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MAY HAVE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION IN MINOT

Committee Talked Over Plans Today at Luncheon—Believe that Organization Will Provide Funds at Reasonable Rate and Prove Good Investment.

The proposition of organizing a Home Builders Association in this city was discussed informally at a luncheon held in the Association of Commerce rooms today. C. D. See, chairman of the committee appointed by the Association of Commerce to report on the feasibility of a project of this kind, was chairman of today's meeting. The consensus of opinion as expressed by the various speakers called upon for remarks, was that some organization of this kind is necessary at this time. The only matter upon which there seems to be a variance of opinion being as to what kind of an organization will best meet the requirements. From the reports read there are a number of similar enterprises, each working along lines peculiar to the community in which it transacts its business and it is altogether probable that the plan adopted by the Minot organization will be a combination of the best features of them all. The committee are keenly alive to the importance of proposing a scheme which will prove an economy to those taking advantage of its provisions and at the same time be a reasonable investment for those purchasing the stock. These of course are mere matters of detail to be threshed out by the committee prior to another meeting which will be held next month when it is confidently expected that the project will meet with the unanimous support of all parties concerned. It is the earnest wish of the committee that the public generally will take an active interest in the promotion of a Home Builders organization in Minot. By way of getting a line upon the needs of our people it has been suggested that anyone owning a vacant lot or its equivalent and purposing to take advantage of this plan whereby they will be enabled to construct a home with funds borrowed from the Home Builders' organization that they immediately write the Secretary of the Association or call upon him personally and inform him of the fact. This information will be considered confidential, the committee simply making use of the data so secured in aiding them to form conclusions as to the desirability or need for this enterprise. It is hoped that none will hesitate to make known their desires and that there will be an immediate response to the invitation. Prospective home owners will find it greatly to their advantage by being among the first to enroll, as no obligation whatever is implied. The columns of the Independent are open for a thorough discussion of the merits of the Home Builders' organization.

Mrs. Wm. Murray Highly Honored.
Mrs. Wm. Murray was given a very pleasant surprise by the Presbyterian ladies at the church basement last evening. The affair was announced as an entertainment given by the ladies for their husbands, while in reality it was planned as a surprise for the Minot woman who has worked so untrillingly in behalf of the church.

The church was prettily decorated with red candles and poinsettias and a hundred guests sat around five tables. Mrs. C. B. Davis presided as toast-mistress in a happy manner.

Rev. P. W. Erickson responded to the toast, "Mrs. Murray and the Church," paying her a splendid tribute. Dr. A. D. McCannel, superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school for 12 years responded to the toast, "Mrs. Murray in the Sunday School," telling of the growth of the school from a mere handful of members to more than 300 and giving her much credit for its growth. Aleck Bell responded to the toast "Mrs. Murray in the Bible Class," telling of her faithful attendance and her words of cheer. "Mrs. Murray, the Citizen" was the toast given by Mrs. E. O. Dickinson who referred to her work with the children,

the Y. W. C. A. the Red Cross, Mothers Club and other organizations. "Mrs. Murray of the Ladies' Aid" was Mrs. W. I. Faris' toast who referred to Mrs. Murray as the woman always on the job, first to come and last to leave, always ready to do her share.

Mrs. Murray was presented with a gold thimble and two pairs of scissors by the Aid and a Red Cross service badge. The keynote of the entire evening was, "She went about doing good."

Miss Thorstad rendered two pleasing piano solos and the Misses Morse sang two enjoyable duets.

Living Expenses in Canada Not So High as Here.

M. S. Van Eaton, prominent real estate dealer of Saskatoon, Canada, is a guest at the home of his brother T. F. Emmerson of the Cox-Emmerson Lumber Co. In conversation with a representative of the Independent Mr. Van Eaton says that living expenses in Canada are much less than here. He says that there has been no sugar shortage in the Dominion and that the price of flour is considerably lower than here selling there at \$5.20 per cwt. in car lots, while the prices here are around \$8.00. However, it is not possible to ship flour across the line. The Canadian authorities have contracted the supply to England and the lower figure and consequently will not allow any to be shipped across the line to the United States by private individuals. He says that the farmers' organizations of northwestern Canada are already initiating a movement for free trade, or reciprocity with the States, and the idea is rapidly growing into popular favor. Mr. Van Eaton is an enthusiastic booster for the Canadian northwest. He mentions several respects in which that section excels, one being that his province raises the best wheat in the world. Seegar Wheeler of Saskatoon for the past seven years has won first prize in a world competition for the best bushel of No. 1 hard Northern. Mr. Van Eaton is interested in Iowa real estate and expects to leave the last of the week for Iowa to inspect his properties.

A. E. Beam Writes About Cold Weather in Seattle.

The following interesting letter has been received from A. E. Beam, former Minot contractor, who is now living in Seattle:

Last week we experienced the coldest December weather in these parts for thirty years, the thermometer registered 14 degrees above zero last Thursday morning which was the lowest, and at that the ground is frozen to a depth of six inches and the small lakes and ponds all frozen over enough for skating. Something very unusual. We are now living on our five acre farm, half way between Seattle and Everett. I am still going into the Duthie shipyard every day, but plan to get a thousand baby chicks in the spring. With eggs at 70c to 95c during the winter months the chicken business looks good to me.

Since coming out to the farm have also acquired another son. John Henry arrived Sept. 9th and will soon be able to help dad pull stumps.

Mrs. Beam joins in sending regards and Xmas greetings to our North Dakota friends.

A. E. BEAM.
R. F. D. 1, Alderwood Manor, Edmunds, Wash.

Must Haul Children to School.

E. S. Davis of Burt township, who brought suit against the Burt school district to compel that organization to haul his children to school, has been awarded \$100 damages and the school bus now calls at his place. The case was settled out of court. Davis moved to the Coffey farm, where the bus had always called for children, but the route was later changed and his children were not hauled to school.

F. M. Harder of Lansford left for San Diego, Cal., to spend the winter with his family, who preceded him.

MRS. CHAS. F. MILLER DIED AT ROCHESTER

Wife of Prominent Parshall Real Estate Man Passed Away Dec. 15 Following Birth of Son

Mrs. Chas. F. Miller, wife of a well known Parshall, N. D. real estate dealer, died at Rochester, Minn., Dec. 15, following an operation. Her husband was at her side when death came. Mrs. Miller was the daughter of Dr. Shaw, a prominent Parshall minister, and had been married about three years. She is survived by a husband and baby boy, death following the birth of the child.

The remains will arrive in Minot tonight and the funeral will be held at Parshall. The remains will be interred beside those of two sisters. It will be remembered that her sister, who was the wife of Wm. Miller, brother of Chas. F. Miller, died about a year ago.

Mrs. Miller was an especially fine young woman and leaves a host of friends thruout this part of the state to mourn.

Prominent South Prairie Woman Dies.

Mrs. A. H. Mackie, wife of a prominent south prairie farmer, died Sunday morning after an illness of several years.

She was born in 1861 at Bethel, Ia., and was married 36 years ago, the family removing to their present home in 1906. She leaves to mourn her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Theo. Elarth, who lives southeast of Minot, a son, C. W. Mackie, who lives near Minot and a sister, Mrs. M. A. Spencer, of Rochester, Ia. The funeral was held Tuesday at 12 o'clock at the home and the remains were interred in the Willis township cemetery.

MAKOTI FARMER FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Geo. Martin Arrested Charged With Causing the Ruin of His 16-year-old Adopted Daughter.

George Martin, a Makoti, N. D. farmer, 56 years old, was arrested and brot to Minot yesterday by Sheriff Scofield, charged with having illicit relations with his 16-year-old adopted daughter, who is said to be in a delicate condition. Both Martin and the girl were detained in the county jail last night, pending the hearing which was held before Mark M. Chatfield, Juvenile Court Officer this afternoon. It is understood that the girl claims that Martin is not guilty for her condition, but instead swears that she was accosted by a man who came to their home and overpowered her. The complaint for Martin's arrest was made by Edw. Kamerud, a prominent Makoti hardware merchant.

Martin is a widower, his wife having died November 29 of this year.

Jurors Drawn for County Court.

The following is a list of the jury drawn for a term of county court which Judge Wm. Murray has called for Jan. 5:

- O. J. Kulsethmo, Wolseth, N. D.
- Chas. Quant, Makoti.
- Fred W. Frits, Kenmare.
- Fred Almy, Minot.
- Jacob Frost, Minot, R. 3.
- Ferdinand Polsfut, Sawyer.
- Herbert Yuly, Burlington.
- Gilbert Weltikol, Plaza.
- B. J. Snyder, Sawyer.
- Lee Johnson, Des Lacs.
- H. J. Young, Douglas.
- R. H. Emerson, Minot.

- C. T. Nelson, Minot.
- A. D. Wartembe, Douglas.
- A. M. Olsen, Foxholm.
- N. T. Thompson, Carpio.
- H. P. N. Kamp, Kenmare.
- M. Daniels, Sawyer.
- M. O. Ofsthun, Surrey.
- C. J. Hall, Wolseth.
- Carl Christianson, Kenmare.
- Herman Borncke, Donnybrook.
- Frank B. Schmidt, Foxholm.
- Merlin Flannery, Ryder.
- Edward Schultz, Donnybrook.
- Ernest Nehls, Minot.
- A. W. May, Minot.
- Milo Wood, Velva.
- I. A. Ingebretson, Glenburn.
- J. S. Hornberger, Berthold.
- Oscar Hanson, Plaza.
- J. C. Hillestad, Donnybrook.
- E. E. Durrell, Kenmare.
- John Freitag, Deering.
- Frank Leet, Minot.
- Harry D. Cheatham, Ryder.
- Philip Dickinson, Des Lacs.
- W. A. McNeal, Kenmare.
- Alfred Haldi, Glenburn.

Chapter Officers Installed.

Tyrian Chapter No. 14, R. A. M., installed the following newly elected officers Wednesday night:

- Chas. Calkins, High Priest.
- F. L. Housholder, King.
- Alfred Moore, Scribe.
- W. H. Reighart, Cape of the Hosts.
- Torgie Olson, Principal Sojourner.
- A. D. Hagenstein, Secretary.
- H. E. Byorum, Treasurer.

Seed Wheat Worth \$3.50 to \$4.00.

It is not any too early to select what seed wheat one is going to need for next spring's sowing. It is said that first class seed wheat will be worth from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a bushel. It may be that the wheat acreage will be cut down on account of this high price.

MRS. MARION LACY DIED AT CROSBY

Pioneer Minot Woman Passed Away Wednesday Night After Long Illness—Funeral Here Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Lacy, aged 68 years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Pierce, at Crosby, N. D. Wednesday night following a long illness from Bright's disease. The remains will be brot to Minot and the funeral will be held Sunday from the Christian church, the remains being interred in Rose Hill cemetery beside those of her husband who died ten years ago. Mrs. Lacy had been living with her son James, at Everett, Wash., where she became ill. She was brot back to North Dakota about ten days ago. Her children were all at her bedside when death came.

Mrs. Lacy became a resident of Minot 23 years ago, coming here with her family from Coleharbor, N. D. She is survived by six children, Charles, of Detroit, Mich.; Clyde of Minneapolis; James of Everett, Wash.; Thos. of Minot; Mrs. Thos. Pierce of Havre, Mont., and Mrs. Roy Pierce of Crosby.

Parshall Couple Sentenced.

Verne Austin and Julia Veum, of Parshall, now man and wife, who were found guilty of unlawful cohabitation, were fined \$25 each and costs, amounting to \$633, or 90 days in jail in default of paying same. They have filed a bond, pending an appeal.

Ed Rozen, who for years conducted the Eastwood Park Grocery, is now engaged in the mercantile business at Mission Hill, S. D., where he is doing from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a bushel. It may be that the wheat acreage will be cut down on account of this high price.

Christmas Gifts

Toilet Sets

We have one of the largest lines in town of fancy French Ivory Sets. We have sets from \$2.00 up to \$32.00. In our assortment you will be sure to find just the set you want and at a price to fit your pocketbook. Come in and let us help you make your selection. A beautiful toilet set is something that every girl wants and appreciates. We also have toilet sets put up in traveling rolls, the prices of these rolls are from \$4.00 to \$21.00.



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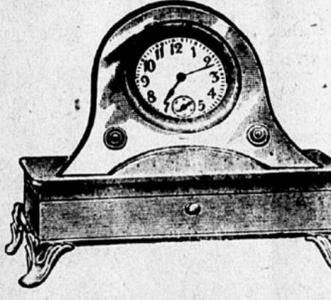
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A CHRISTMAS REMINDER

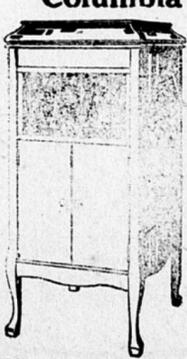
We are strong for the "shop early" idea. Our Stock of Gift Goods has been completed and we are ready to help you fill out that list. Our selection is well varied with high-grade goods, prices to suit every pocketbook—quality always the dominant feature. Our stock consists of:

- Leather Goods
- Tobaccos
- Cigars
- Desk Ornaments
- Stationery
- Candy
- Toilet Goods
- Perfumes

And hundreds of other things, too numerous to mention here.

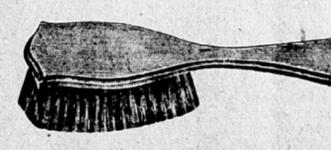


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- \$65.00
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- \$100.00
- \$110.00
- \$115.00
- \$215.00



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We carry a fine line of Fountain Pens — Conklin, Moore's Waterman and Parker, \$1.50 to \$6.00.

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in

"The Christmas Carol"

at

High School Auditorium

on

TUESDAY EVENING,

December 23rd

At 8 P. M.

The Girls Glee Club of Minot High School will sing the Christmas Carols

General Admission 50c. Students of City Schools, Normal school, and business colleges 25c.

WARD'S DRUG - - The Nyal Store