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PLAY DAY FOR THE SCHOOLS MAY 24TH

PRIGRAM OPENS WITH DINNER AT EXP. FARM AT NOON—AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Play Day for the schools of Williams County will be held at Williston Thursday, May 24. The greater number of the schools have already held their preliminary field events, and reports are being received daily by Miss McCradie, County Superintendent. An effort has been made this year to incorporate something of the patriotic spirit of the May Day fetes of the French into the celebration. The day's program will begin with a basket dinner at the Experimental Farm, promptly at twelve o'clock. At 1 o'clock the flag raising will take place at the Great Northern flag pole near the station, to be followed by a parade, headed by the Williston High school band. The exercises at the ball park will start at 2 o'clock, followed by the field events beginning at 2:30. At 6 p. m. prizes will be awarded the victors from the band stand at the corner of Main street and Broadway. The field events are as follows:

- For Boys of Rural and Town Schools Below High School
 - 60 yard dash for Class A boys (75 to 100 lbs.)
 - Running broad jump for Class A boys.
 - Running high jump for Class A boys.
 - 75 yards dash for Class B boys (100 to 120 lbs.)
 - Running broad jump for Class B boys.
 - 100 dash for Class C boys (over 100 lbs.)
 - Running broad jump for Class C boys.
 - Running high jump for Class C boys.
 - Three-legged race for boys below 75 lbs.
 - Relay race, any class, 240 yards, 4 boys compose a team.
- For Girls of Rural and Town Schools Below High School
 - 30 yard dash for Class A girls (8 to 11 years.)
 - Running broad jump for Class A girls.
 - Baseball Throw for Class A girls.
 - 40 yard dash for Class B girls (11 to 14 years.)
 - Running broad jump for Class B girls.
 - Baseball throw for Class B girls.
 - 50 yard dash for Class C girls (14 years and over.)
 - Running broad jump for Class C girls.
 - Baseball throw for Class C girls.
 - Potato Race for each of three classes of girls. Four girls compose a team. Each school may enter two girls in this contest.
- For High School Only—Class H
 - One-half mile relay.
 - Halfmile race.
 - Pole vault.
 - Shot put (12 lbs.)
 - Running broad jump.
 - Running high jump.
 - 100 yards dash.
 - 220 yard dash.

The Prizes
For school having the best section in parade—Silk banner.
For school winning greatest number of points—Wall medalion.
The foregoing prizes will be held by the winning schools for only a period of 1 year. Any school winning prizes for only a period of prize three times in succession may retain it permanently.
All Williston and its schools are invited to make entries in the parade. The Williston school, however, may not compete for the banner to be awarded the school having the best section in the parade. No Williston High school boy above the field events.
In case of rain on the 24th, the Play Day will be held the following Monday, May 26. Schools wishing to make entry in the parade should notify Miss Annie McCradie, County Superintendent of Schools at once.

WILLIAM HOWE FUNERAL
William, 16 year old son of M. G. Howe, fourteen miles east of Williston, died Monday, May 12, of pneumonia. His mother and two other children are very ill with influenza. Two sisters and four brothers besides the father and mother, mourn his death. The oldest brother lost a leg in France, and is at present studying at one of the government schools in Tennessee. His sister, Miss Rameil, is in this year's graduating class. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hitchcock at the Thomas undertaking parlors at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday. The remains were interred in the Williston cemetery.
Mrs. N. E. Elsworth returned on Saturday from a visit with relatives in Minot and Stanley.

LARGE AUDIENCE ENJOYED CLASS PLAY

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY GIVEN ON THURSDAY EVENING AT ARMORY GREAT SUCCESS

The 1919 Class Play of the Williston High school was given at the Armory on Thursday evening, May 8, to a very appreciative audience. The fact that the play, "Rebecca's Triumph," has long been a favorite with amateurs and that some of those in the audience had taken part in presenting it during their own school days, did not detract in the least from the interest, but rather heightened it. Leona Vohs as the orphan, Edith Sorum as the old nurse of the family who adopts the little girl, Alpha Boe as the "Rich Lady on the Hill," who later proves to be the orphan's aunt, and Doris Rundell as the mischievous girl who in the name of a mysterious man, carries on a clandestine correspondence with the old maid, played by Viola Hagen, were leading characters, all well taken and strongly played. Bernardine Champion, in the role of "Crazy Mag," who is not really crazy, but simulates madness as a disguise, and who later proves to be the sister of the "Rich Lady on the Hill" and the mother of the orphan Rebecca, had perhaps the most difficult role of all, and elicited the most personal applause. Fannette Poasonault as the colored girl and Margaret Bennett as the Irish maid were particularly good. The girls of the Cooking club, although in a dramatic sense minor characters, counted greatly in the success of the play. Altogether the production showed splendid coaching and much hard work on the part of Miss Gill, who had it in charge, and was a credit to the girls who took part in it.

Former Soldiers May Wear Uniforms

The act of Congress approved on February 28, 1919, provides that any person who served in the United States Army during the present war may wear the uniform after discharge provided that it shall include some distinctive mark to be prescribed by the Secretary of War. The red chevron has been prescribed to be worn by discharged enlisted men in recognition of duties performed in the service of the country. This is now designated as the distinctive mark required by the before mentioned act and will be worn by discharged officers and enlisted men alike. This also applies to discharged officers who accept commissions in the Officers, Reserve Corps, until called to active duty, when the red chevron will be removed. A chevron will be worn point up midway between elbow and shoulder on the left sleeve of the coat or overcoat and on the shirt when worn without a coat. It is unlawful under the National Defence Act for the uniform to be worn by discharged officers or men without this distinctive mark, and the offender renders himself liable to civil prosecution and punishment by fine not exceeding \$300, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months or both fine and imprisonment.

Norman Lunde who has been with the Williams County Bank for some time left Saturday for Laurel, Mont., where he has accepted a position with the Laurel State Bank.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenney to Live in Minneapolis

Mr and Mrs. Clyde C. Kenney left Monday for Minneapolis, where Mr. Kenney has accepted a position with the Northwestern Electric Co. Mr. Kenney returned recently from New York City, where he has been in the Naval service. Mrs. Kenney, who was Miss Helen McGuiness, is a graduate of the Williston High school and has many friends in this city. During her husband's absence in the service she had been teaching the Palmer school northwest of town.

SCHOOL EXHIBITS

On Thursday, May 23, there will be a general exhibit in the various rooms of the Webster building and of the grades in Central school, of the art work done by the children. There will also be an exhibit of sewing from the Domestic Science department of the Junior and Senior High school, and probably a demonstration of cooking in High school gymnasium. The exhibits will be open from 1:30 to 5 o'clock, and the parents and public generally are most cordially invited to attend.

War Savings Stamps purchased by the children of the Williston schools have reached a total of \$1077.80 from January 1 to date. The total purchase of W.S.S. by the Senior High for the years of 1918 and 1919 is \$2490.25, and \$3550.00 worth of Liberty bonds have been purchased by the Senior High school pupils during the two years. \$676.10 has been pledged to War welfare work in the same period, \$283.50 having been pledged in one campaign. The enrollment in the Senior High school is 264 pupils.

OUR VICTORY LOAN QUOTA SUBSCRIBED

WILLIAMS CO. SUBSCRIBES ITS VICTORY LOAN QUOTA—LIST SUBSCRIBERS GIVEN

We are informed by County Chairman Reiger that Williams county has subscribed its quota to the Victory Loan. The following is the list of subscribers:
Anton Ahlson, W. S. Arthur, George Anderson, Chris Anderson, Bessie Baldwin, Allan Bain, F. C. Becker, C. J. Barry, Hazel Brant, Ada Claire Brownson, Frank Banks, W. H. Bangs, Mrs. W. Benton, Hjalmar Barrud, Mary Bullock, M. J. Borden, John Bruegger, E. W. Blaisdell, L. E. Bell, Richard Brown, Elmo Brown, H. K. Brown, Selma Brauh, Andy J. Cooper, J. A. Carney, E. C. Carney, John Craig, Alice B. Daley, Dr. Dochterman, Alexander Drapes, Effie C. Dittmore, D. W. Danielson, W. S. Davidson, T. H. David, Ella Dumholt, A. A. Bradley, Mrs. A. A. Bradley, N. W. Brinton, Oscar Bell, U. L. Burdick, S. Brownell, Eva Brownell, F. P. Bergman, Clara Bellach, Rachael Bell, Joe Cutting, John E. P. Cox, Gust Carlson, Lena Crow, S. J. Creaser, P. H. Corcoran, J. A. Cunningham, Mrs. C. F. Currie, C. C. Converse, J. I. Case Co., Mrs. E. Dickson, M. S. Donovan, James Duggan, E. E. Dreger, V. G. Dickey, W. H. Denny, A. N. Eidsness, I. C. Erikson, E. T. Engen, Eastern Star, C. Ellithorpe, Wm Edge, E. M. Erstad, George Farries, A. G. Forzley, Ernest Francis, W. C.

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SCHOOL PLANNING FOR COMMENCEMENT

PLANS SHOW BUSY WEEK FOR GRADUATES AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM

Plans for commencement week are almost completed, and promise the usual, and perhaps more than usual, interest. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered at the Armory on Sunday, May 25, by the Rev. Geo. S. Notwick, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran church. A mixed chorus drawn from the various church choirs and well known local singers will render Kipling's Recessional by De Koven and Dudley Buck's Festival Te Deum. It is possible, also, that the Women's Chorus, whose members are teachers in the Williston schools, will assist in the special music.

On Monday evening, May 26, the High school Band will give a concert at the High School auditorium under the able direction of Prof. A. Onstad. The band will be assisted by Mr. H. Aden Enyeart, tenor, of Grand Forks, reputed to be one of the best tenors of the Northwest. The High School band, which has made remarkable progress under Prof. Onstad's direction, is an institution in which Williston should take great pride, and this concert promises to be, at any rate, not the least interesting of the events of Class Week, and will undoubtedly be well attended. An admission fee will be charged, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of new music or instruments for the band.

On Tuesday night, Class Night, at Armory, besides the usual salutatory and valedictory orations, the reading of the Class Will, the Class Poem, the Class Prophecy and the singing of the Class Song and other selections by the High School Chorus, it is hinted that a rather unusual program is to be given. The production, it is understood, is to be a pantomime portraying the part taken by the United States in the great war, from the first "Call to Arms" to the final grand event of the organization of the League of Nations. Each scene is to be preceded by an appropriate musical number, including Bergen's setting of "Flanders Field," a Peace Song, and the "Victory Song" will perhaps be the "Star Spangled Banner." Details are withheld this week, but full announcements are promised for next week, and the fact that the pantomime is an original conception, and that a great deal of enthusiasm and hard work are being put into its preparation adds to the interest aroused by the meager information obtainable. The pantomime will undoubtedly prove one of the very interesting events of the week.

If present plans can be carried out and arrangements completed, it is hoped that an alumni banquet will be given on Wednesday night, at which time the organization of the alumni association of the Williston High school will be completed.

The regular commencement exercises will take place on Thursday evening, May 29, at the Armory. The address will be delivered by Bishop J. Poyntz Tyler, Episcopal Bishop for the State of North Dakota. Special music will be furnished by the Mixed chorus which sings on Baccalaureate Sunday, by the High school chorus and the Womens chorus. Mendelssohn's "Nocturne" from "Midsummer Night's Dream" will be rendered by the Women's chorus, the "Carmena Waltz Song" will be sung by the High school chorus. The High school chorus will also sing "Morning Invitation." First honors this year are carried off by Miss Edith Sorum, while Margaret Jeffrey of Genora takes second.

Commencement Week is a true Community Week, and aside from the interest universally felt in the young people who are taking their first step from the days of care-free childhood to the more serious days of young womanhood and manhood, the programs announced for the week will enlist the attention of those who enjoy really worth-while things. It is hoped that the public will find its enthusiasm equal to doing justice to the full program of the whole week.

MARRIED AT FARGO

Word was received in the city this week of the marriage of Howe Anderson of Fargo to Miss Myrtle Mortenson also of Fargo. Mr. Anderson formerly was employed in this city by the J. C. Penny Co. and has a host of friends here. He is now with the Anderson Piano Co. at Fargo.

Geo. Buhler and R. K. Welliver were visitors in the city the latter part of last week. Mr. Buhler is still in the garage business in Miles City, Mont., but Mr. Welliver has moved to Minneapolis. Their many friends were glad to see them again.

A Government Briquetting Plant is a Possibility

Prof. O. H. Hood, of the Bureau of Mines, S. M. Darling, lignite expert, of Washington, D. C., and C. P. Williams, assistant chief of construction for the Department of the Interior, with his office at Denver, were in the city the first of the week. Mr. Williams was here in the interests of the irrigation project and Prof. Hood and Mr. Darling represented the Government in its search for a location for a briquetting plant.

The Government has appropriated the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to be used in the study or investigation of the briquetting of lignite coal. As the experiment work has been in progress for some time the plan now is to build a plant somewhere to manufacture briquets. They propose to build a plant that would turn out 100 tons of briquets a day. The plant would have gas to sell and this could be used by the city.

This proposition is the best that has been before our citizens for a long time and the beauty of it is that we should have the best chance of all to land the plant. We have the irrigation plant which it would help a great deal; we have the Government mine which could within ten days deliver 200 tons of lignite a day to the briquetting plant and we have the government coal lands reserve of over 1200 acres in connection with this mine. Taken all together this gives us a fine chance and if the people are wide awake and push the work there is no reason in the world why we should not land it.

And when it comes to live ones pushing, you should have been at the Community Club banquet Tuesday evening, when these distinguished visitors were entertained at a luncheon, songfest and smoker. The I. O. O. F. dining room was crowded and everyone enthusiastic. After a fine luncheon and many songs and talks were delivered by several local men and the visitors. The talks by the local men were good, but we are sure you want to know what the visitors had to say, so will give our space to them.

Mr. Williams gave an interesting talk about the irrigation project and the values of land after it had been successfully irrigated for years.

Mr. Darling in speaking of the briquetting plant said in part: "I am not a stranger to Williston and this splendid reception makes me feel at home. I was here in 1911. We heard that a man by the name of Bruegger had a dream about Lignite so I came out to investigate. Plans were under way to start work but were held up for the past four years on account of the war. This dream about Lignite has a chance to come true for no matter where this plant is located, if it proves a success every place like Williston that has coal beds will be sure to have a plant. You folks are on top of or living over the largest body of

Party of Government Men Here the First of This Week Looking Over Field for Plant Location—Briquetting Would Work in Connection With This Irrigation Project

coal on earth. In early days it was thought that Pennsylvania had the largest fields and the best coal. When this coal is briquetted it will be the equal of the best Pennsylvania coal and can be sold for less. In the treatment we propose the coal will be broken up and the by-products will be used. We know what to do. The thing is to run a plant, show a profit and use the products. Gas will be produced and this coal is the best gas producer on earth, bar none.

Now, as to the market for these products. The figures show that this territory, the Dakotas and Western Minnesota, is supplied with coal the haul of which is upward of 1000 miles. You have got this territory at your mercy, the two Dakotas and Western Minnesota. That territory alone will take up more of these products than you can build plants for in the next ten years. As to the price—I expect to be interested in that plant, and I am not going to make any rash promises. But those briquets will be far under the price of anthracite or of any eastern fuel. I won't say anything about lignite because lignite is not a fuel.

Then, of course, there are volatile oils, also your valuable coal tars in this. The expense of refining them is too great, and we don't propose to do it—just ship them in the raw state. We may use some of the light oils, such as creosote, which is valuable for treating leather and wood. We may take that out, but ammonia, we don't bother with that. When we come to double our business, we will probably take out some of the ammonia and phosphates, and I hope that by that time some of your gentlemen—under the stimulus of your experimental farm and reclamation service, will be ready to put some of the fertilizer on the land.

I want to let my associate, Mr. Hood, have something to say." (Applause.)
Mr. Burdick, in presenting Mr. Hood, remarked that he had never before had the privilege of talking to an audience of millionaires, but that he was addressing millionaires now, because he knew that everyone there had some lignite.
Mr. Hood, of the United States Department of Mines located at Washington, D. C., chief of the Department of Fuels and Mechanical Equipment, who has been for some

time in the plant at Pittsburg, the center of the largest coal district in the United States, spoke as follows:

"I wish from the bottom of my heart that I could entertain you as well as you have been entertained tonight, and return to you a bit of the inspiration which I have felt in seeing in a town this size a community gathering together—I understand on short notice—and with so much vim and pep and good hearty people in it as I see before me tonight."

"Mr. Darling and I started on a journey about the middle of March. Having been a college professor for a good many years—which Mr. Darling twits me of rather often—you know it is a habit of college professors to stay pretty well at home. But since the middle of March I have gotten to feel quite like a travelling man, and under Mr. Darling's instruction I have acquired a number of their habits and traits. (Laughter.)

Mr. Darling: "When I get through with him he will be a real human being!" (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Hood: (Continuing.)

"I will confine myself more or less to generalities—to some of the greater problems, Mr. Darling having given you quite clearly some of the details of our problem. I think it is a bit of interesting that there should be at this time representatives of two parts of the great Department of your government here with you tonight. (Turning to Mr. Williams.) We have never met each other before. We are, however, neighbors in the great new building that has been put up in Washington, the largest Government building in Washington—the Interior Department. Under Secretary Lane this department has prospered. It has stated to the country, I believe, a little more clearly than it has been stated before what it is all about. What is the Interior Department of the Government? Some people say it is a sort of waste basket in which all the odds and ends are placed. That is hardly true. I believe it to be that Department of the Government which serves the individual in many of his own undertakings. It is that part of the Government which takes care of education, which takes care of Indian individuality, the reclamation and irrigation of land, and appeals to the individual—and so might I go on naming the several bureaux that are in that department. Now, your irrigation work goes with the Agricultural depart-

ment in a way, in that together they are trying to reap from the surface of the earth those riches which stand at the bottom of the wealth of this country. It is rather unusual, however, to have a line of work that connects not only agriculturally, but connects mining with work of this sort. Mining is the second of the two great industries on which the country must depend for raw material and for food. It is not generally known, I believe, that for every \$200 of farm products from the farms of this country, \$1 is used by the Government to foster the business of agriculture through this great Agricultural department. But here is the great business of mining, which gets raw material of all sorts, which gets the coal from which all power must come, that has had a bureau in the department to represent its interests only during the last eight or ten years, and the amount of money that is spent—that is returned to the industry for investment purposes, is a very, very small fraction. I bring this up only to indicate that the Bureau of Mines which I am privileged to represent has a field ahead—a field of usefulness, of appeal to the individual, which is comparable somewhat to the field of usefulness of our great Agricultural Department. And here I find a brother member of the department of Interior bringing together the reclamation work, the irrigation work, and work in mines. It pleased me greatly today to go through this great mine which is on your reclamation project.

One of the functions which the Bureau of Mines is charged is investigating fuel products. Coal is one of the first of the mineral products. It fills two out of three cars of all railroad traffic, and about one-third of the energy of the railroads is taken up hauling this product to and fro over the country. Now fuel problems are many. I could talk all evening on the many and varied problems that come to your Bureau of Mines in this field. But this new problem of lignite has been thrust forward in rather a conspicuous position by the passage of a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the investigation of lignite and peat.

During the war the fuel problem as you know, became very serious. It became a matter of national importance whether people who were living on top of a great fuel bed demanded that the transportation facilities of the country should still be used to bring you your cherished fuel from the East—anthracite or bituminous coal. Some of the districts had to deal with rather sharply. Some districts had to be denied their usual fuel. Because of that, a state like New Jersey, that has no lignite, that is next door to the great anthracite mines, is equally interested with you in the development of your lignite resources, so you will learn to use them. I understand that you have learned that here, but I am speaking

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