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CHANGE NAME OF WONDERLAND TRAIL

Glacier National Park Highway is the New Name Selected at Minot Meeting Yesterday—H. C. Frahm Heads Association.

The annual meeting of the Wonderland Trail Association (North Dakota Division) was held in the Association of Commerce assembly room in this city Wednesday of this week. The meeting was called to order by President F. B. Feetham of Grand Forks at 2 p. m. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved, and reports of officers made, and approved. A nominating committee and a route committee were appointed with instructions to report at the evening session.

The evening session opened at 8 o'clock and was well attended, six counties out of the eight counties in North Dakota through which the trail passes being represented. President Feetham gave his annual address in which he told of the history of the trail, and what should be accomplished to make it one of the best if not the best tourist highway in the United States. The trail is 389 miles long in North Dakota, and this year at least six projects running from six to thirty miles of state and federal aid road will be built on the trail in North Dakota.

At the evening session the name of the association was changed from the North Dakota Division of the Wonderland Trail Association to Glacier National Park Highway Association upon request of Mr. Meigs of the trail blazing company that has been blazing the trail for a number of years.

Mr. Nelson, representing the Grand Forks Commercial club, explained the tour that is to start at Port Arthur, Ont., about the middle of June, coming through Minot about the 20th or 21st of the month on the way to Glacier Park. He asked assistance of all the towns through which the trail passes to the end that the trail and the tour will receive the proper amount of publicity.

A resolution was passed asking County Commissioners to purchase all available gravel pits along well defined highways in the state while these pits could be purchased at a reasonable price, so that the matter of gravel for the roads would be settled for all time.

Another resolution was passed asking that the proper government officials build a road through Glacier Park so that the tourists would not have to pay the freight on their cars through the park when making a transcontinental tour. The freight on a car at the present time either way is \$10 and frequently there is delay in shipment, making it very unpleasant for tourists. This seventy-one miles of road through the park would give a trail from coast to coast without a break.

The nominating committee brought in the following nominations which were confirmed by the association: President, H. C. Frahm, Minot; First Vice President, J. B. Streeter, Devils Lake; Secretary, A. M. Clark,

Grand Forks; Treasurer, Ernest Bylin, Tioga; Vice Presidents for the eight counties—A. J. Ross, Stanley; C. O. Dierdorff, Minot; C. A. Stubbins, Granville; H. B. Semm, Rugby; A. Hughart, Leeds; Thomas Baird, Lakota; H. B. Finch, Grand Forks; S. E. Scott, Williston. Executive Committee to be comprised of the president, vice presidents and J. W. Bliss, State Engineer. Local Organization—Dr. Will Hawkin, Devils Lake. Legislative Committee—Geo. A. Reishus, Minot; Route Committee—H. R. Atkinson, Grand Forks.

A vote of thanks was given the Minot Association of Commerce for the courtesies extended to the association, and to the retiring officers of the Association for their work during the past year. The next annual meeting will be called by the president when he thinks best. Mr. Frahm will make an ideal president of the association and much good work is expected of him and his associates during the coming year.

Prest-o-lite Storage Battery Co. Install Service Station.

Mr. F. A. Sanborn, special representative of the Prest-o-lite Battery Co., is spending considerable time here working in conjunction with the personal efforts of Mr. H. M. Jensen, manager of the Dakota Motor Sales Company, to give all car owners in Minot and in the large surrounding territory, which includes more than 100 adjacent towns, battery service that will unquestionably be highly appreciated and which includes free hydrometric testing and adding of distilled water to all makes of storage batteries.

The Prest-o-lite expert says this is absolutely imperative in order to keep the many battery troubles away and to prolong the life of the most delicate part of the electrical system of the automobile—the storage battery.

The Dakota Motor Sales Company has secured from the Prest-o-lite Battery Company the distributing agency for Prest-o-lite storage batteries and automobile acetylene gas tanks for this territory.

A crew of expert battery men is now maintained at this battery service station to repair and adjust troubles of all makes of storage batteries. A large stock of new batteries to fit all makes of cars and automobile acetylene gas tanks will be constantly kept on hand to supply the demands of the autoist.

All autoists are cordially invited to inspect this new service and procure free a copy of a booklet of instructions on "How to take care of your battery."

HERO OF MERRIMAC WILL SPEAK HERE

Richard P. Hobson Will Deliver Address at Opera House Monday, May 27, on "America in War."

Richard P. Hobson, hero of the Merrimac and former Congressman, will speak at the opera house in this city Monday evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock. Admission free. His subject will be "America in War" and he will pay special attention to the part that prohibition is playing in our great struggle.

Mr. Hobson spoke here several years ago as a Chautauqua lecturer and those who heard him will remember him as a very pleasing speaker.

W. F. SMITH DIED NEAR DEERING

Prominent Resident of Saline Settlement Claimed by Pneumonia Friday After Short Illness.

W. F. Smith, a prominent farmer living in the Saline settlement ten miles east of Deering, passed away at his home Friday from pneumonia at the age of 67 years. He had been ill but nine days.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife and two sons. Vernon, one of the sons, resides in Washington, and Merrill lives on the farm.

The funeral was held Monday. Vernon arrived from Washington and a sister of the deceased arrived from Sweet Springs, Mo., to attend the obsequies.

Mr. Smith was a former resident of Sweet Springs, Mo. He had lived in McHenry county 17 years and was one of the most prominent farmers. He had taken a great deal of interest in Red Cross work.

THREE-YEAR-OLD MOTOR CAR VALUED AS NEW ONE

Customs Officials Find General Condition of This Automobile Warrants Full Retail Valuation.

Canadian customs authorities have just paid a three-year-old motor car—which has already seen 12,600 miles of service—the unusual compliment of an appraisal at the present market price as a new car. They proposed to enter it in Canada with only the regulation 18 per cent discount, and an additional 20 per cent for depreciation, just as though it had undergone only a few months of service.

The number of the car, which is a Dodge Brothers, is 653, indicating that it was built late in 1914, less than a month after Dodge Brothers began manufacturing motor cars. It's owner at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., attempted to drive it into Canada recently for a prospective sale there. According to customs rulings, depreciation would have been more than 50 per cent for a three-year-old car. However, after the officials had made an inspection of bearings, the body finish and general appearance, they ruled that it was practically a new car, and based its entrance valuation on the present retail price. This, it is interesting to note, is considerably higher than the price which prevailed when Dodge Brothers car No. 653 was built.

While the owner of the car was gratified, in one sense, with the customs ruling, he was not in another. For the valuation made the duty so high that the prospects of making a used-car sale in Canada were so remote that he abandoned the thought. However, he had little trouble in making a sale in Michigan.

Results of Efficiency Contest in the Model School.

Boys—Everett Cree, Eldor Husted, Bernard Poduska, Everett Monigan, Raymond Abbot, Ernest Stenson, Paul Malone, Winnifred Slatky, Maurice Monigan.

Girls—Eather Nelson, Rose Renz, Garrys Gunter, Millie Linha.

The contest took place between the "Reds" and the "Greens," the latter winning by 31 points. 120 children took part; out of these 13 passed at least one part of the National Efficiency contest.

Moorhead Potato King Visits Minot. Peter Horn, one of the big potato raisers from Moorhead, was in the city Saturday marketing a car load of Rural New Yorkers, which he sold to the merchants at 90 cents a bushel. They were choice tubers and many of them were secured for seed.

Mr. Horn belongs to a potato growers' association comprised of 38 Moorhead growers. They raise four kinds of potatoes principally, the Irish Cobbler and Bliss Triumphs for the southern market and the Early Ohio and Rural New Yorkers for the northern market.

He has been engaged in growing potatoes on a large scale for 23 years and this year will have in 150 acres. He has already planted 90 acres. He says the Rural New Yorkers are more prolific yielders than the Early Ohio. He grows only pedigreed potatoes.

Mr. Horn manures his land as frequently as possible, hauling out many loads from Moorhead every fall. He has all of the modern potato planting, cutting and cultivating tools and his digger elevates the potatoes into his wagon, making the work rather easy.

He has bought 1,000 pounds of Paris Green for \$500 for this season's use and puts it on the potato vines with a big sprayer. It requires \$1.25 an acre for Paris Green for spraying one time. Mr. Horn says that bugs bother the Early Ohio more than any other variety.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS DRIVE STARTS JUNE 28

Northwestern Chairmen Met With State Director Hollister in Minot Wednesday—All States Except Nebraska are Low.

A meeting of the chairmen of the War Savings committees in the Northwestern counties of the state was held in Minot yesterday, the state director, Geo. H. Hollister and assistant, Mr. Lowell of Fargo attending.

Renville, Williams, Divide, Burke, Mountrail, McHenry, Pierce, Bottineau, McKenzie and Ward counties were represented. The Ward county chairman is R. H. Bosard.

Plans are being made for a great national W. S. S. campaign to start June 28. Every state in the union with the exception of Nebraska is low. That state, however, has gone away over the top and the other states will try to follow the excellent example she has set.

SHORTHORN CATTLE AVERAGED \$180

Eighty-four Head Sold in Minot Wednesday at Breeders' Sale—Some Classy Individuals Offered.

Eighty-four head of Shorthorn cattle were sold in this city Wednesday at the B. E. Critchfield thoroughbred Shorthorn sale, at an average of \$180 per head. The sale was held at the Roth & Linton barn.

There were buyers from various sections of the state but most of the stock was bot by breeders from eastern and southern North Dakota and conditions did not warrant our own farmers from buying heavily.

Among the contributors at the sale were:

Duncan Beaton & Son, Bottineau, 24 head, 9 of which were bulls.
F. B. Russell, Bottineau, 5 head.
A. H. White, Kramer, 32 head.
Apland & Sorlien, Bergen, 20 head.
Jim Uglum, Bowbells.

Some exceptionally fine cattle were sold. Beaton & Son have built up an excellent herd which is headed by a \$750 bull.

Colonel Chas. McVey Held in New York.

Thru the efforts of some "busy bodies" who do not appear to have the best interests of our country at heart, Colonel Chas. McVey, formerly with the state university, has been held at New York, just as he was ready to go across and do his bit for humanity. Someone reported that at Sur-Colonel in an address given at Sur-Colonel some months ago, made the statement that President Wilson has too much power. The Independent has learned from a number who heard this lecture, that it was one of the most patriotic efforts ever heard in the state.

Duane Holmes Anxious for Action at Front.

F. E. Holmes, from north of the city, received an interesting letter from his son Duane, who has been fighting in France. Duane shows the proper spirit and as he is an example of the fighting spirit exhibited by the American forces in France, it's no wonder that Kaiser Bill turns over in bed pretty often. The letter follows: April 14.

Dear Dad and all:
Well, Dad, your letter of March 20 reached me yesterday and that is very good mail service. I am glad that all the prospects are so bright, for surely we must have big crops this year. It's up to you farmers to produce them, that's all.

I am still in the same place, same duties as before. I have been getting along fine, but have asked to be relieved and expect my orders soon. I had very pleasant work but want to get up where there's more adventure and more chance to win promotion. The company I belong to haven't gone to the front as yet, but I'll try to get there. I have a responsible job here but it is what is called S. O. R. or Service of the Rear, which means a safe position. I could have remained here thruout the war but I couldn't very well go back after the war and say I had dared to keep a safe place all the while.

I took my first ride in an airplane the other day.

LIEUT. A. C. HILL TO SPEAK TO COUNTY BRANCHES

Lieut. A. C. Hill of the Canadian forces, gave a great address at the opera house Sunday night to a packed house. His message was one of the best yet brot to this city and his lecture was in a class by itself. The Lieutenant told the parents that despite what may have been said about the army of the Allies, the war is giving our young men an opportunity to lead the purest of lives; that the ideals of our soldier boys are the very highest and that they are fighting with

the stern realization that what they are doing is in the cause of democracy, home, father, mother, sister and brother.

The Red Cross officials of the county were so highly pleased with his lecture that Lieut. Hill has been engaged to speak thruout the county and Dr. A. D. McCannel, county chairman, announces the following itinerary, other dates to be supplied: Friday—4:30 p. m., Burlington; 8:00 p. m., Donnybrook. Saturday—4:30 p. m., Des Lacs; 8:00 p. m., Berthold. Sunday—4:00 p. m., Douglas; 8:00 p. m., Ryder.

Wednesday—All day at Kenmare.

Lieut. Hill paid a glowing tribute to the Red Cross and cited an incident concerning himself to show how the Red Cross had twice saved his life. He and a companion were partially buried by a cave-in of the trench, caused by the explosion of a German shell. They had about given up hopes of ever getting out when Red Cross men braving the shells came and dug them out. Later one of the men who rescued him was killed by a German shell. Another time, the Lieutenant was injured on the battlefield, and when he woke up, some hours later, he saw a Red Cross nurse quietly and smilingly administering to his comfort.

He declared that one of the dearest names to the men in the trenches is that of mother, and that if the women at home are worthy of their mission and back up the boys with their prayers, the consecration, their sacrifices and their efforts, the men will come back to them pure and clean as when they left. He asserted that the men of the North American continent were the cleanest men in the world, and that they had other work before them than the seeking out of the places of vice which unfortunately flourish in Europe.

The speaker declared that greater sacrifices were yet needed to win the war. There is no question about the



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ultimate victory of the allies. "Germany may bend the allies' lines but she can never break them," he asserted and thunders of applause greeted the declaration. But it will require sacrifices like those made by the men who give their blood and their lives for the cause.

"God only knows the suffering of bleeding France and Belgium," he declared. "They are the victims of Germans as much as of Germany. There is no place for the Huns in this country or in Canada. They must be exterminated else they will be menaces to the government of these countries and will cause the death of the boys who are fighting to uphold American ideals."

Grange for Berthold. A Grange will be organized at Berthold Saturday afternoon, a large number of farmers have signed the necessary organization papers.

QUESTIONING HIS FIRST GERMAN PRISONER



Sergt. John Lotzing, U. S. A., is here seen talking to the first German prisoner captured by himself in an American raid at the Chemin des Dames in France.

KAD-N-TONIM GROTTTO WAS INSTITUTED

Harry Ordway, Deputy Grand Monarch From Chicago, in Charge of Ceremonies—53 Members at First Meeting—Only Grotto in State.

Harry Ordway, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grotto, acting as Deputy Grand Monarch, was in Minot Friday night and that night instituted Kad-N-Tonim Grotto U. D., giving the obligation to 53 candidates.

The following officers were then installed:

Monarch—W. S. Mitchell.
Chief Justice—Richard D. Halvorson.
Master of Ceremonies—Frank L. Housholder.

Secretary—A. D. Hagenstein. Before the new Grotto can receive its charter, it will be necessary to secure a hundred members, but this will be an easy matter as candidates can be secured from any part of the state or in any city in any other state in which a Grotto is not located. To date 65 applications have been received.

The next meeting will be held June 14 at which time a large class will be initiated. Master Masons in good standing are accepted by the order.

The Charter will be granted in June when the Grand Council meets at Columbus, O.

This is the only Grotto in North Dakota and it promises to become an exceptionally large organization.

Grelland Red Cross Sale and Program a Big Success.

A very large crowd attended the Red Cross exercises and sale at the Zion Lutheran church near Grelland in Vang township on May 17.

An interesting program was rendered as follows:

Song—Glee Club.
Four Minute Talk—Miss Kruger.
Discourses by M. O. Eide, Ben Leak and Halvor L. Halvorson.
Address—Rev. Kildahl.
Song—Miss Richardson.
Four Minute Talk—H. E. Mielke.
Discourse—Rev. Richards.
America—by Audience.

The Ryder band played during the day. The ladies of the congregation served dinner, cafeteria style, the proceeds amounting to \$39.75 going to the Red Cross.

The Red Cross sale amounted to \$134.00. A box of 50 cigars donated by Geo. S. Reishus sold for \$11.05. Three calves, some pigs, turkeys, chickens, etc., donated by the farmers of that vicinity sold well. M. T. Roach was the auctioneer.

S. M. Halvorson asks the Independent to thank the people from Minot and Ryder as well as others who attended, for their co-operation in making the affair a grand success.

At the meeting the Grelland Auxiliary of the Red Cross was organized with the following officers: S. M. Halvorson, President. Mrs. M. T. Roach, Vice President. Miss Ruby Emerson, Secretary.

Mary Garden Stars in "Splendid Sinner" at Arcade Next Week

From hundreds of stories submitted by distinguished writers Mary Garden and Goldwin's advisory board selected Kate Jordan's "The Splendid Sinner" for the singer's second performance in motion pictures at the Arcade Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday.

Pitched in a very high emotional key is the story of "The Splendid Sinner." A great love comes to the heroine out of a morass of lies, deceit, intrigue and passion and, like all tremendous psychological conflicts, there is a high price to pay.