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## RICH NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS SEEK WIVES

Wealthy Bachelor Farmers of North Dakota See Chicago Girls—  
"We Want Wives"

"O, a hundred Lochinvars have come out of the West—"

Chicago Daily Tribune: Some time this afternoon several automobiles will swing at Madison and Dearborn streets in front of the Tribune building. The front car will bear a sign:

"We Want Wives"—Bachelor Farmers of North Dakota

There will be about 100 of the wealthiest bachelor farmers of the state in state in those cars. Their farm lands and other properties aggregate an estimated value of \$50,000,000.

The purpose of the automobile trip, which was planned last night by F. R. Crane, director of agricultural expansion of the Great Northern railway, is to give these husky, unwedded husbands a chance to see how desirable it is to become husbands by showing them the type of girls Chicago is ornamented with.

Of the 600 North Dakota delegates to the stock show who came in yesterday on Louis Hill's Great Northern farmers' special, these 100 pleaded guilty to lacking partners in their joys and woes, joys predominating on their rolling North Dakota acres. The energetic Mr. Crane rounded up half a dozen of the bachelors, who coyly admitted that if Chicago girls generally are as pretty as some of those they noticed in the stockyards district, they might prolong their stay.

"If I can find a nice Chicago girl, built kind of large," said P. G. Melby, who owns 7,000 acres at Hatton, and is a director of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, "I'm certainly going home a wedded man."

George Ingerbretson of Church's Ferry, owner of 1,500 acres and a lot of prize cattle, is also interested in bulk. "About 200 pounds," said George, "and I'm a goner."

William Ehr of Minot wants a girl that is slender and frail. He mentioned casually that his father is worth a half million dollars.

"Deutschland uber alles," said W. Irysh of Bismarck. "If there's any nice unattached German girl in Chicago, I'm there."

"I'd be interested in a nice Chicago girl that was Swedish, dark, and plump," said Pete, "but not too Swedish or too dark or too plump."

Besides his 1,800 acres Mr. Ascheim stated that he had quite a sum of money.

## ROSS MAN TO FACE A SERIOUS CHARGE

William Crowder of Ross, who some time ago injured Alfred N. Olson, also of Ross, is to face the charge of attack with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill, and the preliminary hearing is set for Monday morning. States Attorney Wyckoff will do the prosecuting for the state, while it is not known at this time what lawyer Crowder will have to defend him. The penalty for the crime, of which Crowder is charged is a very serious one, and should he be found guilty, it will mean a penitentiary term. Crowder is now out on \$2,000.00 bond. Much interest will be taken in this case as both parties are well known in this section.

## Mrs. W. M. New Awarded \$650 Damages Against Edw. Livingston

Mrs. W. M. New from north of the city, who brought suit against Edward Livingston, a wealthy farmer for \$20,000 for the death of her husband, was awarded damages to the extent of \$650 in district court, the jury reporting Tuesday morning. The plaintiff was represented by E. R. Sinker and the defendant by Bradford & Nash.

It is understood that Livingston offered to settle the case prior to the trial for \$1,500.

W. M. New was killed on the north hill more than a year ago when an auto driven by Edw. Livingston ran into him, crushing his body against the wagon behind which he was walking. Livingston was coming around a curve and seeing another auto coming up the hill, attempted to bring his car to a stop, and the brake not working as he expected it would, he failed to work the emergency in time.

## TREES HIT BY LIGHTNING

According to the investigations by the United States Forest Service, the greatest number of trees struck by lightning in any locality is the dominant variety. Laboratory tests have shown that the conductivity of wood depends on its water content. Mr. Scott, Kansas State Forester, who has investigated many of the old theories about some trees being struck more by lightning than others find that no species of tree is more susceptible to lightning stroke than any other except in so far as the species determines the height of the tree.—N. D. Exp. Sta.

## Will Plat Valuable Sixty-Acre Tract

Frank W. Youngman and E. G. Smith have invested in a tract of 60 acres of land just south of the Minot Normal school, owned by Mrs. Kulaas and are platting the land under the name of Normal School Park. The best of streets will be graded and trees

planted. Each acre will be divided into five lots, giving the owners 300 choice building lots. These will be sold on easy payments in the spring, a dollar down and 50 cents a week. This is a choice residential property, the soil being very fertile and the location excellent. The lots will sell readily. The tract cost the owners a good many thousand dollars.

## LICENSED TO WED.

Arthur J. Loken, 29; Signa Strate, 21

Gust Pulos, 22; Tessie Eastburn, 16. Carl Jacobson, 24; Grace Peabody, 24.

Edward Cassidy, 36; Mrs. Mary Halvorson, 42.

Alfred Hougen, 28; Nellie Berge, 23. Theo. Petersen, 36; Ida H. Brekke, 23.

Clarence E. Tweeten, 35; Martha Schultz, 25.

Thos. S. Cuddigan, 24; Bessie F. Reed, 21.

Lafe Strasser, 22; Clara Baker, 22. Ray Zorn, 21; Clara Cline, 23.

Willard Lacount, 20; Irene W. Donnelly, 18.

Alfred M. Carvell, 26; Grace V. McDonnell, 25.

Wm. E. Barber, 54; Anna Elke, 28. Chas. A. Maloney, 27; Pearl M. Crawford, 22.

Adolf Aamodt, 32; Jennie Stantorf, 18.

Howard E. Foster, 22; Mabel E. Pence, 19.

Fred Stohl, 25; Maggie Shaffer, 19. Marion Rearick, 20; Edna C. Anderson, 20.

John G. Hanson, 26; Nellie C. Abrahamson, 21.

Wm. H. A. Todd, 24; Leola Desrochers, 22.

Mathew J. Wiener, 22; Effie Lytle, 21.

David Brumbaugh, 24; June Smith, 20.

Guy Peters, 22; Ruby R. Horine, 18. Gunnar Swanson, 21; Olivia Lundberg, 19.

Robert E. Roberts, 29; Carolina Hoffman, 20.

Oliver H. Abbey, 35; Erma Sykes, 25.

Peder Kleven, 28; Annie Johnson, 23.

John C. Willoughby, 28; Laura R. Noss, 20.

## A. M. Waller Will be Deputy Clerk

A. M. Waller, deputy county superintendent of schools for a good many years, has been appointed deputy clerk of the district court by Thos. Henderson, who will assume charge of the office in January. Mr. Waller and Mr. Henderson are the two oldest employees at the court house in point of service and they have enviable records for faithful service performed. Mr. Waller has been a very efficient deputy superintendent of schools and will give just as good an account of himself in his new position.

Knute T. Hagen, present clerk of courts, who retires, the first of the year, will spend some time looking after extensive real estate interests in the city.

## New Homes in Eastwood Park

Three palatial homes have been constructed along the "400" row, Ninth street southeast in Eastwood Park by Attorney John J. Coyle, Hart Swalstead, jeweler, and Carl Cox, lumberman. Mr. Coyle is now occupying his new \$8,500 residence consisting of eight rooms with every modern convenience imaginable. Hart Swalstead's residence, which will cost nearly \$14,000, will be completed in February. Mr. Cox's residence cost \$7,000.

## Blue Lodge Installation

The newly elected officers of Star in the West Lodge No. 33 A. F. and A. M. will be installed this evening. The officers are as follows:

R. D. Halvorson, W. M.

G. R. Van Sickle, S. W.

Albert Lowe, J. W.

H. E. Ryorum, Treasurer.

A. D. Hagenstein, Secretary.

## Barron Buys Dolloff Property From Weinrebe

J. E. Weinrebe has disposed of the Dolloff property on First street southwest to R. E. Barron, consideration, \$18,500. Mr. Barron bought the property as an investment and undoubtedly will in time erect a magnificent structure on the site, removing the present structure. Mr. Weinrebe made a nice profit after holding the property for a couple of years.

## SHRUBS THAT ATTRACT BIRDS

Under the heading, "Shrubs That Attract Birds," the Ohio State University states that planting shrubs and trees that produce fruits eaten by birds is one way of attracting birds. The following trees and shrubs mentioned are hardy in North Dakota—woodbine, bittersweet, wild grape, wild roses, dogwood, wild cherries and mountain ash.—N. D. Exp. Sta.

## "DRAKE FOR LIVE ONES"

A young lady at Drake bet a young man of the city five dollars that he dare not marry her. The young man proposed the same kind of a bet to her. They had known each other just two weeks. They put up the money and hopped into an auto and went to Towner where the young man put up a little more money—for a wedding license—and the knot was tied. "Drake For Live Ones."

## Legislature to Convene Jan. 2

The legislators will start operations at Bismarck January 2 and most of them will leave for the capitol city immediately after Christmas. They will endeavor to get through with the session in thirty days but it is hardly likely that this can be done.

## NORTH DAKOTA APPRECIATION WEEK January 21-27, 1917

### What It Means to the State of North Dakota:

It means that 2,000,000 newspapers will be sent out of the state during the week, bearing the glad news of the state's natural resources and prosperity.

It means that 100,000 essays on North Dakota will be written by the school children of North Dakota.

It means that hundreds of preachers will preach sermons extolling the resources of the State of North Dakota.

It means that scores of commercial organizations will hold Appreciation Week dinners with addresses setting forth the greatness of our grand state.

It means that every household in North Dakota will observe Baked Potato Day, Thursday, January 25th, by eating baked potatoes, thus letting the world at large know that North Dakota raises the best potatoes of baking size in the world, and also teaching our own people that the raising of pine potatoes is the only true system.

### GREAT NORTHERN CONDUCTOR MAY LOSE CRUSHED LEG

Jack McHenry Thrown Under Wheels at Palermo and Received Horrible Injury

Jack McHenry, well known Great Northern conductor, was seriously injured Saturday night at Palermo when he was thrown off the caboose, the wheels running over one of his legs between the ankle and the knee. The injured man was brought to a local hospital where everything possible is being done to save the leg. The bones were horribly crushed and if the leg is saved, it will be considerably shorter than the other. The Great Northern company's surgeon is watching the case closely and it may be possible that the limb will have to be amputated.

Mr. McHenry was standing on the end of the caboose and when the slack was taken up in the train he was precipitated under the wheels. He is popular with a great many who trust that he will have a rapid recovery.

### KEEP BOTTLE'S LOCATION STRICTLY ON THE QUIET

New Bootlegging Law in Effect Recently Holds Drastic Penalties—Use Good Judgment

Should you know the whereabouts of a bottle and should you tell a friend about it, and should someone learn that you told your friend, and should that someone be intent upon the observance of the prohibition laws to the very letter, you might get in very, very bad.

For the recently adopted bootlegger amendment became effective recently and the bootlegger amendment is pretty far reaching and wide-spreading in its efforts to rout demon rum. Under this amendment before one makes a good fellow of himself by tipping off the source of a little nip, it would be well to require the tippee to give the grand halting sign of distress and certain other little assurances that he isn't a squealer.

It is anticipated that the bootlegger amendment will make the enforcement of the prohibition law much less difficult for local officers the state over.

### Olaf Olson Loses Two Cases

Atty. D. C. Greenleaf was awarded a judgment against Olaf A. Olson in district court for \$575 for work done as a former attorney for Mr. Olson. The case has been in litigation for some years.

A. S. Blakey was awarded a verdict for \$150 against Olaf A. Olson. Olson had sued Blakey for three months' rent of a room formerly occupied by the Blakey drug store. Blakey put in a counter claim for \$150 more than the rent amounted to because some of his goods were damaged by the breaking of water pipes.

The work in district court will be completed Friday so that the jurors can all be home for Christmas.

### Minot Stores Remain Open Evenings

The Minot stores are keeping open this week until nine o'clock each evening, to give those who desire to do their Christmas shopping an opportunity to do so.

The cold weather the past few days has kept a good many of the country folks at home and many of the town people have showed an inclination to toast their shins at their own firesides, but this week the stores are filled with shoppers.

The Minot merchants have better Christmas stocks than ever before. The gifts include a great many useful articles which cannot help but be appreciated by the recipients. Minot shoppers are buying liberally realizing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." There's a great deal more pleasure in it too.

### INTEREST ON FEDERAL FARM LOAN MORTGAGES

In paying the interest on a Federal Farm Loan mortgage a part of the principal must be paid each time so that when the last interest payment is made the principal is also paid. This is called amortization. It is based on the principle that a loan should be so invested as to earn more than the interest.

It means that the eyes of the whole United States will be looking towards North Dakota on this week.

It means a grander and greater North Dakota.

When you contribute towards Appreciation Week you are making an appropriation for yourself and your property.

THIS IS A STATEWIDE MOVEMENT FATHERED BY THE REAL BOOSTERS OF THE SUNSHINE STATE, WHERE THE ROSES ARE A PEST TO THE FARMERS. EVERY SECTION WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THIS GREAT MOVEMENT FOR A GREATER NORTH DAKOTA.

The money raised for Appreciation Week is used in paying prizes for the best essays written by the school children, paying of prizes to the newspapers containing the most and best farmers' letters telling of the prosperity of North Dakota, and the other legitimate expenses of a campaign that covers the United States.

Appreciation Week Committee.

### CURLERS EXTEND GENERAL INVITATION FOR MEMBERS

Delegation to St. Paul Carnival to Include Many Outside Curling Clubs—Special Suits Provided

The Minot Curling club which is making great preparations to attend the St. Paul Winter Carnival in January, extends a cordial invitation to anyone outside the club living in or out of Minot to join them. R. E. Barron, chairman of the reservation committee, should be notified by all who intend to make the trip. Suits may be ordered from Axel Roise of the Wardrobe Clothing Store. These are good serviceable suits, costing \$12.50 each, which includes hat and stockings. The suits are blue with gold trimmings and are very attractive.

The Minot delegation will make their headquarters at the St. Paul hotel and Mr. Barron desires to make reservations as early as possible. The Minot curlers will leave this city Friday afternoon, Jan. 26. Quite a large number will attend.

### NORTH DAKOTA SOLDIERS TO RETURN NEXT MONTH

Volunteers on Mexican Border to be Returned Home—Pershing's Army to Patrol Border

National Guardsmen aggregating 16,000 will be returned from the Mexican border to their various homes just as soon as transportation can be arranged. The following are among the units to be returned: Minnesota Brigade, second infantry; Iowa Co. engineers; Wisconsin Brigade, first infantry; North Dakota, first infantry.

General Pershing's army is to be removed from Mexico and will patrol the border, dispensing with the services of all the volunteers. The soldiers will be returned home in three groups, the last to leave Jan. 7. The North Dakota boys will be home not later than Jan. 15, it is believed.

### Knights Christmas Observances

Martin J. Engesth, Recorder of De Molay Commandery, has issued notices to the members requesting them to be present at the Masonic Temple Christmas morning at 10 o'clock for the annual Christmas observances of the order. The session will be in charge of Archie D. McCannel, Eminent Commander.

### Cool Autumn Weather

The present autumn weather has been characterized chiefly by its low temperature. Wednesday was the coldest day of autumn. W. I. Farris' government thermometer registered 44 degrees below zero in the country it was perhaps a trifle cooler. Tomorrow is the first day of winter.

### Sons of Norway Festival

The Sons of Norway are preparing for a big Yuletide Festival at their hall the night of Dec. 26, to which all members of the order and their families are invited. Tickets can be reserved with the committee in charge, John K. Sveen, Isak Matson and T. Hougen.

### Budget Committee Met in Minot

The Budget committee for the state educational institutions met in Minot Wednesday to consider the financial needs of the Minot Normal school. The committee consists of Treadwell Twitchell, State Auditor Jorgenson, Paul Kretschner and Secretary Brewer.

### Joe Dustin's Babe Died

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dustin of Drady have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their young babe. The funeral was held at Drady today, the remains being interred in the Lutheran cemetery there.

### Bought Valley Grocery

Lonberg & Son, formerly of Hillsboro, have bought the Valley Grocery store from Overmoe & Anderson. The latter have worked up a nice trade and the new owners promise to keep the store up to its present standard.

### Took to Tall Timber

A reward of \$100 is offered for information leading to the whereabouts of the man who predicted that this

was going to be a mild winter, because the muskrats failed to build warm houses.

## MINOT and VICINITY

Mrs. John McDougall is reported ill. Editor and Mrs. W. H. Francis were week-end visitors in Minot.

This is the shortest day of the year. As the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen—let us hope not.

Dan W. King, prominent Drady farmer, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Minot investing in holiday goods.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wood of Deering were in the city Tuesday enroute home from the Equity convention in St. Paul.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Benell, residing east of Surrey, last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Benell now have a fine family of six girls and one lone son.

Guy Cormany, who has been publishing a newspaper at Ruydard, Mont., has returned to Minot for the winter. He sold his paper but will go back in the spring to his homestead near Ruydard.

Ward county trappers have secured 356 licenses from County Auditor Thompson. Most of them are trapping muskrats.

F. W. Youngman bought the Weagant property south of the Ellison flats, comprising a lot 62½x150 with residence, for \$3,500.

An interesting feature of the services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening was an address on tuberculosis by Dr. Archie D. McCannel.

W. E. Bierly, formerly of Velva, now an official of the Williston land office, was in the city Monday, receiving his degrees in De Molay Commandery. Mr. Elstad, owner of a Rugby barber shop, was here to attend the meeting.

The cold weather has undoubtedly interfered some with holiday shopping, still the salespeople in the various stores are kept on the jump and the holiday trade promises to compare favorably with that of other years.

J. E. Goulden, from south of Des Laes, who is suffering with abscess on the liver, will recover, doctors say. He has submitted to one operation and is growing better, but before he can expect a complete recovery, another will have to be performed.

Warren McElwain, prominent Lansford farmer and missionary in charge of the state for the Latter Day Saints, was a Minot visitor Tuesday. Mr. McElwain taught in the Burlington schools in the early days and still lives on the home stead which he filed nearly fifteen years ago.

Mrs. E. A. Marsh has been receiving treatment at Rochester, Minn., for what doctors believe is a cancer on one of her feet. An operation did not bring the speedy relief which was expected. Mrs. Marsh's many friends hope to hear news of her early recovery.

Mrs. Herring of Crosby was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferguson this week, leaving for Minneapolis. The Herrings have done extensive traveling. Last summer they made a trip to Florida in their Ford.

Fred Eshenbacher of Baden was in the city on business Tuesday. He visited the county superintendent's office with a view of getting a school re-opened which has been closed for several years on account of lack of attendance.

Martin Nevrost, a prosperous Plaza farmer, was in the city yesterday enroute to his old home, Fergus Falls, Minn. Martin came here twelve years ago and hasn't been out of the state since. He rented his farm and will spend a year in the east.

Wm. Ehr, who bought two choice Chester White brood sows at the Chicago stock show, received the animals in the city Saturday, taking them to his stock farm west of town. They are classy animals and are valuable additions to his bunch of fine thoroughbred porkers.

The Woodmen of the World gave a very successful dance at the Sons of Norway hall last Thursday night. Eighty couples attending. Quigley's five-piece orchestra furnished the best of music and a supper was served at midnight. The affair was so successful that another dance will be held soon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dalen entertained at Eastwood Park Card club on Monday evening, the home being attractively decorated in red and green Christmas colors. Mrs. Fred Dale and Mrs. J. E. Burke assisted in the serving and after dinner "500" was played. The affair was a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wendt, who were celebrating their wooden wedding. They were recipients of a basket of small wooden articles, a clever presentation speech being made by Mrs. J. E. McKeane.

A negro and a Jew, according to an interesting little story, died and appeared before St. Peter, seeking admittance through the pearl gates. The negro's record was looked up and good St. Peter admitted him, telling the dusky fellow that his record had been so good on earth that he would be granted any wish he might desire. "If it's the same with you-all, good Mr. St. Peter, I believe I'll have a million dollars." The money was handed over to him and he was told to pass on. The Jew overheard the transaction. His record being good he was also admitted and told he might also have any wish granted. "I don't want much," the crafty fellow replied. "Just give me \$50 worth of phony jewelry and fifteen minutes with that nigger," he requested.

## POOL HALL LOCKED UP FOR A TIME

Officers Discover "Plant" in Proprietor's Overcoat—Clever Way of Handling Booze

Roy Vaughn, proprietor of the pool hall, located in the basement of the Leland block, was arrested during a raid Friday evening by Deputy Sheriff Vandenover and States Attorney Herigstad and his assistant, Dorr H. Carroll.

Vaughn was searched and a bottle partially filled with whiskey was found on his person. This was not enough liquor to warrant arresting him, so the officers continued their search for the "plant" which was finally found in Vaughn's overcoat hanging in the room. Six bottles of whiskey were found in the pockets. Vaughn claimed that he did not know who owned the coat but his name was found sewed in the coat and the keys to the place were found in a pocket. The room has been locked under injunctive proceedings.

### KLEMPLE CASE SETTLED

Velva, N. D., Dec. 18.—The case of the state versus the Klemple brothers, who were arrested as a result of a big scrap at Strawberry Lake last summer, in which the deputy sheriff of McLean county and two other men were badly beaten and one of the Klemple brothers was shot in the leg, has been settled. W. W. Vaughn of this city was a witness of the fracas and had been subpoenaed by the state. He has been advised by the states attorney of McLean county that two of the principals had arranged to plead guilty to assault and battery and the action against the others has been dismissed. The case was to have come up at Bismarck this week.

### THE FEDERAL FARM LOAN ACT

(Twelve Articles; Article No. 5)  
Easy Payment Plan

The new act provides for lending money to farmers largely on the borrower's terms. While the mortgage must run at least five years and not to exceed forty years, and must be paid on the installment plan, yet the farmer chooses the time to run and the size of the installment.

The amortization plan, as the installment plan is now called, is the easiest plan for paying off a debt. It is also the cheapest plan, for it requires less money for interest. Under the act, the interest rate cannot exceed six per cent, and the amortization payments, to meet principal and interest, must be in fixed annual or semi-annual installments. However, after five years the mortgage may be paid off any time. If a farmer borrows \$1,000 at six per cent for ten years under our present credit system, he pays back the loan, principal and interest, \$1,600, the annual interest payment being \$60. If he borrows the same amount at the same rate under the new act, he pays back the loan, principal and interest, \$1,358.70, the annual interest and principal being \$135.87. This makes the amortization plan a little cheaper, even if we figure to the farmer interest on the use of the money which the farmer has under the old system, that is, on the use of the difference between the two payments of \$60 and \$135.87. And the new plan is easier because his annual payment of \$135.87 amortizes (kills off) the debt at the end of ten years. But under our present credit method, after paying \$60 a year interest for ten years, the borrower then faces the original debt of \$1,000 and this may mean foreclosure or renewal of the loan.—J. E. B., N. D. Exp. Sta.

### Martin Jacobson's Bulls Are Dandies

Martin Jacobson received the shipment of the two Hereford bulls which he bought at the Chicago National Stock Show. The animals attracted a great deal of attention Saturday as they were led through the streets of the city. They are pedigreed bulls bred in New Hampshire and are a little past two years of age, weighing 1,800 pounds each. Mr. Jacobson paid \$450 each for them and he considers the investment the very best. They are built perfectly for beef animals, being low, long and broad. They are exceedingly gentle and those who saw them consider them the very best bulls of the kind ever brought to this section of the state.

### Hecht Buys Valuable Young Stallion

Major E. S. Person and Col. H. J. Hecht have returned from Iowa where Mr. Hecht invested in fifteen brood mares and a registered Belgian stallion, a yearling weighing 1780 pounds. The animal was sired by the grand champion Belgian horse at the San Francisco exposition, an animal owned by Wm. Crownover of Hudson, Ia., for which the owner refused \$18,000. Mr. Crownover expects that he will sell the stallion to the Belgian government at the close of the war. The sire weighs 2500 pounds and the dam 2200.

### 37 Below Tuesday Morning

Tuesday was the coldest day of the winter, according to W. I. Farris, government weather man, the thermometer registered 37 below that morning.