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## JOHN J. ANDERSON MET HORRIBLE DEATH

Well Known Tatman Township Farmer Drugged in Disc for Mile by Runaway Team Friday Afternoon.

John James Anderson, aged 50 years a well known farmer, who has resided in Section 33, of Tatman township, nine or ten miles north of Minot, for the past eighteen years, met with a horrible death about 6:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, while working on the road near his home with a disc. The road had been plowed preparatory to being graded and Mr. Anderson had gone out with a disc to cut up the dirt. One of his little sons, who saw the horrible accident, says that his father struck at one of the horses that had been lagging behind, and that the disc struck a rock about that time. This frightened the horses and they ran away. Mr. Anderson was thrown in front of the disc, his legs catching in the tongue braces and his head catching between two of the sharp discs. He was dragged in this manner for nearly a mile. Occasionally the horses would stop, then start running again. A neighbor who saw the horses running, came to the man's rescue and stopped the team, but Mr. Anderson was found to be dead when the body was extricated.

The rear of his head had struck one of the discs and the nose and mouth were almost torn away by being dragged over the ground.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Lutheran church in McKinley township, Rev. J. R. Michaelson of this city officiating. The remains were interred in the cemetery near the church. The funeral was directed by J. D. Van Fleet & Co. of this city. A very large crowd of old time friends gathered.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife and six children, the eldest being thirteen and the youngest five. He leaves several brothers and sisters near Detroit, Mich. John Strandber, well known Minot farmer, is a brother of Mrs. Anderson.

The deceased was a good citizen, a kind husband and an indulgent father. A host of friends extend their sincerest sympathy to the family.

## ALL HE ASKS IS 'DEFEAT OF THE KAISER'

J. J. Brand, Father of Ben Brand, the Logan Soldier Killed in Action, Faces Loss of Son with True American Spirit.

J. J. Brand, of Logan, N. D., father of Ben Brand, who lost his life while fighting in France, visited Minot Friday and called at the Independent office.

Mr. Brand has received no additional particulars concerning the death of his son, but the U. S. war department notified him that he would no doubt receive more particulars direct from France within a short time.

Mr. Brand, while mourning the loss of his brave son, said, "All that I now ask in exchange for my son is that we now whip the Kaiser."

A neighbor who has known Ben ever since he was a little fellow, remarked that he'd bet his last dollar that Ben got a dozen Huns before they got him.

Ben was killed in action May 15. Mr. Brand last received a letter from him written early in April. Ben stated that he had been in the trenches in January but had been on a furlough. He was in the same company as Raymond Gillette, the Minot lad who was the first soldier from this city to be injured. Ben wrote that he saw Secretary of War Baker in February, his regiment marching in review.

Mr. and Mrs. Brand have given three sons to our country. William and Ben enlisted in Co. A in Minot and went to France. Frank enlisted also and is now in Honolulu. Mr. and Mrs. Brand have two other sons, John and Ray, who are at home.

Ben was born Feb. 26, twenty-two years ago, and thirteen years ago accompanied his parents to Ward county, the family settling twelve miles down the river. Before locating in Ward county, the Brand family resided at Lidgerwood, N. D.

Ben is well remembered about the county for his achievements in farming and stock raising. After taking a short course in farming for several days at a county gathering some years ago, Ben won the first prize in cattle judging. He took numerous prizes in growing corn and in raising poultry.

Corzine Writes of Work in Army School.

The following are quotations from a letter recently received from Mr. Harland W. Corzine, who left Minot a short time ago to take an appointment as instructor in the United States Army School of Military Aeronautics at the University of Illinois. Mr. Cor-

zine was in charge of the Manual Training Department at the Normal School and sent this letter to the students and faculty there.

"Ever since I arrived here, I have tried to find time to write a letter that might be of interest to some of the folks back in good old North Dakota. It seems rather strange to be back here at the old stamping grounds where a few years ago I was visiting these class-rooms as a student, and wondering as some of these young fellows are, if I should ever survive the final exams.

"One does not have to be here very long to realize that we are in a very tense military atmosphere, for at the corner of the Campus is a large service flag with stars representing about 3500 students and alumni of this University who are now in service. The U. S. Army School of Military Aeronautics is a comparatively new organization organized for the specific purpose of training the cadets in what is called the ground school work, and after completing a 12 weeks course here, those who survive are sent either to a Flying School where they are taught the actual flying, or to an Aerial Gunnery school to do more specialized work as gunners, or to a bombing school, or are taught to be what they call fighting observers for aerial service. The work they get here then is the beginning where they get the fundamentals of Military Discipline, Drill, Signalling, Engines, Airplanes, Aids to Flight and Gunnery. Each of these is a separate course and the cadets are kept busy from 5:45 in the morning until about the same time in the afternoon, then their study time in the evening lasts till 9 o'clock. They are made to march to classes, come in to recitation room and stand at "Attention" until told to take seats by the instructor.

We instructors have recently been advised or rather ordered to wear uniforms, and our Commissions as Captains in the Illinois National Guard have been authorized by the Governor, but have not been conferred as yet. Our uniforms are the regulation style, and we wear the Insignia of "ILL", also the "S. M. A.", for our school. My particular work is teaching the Lewis and Marlin Aircraft Automatic Machine Guns, and while it seems very interesting at first, of course it will soon get to be monotonous when we do it over and over so many times. Our school receives a new Squadron every Monday morning, and graduates a class each week-end, so you see we are kept moving. Last Sunday I went with a party up the Chanute Field, where we saw a lot of Airplanes starting up, and each day we see a group of them going over the campus. Yesterday we saw 4 in a line, today we saw about 8 arranged in Flying Wedge formation, and each day we are prepared to see them in some new stunt. They seem to enjoy getting right over us, and then doing all sorts of funny spirals, loops and glides.

"Of course we are very frequently visited by certain important officials from Washington, and a number have been here from England and France. Our program of work is arranged on Monday for the week, to say nothing of the frequent radical changes in the methods which happen about every time one of these officials come along and sees something he doesn't like.

"Marvin Northrup, a young man who came from Minot, is nearing the end of his course here, and is certainly deserving of much credit for his persistent spirit, for he tried about seven times before he got in. George Cross, another who came from Minot, is at Rantoul where they have the flying field, about 18 miles north of the University here.

"There certainly is a lot of difference in the weather here and in North Dakota. The last two days have been so miserably hot that it is almost impossible to get a breath of fresh air. The air seems to be so laden with moisture that we feel depressed close and sticky all the time. It has rained almost every two days, and of course this does not add to our comfort when the sun comes out.

"Next Thursday we have planned another trip up to Rantoul, where I hope to see some of our friends who are there. Yesterday, a few of us from the Gunnery Staff had the pleasure of firing a few rounds of ammunition with the Lewis Machine Gun, which fires at the rate of about 600 shots per minute. The other gun we teach, the Marlin, is a new gun designed especially for aerial service, and it fires at the rate of about 750 times per minute, the firing mechanism being synchronized with the propeller, so that the shots are fired right out thru the propeller in front of the machine."

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) Harland W. Corzine.

McCrill Does, New Stunt.

Ward McCrill, who was tanked up on something stronger than water, came around the Leland corner Monday noon in his Ford car at 30 miles an hour, the car skidding into two big new cars owned by Robert McKay and G. W. Wells, doing some damage to them. McCrill was arrested and taken to the city jail. The Ford was scarcely marred.

"Red" Parrott Admitted to Bail.  
"Red" Parrott, who has been in jail for several weeks charged with burglary in connection with the theft of tires in this section of the state, has been admitted to bail.

## GOVERNMENT FREE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

Bureau Opened in Flatiron Building in the City and Jobs Will be Furnished to All Who Apply.

Lindley H. Patten of Bismarck, State Director of Labor, and Thos. Rich of Chicago, examiner, both in the employ of the U. S. employment service, were here last week, making arrangements to open a free government employment office in this city and they have selected a room in the Flatiron building on West Central avenue. H. O. Hoken has been placed in charge of the office and no charge will be made for placing men in touch with good jobs, in any line for which they are fitted. The number of the phone is 1158.

The government has opened four such offices in the state, in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot, and this city represents northwestern North Dakota. The government devised this plan to give everybody a chance to work at good wages. The government has a list of practically every man available and keeps posted on where men are needed. The government cannot afford to tolerate able bodied loafers and proposes to put everybody to work. This is going to be a fine thing for all concerned and is one important step in winning the war by utilizing labor to the best advantage.

Lone Tree Pays Tribute to Soldier Lads.

About twenty auto loads of Lone Tree people were in the city Friday accompanying three of the boys from that community who had enlisted in the quartermaster's corps and left Friday afternoon for Jefferson Barracks, Mo. The young men were Harold E. Mann, Dale Roberts and Tommy Etter, Jr., all sons of prominent families residing in Lone Tree and vicinity. On Thursday evening the young men were tendered a reception at the Lone Tree church, the crowd being so great that the speakers were obliged to speak from the front steps of the church as the audience assembled about in autos and chairs. It was estimated that fully 800 people were present. Rev. Mercer, pastor of the Minot Congregational church, delivered a rousing patriotic address and speeches were also delivered by T. M. Williams, J. H. Burkhardt and J. W. Calnan. The citizens made up a purse and presented each of the boys with a wrist watch, a comfort-kit and a khaki-covered Testament. Ice cream and refreshments were served free of charge in the basement of the church. On Friday, when the Lone Tree delegation reached the city, a parade was formed with the Town Criers Fife & Drum Corps in the van and the boys were escorted to the depot.

G. W. Ward Dong His Bit.

The Independent received an interesting letter from G. W. Ward, former Minot man, who is now located at Plenty, Sask. He says: "From all reports, our old Minot laddies are doing their bit, and proving their worth over there. Guess I can do more on this side as I am doing all I can towards the production campaign, both in food stuff and family. With good luck and a few years more I'll have an army of my own. Everything looks good now and with a good yield I should have the pleasure of handling a million bushels of grain this year. Remember me to the old sports especially the old war horse Judge Murray."

## NEW ABSTRACT OFFICE OPENS

Atty. L. M. Ellithorpe, Manager of the Ward County Title Co., Whose Offices are in First International Bank Block.

L. M. Ellithorpe, the well known attorney, has organized the Ward County Title Co., an abstracting concern, and is now prepared to receive business in offices established on the second floor of the First International Bank block. The company has furnished \$30,000 bonds which were approved Monday by the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Ellithorpe will be in a position to give an attorney's opinion on all abstracts issued from the office and he states that all abstracts will be so drawn that they will contain all the information needed so that if they are examined by an attorney, there will be no need of referring to the records.

Mr. Ellithorpe is capable and ought to do a very nice business.  
Norris Jones Commissioned Sergeant  
Norris Jones, son of Ira C. Jones, of the Pioneer Fuel Co., has been promoted from corporal to sergeant. Norris is a member of the 338th Field Artillery and is stationed at Camp Dodge.

## RED CROSS WILL BENEFIT FROM TRACTOR MEET

All Profits Will Go to County Branch of Red Cross—Land Will be Cropped for Benefit of Organization.

The Agricultural committee of the War Work Division of the Minot Association of Commerce and Mr. Frank Linha are deserving of great credit for the manner in which the tractor demonstration will be handled, for under the arrangements thus far consummated the Red Cross of Ward county should reap a splendid monetary benefit. When Frank Linha found out that the Red Cross Society was to benefit from the demonstration he offered to the committee a half section of land that he was about to lease for a term of years to the committee, with full power to go ahead and crop the land, either this year or next, and turn the profits over to the Red Cross. He even went further, and stipulated that if the crop next year was a half crop, that the committee could have the land in 1920 for the benefit of the Red Cross. Mr. A. A. Robinson has been appointed trustee to carry out the provisions of the contract that has been entered into by Mr. Linha and the Agricultural committee, and the Campaigns and Financial Appeals Committee of the Association of Commerce will look after some of the important details of the demonstration so as to assure its success. This is going to be one of the biggest deals that has been pulled off for the benefit of the Red Cross in this state.

The Agricultural Committee also showed rare judgment in securing O. M. Champlin, that veteran farm implement man, to take charge of the details of the demonstration, and from the way Mr. Champlin has entered into the work, the demonstration cannot help but be a success in every way.

A meeting of the tractor men of the city was held at the association of Commerce rooms Tuesday evening and when Mr. Champlin had explained the whole proposition to them every one of them expressed themselves as being only too glad to enter their tractors for the demonstration, and the meeting turned out to be the most enthusiastic one that has ever been held in the Association rooms.

Large posters will be gotten out immediately in large numbers and these will be distributed all over North Dakota, northern Montana and southern Canada, the tractor companies offering to send out this advertising matter, thus relieving the committee from the work and saving more money for the Red Cross. The Red Cross will have full charge of the "jitney" bus service to and from the grounds, thus assuring the visitors attending the demonstration a fair deal in the matter of transportation. Arrangements are also being made to secure other transportation facilities if needed.

The Northern States Power Co. will install telephones at the demonstration grounds for the benefit of the participants, and the oil companies will install service stations adjacent to the grounds. Everything possible will be done for the companies entering the demonstration.

The dates, June 18th, 19th and 20th, have been definitely set, and it is expected that Minot will have the largest crowd in her history on these three red-letter days.

## FIRST RENDITION OF ORATORIO ST. PAUL

Splendid Musical Attraction at First Lutheran Church by Home Talent Assisted by Herbert Gould of Chicago.

The first rendition of Mendelssohn's oratorio "Saint Paul," given at the First Lutheran church last evening was from the musical standpoint an unequalled success. The chorus shows the effect of its long and careful work, and sang especially the first half of the program with a precision of response to the director's baton which was a joy indeed. There were those who felt last year, when the same composer's masterpiece was rendered by the same organization that it was one burst of successful effort, made possible by a combination of favorable circumstances, but that a repetition would scarcely be in the realm of probability, for work of such magnitude is rarely undertaken outside of the great musical centers. The singers individually and collectively, are surely to be complimented on such a culmination of long and earnest effort, and to each of them it should be a pleasant reminiscence. The many who are waiting the second rendition tonight will scarcely profit much by their delay, as it is difficult to see how the chorus could in any degree improve upon its general work last evening.

It is indeed a pleasure to hear Mr.

Herbert Gould in such a musical setting. The opportunities give full play to his art. His renditions of the many recitatives and the several heavy arias were an inspiration, and which contrast both in the size of the audience and chorus must have been strange to one accustomed to singing with the great musical organizations of Chicago. He entered so sympathetically and whole souledly into the work, as to endeavor himself to singers and auditors as well. Appearing as he does in uniform of his official work at the Great Naval Training Station near Chicago, does not seem out of place for the great apostle whose story he sings turns often to things military, for illustration and comparison, and one thinks now of Paul's words: "Put on the whole armor of God, for we wrestle against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Interest was not less intense in the work of our own Minot singers, who essayed the heavy task of working both in the chorus and solo. The demands on the vocalist are such that mere pretense will not get by—it requires real ability, both vocally and in musical knowledge.

Miss Ruth Ellison was somewhat handicapped by a slight voice strain which prevented her participation in the chorus work last evening, but thru the handicap flowed forth the beautiful flute-like notes—the accurate and sympathetic renditions which under her singing whenever heard. Her arias, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Thou that Killest the Prophets," was beautifully rendered.

Miss Alma Enger has been accounted a soprano, but it is hard to understand how such wonderfully rich tones as she produces in the lower register would ever be left for the higher range of soprano work. She has indeed a voice which counted powerfully in the chorus, especially in the many high "A's" throughout the oratorio, but those rich, deep melodious tones of the alto aria, "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own," are an abiding memory to the sympathetic listener.

Miss Nora Fauchald has but recently returned from New York City where she has spent the first year of a sympathetic training in music. It is understood that Miss Fauchald is still undecided as to whether her interests is to center on her violin or her voice. Fortunately, indeed, is one who possesses such another ability as might contest the center of interest with such singing as Miss Fauchald did last evening, not only mastering on short notice several recitatives and one aria, not originally asked of her, but also in the short time since she returned, learning the difficult soprano part in all the choruses till she sang throughout. And with all the burden her work was brilliant to the last recitative of the work.

Mr. Hvambal and Mr. Islielsson, two members of the tenor section of the chorus, while making no pretenses as trained or professional singers, did work creditable to themselves and the occasion, the former in two duets with Mr. Gould, the latter in several recitatives.

To Miss Martha Seby has fallen a heavy responsibility—mastering the whole score and playing it throughout with such precision as constantly sustained soloist and chorus and free from those slips and errors which might so easily demoralize the singing. Miss Seby's share in the credit for the success of this concert must not be a small one.

Miss Amanda Hamre at the organ is a surprise to her many friends, who have felt that her field is the piano only. She shows that understanding of her instrument, an ability in following the director and the singers which makes her an expert accompanist.

Again were the people of Minot reminded that in Rev. Guilixson, who directed the chorus, did they possess a man of great worth and value to the community in more ways than one. The labor, trials and tribulations of a director who trains a chorus, previously absolutely unacquainted with a great musical work, from beginning to end, is understood only by him. Rev. Guilixson is indeed to be congratulated upon the success of his work and he can be assured that it is properly appreciated by a grateful and music loving community.

The heavy rain in the afternoon prevented several out of town parties who had definitely planned to attend. In the audience last evening were the members of the Eleanor Olson Concert Company of Chicago, who were very well pleased and much impressed with the evening's music.

The final rendition of this oratorio will be given this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the First Lutheran church. Those who wish to give a dollar to the Red Cross and to themselves a decided musical treat can do no better than to go, and go early.

Fugelso National Delegate.

Peter Fugelso, of the hardware firm of Jacobson & Fugelso, will leave next week for Cedar Point, O., where he will attend the national convention of the National Hardware Dealers' Association June 18 to 20, as a delegate from this state. This is going to be a particularly important convention, inasmuch as the hardware dealers are having serious trouble to get certain goods and these matters will be considered. Mr. Fugelso gives as an illustration that a dealer cannot buy a single spool of barb wire, as the government has taken over the entire product.

## PRIVATE SCOTT WILL TALK ON GERMAN HELL

Canadian Private Who Escaped From a German Prison Camp Will Speak Here Saturday Afternoon and Evening.

Private John A. Scott, tenth man to enlist in the Canadian Expeditionary forces, and who spent several years in a German prison camp, will tell his story in this city Saturday, the lectures to be given under the auspices of the Minot Elks. An admission of 50 cents will be charged, the money to go to the Elks' war fund.

Private Scott was a prisoner in Germany from April, 1915, until October 1917, when he made his escape to Holland.

He was shot by a German soldier while lying wounded in a cellar with 60 other Canadians. He expected to be killed any instant, but was finally taken to a train spending two days and two nights in a freight car, before his five shrapnel wounds, one thru the lung, were dressed. Bread and water when the train started, and a bowl of soup many hours later, constituted the only food on the trip. Only once on the trip was the door opened. He was beaten by Prussian soldiers who seemed to take a delight in striking wounded soldiers with pieces of rubber hose. He was locked in a cell 7x10 feet with a stove fired at full blast hour after hour, without a drink of water. He saw his comrades tied to trees and posts by their wrists, only their toes touching the ground.

Be sure to hear this great lecture, the first message of its kind brot to Minot.

He will speak at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and at 8:30 that evening at the Grand Theatre.

Congressman Norton Will Visit

Congressman P. D. Norton from the Third district, informs the Independent that he is preparing to make a trip to France in July or August, to study the war at first hand. Mr. Norton says there will be a lull in Congress about that time, and he is anxious to see himself what is going on in the battle zone.

Plans Completed

FOR RETAILERS' CONVENTION

Many Interesting Subjects Will be Discussed by Capable Speakers Many Entertainments Planned.

Plans have been perfected for the annual convention of the North Dakota State Retailers' Association which will be held here June 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Indications now are that an immense crowd will be in attendance. The program covers a number of interesting subjects and the entertainment features of the convention will be enjoyable.

The convention will be in charge of Fred P. Mann, the president, from Devils Lake.

Among the speakers on Tuesday, the opening day, are Dr. Ladd, Tracy Bangs of Grand Forks; and Fred Manson, president of the Shredded Wheat Co. The ladies will be entertained in the afternoon by the Minot ladies at the Elks' club.

Among the speakers for Wednesday are A. B. Dill, secretary of the Minot Credit Association; W. A. Austin, Fargo; D. W. Clark, Valley City, and J. J. Ryan.

Wednesday afternoon H. S. McIntyre, editor of the Twin City Commercial Bulletin, will speak on "How to advertise a general merchandising business in a small town and get results." T. A. Moon of Chicago will speak on "Twelve essentials of successful retailing." Curtis L. Mosher, of the Federal Reserve Bank Minneapolis, will explain trade acceptance. The ladies will be taken for a launch ride in the afternoon.

Wednesday evening a song program will be rendered at the opera house, led by the Girls' Military Squad. The soloists will be N. B. Black of Fargo and Mr. Montgomery of Grand Forks. A pavement dance with band music will follow the program.

Other good speakers will appear at Thursday's sessions and that night an amateur program, arranged by Orrin M. Pierce and Ira D. Wight will be given at the opera house.

On Friday morning, the election of officers will be held and in the afternoon a patriotic program will be rendered at Riverside Park. A big time is promised.

Lieut. Pence at Cornell.  
Lieut. J. R. Pence writes the Independent that he is now at Cornell University College, taking up special X-ray work. "Like it real well. Expect to be here a month or so," he writes.