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## A COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE SEPT. 22-27

Ira D. Wight is City Chairman for Big Drive—Several Organizations Will Be Financed.

Plans are rapidly maturing for the campaign for the community chest which will take care of all relief organizations of the city and those who have been asking Minot people for subscriptions during the past few years. A special committee from the campaigns and financial appeals committee of the Association of Commerce has interviewed all organizations that are doing work among the people of the city and have set the amount that each receive out of the community chest. Then there has been an allowance made for losses and for a special emergency fund, together with the cost of maintaining the chest for the coming year. All slack has been taken up, and all organizations that are to participate in the chest understand their position with the committee.

The campaign will be on September 22nd and will continue until the evening of the 27th, but it is expected that it will be a real sunset drive in that the money needed will be raised in one day. This is the hope of City Chairman Ira D. Wight, who is busily engaged in selecting his committees for the campaign. Mr. Wight is the right man in the right place, and from past experience it is safe to state that the money will be raised in jig time.

Early last spring several organizations asked the campaigns and financial appeals committee to finance them, but on account of the many money-raising campaigns during the war it was thought best to put them off until the autumn. Among these institutions was the Y. W. C. A., and it was absolutely necessary that this organization be financed. There were other organizations in the city that needed funds. Then along came the Salvation Army campaign dated for the week of September 22 to 27. Ward county was allotted \$6,000, half of which is to be raised in Minot. This should be the opportune time to launch the community chest campaign, so it was so decided by the campaigns and financial appeals committee.

On Business Basis. There is nothing mysterious or strange about the community chest. It is merely a plan whereby the people of Minot place their giving for the year upon a business basis, and are assured that all duplication of effort is cut out. For some years under the old plan of giving, several organizations have had to be with relief among the needy. In many instances there has been duplication. The committee in making allowances for the various organizations has made it plain to them that there must be a report made upon all people helped by them, so that money raised for the community chest will not be thrown away by injudicious giving by the organizations themselves. In Massillon, Ohio, some years ago, all the relief organizations were put under the protecting wing of one person who found cases where whole able bodied families had been living off the charitable institutions of the city, and had so gotten in the habit of not working that they were real peevish when told that their meal ticket had been punched full of holes, and it would be necessary for them to do a little hustling upon their own account.

The question will naturally arise—"How much shall I give?" This of course is left to a great extent to the conscience of the giver, but to make sure the committees will likely have a pretty good idea of what you should give based upon your probable income. The committees can be relied upon to not work a hardship on anyone, but they will insist that all do their rightful share in this glorious work of alleviating suffering and making Minot a better city to live in. The Minot Elks lodge will have charge of raising funds through the county for the Salvation Army. M. F. Mulroy is the county chairman for this part of the fund. He will be assisted by all the Elks living in the county, and their quota of the fund for Ward county should be raised easily and quickly.

California Orange Grower Visiting With Surrey Friends.

C. E. Drescher, wife and daughter, who have been visiting old friends at Surrey and looking after their farming interests near that place, will leave soon for their home near Los Angeles, Cal. The Dreschers resided at Surrey for years, spending the last nine winters there. It had been three years since they visited at Surrey. Mr. Drescher is operating a sixteen acre orange grove in California which is proving very profitable. The trees are now in full bearing. The incomes from full bearing orchards run from \$1,000 per acre and upwards, frequently selling at four and five thousand dollars.

Good Progress with Federal Highway.

John McDougall, who has charge of building the federal highway between Minot and Burlington, has completed the grading to the John Ehr farm within three miles of Minot and the gravel has been placed on the road to a point within 3/4 miles of this city. He will put on a larger force and hopes to have the road completed by November 1.

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pick only a certain percentage of the fruit from each orchard, making several pickings, but as ripe oranges can hang on the trees for six months there is no hurry.

Mr. Drescher says that one should be careful in buying orange orchards. One orchard may be worth \$2,500 an acre while just across the road there might be an orchard that would not be worth paying the taxes on. Perhaps the trees have been planted on a sloping piece of land that will permit the fertilizer to wash away. There are any number of orchards planted on worthless land just to sell to suckers at a high price.

The Dreschers visited with their son, Paul, who is a chemist in the Du Pont powder works at American Lake, Wash., while enroute here.

Local Man Charged With Beating His Wife.

John Picken, a local railroad man, was arrested by the police department Tuesday night, charged with beating his wife and his mother-in-law. He furnished bail for \$500 for his appearance in court.

Mrs. Picken charges her husband with ordering her to keep out of the Picken home and that when she went to the home that evening, accompanied by her mother, her husband was there and attacked both women, choking Mrs. Picken and treating her in a rough manner.

## CITY GIVEN 18 MONTHS TO ABATE NUISANCE

Sanitary Engineer Makes Report to State Board Concerning Dumping of Sewage Into Mouse River.

W. S. Shaw, president of the city commission, has received a copy of a very comprehensive report which Isador Mendelsohn, state chemist and sanitary engineer, made to the state board of health, concerning the condition of the Mouse river below the city of Minot, by reason of the sewage of the city being dumped into the sluggish stream. The report is practically the same as the interview with Mr. Mendelsohn, published in last week's Independent. He cites instances of farmers' cattle and other stock dying from drinking the polluted water; of the stench that comes from the stream.

Mr. Mendelsohn makes the following recommendations to the state board:

1. It is recommended that the City of Minot be forced to abate this nuisance which is not only a serious menace to the health of the farmers along the Mouse river, but also to the inhabitants of Minot itself.

2. It is recommended furthermore that the city of Minot submit its plans for the abatement of this nuisance to the State Board of Health for approval before taking final action.

3. In addition, it is recommended that a definite time limit of about one and a half years be set in which the city of Minot shall carry out the complete plans to remove the nuisance.

4. Finally, it is recommended that any future construction on the Mouse river at Minot, or in its vicinity tending to influence the sewage nuisance be referred to the State Board of Health for review and approval before being put into effect.

In conclusion, the State Board of Health representative wishes to express his appreciation of the assistance rendered him in this survey by the members of the Minot Council, City Engineer Thomas, City Auditor Hagenstein, Dr. C. K. Allen and the various farm owners and citizens of Minot who were interviewed.

Respectfully yours,  
ISADOR W. MENDELSON,  
Chemist and Sanitary Engineer.

New Casings for Des Lacs Western Oil Co. Arrives.

Holdings of Des Lacs Western Oil stock will be pleased to hear that we are now unloading our 3700 foot string of casings. A few minor tools shipped by local freight are expected daily, when work will go forward again on the deep well, which has reached a depth of 2830 feet. Prospects for striking oil in North Dakota never looked brighter than they do right today in Blum well.

Information has come to us from reliable authority that a rumor is being circulated that we have reached the end of operations on this well. This is absolutely untrue and would appear to be the work of scoundrels who are trying to depreciate the value of our stock in order to discourage stockholders. Before offering your stock for sale, kindly write us for information, which will be cheerfully furnished you.

Des Lacs Western Oil Company,  
By H. S. Johnson,  
Sec'y. and Gen. Mgr.

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## NATURAL GAS USED AS POWER FOR THRESHING

Gas Well Near Mohall Connected with Big Engine and Threshing Machine Operated—Moving Pictures Taken.

For several days last past the Great American Gas & Oil Co. officers have been engaged with an expert moving picture man from the south in taking pictures on the Mohall Anticline so as to bring to the people of this and other states a full realization of the immense unexplored field of natural resources in Western North Dakota. They have taken several pictures of several of their gas wells burning at night, and the spectacle produced is wonderful in the extreme. The roaring flames reaching high into the air fills one with awe, and one marvels at the tremendous forces Mother Earth conceals in her bosom. These fire pictures are real. Those who have witnessed these wells on fire would scarcely believe before seeing that within a short distance of Minot we have such an abundance of natural gas. These pictures open the eyes of the most skeptical. Moving pictures have also been taken to show what can be done with this natural gas. A sixty horsepower gasoline engine operating a threshing machine with its full load is shown in the film. This is perhaps the first time in history that threshing has been done by means of power furnished from natural gas. A one horsepower gasoline engine is also shown operating a washing machine. This company has made a film of about twenty minutes duration showing various features, which will convince the most skeptical that oil will be found by this company. This film will be produced in the leading cities of the east and in many different states.

## GREAT AMERICAN GAS & OIL CO. LETS BIG CONTRACT

Work on Oil Well Near Mohall Will Soon Start—Contract Price is \$21.34 per Lineal Foot for 3500 Foot Well.

The Great American Gas & Oil Co. of Mohall, North Dakota, have let the contract for a deep well to the Whitney Well Co. of Chicago. The contract provides that the Oil company shall pay the well company \$21.34 per lineal foot for a 3500 foot well. This covers all the expense the oil company is put to except that the oil company agrees to furnish for the use of the well company one of their gas wells to be used for heat, light and power in drilling operations. The well company is to furnish all casing for a 3500 foot well and when the well is completed the casing is to belong to the oil company. The well company further furnishes a \$50,000 bond securing the performance of the contract and guaranteeing the sinking of the well to the depth of 3500 feet. This will test out the Mohall field to some extent, at least, though the Mohall people expect to let a contract to sink another well in another part of their fields at a very early date to the same company. The Whitney Well company is one of the oldest oil well drilling firms in the United States, and there is now assured a deep well in the Mohall field.

Will Wallace, of Greenfield, Ia., is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Henry M. Wilson.

Rev. P. W. Erickson left for Ambrose today where he will be the speaker at the Home-Coming celebration for soldiers and sailors on Friday. A big barbecue has been prepared and a bowery dance will be given.

Mrs. R. W. Kennard has returned from Battle Lake, Minn., where she spent two weeks at her former home. Her son, Bobbie, who spent the summer with his grandparents, returned with Mrs. Kennard.

## MINOT NORMAL GRADUATES GET POSITIONS

Practically All the Graduates Secure Good Positions in Northwestern North Dakota.

If you want a position as teacher, attend the Minot Normal. That this is good advice is evidenced by the facts in the case. More and more school officers are coming to look to this institution for their teachers. During the last six months more than two hundred vacancies in the schools of the state have been reported to the Minot Normal. Many of these positions the school could not fill because it had not enough graduates to go around, or because it did not have graduates with the requisite qualifications. This last was particularly true in the case of calls for school principals. There were many more calls for principals than there were candidates fitted to undertake principalships. This is an unfortunate situation. It is impossible to have good schools without the leadership of good principals. People in general should encourage young men of ability to take up this line of work. Members of school boards can do much towards this end by helping to make such positions attractive to young men. They should offer good salaries and provide good material equipment. But above all they should see to it that the men in the positions are respected and that their work is properly appraised and esteemed. Young men worth the while want some recognition among their fellows, and they seek positions where they can get this recognition. The public must bear in mind the fact that to acquire wealth, with its accompanying influence, in public school work is an utter impossibility. Since this stimulus to endeavor is wholly lacking in school work, the public must provide some other attractive end as an adequate substitute before it can hope to attract ambitious and energetic young men into the teaching profession. The profession must hold out this sure promise of a respectable career to all who devote themselves to it with a just measure of industry and intelligence. The Minot Normal is looking for such young men as students and will be glad to do its part in fitting them for their work.

Practically all of the graduates of the Minot Normal who care to teach are satisfactorily located. The most of them find positions in the north-western portion of the state. Members of the class which graduated at the Normal school in August have teaching positions for next year as follows:

- Judith Barrows, Opportunity room, Minot.
- Aenes Benno, Primary, Rugby.
- Blanche Bohan, Second grade, Dickinson.
- Sara Bohan, Fourth grade, Minot.
- Maude Comer, Fifth and Sixth Grades, Ray.
- Stella Gunter, Third and Fourth Grades, Sherwood.
- Olivia Halvorson, Primary, Juanita.
- Rae Halvorson, Eighth grade, Carrington.
- Johanna Larson, Junior High school, Minot.
- Dwight Perry, Manual Training and Athletics, Egloland.
- Alvina Pfaff, Primary, Drady.
- Clara Place, Fourth grade, Stockett, Mont.
- Nellie Wolfe, Primary, Columbus.
- Charlotte Bjorklund, Primary, McGregor.
- Lawrence Booth, Principal, Russell.
- Emma Bowman, Intermediate, Barton.
- Margaret Brown, Intermediate, Wildrose.
- Esther Burr, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, Thompson.
- Agnes Charlson, Second and Third Grades, Bowden.
- Neta Churchill, Upper Grades, Falsen.
- Viola Craig, Primary, Russell.

## MISSION COMES FROM PORTO RICO



A mission, whose object is to secure from congress home rule for the people of Porto Rico, will spend the next several months in the United States. In the group are Cordova Davila, delegate to the house of representatives from Porto Rico; Antonio R. Barcelo, head of the mission; Enriquez Bird, secretary of the mission, and Frank Martinez of the Porto Rican senate.

- Minnie De Pue, First, Second and Third, Bantry.
- Selma Fedie, Upper Grades, Drady.
- Margaret Fuller, Third and Fourth, Kenmare.
- Rose Gilmore, Sixth and Seventh, Watford City.
- Cora Heitmann, Upper Grades, Crosby.
- Elizabeth Jeardeau, Seventh grade, Carrington.
- Clara Jevnager, Seventh and Eighth, Barton.
- Christine Livdalen, Third and Fourth Grades, Russell.
- Anne Lunas, Intermediate, Mercer.
- Helen Mohagen, Primary, Guthrie.
- Esther Mork, Fifth and Sixth, Wildrose.
- Signa Reite, First and Second, Portal.
- Gladys Tweet, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth, Guthrie.
- Myrtle Tweet, Primary, Bowden.

## Another Car Load of Certain-teed Paint Arrives.

Another carload of the well known Certain-teed paint has arrived for the Minot Sash & Door Co. The Minot Sash & Door Co. has worked up a phenomenal business in this nationally advertised product, serving dealers as far east as Devils Lake and west to Shelby, Mont. They ship several carloads of their materials to various North Dakota and Montana towns, besides handling a large volume of local shipments.

## RED CROSS WILL DISCONTINUE PRODUCTION

Transportation Problems Difficult and Work Now in Progress Should be Completed by Oct. 1.

After a careful survey of Chapter production conditions and transportation facilities abroad, the American Red Cross has decided not to continue production this fall.

Railroad conditions in Europe are such that transportation is a very difficult problem and for this reason the Red Cross warehouses in France and this country still contain a considerable quantity of finished articles which every effort will be made to have reach the people of the devastated countries before cold weather, and which will in a large degree meet the situation. Inasmuch as the distribution of these finished articles and the piece goods which are to be sent will tax the capacity of the railroads, it has been decided to discontinue production for the present.

It is urged that all unmade or unfinished garments be completed and sent in by October 1, so that they can be sent on their way as soon as possible. The yarn supply on hand will be sold locally.

The local Chapter is keenly appreciative of the hearty co-operation of its women and are very proud of the fine record they have made. It is hoped they will now turn their attention to other branches of Red Cross work and will give as much enthusiasm and co-operation to the Public Health program, Home Service work, First Aid classes, and other splendid projects of the American Red Cross.

Licensed to Wed.

- Earl W. Nelson, Foxholm, 24; Sarah E. Bras, Algona, Ia., 21.
- Rex M. Barnes, 22, and Elizabeth M. Winkelman, 21.
- Theo. O. Halvorson, 21, and Hannah J. Peterson, 25.
- Glen Daniels, 21, and Loretta Karr, 19.

Robert G. Sundberg, Carpio, 28, and Margaret Vaughn, Prescott, Nev., Geo. H. Rogers, 26, and Lydia Miltieder, 27, both of Velva.

Leonard C. Price, 21, and Emma Schlecht, 19, both of Velva.

The last two couples were united in marriage by Judge Murray, each couple acting as witnesses for the other.

Rotary Club Approves Sewage Bonds.

The Minot Rotary Club placed its stamp of approval on the question of bonding the city of Minot for the installation of a sewage disposal plant and President Long has been given the power to appoint a committee to work for the success of the election.

DESIRABLE RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

- Located on the slope of the South Hill, just south of the Hospital. Splendid view overlooking the city. House has nine rooms and bath. Large living room with big granite fire place. Entrance downstairs, except kitchen, finished in oak, with oak floors. All the other floors upstairs and down are of narrow maple flooring. Bedrooms are large with closets. The best hot water heating plant, a real fuel saver. Three-tub laundry in basement with hot and cold water. Roomy warm garage in the basement with water and drain for cleaning cars. Also ample room in the basement for putting in car-load of coal, also for vegetable room and other storage rooms. Large porch facing the east with magnificent view. An ideal home for a large family. On account of leaving the city will sell this property for less than cost of building.

G. A. HASSEL,  
605 3rd St. S. E.

Have also for sale player piano, kitchen range and many pieces of furniture.

## THREE CHURCHES ARE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

One of the Most Terrific Thunder Storms Did Considerable Damage Saturday Night—Half Inch of Rain.

One of the most terrific storms in the history of this section of North Dakota was experienced Saturday night. The storm lasted for more than an hour and there was hardly a second between the sharp crashes.

Three Lutheran churches, two in Minot and one in the country, were struck and damaged, but not burned.

The Bethania Lutheran church near the court house was struck, the lightning coming down one of the rods, tearing a small hole in the steeple.

The German Lutheran church in the northeastern part of the city was struck, the roof being damaged and one of the chandeliers broken.

Considerable damage was done to the From Lutheran church near the Mat Ronshaugen home in Torning township. The steeple was struck and one side so badly damaged that it will have to be rebuilt. The lightning entered the building, a joist in the floor at the opposite end of the church being splintered and charred. Shingles from the steeple were scattered all about the church yard and there was scarcely a whole shingle left on the entire steeple. A 2x6 studding was ground up into a mass like hay. Marlar was chipped loose from around the foundation. The damage was about \$300 and the church was insured by the Grant Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.

The residence of T. P. Mulick, manager of the International Harvester Co., at 202 Fifth Ave. S. E., was struck, the lightning damaging the chimney and the roof.

The farm home of Alfred Campbell, 16 miles southwest of the city, was struck, the roof being damaged. Plaster was knocked off the ceiling in one of the bedrooms, but fortunately no one was in the room.

A half inch of rain fell during the storm.

Tompkins Tells of Trip to See the President.

J. H. Tompkins and family motored to Bismarck where they enjoyed President Wilson's address Wednesday. They left Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in their car and traveled as far as Turtle Lake, remaining during the night. At five o'clock in the morning they were on their way, arriving at Bismarck Wednesday morning at eight o'clock, beating the Minot special. The roads were a little muddy but the trip was made without chains. They returned to Minot that afternoon arriving home at eight o'clock in the evening.

Mr. Tompkins and family were fortunate in getting a front seat at the auditorium, where the president spoke. As each person entered the door he was given a flag. Everyone was carefully watched. A woman with a package was compelled to show the contents of the parcel. As President Wilson and party entered the auditorium, flags were waived, the President smilingly acknowledging the warm reception he received. A guard composed of soldiers with their arms, stood at either side of the president on the platform. About 200 members of the reception committee sat on the stage while the state officials occupied the boxes. The President was introduced by Governor Lynn J. Frazier, who spoke but a few words. Mrs. Wilson accompanied the President, but Mr. Tompkins says that she did not smile during the entire time she was in the auditorium, which appeared to him unusual, as all of her pictures show her smiling.

The President spoke for nearly an hour. He said that the world was looking to America for leadership. When he was in Europe he held out as much hope as possible for those who came to him for aid. One country which he had never before heard of sent a committee to him. He had studied geography pretty thoroughly but this country must have sprung up after he left school. He didn't let the committee know he had never heard of their country.

Mr. Tompkins said he enjoyed the address but doesn't think the President is in Bryan's class as an orator. Thousands of people who had gone to Bismarck were disappointed because they could not get into the auditorium to hear the address. Mr. Tompkins says the address should have been given in the park, where all could have heard it, as only about 2,500 people could be accommodated at the auditorium.

Lieut. Jacobson Flew to Bismarck. Lieut. Chester Jacobson flew from Minot to Bismarck Tuesday morning to give exhibition flights in that city on Wednesday at the time of the appearance of the president and his party. He left Minot at 7:30 that morning, accompanied by his mechanic, during the rain storm. He was compelled to land enroute on account of the rain and arrived at the parade grounds at Fort Lincoln about noon. The tank of the plane carries 22 gallons of gasoline and five gallons extra was carried along to be put into the tank enroute. Jacobson will return via Douglas, where he will give two flights Saturday.

Mrs. Jacobson went to Bismarck on the train Tuesday.

"Why Not Minot?"