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NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE ROAD PAY US A VISIT

Canadian Curlers from Regina, Weyburn, Moosejaw, and Milestone, Attend Two-Day Bonspiel in This City.

About sixty curlers from Regina, Moosejaw, Weyburn and Milestone, Sask., responded to an invitation from the Minot Curling Association to enjoy a two days' bonspiel and to give the local curlers an opportunity, in a measure, to reciprocate for the splendid manner in which they were entertained on their visit to Canada last February. The visitors, arrived in two special cars early on New Year's morning. The local committee on rocks saw that the visitors' rocks were taken to the rink where they were placed on the ice to cool, ready for the opening games.

There were four draws on the eight sheets of ice each day, giving the local curlers an opportunity to play three games during the bonspiel. The weather had become just cool enough for the sport, which was welcome following the warm spell and the ice was in ideal condition. The Independent presumes that it should give a complete record of the games, but will pass this up. We will say, however, that the visitors took about three-fourths of the games. Curling is their game. To beat the Canadians at their own game would be like trying to beat a shell game. It cannot be done—that is you can't defeat them in a tournament. True Minot won a good many games but few of our curlers have had more than five or six years experience and most of them not more than one or two years. The visitors praised the Minot players for the good showing they have made during these few years. One curler has suggested that it might be a good idea to get a Canadian coach for a few weeks each year. Minot learned a great deal from the visitors, some of whom are among the top notch players in Canada.

The Sunshine Society of the Presbyterian church served coffee, sandwiches and cake at the rink during the two days. The local club secured the third floor of the Leland-Parker hotel for the visitors.

The Minot curlers would not permit the visitors to spend any money if they could help it. Canadian money being declared counterfeit during the two days at the various places of business. A Canadian who remained over with relatives a few days, managed to slip some money into the contribution box at one of the Minot churches, but the minister learned of it afterwards and has returned him his money. Four of the visitors who wanted to know how it seemed to spend a little money on this side of the line, hunted up a little restaurant in the outer edge of the business district. When they went to pay for their lunch, their money was turned down.

Quite a number of the Canadians visited the States for the first time. They naturally have had their own opinion about citizens from the states. They had never really had an opportunity of studying their American cousins in their own homes. "Let any Canadian ever say a disparaging word about an American and it will not be good for him", one of the visitors remarked to the writer. It is true that if you really want to get acquainted with a Canadian, you will have to play his curling game. The visit was of a great deal of importance. It is just such gatherings as this, the mingling of Canadians and Americans, in the enjoyment of the most gentlemanly sport on earth, that tends to bring about a clear understanding between the people on the opposite sides of the lines.

While our friends made their long journey, principally to curl, the social side of the entertainment proved to be fully as enjoyable as the game itself. The big affair and one which will long be remembered by every man who was there, was the banquet and entertainment given at the Leland hotel on New Year's night at 10:30 o'clock at the close of the evening draws.

No sooner had the assemblage seated themselves at the banquet than Orrin Pierce's local entertainers started a vaudeville show which lasted for an hour and a half. The entertainment consisted of songs, instrumental music numbers, monologues, etc., by Pierce's black and white minstrels. Quigley's orchestra furnished the music for the entertainment. Mr. Blume sang "Ole Black Joe", accompanied by members of the company. Will E. Holbein, dressed like a dude "coon" sang "I'm Lonesome". Henry Gay and G. D. Colcord appeared in black face and cracked some jokes concerning the visitors. Mr. Gay sang "Kathleen". David Phillips appeared in Jewish song and monologue. Mr. Phillips' make-up was so good that one might suspect that he had a little Hebrew blood in his veins. The Yiddish dance was a hoo. Lela Flaten appeared as a hobo minstrel and gave two especially fine selections on his saxophone and violin. Otto Ellison appeared as a charming Minot young woman and sang a mezzo soprano solo almost as well as some of the members of the fair sex might do. As an encore Messrs. Ellison and Flaten, violin and saxophone duet, interspersed with singing, with Cap Aaker at the piano. This sketch was considered very high

class. C. C. Hvambal sang "Dixie Eyes" in a very pleasing manner. Mr. Waldron of Minneapolis, son-in-law of Ira Jones, sang a very pretty tenor solo. The "string" quartet comprised E. S. Person, Carl Danielson, Will E. Holbein and Mr. Waldron sang some catchy songs written especially for the visitors. This number was especially good. Melvin Johnson appeared in kilts and gave an enjoyable monologue, giving a history of the members of the company. For the concluding number the company sang "America, I Love You".

The curlers program followed this entertainment, with Attorney Francis J. Murphy as toastmaster. Mr. Murphy was equal to the occasion in every way. "Neighbors from across the road" was the way Mr. Murphy referred to the visitors.

Senator Laird of Regina, who represents the Canadian constituency in the Senate at Ottawa, was introduced by the toastmaster. He referred to the pleasing manner in which the visitors had been entertained. He expected that the Canadian money would be discounted ten or fifteen percent this side of the line, but did not expect that it would be considered of no value whatsoever. He referred to the very friendly relations existing between Canada and the United States. He said that they had a hereditary president while in this country we elect a king every four years. He then proposed a toast to our president.

Dr. Archie D. McCannel proposed the toast to the King of England and he spoke a few eloquent words which were well received.

"We do not defend or approve Britain's course in all her undertakings," the speaker said, "but we realize that even our own country has made blunders. In the dawn of this new day, after the British and American forces, with the aid of their allies, have sounded the death knell for militarism and autocracy, the British and American people should be heart and soul together. Misunderstanding and mistrust which have caused differences in the past should be cleared away and our friendship continued."

In presenting Rev. P. W. Erickson to the gathering Mr. Murphy declared that he above all other men in Minot should receive the highest award from the American government for serving with distinction during the war period. The toastmaster reviewed the strenuous efforts of Mr. Erickson to keep the morale of the people up during the war and informed his listeners that no man in Minot could better say the things that were in the hearts of the Americans at the gathering than could Mr. Erickson. The speaker's subject was "Our Neighbors".

As had been predicted by the toastmaster, Mr. Erickson did say the things that were in the hearts of the Minot people, at the banquet and he said them very eloquently. He spoke of the term "Our Neighbors" and declared it must refer to the Canadians for "we have no neighbors on the south".

The speaker spoke at length on the meaning of international friendship, citing the example set by Canada and the United States, and declared that before any international friendship can be lasting or binding the people of one nation must know and trust the people of another nation. He spoke of higher righteousness and how it must be deeply implanted in the hearts of the people before the proposed league of nations or any other organization of nations can be of assistance to the world.

Mr. Erickson made an appeal for better citizens and particularly that the world can be made safe in the future if the American and British people are true to the principles on which their governments are founded.

In replying Dr. George M. Bowman, mayor of Weyburn, acknowledged the eloquent tribute from Mr. Erickson. The genial boss of Weyburn also passed a few "appropriate" remarks, recalling in the old day of the Canadian west, how the familiar greeting was "Have you got water on your place?" He noted that the greeting has changed.

Preston S. Hallman spoke next, proposing a toast to "Our Guests". Mr. Hallman has quite a reputation as an after dinner speaker and made a splendid impression on the hosts as well as the guests. His toast was replied to by Norman McMurchy who was responsible for the tribute to Minot's ability to entertain quoted at the beginning of this article, and Ed. Keogh, another popular Canadian curler.

D. S. McCannel of Regina proposed the toast to "Our Curling Association" which was a tribute to the game of curling, and it was responded to by B. H. Bradford, of Minot, and Major A. G. Crane, president of the Minot Normal school.

John H. Lewis proposed the toast to the ladies, replies coming from Adam Hasting of Regina and Charles Watson of the same city.

The evening opened with singing God Save the King, and America. The room was very prettily decorated with the Stars and Stripes, and the Union Jack.

The following evening after the games, the visitors were informally entertained at the Elks Home, their Minot friends remaining with them until the departure of their train. Dr. McLaughlin of New Rockford, brother-in-law of Atty. F. B. Lambert of this city, who was visiting here, and Joe Belanger, Soo agent, sang a number of enjoyable French songs.

The following is a complete list of the guests:

MR. AND MRS. JOHN QUIGLEY AND THEIR ELEVEN CHILDREN



The above is a picture of John F. Quigley and family of this city—thirteen in the family, father, mother and eleven fine boys and girls. Who says that thirteen is an unlucky number? The census enumerator should not overlook Mr. Quigley and his excellent family. Mr. and Mrs. Quigley were married Feb. 1, 1902, and came to Minot in 1906. All of the children but three were born in Minot. The children are: Patrick, Catherine, John, Harriet, Helen, Julia, Tim, Joe, Mercedes Bob and Adrienne. None of the family is married and in these days of the H. C. L. it is some little problem to feed and clothe a lot of husky healthy growing boys and girls, but both Mr. and Mrs. Quigley are equal to the task of taking good care

of their boys and girls, of whom they are justly proud. Mr. Quigley is director of the famous Quigley orchestra, one of the very best organizations of its kind in the west. He declares that one of these days he will have an orchestra composed exclusively of members of his family. Mr. Quigley is employed with his music nearly every night in the year and he usually spends half of each day with his building and contracting business. He has just been elected an honorary member of the Minot Town Criers Club and he promises to play with the Town Criers orchestra whenever possible. Both Mr. and Mrs. Quigley are prouder of raising a large family than they would be in piling up all the wealth in Minot.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Dr. Van Nuys, Eminent Chicago Divine, Spoke at Large Gathering Wednesday Evening—Is Enlisting 500,000 Men Workers

The inspiring address of Dr. Van Nuys, eminent Chicago divine, who spoke at the Men's banquet held in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church Wednesday evening aroused intense enthusiasm for the launching of a Men's Club which will co-operate with the executive board of the church in promoting greater fellowship among men and mobilizing the forces and efforts of the church for Christian leadership in community and world affairs. Dr. Van Nuys is associate secretary of the General Assembly's Committee on Men's Work and is touring the western states in an effort to enlist the co-operation of the 500,000 men of the Presbyterian church, directing Men's Bible classes, Brotherhoods and Clubs. Dr. Van Nuys came into especial prominence while connected with a church at Goshen, Indiana, where he was successful in building up a Men's Club from a membership of 25 to over 700 within a few years. On account of his ability as an organizer and executive he was chosen by the General Assembly for this particular work.

There were over 100 present at Tuesday evening's gathering, delegates being there from Burlington, Ryder, Tioga, Ray and White Earth. The Burlington delegates reported the organization of their club and that it was functioning successfully.

After a thorough discussion of the various activities that such a club could undertake with advantage to the church and community, an organization was effected with the following officers: President, A. G. Crane; Vice President, H. M. Wilson; Secretary, R. M. Graham; Treasurer, C. B. Davis; Sergeant at Arms, V. E. Stenerson.

Steps will at once be taken to enroll a membership, a meeting for this purpose to be announced at an early date.

This movement is in line with the more advanced ideas regarding the employment of the lay members of the church in active work connected with Christian ideals in community affairs. This club bids fair to become an immense force looking toward this aim and it will have the generous support of all right thinking men as well as the co-operation of similar organizations in other churches.

Regina
Niel McCannel, Roy McCannel, D. S. McCannel, Roy Martin, Senator W. H. Laird, J. A. Weicker, H. Hettler, Dr. Parker, D. W. Grant, Geo. Holden, R. Williams, J. K. Wilson, N. McMurchy, E. J. McKee, Geo. Minkley, J. Platts, Edon Hastings, Chas. J. Watson, H. J. Hannah, A. J. Mason, W. Ewart, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Anderson, H. Whiskins and Mr. Porteous.

Weyburn
A. G. Halstead, J. E. Howarth, J. N. Bray, W. B. Learmonth, Dr. Bowman, T. J. Un Kauf, Jas. Tedford, G. O. McCraig, Ed Hull, Ed Hudson, O. S. Black, Joe Warren.

Milestone
John Glen, Bill Glen, S. Strickland, G. Strickland, M. McManus, Pete Powers, C. Driscoll, C. Button, J. Spiller, A. Campbell, A. J. Bradley, D. Hannan.

Moose Jaw
Jud Battle, W. Little, Ed Keogh, Sam Might, Mr. Watt, Mr. Fisher.

North Dakota has 8,891 Indians, according to the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, which issued a report relative to the number of Indians in the United States.

TOWN CRIERS ORCHESTRA MAKES ITS DEBUT

New Musical Organization Makes Debut at Monthly Banquet Tuesday Night—Choral Club Next

The Town Criers held one of the best meetings Tuesday evening in the history of the organization, the event being the monthly banquet at the Assembly rooms of the Association of Commerce. An excellent dinner was served by the Y. W. C. A. During the early part of the evening, Pres. W. F. Jones was in charge. He called on V. E. Stenerson to explain the membership drive for the Association of Commerce. The speaker said that the Town Criers appreciated the importance of the parent organization and he urged every member to assist in the drive if called upon or to become a member of the Association if asked.

Orrin Pierce said that he was ready to go ahead with the Town Criers Minstrel show to be held in February. The twenty candidates for the evening filed in after the other members had been seated and they took their oath, given by C. B. Bach.

The meeting was then turned over to Bert Stewart, who proved to be one of the best toastmasters who has ever presided at a Town Crier banquet. A. K. Woodward, display manager at the Fair store, read a very valuable paper on advertising, illustrating his talk with a number of advertisements on a display board. He urged the merchants to pay more attention to their window displays, which ought to be changed twice a week. He advised the merchants to take more care in preparing their advertising copy and said they would find it interesting to take their copy to the print shop and stick around and see how it is set up. He finds newspaper advertising the best, but referred to circulars as being a very effective way of putting one's business before the public. He stated that many of the large stores were cutting out the price-slashing sales. Some of the country's greatest merchants use very little prices in their advertisement, relying on a mere statement as to quality. A successful merchant must gain the confidence of the public, otherwise all the publicity in the world will avail them nothing. Mr. Woodward is regarded as one of the best advertising men in the west.

A. E. Bacon's address on out door advertising was great. Mr. Bacon who is at the head of the Minot Display Advertising Co., kept the Town Criers in an uproar of laughter. He proved to be a regular Bill Nye. Mr. Bacon is the only man in the west who makes a specialty of bill board advertising. He stated that he could get a great deal more business in his line, providing he had the boards for the big sheets. He refers to the bill boards as positive ornaments and not the eyesores that some of the city beautifiers would have us believe.

Major Person was called upon to speak in behalf of the Town Criers Choral Club, which he has consented to direct.

Major McCannel and Major Crane spoke in behalf of the members of the new club.

Cap Aaker and John Quigley were elected artist members of the Criers. Secretary Holbein read an interesting letter from Gus Hassel, of Bismarck, former president of the club.

The Town Criers Orchestra made their first appearance Tuesday night and the organization proved to be a delightful surprise to the members. There were nine who played Tuesday evening, tho the orchestra will be much larger within a short time. Notwithstanding that they had practiced but one evening, the orchestra played most creditably. The orchestra is under the direction of Prof. John Howard of the Minot schools and the membership is as follows: John Howard and Guy Humphreys, violins; H.

A. King, piano; Leon Ellithorpe, clarinet; Ira Rush, trombone; Chas. Withers, cornet; J. H. Colton, bass; F. R. Holden, saxophone; Dave Phillips, drums.

COL. SMALL, FORMERLY OF DEVILS LAKE, IS DEAD
Well Known Journalist Goes to Great Reward While Patient in Great Falls, Mont., Hospital.

Colonel S. J. Small, pioneer newspaper man of North Dakota and for the past twelve years engaged in publicity work in Montana, died at the Columbus hospital in Great Falls, Mont., Saturday morning, aged 61. Colonel Small had been suffering for two months from acute heart trouble and hope for his recovery was abandoned last week. Marion Small of Hobson, the only son; the Misses Jean and Bertha Small, of Lewistown, daughters; Mrs. H. B. Kean of Denver, a third daughter, and Mrs. Small were with him at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the chapel of the W. H. George company, Great Falls, and the body was shipped to Manchester, Iowa, for burial.

Colonel Small located at Devils Lake, North Dakota, 25 years ago, coming there from Oil City, Pa., the place of his nativity. He was editor of the Devils Lake Inter-Ocean for nine years and later was identified with papers at Grand Forks, Fargo, Casselton, Mandan and Mott. At Casselton, he was postmaster for four years.

From Mandan Mr. Small came to Judith Gap, Montana, in 1908, and founded the Judith Gap Journal, which he published for four years.

After disposing of the Journal in 1912 he became telegraph and night editor of the Lewistown Democrat-News, which position he held until 1917, when he was elected secretary of the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce. He was director of the federal employment agency during the recent months of the war and more recently was associated in the city recently was associated in Harlow town, Mont., with I. N. Walker, whom he first knew in Devils Lake.

Colonel Small was a Mason and an Elk. He was well known over the entire northwest.

N. O. HENDERSON DISCOVERS UNTOLD WEALTH

Father of Ward County Clerk of District Court Tells of Valuable Gold, Mica and Marble Discoveries in Peace River Country.

N. O. Henderson of Crosby, N. D., father of Thos. N. Henderson, clerk of the district court of Ward county, who has prospected for five years in the Canadian Northwest, up in the Peace River country. Mr. Henderson recently returned from that section but intends to return in the near future. He reports mines of untold wealth in a country that yet remains to be explored. He tells of discovering a mica mine and he secured some samples of the mica taken from great thick layers. He returned to the place later but the ground was covered with snow. The mica lies in hard flat like rock and stands at all angles. In making a short cut to camp, Mr. Henderson discovered a ledge of quarzable 150 feet high and approximately a half mile long. The slabs of the marble are from two inches to several feet thick. The marble is a rich blue-black. He also discovered much of the red and white marble. This can never be taken out of the country, it will make some very rich and furnish material for some magnificent buildings.

Mr. Henderson and a New York prospector named Redding have a gold claim in the northwest that produces ore assaying \$40 to the ton.

WARD-COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE NEARLY FILLED

Supt. Waller Has Been Right on the Job and Schools Are Well Taken Care of—Few Vacancies Exist.

County Superintendent of Schools A. M. Waller recently informed the Ward county schools were unable to open for the fall term owing to a lack of teachers. One of the schools in Burlington district and one school in Grassland district No. 42 did not open on account of a lack of pupils. In Lund township, one school did not open because no teacher could be secured. This was also the case in Gasmann No. 151 and Rice Lake No. 131.

Mr. Waller had 264 applications on file at the beginning of the school year, but before all of the schools had secured teachers, the applicants had either accepted positions in the county or elsewhere. The schools are pretty well taken care of at the present time and Mr. Waller has worked untiringly in an effort to supply them all well.

The teachers in the rural districts receive from \$70 to \$90 a month and their board costs them from \$20 to \$30 a month, an average of about \$25. Twelve vacancies were reported in the county after the holidays, the teachers going to other fields or engaging in other lines of work.

FALL RESULTS IN DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. George Beck, Mrs. Fred Heitzelman, and John Paul of Vred were called to Harvey Saturday by the death of Mrs. Wm. Faul, mother of Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Heitzelman and Mr. Paul. The deceased was eighty years old and about two weeks ago she fell down stairs and fractured her arm and received other injuries which resulted in her death Friday.

MINOT HAD \$100,000 FIRE FRIDAY MORNING

Peter Ehr Block on First Street S. W. Destroyed—Hodgins Furniture and Hardware Store Complete Loss.

A fire doing damage estimated at \$100,000, gutted the Peter Ehr block, on First street S. W., early Friday morning, almost completely destroying the \$18,000 stock of furniture and hardware of the Hodgins store and destroying the office fixtures and stationery of the Rogers Lumber Co.'s general office, located on the third floor of the building.

The Minot Underwriters Co., located on the second floor, lost its office fixtures completely and a large number of roomers in the apartments on the two upper floors suffered an almost complete loss of their effects. Kielhack Bros., owners of the garage and machine shop in the basement were heavy losers. Thirty-six automobiles occupied the rear of the basement, and it looked for a time that they would be lost, but the worst damage they sustained was from the water which covered the basement to a depth of several feet.

Smallwood's grocery, located just north of the Ehr building, sustained quite a heavy loss from water. There were several feet of water in the Smallwood basement, which damaged much of the stock and besides a large amount of damage was done to the stock on the main floor. This loss was all covered by insurance and the store suspended business but one day. The insurance adjusters are here today and will wind up their work tonight. Joe Hodgins carried \$12,000 insurance. He will receive the full amount and in addition it is estimated that the salvage will amount to about \$2,000, making his actual loss about \$3,500. The Hodgins offices have been moved to the Hodgins warehouse building on East Central avenue. Mr. Hodgins is not certain when he will re-open his store, but his large transfer business has gone along without interruption.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It may have started from electric wiring in one of the Hodgins display windows or from spontaneous combustion from some oil rags in the rear of the store. No one will ever know just how it started. As Chief Justin Vandover of the fire department and Wm. O'Leary were walking past the store at four o'clock in the morning, after attending a New Year's party, they saw the flames, which had already made such headway. They hastened around the corner to the fire department and got out the chemical apparatus, but the flames had advanced so far that the chemical was not used. The firemen were on the scene a few minutes after the blaze was discovered and by 6:30 o'clock, it appeared that the fire was about out, when all at once the flames broke out thru the partitions in the upper stories. The blaze was hard to handle on account of the large quantity of paint, shellac and like material in the building. A barrel of wood alcohol in the Hodgins store exploded and added to the difficulty. The morning was cold and the firemen worked like Trojans in their frozen clothing.

M. B. Fecker, who occupied a room on the second floor, made his exit down the fire escape. Conrad Fecker and A. T. Fecker, a fireman, suffered a heavy loss in their rooms, the latter's loss being \$1,000, including a \$300 Victor graphophone. G. A. Christensen, another roomer, lost \$300 worth of effects. Allen O'Leary, who was in charge of the apartments on the second floor, lost about \$4,000 worth of effects in his suites of rooms. He was not occupying the rooms at the time of the fire.

The loss to the Rogers Lumber Co. offices is about \$8,000, which is covered by insurance. These offices have been moved to the Northern Moline Plow Co. building on East Central avenue.

The Minot Underwriters Co. have secured new quarters in the new Jacobson block.

The Peter Ehr block was insured for \$100,000 while the loss is estimated at \$50,000 or \$60,000. Mr. Ehr thought that he had more insurance than he did. He expects to rebuild. The brick work is still standing, tho the north wall was bulged out about a foot and is apt to fall when the frost goes out, unless workmen wreck the wall in the meantime.

The city's new fire fighting equipment, including engine truck, which was recently purchased at an expense of \$20,000, paid for itself several times over in the one fire, for firemen say they could not have saved the Jacobson block or the block occupied by the Smallwood store, had it not been for this new equipment. The new engine was attached to the hydrant near the Leland hotel and kept up a strong stream of water for hours.

No Room in New York Hotels Writes Torming Man.

Ed O. Buran, Torming township farmer, who left for his former home in Norway recently, wrote the Independent an interesting letter from New York City, Jan. 2, just before he sailed. He said: "Arrived here yesterday. A bunch of us went out to the Bronx Park and to a big museum. It was surely worth the 10 cents going out there. The biggest part of those going back for a visit are from the northwest, west of Minneapolis. Four of us are staying at an old private home, as hotels are crowded. Four steamers leave New York tomorrow for Europe."