer.

NEW HOTEL AT WALKER TO BE OPENED JUNE 8

Judge C. W. Stanton Is Chosen
to Give Principal Address
at New Chase Hotel

Judge C. W. Stanton has been chosen to deliver the principal address at the opening of the New Chase Hotel at Walker Thursday evening, June 8, when the new eighty-room hostelry will be formally opened to the public under the management of W. F. Finnegan and Loren Chase.

A large number of Bemidji people are planning to attend this event which will be featured by a banquet and dancing program. The banquet is announced for 8:00 o'clock and dancing is to start at the same time in the annex, or Hotel Isabel.

Dot Van's orchestra of this city music for the occasion.

Mayor Wilcox of Walker will deliver the opening address. The toastmaster will be G. Kuhlender. Other speakers on the program are Senator P. H. McGarry, E. P. Stead and Representative Daniel DeLury.

The city of Walker is advertising this New Chase as their "Million Dollar" hotel. It overlooks beautiful Leech Lake and has 80 rooms. The Isabel has 20 rooms, which gives this ample accommodations for summer tourists and visitors. It will be operated both summer and winter.

B. A. C. CLUB TO ENJOY BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT

The annual banquet of the B. A. C. club will be held Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the basement of the Presbyterian church. This annual social event of the club is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure and a good time is assured all. The members are requested to be there promptly at the appointed hour so that the serving may begin then.

FREIGHT RATE CUT TO REDUCE LIVING COSTS

(By United Press)
Washington, May 25.—The nation's cost of living bills will probably be reduced nearly one billion a year as the result of the 10 per cent reduction in freight rates. This means a saving of \$10 a year for every person in the country.

The reductions cut the nation's freight from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000, according to official figures by government experts showing the cost of living. They estimate decreases or increases in freight charges are more than tripled when finally passed on to the consumer. The department of justice, it was learned today, has orders from President Harding to see that the rate cut is passed down to consumers just as the increases during the war were quickly passed down.

The rate reduction is to be effective on or before July 1st.

ODD FELLOWS TO PUT ON SECOND DEGREE WORK FRIDAY

There will be second degree work at the regular meeting of the I. O. O. F. tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Moose hall, and it is urged that all members be present.

YEOMEN LODGE HOLDS REGULAR MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the Moose hall. It is desired that there be a large attendance of members.

PUBLIC PARADE TO CEMETERY OPENS MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

FEMALE ROBBERS AND BANDITS INCREASING

(By United Press)
Chicago, May 25.—Women robbers and bandits are on the increase, according to record of Chicago police. A greater number of robberies by women have been reported during the first part of the present year than ever before. While women criminals were formerly connected with robberies involving a small amount now the charges often run into thousands of dollars. Most of the women robbers gain entrance into homes by posing as maids.

Police today sought a maid who gave her name as Agnes Swanson who was employed at the home of Owen Brewer, wealthy gold coast merchant. When the family was away from home, on the third day after the maid was employed, she walked out with \$15,000 worth of jewelry and silverware.

MINNESOTA CREAMERIES OPEN NEW YORK OFFICE

State Association Takes Over
Entire Establishment of
Danish Producers

(Farm Bureau News Service)
The co-operative creameries of Minnesota at last have their own direct representative on the eastern market. The Minnesota Co-operative Creameries association, Inc., announced today that M. Sondergaard, American manager for the United Danish Butter Associations, Inc., has become its New York representative. The Minnesota association has taken over the entire establishment of the Danish organization at 105 Hudson street, New York City.

For the first time in history, the dairy industry of Minnesota, as a whole, has its own agency to protect its interests on the important terminal markets of the east. Prices, freight charges, scorings, supply and demand and every other phase of marketing in which the incomes of Minnesota co-operative creamery patrons are concerned will be watched by the New York office.

The new eastern office already has done service for Minnesota farmers, according to A. J. McGuire, manager of the state association. Mr. Sondergaard has reported the arrival in New York of the first carload of eggs shipped co-operatively by Minnesota farmers under the state-wide egg marketing plan worked out by the creameries association at a conference last month. The carload came from Glenwood. The possibilities of this marketing plan were indicated, Mr. McGuire says, in the report from the New York office.

The carload of eggs from Glenwood is receiving many favorable comments here because of the fine quality of the eggs. Mr. Sondergaard said, "I am informed that these eggs are some of the finest that have ever arrived in the market at this time of the year. If Minnesota can furnish this grade of eggs, I see no reason why we should not be doing a big business in eggs as well as butter."

Never before, Mr. McGuire said, have Minnesota farmers been allowed to find out, as a whole, that their eggs were recognized as a high-class product on the eastern markets. The new office of the Minnesota dairy farmers on the New York market, he said, will protect the interests of the producers by seeing that Minnesota products are marketed at the highest price their quality commands, and that the farmers get the full benefit of higher prices paid for high quality.

The afternoon program will be held at 2:30 with a selection by the Bemidji Audubon band. The audience will then sing "The Star Spangled Banner," led by Mrs. Dorothy Torrance McMillan. Rev. L. P. Warford will pronounce the invocation, followed by a solo by Dr. E. R. Two. A selection will then be given by a Ladies' quartet. Frank Gratton will give a vocal solo, followed by the Gettysburg Address by Lester Smith. A male quartet will then entertain with an appropriate selection.

Rev. Wm. Elliot pastor of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church of this city, will give the address of the day and a very able address is assured. Rev. Elliot is a forceful speaker and entirely capable of addressing and holding the attention of such a large audience as is expected on this occasion.

Then will follow the singing of "America" by the audience, led by Mrs. McMillan. Benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Warford.

The recreation Billiard Parlor offers a prize of a one-pound box of candy or a box of 25 cigars to the Bemidji player making the most safe hits in the baseball game here next Sunday against St. Hilare. The at the fair grounds.

DEMOCRATS HAVE VOICE IN FRAMING BONUS BILL

(By United Press)
Washington, May 25.—Division of Republican senatorial ranks has given the Democrats a decisive voice in the framing of the soldier's bonus bill.

Unless the Republicans use the McCumber plan of the third bonus plan with a loan provision or the Smoot paid-up insurance plan without any loan or cash provision or in some way compromise between the two, Democrats will be able to force the adoption of either plan they favor.

Indications today were that most of the Democrats would support the McCumber idea in preference to Smoot's.



TRACTOR HAS MANY USES ON FARM

As was demonstrated at the land clearing show at Tenstrike Monday, the tractor has many uses on the farm in Northern Minnesota. One of the uses to which it is now put is shown in the above picture where it can be seen hauling stumps from a field which is being cleared.



MAKING READY FOR CULTIVATION

The above scene, of which a photograph was taken during the land clearing demonstration at Tenstrike Monday, is illustrative of what can be done with all cut-over lands in Beltrami county, in order to prepare these lands for cultivation in quick order.