

# Looks Like Our Well will be a Victory Well

One year ago to day, it was generally conceded by the Directors of the Des Lacs Western Oil Company that our Company was right up against it financially, and that in order to sell sufficient stock to pay off indebtedness incurred by the purchase of material and Geological work, that it would be necessary to qualify to sell some of our stock in other states. With this in mind a start was made in that direction by making application to the Securities Commission of the State of Minnesota, asking permission to sell stock in that State.

After sending a competent geologist out to make an investigation of this Company, we were notified that our petition had been granted but under conditions which they demand from Companies of a like character in foreign states, which had the appearance of giving to the purchasers of stock in Minnesota, a preferred stock.

This Company has no preferred stock and the Officers felt that it would hardly be fair to our friends and neighbors here in our home states to give to others a benefit that was not being derived by our neighbors and then decided to make an organized effort and go before the people of our home state and dispose of sufficient stock to finance the development work necessary to prove that an oil field does really exist in North Dakota. We have not been disappointed. The citizens of North Dakota have come to our aid, making it possible for us to go forward with the installation of the necessary machinery and equipment. Casing, machinery and equipment now on the ground could not be duplicated on the open market today for less than \$40,000.00.

Blum well has now been carried to a depth of 1400 feet, all the good signs and conditions found in our seven test wells are being duplicated on a larger scale in the deep well and conditions for the Des Lacs Western Oil Company never looked brighter than they do today.

Showings of oil have appeared at least in nine different stratas at a depth of 220 to 1400 feet and natural gas at this time is showing up fine.

It is our intention if necessary, to carry Blum Well to a depth of 3500 feet, or even deeper. We are still offering a small block of stock at \$3.00 per share. With the splendid showings that we have had to date these prices will not govern long.

Nature should have a surprise for us in the very near future. It is just possible that the Des Lacs Western Oil Company will offer no more stock to others than stockholders, as we have had in mind for some time to make this a closed company, and give the present stockholders, who now number more than 2,000, an opportunity of purchasing the balance of the stock which may be offered for sale.

Our seven test wells have proven that we are on an anticline, or dome.

Experts tell us that an anticline, or dome, is very favorable for both oil and natural gas.

In support of this statement let us quote from the report of State Geologist A. G. Leonard and Assistant State Geologist Howard E. Simpson, as follows:

"In order that there may be an accumulation of oil and gas there must be a porous reservoir such as a sand layer or sandstone, covered by an impervious layer to prevent their escape and an ANTICLINE OR DOME STRUCTURE so that the oil or gas may collect to form a pool."

We have every reason to believe that we are going to make good. All the signs point that way. Oil has been discovered in seven test wells.

The showing of oil in BLUM WELL is becoming stronger at 1400 feet and the natural gas will now burn on the top of the slush out in the open ditch. BLUM WELL now looks like a VICTORY WELL.

We now hold oil and gas leases on more than 45,000 acres of land. If oil or natural gas is struck in abundance, a small stock of Des Lacs Western Oil may mean a fortune, and although we sincerely believe that we are going to make good, and that our chances for a big oil strike are much better today than at any time heretofore, still we promise you nothing but a square deal. If we win, you win with us.

## Investment for Pioneers

The Des Lacs Western Oil Company's stockholders are all pioneers in a new industry in North Dakota. Signs of Oil and Gas are apparent and exploration work is fully justified.

The Des Lacs Western Oil Company is a pioneer in this field, and is not connected with any other company. No other company or syndicate has purchased any interest with us, nor are we backing them. We are the only company now operating a Standard Rig in this field. We are operating under the Blue Sky laws of North Dakota.

Financial statements of the condition of our company are filed with the State Bank Examiner quarterly. These statements are attested to by both the President and Secretary of the company, under oath before a Notary Public.

## Is Not a Get-Rich-Quick Stock-Selling Scheme

The Des Lacs Western Oil Company was organized to explore for Oil and Gas, and is not a get-rich-quick stock selling organization.

# Des Lacs Western Oil Co.

HENRY S. JOHNSON, Secretary and General Manager



TO THE DES LACS WESTERN OIL COMPANY,  
MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Gentlemen: Enclosed find \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock. I am making this purchase with your company to help test out for crude oil and natural gas in commercial quantities.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

## WM. MAHONEY SUFFERED BROKEN BACK

Former Member of Co. A of Minot, Injured in France the Day Fighting Ceased.

William Mahoney, who left Minot as a member of Co. A, suffered a broken back from an accident which occurred during the last day's fighting in France. He is now in a hospital and it is said that he is improving slowly. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mahoney of this city. The many friends of the young soldier trust that his injury will not result in permanent disability.

Wm. Marsh, who left Minot with Co. D, wrote Will E. Holbein, secretary of the Association of Commerce, under date of Dec. 6, stating that Wm. Mahoney had met with the misfortune. He had met the young soldier and stated that it would not be long before he would be returned to the United States.

The parents of the injured soldier received a letter from their son, written by a nurse, stating that it was tough for him to have received the accident on the last day of the fighting, after going thru the entire campaign without a scratch. He did not inform his parents how badly he had been hurt.

Mr. Marsh wrote that Oscar Armstrong, another Minot soldier, was suffering from shell shock, but that he was expected to recover. The shock affected the young soldier's reason, temporarily.

Mr. Marsh wrote that Sergt. Heustis was with him. He said that about twenty of the Minot soldiers were stationed at present at St. Aignan, France.

Mr. Marsh, evidently had not been informed of the death of his father, the late B. A. Marsh, at the time he wrote the letter, Dec. 6.

## MINOT and VICINITY

The government thermometer registered 85 below this morning. H. E. Johnson, well known publisher of the Donnybrook Courier, has been quite ill, but is improving.

According to the Pioneer, Dr. Scott of Ray treated 850 cases of influenza and pneumonia without losing a patient.

The Nasarines at Surrey have been holding special meetings during the past ten days in charge of Rev. Wm. Erwin.

James C. Smallwood writes from California that curling is not in it with the good time he is having in the land of palms and roses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. W. Culbertson of Surrey are planning on leaving soon for California. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Jacob Stake and Miss Gertrude Stake, who will spend the winter in Washington.

Fifty couples enjoyed the New

Year's ball given by the Eastern Star at the Masonic Temple last night. The affair netted about \$30 which will be used in paying for a Liberty Bond bought by this Chapter.

A car load of merchandise caught fire at Karlsruhe, east of Minot last week and burned.

J. W. Samuelson and P. W. Myers left this afternoon for St. Louis for a two weeks' visit.

F. B. Lloyd of Enid, Montana, spent the holidays at the home of his brother-in-law, Ed Duckett, of Norwich.

O. C. Hegne and Charlie Grady of Hinsdale, Montana, were in the city on business Wednesday enroute to points in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones of 821 Eighth Ave. N. E. are rejoicing in the arrival of a bouncing baby boy, born this morning at St. Joseph's hospital.

W. E. Royce of Sawyer, was a caller at the Independent office Saturday. A few years ago, Mr. Royce was given up by his physicians, who believed that he suffered from cancer, but he is as hale and hearty today as a sixteen-year-old.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Larson of Torning township motored in from the farm Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Larson's sister, Mrs. Hjalmer Erickson. They went home thru the heavy snow storm and found the roads almost impassable.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kane have arrived in Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter with their son, Dr. Louis Kane, Raymond Kane, their nephew, formerly employed in the Second National bank, is now employed in a bank in Los Angeles.

Postmaster and Mrs. P. J. Kavanagh of Carpio, accompanied by their little daughter Patricia were in the city Saturday. Mrs. Kavanagh and daughter were on their way to St. Cloud, Minn., where Mrs. Kavanagh's parents reside and will spend a few weeks visiting her relatives there and at the Twin Cities.

Frank White, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon White, who is stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington, was home on furlough Saturday and Sunday. He received his furlough too late to arrive on Christmas as he expected but his visit was none the less appreciated by his parents and friends. He returned to Camp Lewis on No. 1 Monday morning.

BLAISDELL

The Board of Directors of the Farmers' Elevator Co., held a meeting Saturday Dec. 28th, and appointed C. A. Gottenberg as temporary secretary, Ole J. Ness resigning. The salary of the secretary was reduced to \$50.00 per annum. They increased the Directors' salary from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per meeting.

Forrest Rice was treating his friends to Y. B.'s last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sharples were business visitors in Minot Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brye, were entertained at dinner at the Iver T. Ohnsgaard home last Thursday.

J. W. Kinsella, purchased the Ole J. Ness 40 acres, adjoining his homestead. Consideration \$1500.00.

Mrs. O. R. Powell has returned from

Mankato, Minn., where she was called by the serious illness of her father, Mr. J. Allworth, who is now convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Peterson and children were guests at the Hunter Wagner home last Sunday.

A number of automobiles were stalled on the prairies in the blizzard last Sunday.

J. S. Brye is transacting business in Parshall, N. D.

The Misses Maude De Silva and Theodora Tjornhom, have returned from their vacation and resumed their work as instructors in the school.

Medical Specialists Set to Work as Bookkeepers

Capt. Archibald D. McCannel was the speaker at the noon day luncheon of the Minot Rotary club Monday at the Leland Hotel. Capt. McCannel spoke for nearly half an hour, giving some very interesting experiences pertaining to his work at Camp Riley, where he spent several months training for overseas service.

There were 35,000 medical men in the United States army at the close of hostilities, he said, and 75% of the work done by them could just as well have been done by clerks. Renowned specialists could be found doing purely clerical work.

"I thought before entering the army that medical ability would account for a good deal, but I learned that owing to the system it does not. I am not criticising the system particularly, only under some other plans, the work actually done by the medical men in the army, would have been done by a fifth of the number who were in the service."

In the army, he says, the slightly wounded are always cared for first. The idea is to keep as many effectives up ready for the front line trenches. For every hundred casualties, there is an average of twenty killed. Out of the remaining eighty, there is an average of forty slightly wounded, while eight are seriously wounded.

He spoke of the process of sending the wounded men back thru the various stages until they arrive at the evacuation hospital. One is never listed as being wounded, unless he happens to be a case serious enough to need attention at an evacuation hospital.

Speaking of the work of the Red Cross in the battle line, he said that his idea had been entirely changed. The Red Cross workers never get close to the battle line. They are always back as far as the evacuation hospital, and not up near the front line trench.

He tells of the splendid work done by the medical men, especially with inoculation against tetanus. Early in the war, hundreds of thousands died from this disease. The soil of Flanders was infected with the germs, which would get in their deadly work thru the very slightest wounds. Finally, soldiers with ailments as slight as frost-bitten feet were inoculated with the result that in the last year or two of the fighting there was hardly a case of tetanus.

The Captain said that a medical of-

icer is held to strict accountability for all of the material of his company, requiring a great deal of accounting. The system the laborious, is very effective. One officer who left his command could account for everything excepting seven pounds of salts and it took much correspondence and much figuring to straighten this item out.

The Captain mentioned meeting Capt. Titus, of Great Falls, Mont., formerly of Minot and Dr. Fisk of Carpio, at Camp Riley.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS TO TWO DAKOTANS

Washington, Dec. 31.—The commander-in-chief, in the name of the President, has awarded the distinguished service cross to two North Dakota men for acts of extraordinary heroism:

"Pvt. Hans L. Tveten, Company K, 362nd Infantry. (A. S. No. 2261485.) For extraordinary heroism in action at Gesnes, France, September 29, 1918. When his company was under fire from two German machine guns, Pvt. Tveten crept forward alone and put the guss out of action with rifle grenades, captured single handed four Germans and both machine guns. Home address, Olaf Larsen Tveten, brother, Manfred, N. Dak.

"Pvt. First Class Carl J. Maier, Company I, 362nd Infantry. (A. S. No. 2261161.) For extraordinary heroism in action September 26, 1918. Working with a patrol in an attack on an enemy machine gun, Pvt. Maier crawled upon the emplacement and without assistance killed three enemy machine gunners and captured their machine gun. Home address, Mrs. Katrina Pfaf, mother, Upham, N. D."

## SEVEN NORTH DAKOTA MEN ARE KILLED

Seven North Dakota men are reported killed in action in today's casualty lists, and two are reported dead of disease. Four are reported severely wounded.

Those officially reported killed in action are: Lieut. Lewis B. Thune, Delamere, and Privates Jacob G. Heppner, Langdon; Raymond B. Thorne, New Rockford; John H. Freitag, R. 2, Clyde; John C. Baar, Underwood; Archie L. Gilmore, Minot, and Fred A. May, Dickey.

Privates George O. Altringer, Wimbledon, and Orin H. Herman, Ray, are reported dead of wounds.

Those reported severely wounded are: Privates Mikal J. Nilson, R. 1, Larson; Carl O. Braseth, Grand Forks; Samuel Gabor, Grand Forks, and John B. Weidner, Golden Valley.

## BURLINGTON NOTES

The following is the Community Christmas program:  
Joy to the World—Song by all.  
Invocation—Rev. F. W. Christ.  
Address of Welcome—Willie Wallace.

The Winter Stars—Wm. Volkman.  
The Little Chap at Our House—Deloris Casey.

The Heavenly Gift—Frank Gilson.  
Dialogue—Guy Foster, Mary Theurer and Roy Jacobson.

Gifts for Jesus—Edwin Theurer.  
Dialogue—Nettie Cross, Margaret Yaunt.

A Telephone—Ralph Maske.  
Song, by the Pupils of Miss Lambert's room.  
Song—Dear Little Stranger, Born in a Manger.

Gifts for Jesus—Edwin Theurer.  
Recitation—Forrest Hills.  
Recitation—Susie Gobel.  
Recitation—Doris Rogers.  
Song—Xmas is With Us Again, by the pupils of Miss Southard's room.

A Greeting—Chas. Colton.  
While Shepherds Watched their Flocks—Georgia Weaver.  
Christ Was Born on Xmas Day—Dorothy Fester.

Xmas Chimes—Elmer Werner.  
Song—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear—Choir of young ladies.  
The True Xmas—Sylvia Casteel.

We Hail the Morn—Francis Black.  
Song—Hark the Herald Angels Sing—by the Choir.  
Dialogue—Hurrah for Xmas Time—Ralph Werner, Lyle Knight, Basil Hill.

Dialogue—The Xmas Bank—Dorothy Stella, Ruth Doris.  
Recitation—Dorothy Kivley.  
A Xmas Song—Denver Gardner.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks—Russell Jacobson.  
Solo—The Children's Hosanna—Olive Shea.

Like Wise Men of the Long Ago—Ray Jacobson.

Xmas Greeting—Doris Rogers.  
Singing of America by All.  
Prayer by Supt. A. B. Hills.

Then appropriate remarks were made by Rev. F. W. Christ, who directed the distribution of 150 filled stockings, 100 sacks of candy and nuts, 100 presents of various kinds, 400 apples and 150 pop corn balls. These with presents that friends gave one another made this a memorable occasion.

The church had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Werner, assisted by Joe Jacobson and F. W. Christ.

Mrs. Groshans and Mrs. Harthouse had rendered valuable help in making stockings and filling same and the committee on packing had done good work at the home of Mrs. Groshans, the night previous.

The young ladies who did the collecting of over \$60.00 to pay the bills deserve much credit and the committee, headed by Mr. Madson, that spent it so well, should be publicly thanked.

The spirit of Christmas surely was manifest and the town filled with good cheer.

Our public school took vacation from Tuesday until Monday of Xmas week but has started the new school year by school on New Year's Day. Have to make up the "flu" vacation.

Misses Bissell and Lambert spent Xmas vacation at home, the former at Sawyer and the latter at Minot.

Miss Southard, whose home is near Grand Forks, stayed with friends at Burlington.

Prof. Ouradnik, our farmer professor, put in the Xmas time well on the farm preparing for the winter that is now here for good.

Last Friday evening, Mr. John Werner accompanied by Messrs. Joe Jacobson, Victor Davy and Fred Christ, autoed to Foxholm, where they attended the community sing and Red Cross drive.

Chas. Wistrom, our local Santa Claus man, did a big Xmas business with presents and toys.

The big snow and extreme cold held up the miners somewhat but they are again hard at work so the northwest will not freeze up. Good work, boys. Sleigh rides are now in order.

Mr. Victor Davy has been assisting his brother, Horace Davy, hauling coal from the Wallace mine.

Professor Ouradnik spent Monday night in town to avoid going to and fro during the storm.

Our rural mail carriers, Merrrs. Hills and Fuller, found it impossible to cover their entire routes Monday and Tuesday.

The services in the local church are being well attended. Even in the big storm last Sunday night there was a good audience to hear Rev. Nellie Osmun, the Congregational woman minister from Sykeston.

The Sunday school has put on a red and blue contest. The interest is growing. Last Sunday the Blues won. Come and see.

Mr. Smith, janitor of our school, fell and severely hurt himself last week. He is in a Minot hospital. We wish him speedy recovery.

Mrs. Conan, Sr., has been very poorly lately. We are sorry that some must suffer so much.

Some light attacks of the "flu" are still in evidence, but on the whole it seems pretty well run out.

Among the expert snow shovelers this week may be mentioned Mr. Gross of the State Bank, Mr. Emmitt of Bugge's store, Mr. Harthouse, and our local minister, Mr. Christ. These came under the observation of the writer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Werner expect relatives from Valley City to visit them.

Mrs. A. B. Hills went to Minot Tuesday to get Mr. Hills' sister, who arrived from Montana.

We are seeing soldier boys from time to time now and are rejoicing with them that they came home. Welcome home again, boys.

Mr. Lloyd, manager of the Lloyd coal mine near Tasker, was in town on business Tuesday.

A novel delivery sled for groceries was in evidence here after the big snow. It took supplies to the Davis coal mine.

Before and during the storm the autos "made for home" like chickens fleeing the rain.

Services in the church next Sunday as follows:  
11 a. m.—Preaching.  
12 m.—Sunday School.  
7:30 p. m.—Young People's Meeting.

Rev. Nellie M. Osmun will still be here to assist the local minister, Rev. F. W. Christ.