

Local Mention

Mrs. Nudd is visiting friends in Michigan. Attorney Johnson of Alexander is in the city. Dr. Skovholt spent the fourth visiting at Springbrook. W. J. Kelly and family went to Glendive, Mont., Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Currie have returned from their homestead. A. G. Jacobson of Minot spent a short time in the city this week. Dr. and Mrs. Baker expect to leave Saturday on an auto trip to Boulder hot springs. Mrs. Fred Stevens left for Minot Monday for a visit of a few weeks with relatives. Mrs. Walker McGuiness returned last night from Minot where she spent the fourth. Fred Hildreth is back from California for a few weeks. Mrs. Hildreth remained on the coast. Miss Helen McGuiness left the first of the week for Minot where she is attending the Normal. President M. E. Wilson of the Williams County State bank is here from Minneapolis for a short stay. Robert Mansfield is home from Wisconsin university and will go to Fort Lincoln to enlist with Company E. Quite a number from Williston went to Glendive to see the Opportunes play the Cowpunchers there on Independence Day. R. L. Welliver left today to attend the national convention of Elks at Baltimore as a delegate from the Williston lodge. Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson left the first of the month for Wisconsin in their car and expect to be away for six or eight weeks. Earnest Francis will leave soon to join Company E after a leave of absence to take the examination for admission to the bar. The prosperity of rural Williams county is evidenced by the large amount of farm buildings under construction at this time. Miss Alice Romans who has been teaching music for some time in Williston, left Monday for her home in Aberdeen, S. D., where she expects to spend the summer. A. L. Boe and wife passed through Williston the last of the week on their way from Flaxville, Mont., to points in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Boe formerly resided in Williston, Mrs. Boe was then Miss Mabel Osdal. The Stamped which is being held at Havre this week is under way despite report to the effect that bad weather had made postponement of the celebration necessary. The grounds were dried with natural gas. Even and Henry Gunderson of Rugby arrived here last week to look after their farming interests which formerly had been under the super-

vision of the former's son Casper who is now a soldier at Fort Lincoln. Rev. Carl Vaughn, traveling missionary for the Lutheran Free church and a resident of Minneapolis was in Williston Saturday and went with Postmaster Wilson to the north part of the county where he conducted Sunday services at Bonetrail. The Williston Electric Construction Co.—on main street opposite the post Office have the exclusive Agency for the sale of Excelsior Motor Cycles, and Delco farm Lighting plants in most of the territory comprising the Counties of Divide, McKenzie, and Williams. W. J. Kelly went to Glendive to attend to the interests of the Williston ball team which played four games with the Glendive team during the Frontier Celebration. Mrs. Kelly and the children accompanied him. The family traveled by auto and took a camping outfit. The states of Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas are already beginning to worry for fear there will be a shortage of men for the harvest season owing to the fact that so many men are engaged in munitions factories while another 100,000 or more will be in the employ of the government during this busy season. The Excelsior Motor Cycle Co. of Chicago have established two Agencies for the sale of their 1917 model motor Cycles in this City, one with the Williston Auto tire repair Co. on 2nd Street opposite the Columbia Hotel, and one with the Williston Electric Construction Co. on Main street opposite the post office. 3-11 Mrs. N. F. Holland who had been a guest of her friend Mrs. A. Jens at Terry, Mont., arrived home Wednesday evening accompanied by Mrs. Jens and son Lester. The trip home was made by auto. Mr. Holland accompanied by Charles Schrumm going to Terry Sunday last to get them. The entire party also took in the Round-up at Miles City. For the purpose of demonstrating the Delco Farm Lighting plant the Williston Electric Construction Co. will install one of these farm Lighting plants in their Store room and shop on main street opposite the Post office and will furnish their own electricity for lighting their show windows as well as for Charging Automobile starting and lighting batteries. 3-11 Among the number from Williston attending the celebration and ball game at Glendive the fourth were The Misses Pearl Strickland, Cora Brunswell, Helen Oveson, Mable Eidsness, Edna Brant, Petra Hovind, Clara Newton, and Art Stanton. Ford Roberts, M. B. Cashman, Ben Innis, John Corbett, Hilmar and Bud Bruegger; L. C. Wingate and family, Pres. Wilson of the Williams County State Bank; H. V. Smith, Wm. Broderick, Emmet Mathews and wife, Edwin Bruegger, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Monroe, Margaret Monroe and Mrs. G. M. Thomas. WANTED—One or two furnished rooms in a modern house. Address 123 care Graphic. 3-11

SIGN THE PAPERS AND GET THE MONEY! THE WILLISTON GRAPHIC LOANS COMPANY WILLISTON, N. D. WHEN THE HOUSE IS ASHES AN INSURANCE POLICY IS GOLD

Breach Opened In German Defenses

London, July 5.—“Only German soldiers in open field formations now stand between the French and the river Somme,” said Maj. Gen. F. B. Maurice, referring to the part of the river which flows northward to the east of the sector along which the French made their greatest gains. “The last of the enemy’s defensive works in that sector have been captured by our allies.” In giving the Associated Press a summary of the results attained by the entente allied offensive on the western front, Major General Maurice, who is director of military operations of the imperial general staff, continued: “Much undeserved obliquity has been heaped upon the British army by English, French and American people because we apparently did nothing to assist the French in the desperate fighting at Verdun. But all this time we were doing the part requested by General Joffre. “According to this plan, we conserved our troops, accumulated supplies and waited the word for the grand offensive in which we were to play our part with the Russians and Italians, as well as the French. “Naturally during these anxious weeks we could give out no exciting news because our deliberate preparations were not good copy. For certain tactical and moral reasons which need not be dilated upon, it was necessary that the French should not lose the east bank of the Meuse, and General Joffre informed us that he could hold the positions which command that part of the river until the end of June, so we knew we were going to strike at the beginning of July. “The blow planned by the allied staffs included offensives by the Russians and Italians which, I do not need to tell you, already have begun. We are not disappointed with our own advance, which we expected to be slow, and we are enormously pleased with the wonderful progress made by the French, who, with comparatively light losses, are sweeping forward to the Somme. “It is quite evident that the Germans were surprised by the strength of the French offensive. They evidently believed our allies would be too busy before Verdun to participate seriously in the western offensive which they knew was coming. Consequently, they made extensive preparations before our front, piling up reinforcements there, while comparatively neglecting the southern sector dominated by the French. The Germans anticipating our move, brought up great forces, much of which consisted of independent units called mousqueton battalions, armed only with light machine guns. It was these battalions which inflicted the heaviest losses on us. “Our enemy is brave and resourceful, and put up a desperate defense, especially in the region from Gommecourt to Fricourt, where he evidently expected our main attack. In this region the fighting was especially severe. The chalk formation gave the Germans a splendid chance to make the best use of their miners who constructed dugouts and other defensive works which our heaviest shells could not destroy. From the works Mousqueton battalions put up a most determined resistance. “Physical features made the capture of Fricourt peculiarly difficult, and our severe losses there were not unexpected. Montauban was one of the strongest positions occupied by the Germans, but our advance there was brilliant and rapid, without the losses suffered between Gommecourt and Fricourt. “On the whole, we are well satisfied with our advance. We will continue our artillery preparation, as we have no intention of butting our head against a stone wall. The human factor must be considered, and this factor presents some unexpected problems on the German side, since after all the enemy has something to say about the progress of any offensive. We are meeting strenuous opposition. Our progress most certainly will be deliberate. Many places like Fricourt will be taken only after overcoming desperate opposition. “That our gallant allies should advance faster with smaller losses than we is not only the fortune of war, but may be called poetic justice, since they lost so heavily during the long weeks while we were getting ready to take our share in the great offensive. However, it must be clear now, even to laymen, that the blame heaped on us for not going to the aid of the French before Verdun was quite undeserved, as we are doing exactly what General Joffre requested. And when he gave the word we sprang to the attack in which we have suffered grievously, but which leads to no regrets beyond sorrow for the fallen; for it now is our time to stand the brunt of battle. “South of the Somme the Germans were completely surprised and our allies will get through to the river without much loss. In that region you may look for immediate developments as the fighting there now is in open field formation, the last of the enemy’s works having been captured. A glance at the map will show you that our allies are clear across the network of trenches. “Further north you will note that while our line now is beyond the first series of German defenses, we are in immediate contact with strongly fortified places. “We are well content to do our share in the great general allied offensive, which already has proven that

the initiative, so long in their hands, now is lost by the armies of the central powers.” British Hope Runs High London, July 5.—The two British official dispatches issued yesterday record little change in the situation on the British front. They show that the Germans have brought up strong reinforcements from other parts of their lines and are stubbornly contesting every yard of the British advance. Torrential rains yesterday, however hampered the offensive operations and the British action was confined mostly to consolidating the ground already won. The French have captured two more villages and are on good roads to Peronne. But there is yet no decrease in the violence of the German attacks in the Verdun region. Dispatches from German war correspondents indicate the realization that the central powers are losing the initiative, which their favorable position on the interior lines enabled them to hold throughout the long course of the war. Moreover, in commenting on the enormous resources in munitions and war material, the entente allies have been able to pile up through the wearying months of preparation they equally realize that a profound change has occurred in the relations of the belligerents. Simultaneously with the opening of the Anglo-French offensive the Russian armies are again attacking on the whole length of their front. An entirely new offensive has been opened again at Prince Leopold’s Bavarian forces in the region of Baranovichi, where the Russians have pierced the German lines at two places; while the Italians are maintaining strong pressure along their entire front. The British newspapers consider that these events prove that the moment of “the great squeeze” has at last arrived, and not since the war began have hopes run so high. Nevertheless almost every British correspondent on the western front warns against being over sanguine, and daily reiterates that the progress must necessarily be slow and methodical. Up to the present, the Anglo-French captures in the battle of the Somme total more than 14,000 prisoners, twelve heavy guns and twenty-eight field guns. This booty represents for the man in the street a very satisfactory result of a little over three days’ fighting. The battle rages on such an extended front that the correspondents find difficulty in sifting the main currents of the operations. The Associated Press correspondent, in a pregnant phrase records what is perhaps one of the most significant features, when he notes “the amazing change from trench-tied warfare to that of an army in progress.” The same striking feature comes out in an interesting review of the operations which the Associated Press has obtained in an interview with Maj. Gen. F. B. Maurice, who predicts an immediate development south of the Somme where, he says the fighting is in open field formation. All unofficial dispatches speak confidently of a satisfactory situation on the British front, a notable incident being the surrender of a complete Prussian infantry battalion with officers to the British near Fricourt. German prisoners are beginning to arrive in England, 1,500 being landed at Southampton today. In the face of the exciting events on the western front, the Russian operations to some extent have been lost sight of, but they are of increasing interest. Reports in the Austrian official communications of the fighting southeast of Tlumach indicate that General von Bothmer’s troops must have fallen back from the Tarnopol front in an effort to meet the threat to his communications. It is thought that von Bothmer may be forced to retire to Lemberg. An attack by land and sea against Field Marshal von Hindenburg’s forces in the north, together with a new Russian attack at Baranovichi promises interesting developments which are likely to have an influence in the Lutsk region, where the Germans hitherto have been able to hold the Russians. The Williston Electric Construction Co., operating the Willard Storage Battery Company’s Service station in this city having moved into the Brownell building on main Street opposite the Post office now have the best equipped battery charging and repairing shop in the State, and keep in stock new batteries for every make of automobile. 3-11

WILLISTON CHURCHES

The Church of the Open Door THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Corner First Ave. & Sixth St. W. James Hoffman Batten, Minister Marvin R. Marston, Director Community Work Services on Sunday at 10:30 A. M., and 8:00 P. M. Bible School at 11:45 A. M. Ladies Aid Society meets in the church parlors at 3:00 P. M., Thursdays. Boy Scouts at 9:45 A. M., Saturdays. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH H. Styles Harriss Pastor Cor. 1st Ave. West and Broadway Union service at 10:30 a. m. in the Congregational church. Bible school and Men’s class 11:45. Union service in the Methodist church 8 p. m. Midweek service on Wednesday evening at 8 o’clock. The community is cordially invited during the summer months to these Union services and make them of moral and spiritual profit to all. Methodist Rural Parish There will be preaching service at the Palmer school house at 3 p. m., on Sunday, July the 9th. We desire the entire community to make this service their’s. H. Styles Harriss, Pastor. ST. PETER’S CHURCH Corner 1st Ave. E. & 7th St. Rev. N. E. Elsworth Services as follows: Holy Communion at 8 o’clock. Matins (Holy) Communion first Sunday of the month) and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Evensong and sermon at 7 P. M. Please notice that the hour of evening service is changed from 7:30 to 7 o’clock. LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. C. J. Ferster, Pastor Regular services are held in the Library Parlors. Preaching at 10:30 A. M. Sunday School at 11:45 A. M. Luth League at 7:30 P. M. Preaching at 8:00 P. M. The Lord’s Supper will be administered at the morning service—and those desiring to unite with the church will be received. Those having children to be baptized will please present them at this service. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. WANTED—Chambermaid, would prefer some one living at home. Apply at Willis Hotel, Williston, N. D. 3-11p.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN SOMMERS The community was shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. John Sommers of Howard on Monday evening, July 3rd. She passed away at Williston Hospital as the result of an operation. The cause of death given was “Surgical shock.” Margaret McCollen was born in Belmont, Canada, and was 45 years and 8 months old at the time of death. She was married to John Sommers 22 years ago in Port Huron, Michigan, moving to Howard in Williams Co., nine years ago. There were no issue to the marriage but there lives to mourn her untimely demise the beloved husband, mother, two brothers and six sisters. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church on Tuesday morning the Rev. H. Styles Harriss officiated. The body was shipped to Port Huron Michigan, where interment was made in the family burying ground. Mrs. Sommers was a good Christian woman, a dutiful wife and a lovable and helpful neighbor; one that will be much missed in her large circle of friends. The community unites in sympathy with the bereaved ones during this dark hour. ROSE HILL Rain, rain, is all you hear at Rose Hill now days. The Rose Hill base ball team would like to cross bats with other teams for they are in the market for games, so any club wishing to cross bats with the boys of Rose Hill please notify Otto Hintz, manager of Rose Hill base ball team, Bonetrail, N. D., R. 1. The Rose Hill ball diamond is one mile south and two miles west of the Rose Hill school and 17 miles north west of Williston on the Bonetrail road. You can’t miss it. Come and see a good game of ball. Crops are looking good at Rose Hill this year and so is the ball team. They are all good fellows and boosters for Rose Hill. This is the best ball team Rose Hill has ever had and within a few years time they will be in shape to meet any team in the county. Send in your wish to cross bats with the boys of Rose Hill. PETER MILLER QUILTS DAIRY COMMISSION Bismarck, N. D., July 3.—Peter Miller, state dairy commissioner, Saturday resigned the position to accept a position at Minot. Mr. Miller, a former Minnesota creamery manager, was appointed to the state position a year ago, and decided upon retiring from the place when State Commissioner of Agriculture R. F. Flint, under whom Miller holds appointment, was defeated. CAPTAIN EVANS HOME Captain H. R. Evans of Company E returned from Fort Lincoln on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Evans and will remain a few days until she is better. The captain says that except for a little footsoreness the boys are all feeling fine. He expects that the company, which has been taken under Federal control, will soon be called to the border.

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DECREASE IN RATES ON FREIGHT ASKER Fargo, N. D., July 5.—The state railroad commission will meet in Fargo Thursday for the purpose of hearing the petition presented by shippers of Fargo, asking a horizontal decrease in freight rates within this state of approximately 15 per cent. The rate decrease is being sought for the purpose, the shippers plead, of placing North Dakota shipping centers on a better basis to compete with the twin cities and Duluth. \* \* \* \* \* U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Local Office, Weather Bureau Report of the weather condition at Williston, N. Dak., for week ending July 5, 1918: Highest temperature, 89, July 5th. Lowest temperature, 51, 5th. Average temperature, 70. Normal temperature 68. Precipitation, .98 of an inch. Normal precip'n., .70 of an inch. Extremes of temperature on any of these dates in the last 5 years: Highest temperature, 98, June 30, 1912. Lowest temperature 42, July 3, 1915. Greatest weekly precip'n., 1.64 inches in 1913. John Craig, Observer, Weather Bureau \* \* \* \* \*

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