

THE WARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT

This Issue 20 Pages

THE INDEPENDENT HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY WEEKLY IN THE STATE

FIRST SECTION

Vol. 17; No. 29

Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, Thursday, October 31, 1918

Subscription \$1.50 Per Annum

ARTHUR PEDERSON DIED AT CAMP TAYLOR

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Pederson, Prominent Residents of Torning Township, Died of Pneumonia Oct. 13.

Arthur Pederson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Pederson, old time residents of Torning township, passed away at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, on Oct. 13, following a short illness from lobular pneumonia brought on by the influenza. His remains have been interred in the military cemetery at Camp Taylor, but later arrangements may be made to remove them to this county.

The father did not learn of the death of his son until a week ago and only then thru a telegram sent by his daughter, Dena, now Mrs. Wm. H. Lavelly, of Freeport, Pa., who learned of the death of her brother thru a letter returned to her. Mr. Pederson immediately telegraphed to Camp Taylor and the following day the major of the 70th Field Artillery verified the report.

Arthur was born at Paynesville, Minn., 25 years ago and moved with his parents to Ward county twelve years ago. He spent much of his time on the Pederson farm in Torning township. He dearly loved the life of the rancher and hunter and spent considerable of his time riding the ranges in the Canadian Northwest and in Western North Dakota and Montana.

Answering democracy's call, Arthur enlisted in the U. S. cavalry in Texas about a year ago and was recently transferred to the field artillery and assigned to duty at Camp Taylor. He was making rapid progress in his military work, for he was a real soldier. Letters received by relatives just a short time before his fatal illness, told of his attachment for the army and he expected to be sent to France soon.

Arthur was a young man who won friends readily wherever he went. He was a most congenial, accommodating young man, honest and industrious.

Arthur is survived by his parents, a brother, Richard, who resides at the Pederson homestead, and the following sisters: Mrs. Wm. H. Lavelly, Freeport, Pa.; Mrs. L. A. Holmes, (Dora), Brainard, Minn.; Miss Kaia Pederson, who is teaching school near Max, N. D., and Miss Mella Pederson, who is a missionary in Manosoa, Madagascar. The bereaved relatives have the sincerest sympathy for many friends over the death of their beloved one, who gave up his life in answering Freedom's call.

Dr. J. W. Newlove Writes of France.

The following letters from Dr. J. W. Newlove, who is now with a Medical Corps in France, gives one an intimate view of conditions in France pertaining to the care of wounded soldiers. Mrs. J. W. Newlove, who is employed as stenographer at the First International bank of this city, has received many interesting letters from the Doctor of late and with her permission we herewith print excerpts from them that will be of general interest to our readers:

Bordeaux, Base Hosp. No. 6, September 20, 1918.

I am still at Base Hospital No. 6 and do not know how long I shall remain here. I am in the Surgical Section, although I asked for Medical. You know we have Cabot of Boston here, one of the big men in diagnosis. Do not use much medicine here and seem to get pretty good results. Of course they are not treating private cases.

I have charge of eight wards and have about 280 men to take care of. Our men are mostly construction engineers and a nice class of fellows. The nurses are a fine bunch of girls, all Eastern or Southern. Do not believe that I have ever seen any more efficient anywhere. Am operating every other day and the work is fine, although it is not the work I wanted. Did I tell you that Secretary Baker was over here to see us? The hospital looked very nice and I am sure that he was well satisfied with it. There were many happy boys here yesterday—happy because they had done their bit and were on the first leg of their journey home again.

Have quarters in a beautiful chalet. Have a large room alone and very comfortable. Have a nice dining room with silver, china and napkins; French cooks and maids; tub and shower baths—everything that one could wish for.

September 23rd. Still no mail and as I am going to move East may not get any for some time. Received my orders yesterday and leave tonight for Grenoble. This is in the lower Alps in the most beautiful country of France. Just a few miles north is Aux les Bains, the wonderful summer resort. I am going by way of the Mediterranean, stop off at Genoa, and then go northeast to Grenoble. This is south of Turin, Italy, about forty miles from the Italian border and the same distance from Switzerland. I am going there for duty.

Grenoble, Isere, France, September 26th.

I arrived here yesterday and I wish that I could tell you how beautiful this country is. It is a very rough

country, full of rivers and streams running down from the mountains to the South and West. As I told you before, Grenoble is in the lower Alps, and is the cleanest, prettiest place I have ever seen in my life. Has a population of about 120,000. Buildings are all white cut stone, mostly six and seven stories high. The apartment houses are beautiful and better than anything I have seen in Los Angeles. The furnishings are mahogany and solid walnut everywhere, velvet and silk and lace. Fire places and steam heat in nearly every room. I have a lovely room with American bed, big French windows opening out on a balcony, private, from which I can see the mountains covered with snow. Mountains are about 5,000 feet high. Mt. Blanc can be seen very plainly from the castle of which I am sending you a picture. Water is plentiful and good and meals excellent.

In regard to my work, I have rented seven rooms on the corner ground floor in the center of the city, and expect the furnishings here shortly. Also asked for a car and ambulance and expect to have them in a couple of weeks. This is going to be a snap in the most beautiful place in the world. Several of the men at Bordeaux told me that I was very fortunate to get this assignment and I believe them now. There is a Major in charge of the whole area, but I have no one over me in the Medical Department. No hospital, just see that the men on leave keep well. This is where the men go on leave and is truly a beautiful place in which to spend one's vacation. Lots of fine looking people here—the better class, you know. Everyone seems to be healthy and wealthy. Many speak English. Many Y. M. C. A. men here providing amusement, etc., for the men on leave.

I am going to try and get down to Marseilles' Nice and Monte Carlo before I leave this section. No chance to get into Switzerland while the war is on.

Oh, yes, I am about 200 miles straight south of the Harper Hospital Unit. Several of the Detroit men in it.

Halvorson Stock Sale a Success. The Halvorson Shorthorn stock sale held in this city recently is said to have been an unqualified success from the standpoint of the buyer. Several fine young heifers brought prices ranging up to \$205. Forrest Rice of Blaisdell purchased a car load of registered stock, saying that he considered the opportunity too good to pass up, notwithstanding the fact that he was not in immediate need of more stock. Mr. Halvorson said that while the prices were not as satisfactory as expected he realized that as the initial venture of the Halvorson Farms he could not expect the results he may confidently look forward to in subsequent sales which will be held.

As will be seen in his advertisement in this issue, Mr. Halvorson still has some especially fine young bulls which he offers to exchange for milch cows.

L. S. Foote Builds Sod Shack at Burlington. L. S. Foote of Burlington has constructed a sod shack on his premises adjoining the Burlington City mine which is owned by Messrs. Foote & Brunner. This is the first sod building erected in this vicinity since the early homesteading days back in the early 90's. Mr. Foote has constructed a building that is a model of its kind, plastered the interior nicely, and it is said to be very comfortable, indeed.

His many Minot friends are anxiously awaiting an invitation to attend a house warming at Mr. Foote's new home and are prepared to make the occasion a memorable one. The Foote shack will attract many visitors as many of our people have never seen a habitable shack of this character and the novelty of viewing one that is perfect in its appointments will satisfy the curious.

TYPHOON AT GUAM Marine Learns That Danger Thrills Are Not Confined to French Battlefields.

Kindred, N. D.—Experiences of U. S. Marines at Guam, Philippine Islands, are described by Adolph Johnson of Kindred, in a letter to his parents. A typhoon, with a 120-mile wind, that wrecked many buildings on the island, killed several people and left thousands homeless, is likened by the marine to a North Dakota blizzard.

"The storm struck the west end of the island less than twelve miles from here at 2 a. m., and not until 6 o'clock did it hit Agaña," writes Johnson. "It lasted about four hours, and we had many narrow escapes, dodging flying coconuts and sheet iron, facing driving rain and salt water. It looked very much like a Dakota blizzard. I guessed at one time that the wind velocity was about 400 miles, but I was wrong, for it was only 120 miles.

"We took care of many native women and children, giving them shelter in our quarters during the day and following night. We fed them and gave them clothing and our blankets. Not being used to the cold they suffered from it, while we worked under bathing suits. It was a most awful morning, and though I wouldn't have missed the show for \$100, I wouldn't give a dime to see another.

"All marine outposts were destroyed; warehouses and storerooms laid flat, tents and squad rooms blown away and never recovered. Only a sign remained where many buildings once stood, and it carried the camp slogan, 'We Can't Be Worried.'"

M'COY WILL INSTALL STORE IN GREAT FALLS

Prominent Minot Merchant Returns From Live Montana City Where He Leased Large Block for Department Store to Be Installed April 1.

Paul V. McCoy, of the McCoy Department store, returned yesterday from Great Falls, Mont., where he has completed arrangements to install a large department store April 1.

Mr. McCoy has secured a long lease on the large block which has been occupied for the past twenty years by the Edwards Furniture Co. This is one of the very best locations in Great Falls.

Mr. McCoy will handle practically the same lines carried by the McCoy Department store of this city, and the people of Great Falls may feel certain that they will have one of the best stores in the west. Mr. McCoy will manage the store himself, but will not leave Minot until early in February.

Mr. McCoy came to Minot about seventeen years ago and he has grown up with the city. He was scarcely past his majority when he opened the Leland Drug Store, which he managed for years. Later he became interested in other drug stores of the city, at the present time being interested in the Leland Drug Store and the Benno Drug Store. He branched out into the jewelry business, and is interested in the Winters Jewelry Co., one of the best known jewelry concerns of the state. For several years, he has managed the McCoy Department store, one of the largest and best stores of its kind in the west. He was instrumental a few years ago in organizing the McCoy Furniture Co., which now occupies its own magnificent block on south Main street. In all of the enterprises with which he is connected, success has crowned the efforts of Mr. McCoy and his associates. Mr. McCoy has shown rare business judgment. He has always been a liberal buyer of advertising space and has been very careful to back up his statements by delivering the goods. Minot will lose one of its very best businessmen and hundreds of friends will sincerely regret his departure.

Mr. McCoy speaks in the highest terms of Great Falls, a city of about 40,000 population. He met many former Minot residents who live there, all of whom are doing well.

SON DEAD, FATHER SICK. Influenza Victims Drift 222 Miles in Open Boat on Missouri.

Bismarck, N. D.—After drifting 222 miles in an open boat on the Missouri, with the dead body of his son for company on the last half of the trip and himself delirious with Spanish influenza for a greater part of the journey, with just enough strength left when his boat struck a sandbar opposite old Fort Lincoln to drag himself up the bank, C. K. Stearns, a 72 year old fisherman, was discovered after lying a day and a night in rain, and brought to a hospital here, where he shows signs of recovery.

The son, who died while the boat was drifting with the current between Washburn and Bismarck, was Thomas Earl Stearns. He had registered for the draft at Plaza.

The journey in the open boat was begun two weeks ago. Influenza developed soon after the father and the son set on the voyage. For two days both were delirious and then the boy died. The father had expected to make Bismarck landing, but he was unconscious when the boat drifted by the city. Finally the craft ran ashore on a sandbar off Fort Lincoln, where the father waded ashore, leaving his son in the boat, and waited for death.

The Stearns have for years plied up and down the Missouri as fishermen. At various times they have fished at the mouth of Auule creek and other points near Bismarck, where they are well known.

Will Vote on Herd Law. The following townships of Ward county will vote for or against abolishing the herd law at the election Tuesday. If the proposition to abolish the herd law carries, stock can run at large in such townships: McKinley, Rolling Green, Twp. 152-82; Nedrose; Freedom; Twp. 154-81; Mandan; Torning; Rushville; Maryland; St. Marys; Burlington; Kirkelle; Gasman; Newman; Iota Flat; Willis; Waterford; Des Lac; Berthold; Kenmare; Greenbush; Burt; Margaret; Brilliant.

Ne weasels of influenza are reported daily in the city and surrounding country, but it appears that fewer deaths have occurred of late. Doctors state that there is not a great deal of danger, providing the patients observe the rules laid down for the care of the victims, but on the other hand, where the greatest care is not taken, the disease is apt to result fatally. It is believed that the lower death rate is due to the fact that the victims are taking better care of themselves than those attacked earlier. The schools, churches and theatres still remain closed and no date has been made at this writing as to when they will reopen.

FOUR DEATHS AT GLENBURN

Joe Bassett, Well Known Pool Hall Owner, and Sister, Nannie, Die—Mrs. Fred Christopher and Mrs. Will Davis Are Taken.

Four deaths have occurred from the influenza recently in Glenburn and vicinity.

Joe Bassett, who conducted the Glenburn pool hall, confectionery and restaurant for the past ten years, died as a result of the disease Wednesday afternoon. He was 47 years of age and unmarried. Mr. Bassett came to Minot from Fulton, Mo., seventeen years ago and was employed as carpenter by H. A. Hurd. He operated a repair shop in Minot for several years. Joe was a mighty good fellow and leaves a host of friends.

His sister, Miss Nannie Bassett, who lived with him at Glenburn, died of the disease Sunday. She was 28 years of age and had been troubled with asthma. Her brother was not informed of her death.

The mother and a sister, Mrs. Emma Ashlock, has been ill with the disease, but is improving.

Mrs. Fred Christopher, wife of a well known Van Buren township farmer, died of the disease last Thursday. She was formerly Miss Laura Kingsley, a teacher in that vicinity. No children survive.

Mrs. Will Davis, aged 24 years, died at her home near Glenburn Monday. She is survived by her husband and one child. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Shook, old time farmers residing about eight miles west of Glenburn. Her husband became ill with the disease first and still has the pneumonia, but is recovering. It was while the young wife was nursing him that she contracted the disease.

State Senator Thorwald Mostad, speaking to a representative of the Independent agent the political situation in the 29th legislative district, says that in view of the peculiar situation here the people should send at least some of the Democratic candidates to the legislature at this time for there is legislation coming up before the incoming legislature in which the interests of Democrats with whom the opposition have no quarrel, are there to foster and support the measures.

Logan Pioneer Answers Summons. Mrs. Anna Waldref-Murphy of Logan, sister of Robert Waldref, prominent Logan farmer, died at a local hospital Friday, October 25. Her death was due to a complication of diseases. For the past five weeks Mrs. Murphy has been receiving treatment at the hospital but medical science was unable to cope against the ravages of the disease. The funeral was held from the Weinreb undertaking parlors Wednesday morning. Besides an aged mother with whom she had for years made her home, Mrs. Murphy leaves two sisters and four brothers to mourn her demise. Her sisters are Mrs. Lizzie Eldred, of Dunlap, and Mrs. Delia Bates of Minot. The brothers are Robert Waldref, Logan, Eugene, Edward and E. B. Waldref of Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Murphy was in her 47th year at the time of death. Her parents were among the pioneers in the Logan community, having moved there from the east in 1885. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church and together with her mother had for years been enthusiastic workers for the advancement of its interests in that community.

Carpio Nurse Dies at Camp Lewis. Miss Mabel Christianson of Carpio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Christianson, who enlisted with the Red Cross as a professional nurse but four weeks ago, died of influenza at Camp Lewis, Washington, where she was assigned for service. Her father reached her bedside but a few hours before she passed away and brot the body back to Carpio for interment. Miss Christianson was a graduate nurse, having received her diploma about seven years ago. All unite in grief at the sacrifice of this brave young girl, who laid her life upon the altar of the nation as surely as do those who fall upon the battlefields of France. The Independent joins with the hundreds of mourning friends in extending its deepest sympathy to the Christianson family at Carpio.

Time of Day Not to Be Given by Telephone Operators. In line with the policy of the government to conserve labor and materials for war needs, the former practice of the telephone company of giving the time of day will be discontinued November 1st.

When a telephone subscriber asks, "What is the time, please?" it takes as much time on the part of the operator and an equal use of telephone equipment as would be required to complete an ordinary telephone call. In Minot more than 1,000 requests for the time are made daily over the telephone, so when this practice is discontinued 1000 more important telephone calls can be handled with the same operating force and the same equipment.

The telephone operators have also been instructed to courteously decline to give information regarding other matters not directly relating to the furnishing of telephone service. One quite common practice which has been eliminated is the calling of people in the morning. Requests for this service have been made in larger numbers than most people realize, particularly by people without alarm clocks or those who desired to be sure of being awakened in the morning. Another practice which will also be eliminated is giving out the location of a fire.

With the growing requirements of the government for telephone equipment for the fighting forces abroad and service for training camps, supply depots and other parts of the "war machine" in this country, telephone facilities are taxed to their utmost. The telephone people say that to eliminate calls not relating to the giving of telephone service will permit the release of operators and equipment for more important messages and result in the company being better able to take care of the service with the present telephone forces and facilities.

Selken Will Move to Canada. Theo. Selken has disposed of one of his quarters of land south of the city to Chas. Slaughter of Weaakivik, Alta., taking in trade a quarter owned by Mr. Slaughter near Canadian town. The Selkens are preparing to move to Canada in the near future. They will hold a farm sale Nov. 12 and have engaged H. J. Hecht for auctioneer. The sale bill will appear in our next issue.

INFLUENZA INCREASES MORTALITY FROM TWO TO SEVEN FOLD IN U. S. That the disease which is commonly known as Spanish influenza which is sweeping the country, is the most disastrous epidemic known in 40 years is verified by the figures just made public by the United States Census bureau, covering the principal cities of the country, which show that the normal death rate has increased from two to seven times as a direct result of the contagion.

Fall River, Mass., shows the highest advance. In this city the mortality has jumped from an average rate of 13.7 to 100.4. In Philadelphia the rate is 42.2 compared with a normal rate of 14.3. The rate for Washington has climbed from 15.5 to 86.7. Nashville, Tenn., has advanced from 11 to 78.6, and Baltimore from 15.6 to 69.5. The normal rates of New York and Chicago have nearly trebled during the epidemic.

The total of cases throughout the country since the disease became prevalent in the middle of September will run into the millions. This is made evident by the actual figures of the army camps. There have been 391,462 cases of influenza and pneumonia among the troops in training. The deaths in the army camps from both diseases for the same period have reached the high total of 12,240.

Dr. Wood Hutchinson of Boston, a noted writer on health topics, and who has been employed by the Social Insurance Commission of California as an expert to lead in the society insurance fight in that state, states that in his opinion influenza will cause 200,000 deaths throughout the country before it is abated.

While the United States Public Health service cannot forecast what the final toll will be, they say that, "taking the country as a whole, the pandemic has done little more than get a good start. The end is not in sight. The pandemic will be as severe from the Mississippi to the Pacific Slope, two weeks hence, as it was in New England a couple of weeks ago, and as it is in and about Washington today." The bureau further states that "the people must take home to themselves a large measure of responsibility for the spread of the disease. The spread of influenza can be checked materially if citizens will exercise the most ordinary care."

Minot Undertaker Embalmed Bodies Enroute to France. J. D. Van Fleet received a communication from Chas. D. Shannon, Lieut. Medical Corps, concerning his partner, Private Leo M. Finnegan, who was on the U. S. S. Wilhelmina, enroute to France, where he is now in the service.

Private Finnegan on the way over, took charge of a number of dead bodies on the ship, embalming them. He did the work so well that Lieut. Shannon issued the following statement: "Private Leo M. Finnegan volunteered his services as embalmer for several bodies on the recent trip, doing excellent work on each body. Take this means of thanking him for his services and recommend that he be allowed to change to an embalming unit."

Antelope Farmer Died From Broken Back. Clarence Sanda, aged 42 years and single, died in a Minot hospital last night, from the fracture of the fifth vertebrae, sustained when he fell from a grain tank about two weeks ago. He was brot here for treatment, but lived only two days after his arrival. A brother arrived and left with the body for Antelope this afternoon.

GIRL BETRAYED LOVER IN PRISON

Suit Started as Result of Alleged Unfaithfulness to New Salemite.

Alleged lack of faithfulness on the part of Clara Bond, Almont girl, to Wm. Behrbaum, convicted bank defaulter of New Salem, has been the cause of instituting a law suit in the district court. The father of the man in the case, B. Behrbaum, well known New Salemite, has brought the suit against the girl through Attorneys Sullivan & Sullivan and the case will come up for hearing before Judge Neussle November 1.

The complaint asks that the crop on certain lands, which it is said will aggregate about a \$10,000 return, be threshed under the jurisdiction of the court and further asks certain leases be decreed to be the property of the plaintiff. An order has therefore been issued by Judge W. L. Neussle restraining Clara Bond Mason from selling or disposing of the grain or from doing anything that will affect the title of the leases. The complaint further prays that the defendant be decreed by the court to hold said leases and the crops grown thereon for the purpose of paying the First National bank of New Salem the entire indebtedness owed by William F. Behrbaum and that the leases be decreed to be the property of the father, who is the plaintiff in the action.

According to the complaint in the action it seems that for several years William F. Behrbaum and Clara Bond had been intimate friends and had become engaged to be married. It is also alleged that Behrbaum in his desire to marry the defendant, used certain funds of the bank for purposes of speculation expecting to reap substantial returns therefrom. But as is usually the case the result was that his hopes went glimmering and the money that he speculated was lost.

Says the complaint, the girl, Clara Bond, proved faithless. Despite her protestations of love made before and reiterated after the sentence of her lover to the federal penitentiary, during last August she married one Sidney Mason.

And since then she has been unwilling to give up the right to said lease or to part with any of the crop.

Good Opening for Physician. Dr. Fisk of Carpio has enlisted in the Medical Corps and is already at one of the national cantonments. His removal leaves Carpio without a physician. This is a deplorable situation just at this time, especially as the territory adjacent to that enterprising community comprises one of the most populous and wealthy sections in the state and a capable physician would soon obtain an enormous practice there when once established. We know of no better opening in the state for a hustling, capable doctor than Carpio.

Democratic Headquarters in Dirke's Block. Ward County Democratic Headquarters have been established in the Dirke block on Central avenue. Men prominent in the Democratic ranks, together with a corps of efficient clerks, are in charge. A plentiful supply of literature is on hand and thus the voter may secure any desired data or information regarding the issues which will come before the voters for their decision on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Former Minot Nurse Dies at Flaxton. Mrs. Will Wistrom, wife of the Flaxton druggist, died on Friday last week after a brief illness from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Mrs. Wistrom will be remembered by many Minot friends, who remember her as Miss Harriet Schindeldecker, one of the most popular nurses of the city.

The husband and sorrowing relatives have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement.

There were many broad smiles noticed when Justice Robinson's opinion on the North Dakota bone-dry law was read in recent press dispatches. Justice Robinson, who is original, to say the least, says that inasmuch as liquor is needed in North Dakota with which to fight the influenza germs, the ban on the shipping of liquor into the state has been declared off. In other words, the Justice has declared a truce with old John Barleycorn, and the enemy instead of remaining on his own soil, may again invade North Dakota. In this, Justice Robinson declares that Attorney General Wm. E. Langer concurs, tho' the Attorney General has not made a direct statement. States Attorney Herzig of Ward county says that if liquor is again shipped into North Dakota, the consignees are pretty apt to get in badly with the federal authorities, who have come out flat-footed against shipping liquor into a dry territory.

Miss Clara Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, was operated upon for appendicitis last evening. Miss Johnson has been suffering from an attack of the influenza, which makes her condition so much the worse. She is reported to be in as satisfactory a condition as possible under the circumstances.