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## 27 INSTRUCTORS FOR THE NIGHT SCHOOL

Attendance is Now 517 With Additional Enrollment at Each Session—Will Continue Five Weeks.

The attendance at the Minot night school held these nights a week is exceeding by far the fondest expectations of anyone connected with the school.

J. H. Colton, member of the faculty of the Minot Normal school, is director of the Minot school and he is to be congratulated on the great success of the undertaking. He has surrounded himself with a large number of the city's most prominent educators and professional men, who are giving their services free. The school will continue for five weeks. The attendance at this writing is 517, with additional enrollments at each session.

The following is a list of the classes and the twenty-seven instructors:

Algebra—Mrs. Margaret Van Fleet.  
Arithmetic—Mrs. J. G. Webster.  
Arithmetic—Miss Elsie J. Cook.  
Bookkeeping—Mr. P. J. Montgomery.

Business English—Attorney John C. Lowe.

Commercial Law—Attorney V. E. Steensen.

Cooking—Miss Olive Booren.

Economics—Atty. John H. Lewis.

Eighth Grade Review—Miss W. P. Stevenson.

English & Citizenship, Course I—Miss H. L. Winsted.

English & Citizenship, Course II—Miss J. G. Soland.

Gas Engine—Mr. L. C. Bingham.

Home Nursing—Miss Florence Port.

Penmanship—Miss N. Tracy.

Penmanship—Miss A. F. Swenson.

Salesmanship—Retail—Mr. Wesner.

Salesmanship—Traveling—Mr. S. S. Morgan.

Sewing—Mrs. Miriam Van Duzee.

Shorthand—Miss L. Dillon.

Sign Painting—Mr. A. F. Bacon.

Spanish—Miss D. H. Potter.

Spelling—Miss A. Maloney.

Typewriting—Miss Mae Jackson.

Violin Music—Prof. John Howard.

Window Card Writing—Mr. J. K. Woodward.

Woodwork—Mr. Bert Smallwood.  
Director of Night School—Mr. J. H. Colton.

## MR. AND MRS. WENDT LOSE THEIR ONLY SON

Robert William Wendt, Aged 4 Years, Died of Pneumonia Tuesday at St. Louis, Mo.—Burial at Preston, Iowa.

Robert William, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Wendt, and their only child, passed away from pneumonia Tuesday, Feb. 10, at St. Louis, Mo., according to a telegram received Wednesday by Miss Marie Hansmeyer. The funeral will take place Friday at Preston, Ia., Mr. Wendt's old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendt and their little son left Minot in September for St. Louis for the purpose of having a specialist treat the little boy's foot and they expected to return to Minot as soon as the specialist had concluded his work. Mr. Wendt, who was formerly superintendent of schools of Ward county, entered the employ of a large tractor concern in St. Louis, shortly after arriving in that city.

The news of the death of their little son will cause deep sorrow among the many friends of the family. Robert was a bright, mainly little fellow and his death is a terrible blow to his grief-stricken parents.

## McHENRY COUNTY WILL BUILD MANY HIGHWAYS

Veiva, N. D., Feb. 2.—The county commissioners of McHenry county will go into the building of roads in the county during the coming year on a larger scale than ever before. At the last meeting of the board the auditor was authorized to advertise for bids for two tractors and two graders. Last year the board tried out the building of roads on a county scale and purchased two graders and two tractors. The experiment was such a success that now there are demands from all parts of the county to continue the work on a larger scale during 1920. The work last year was very successful and many miles of good roads were built at a very reasonable cost per mile.

## Car Load of Hides Sold for \$16,000.

B. E. Stewart and John Sundry of the Minot Hide and Tanning Co., received nearly \$16,000 for the last car load of hides they shipped, the hides being purchased on a basis of 28 cents a pound. The first car load of hides they sold after entering business in Minot some ten years ago, brot \$3,200, the hides being bought at that time on a seven cent price. Hides are down a couple of cents, but the concern is unusually busy, the Montana shipments now being received.

## Strand Back From Fargo Meeting.

H. J. Strand, local manager of the Bergsath Fish Co., has returned from Fargo where he attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company. Owing to the fact that Mrs. Bergsath, wife of the president of the company, is ill with scarlet fever, the Bergsath home was under quarantine and Mr. Bergsath was unable to attend the meeting. Representatives from the company's headquarters at Minot, Fargo, Winnipeg and Sioux Falls attended the meeting.

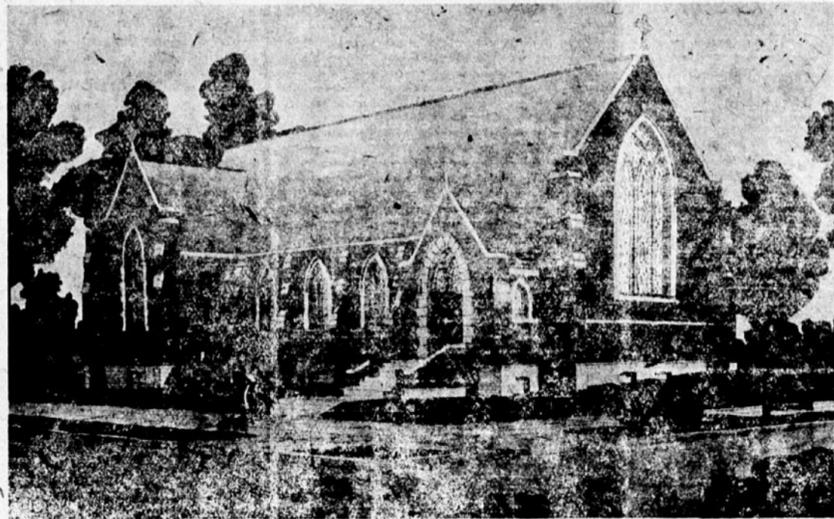
## GRONNA WANTS WHEAT GUARANTEE REMOVED

Washington, Feb. 2.—Declaring that the wheat price guarantee act was being administered so as to keep down wheat prices, Senator Gronna, Republican, North Dakota, gave notice in the senate today that he intended to introduce a bill providing for its immediate repeal. He said the original intent of congress in passing food control laws was to fix minimum prices, but that the food and wheat administration had made the minimum prices the maximum.

## Off for the M. M. B. A. Convention at Fargo.

John H. Burns of Surrey, president of the North Dakota Mechanics' Mutual Benefit Association, J. W. Buetner of Norwich, past president, and Atty. John J. Coyle of Minot, left for Fargo Tuesday to attend the annual convention of the organization. Mr. Coyle will address the body.

## All Saints Episcopal Church



The above is a photo from the perspective of the All Saints Episcopal church which will be constructed during the coming summer at the corner of Main Street South and Third avenue. The basement and foundation for the edifice were completed last summer. The church will be 32x110 feet, exclusive of the wings and will be a very beautiful structure. Ira L. Rush, local architect, is in charge of the plans and will superintend the construction of the building. Rev. Mr. Gallagher is Rector of the church.

## WENDT-WALLER CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Case is Being Considered by the State's Highest Court This Week. Waller Has Never Received a Cent of His Salary.

The case of Wm. D. Wendt, former superintendent of schools of Ward county against the present incumbent, A. M. Waller, came up before the state supreme court this week. The attorneys for each submitted briefs but did not appear in person. The case will be decided within a week or two, it is predicted.

Wendt brought the action against Waller, who defeated him by seventeen votes, on the grounds that Waller did not possess the necessary qualifications to hold the office, notwithstanding the fact that Wendt had employed Waller as his deputy while he held the office. Mr. Waller has held the office for more than a year but has not received a cent of salary. All the money that he has received from the county has been a small amount for mileage. It is freely predicted that Waller will win the action. The county commissioners and Auditor Kernard did not deem it advisable to draw the salary warrants in favor of Mr. Waller until after the case was settled, for in the event that Wendt might win, the bonding companies would hold them good for Wendt's salary. Public sentiment is entirely with Mr. Waller.

## LANDIS WOULD EXECUTE REDS

Minneapolis, Feb. 2.—Execution rather than deportation of "treason agitators" was advocated by Judge K. M. Landis of Chicago, who branded the Socialist, I. W. W., and kindred organizations as "traitors to the American Protective league here last night.

Judge Landis reviewed the platforms and activities of "red" organizations and urged "war to clean up the whole bunch of them."

"What we need is a new definition of treason," Judge Landis said. "Then we can use the side of a barn for those who would destroy our government. We must destroy the would-be destroyers."

## Secret Service Men Make Portal Headquarters.

Five government secret service men are now stationed at Portal to intercept the flow of Canadian Black and White into North Dakota. These men are all deaf but not blind and it is said that anyone caught bringing in liquor will be handled severely. A traveling man was recently caught with two bottles of whiskey and was arrested and placed in jail.

A number of Minot women have been doing a brisk business bringing whiskey from Portal to this city which readily sells at from \$14 to \$20 a quart.

## LITTLE STORIES OF THE STREET

Manager Brokaw, of the Northern States Power Co., tells this true story about an old-fashioned fellow who lives in a town out in Idaho where Mr. Brokaw made his home for a number of years. The old fellow owns a number of houses which he rented and he advertised them as modern houses. A prospective tenant asked the old man all about one of the houses. He asked for a sleeping porch. There was none on the house. There was no lavatory in the house, but the kitchen had running water. "You fellows are too highfalutin' these days," the old fellow told the prospective tenant. "In my time, we were satisfied if we had a good warm house to sleep in and a lavatory on the rear of the lot, but you up-to-date fellows want your lavatory in the house and you want to sleep out doors."

Leslie A. White, superintendent of the Minot schools, tells this little story, which isn't bad. A rather illiterate young fellow had been drafted into Uncle Sam's army and another soldier was sounding him as to his educational qualifications. "Can you read writin'?" his friend asked. "H—no, I can't read readin'."

Judge K. E. Leighton of the district court, tells this as one of his favorite stories: A stranger had died suddenly and the remains were identified as those of a man who had relatives of means, who telegraphed funds permitting a fitting burial. After death, the mouth opened and from the condition of the teeth it was learned that the deceased was not the man he was first presumed to be. The undertaker thereupon prepared to bury him at the expense of the county and as he was placing the remains in a cheap coffin, much too short for the body, the undertaker looked disgustedly at the corpse and said, "There, if you had only kept your mouth shut you might have had a decent burial."

E. A. Long, president of the Association of Commerce, tells this one: I was walking along the street near the Leland hotel and saw a young man standing talking to a fashionably dressed young woman who was accompanied by one of those shaggy little white poodle dogs. As I walked

by, I saw the young man step away from the dog and the young woman said, "Fifi won't bite, don't be afraid." The young man replied: "I'm not afraid that Fifi will bite, but he looked as tho he was going to kick me."

Owing to the prevalence of a number of cases of the flu in Minot, the theatres are permitted to run only by the observance of certain regulations. For instance, those attending must sit with vacant seats between each other. At one of the theatres Saturday night, a man and his wife were observed to enter the place and the husband sat down alongside of his wife, who nudged him and called his attention to the regulations. "What difference does this make, Maria, don't we sleep together?" he was heard to remark.

LIGNITE PRODUCTION IN THE STATE GREATER  
Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 2.—John Hanwell, state inspector of coal mines, reports a production of 783,694 tons of lignite during the past year, as compared with 719,533 tons produced during the previous year. Hanwell asserts the production increase was made in spite of the state eight-hour law, limiting miners to eight hours' work daily.

BOWEN CASE TO BE UP IN JUNE  
Beach, N. D., Feb. 2.—The Bowen murder case has been continued until the June term of court. The action was taken by Judge W. C. Crawford due to the illness of Mrs. Bowen, who will be the principal witness in the trial.

There is much interest in the suit due to the wide publicity that has been given it through the state press.

Many Secret Agents Employed.  
The United States government is now selecting a large number of officers who will be stationed along the Canadian border during the summer months to intercept the traffic in booze, which will be very brisk as soon as the motoring season opens. Pat Heenan, Dan Dougherty and others from Minot are said to be listed for these places.

High School Boys Retailate.  
The Minot high school girls recently appeared in school dressed in their every day working clothes, and in retaliation the boys of the school appeared like a lot of young hoboes Tuesday, digging up some of the most outlandish costumes imaginable.

## COMMISSIONERS REJECT FEED AND SEED

Ward County Will Not Furnish Funds to Farmers This Year—Farmers Have More Seed Than Feed on Hand.

E. Galehouse, J. M. Thornton, Wm. Pullen and Stephen Terhorst from Dennybrook, were in Minot Monday meeting with the county commissioners relative to the proposition of the county furnishing farmers with feed and seed this year. The Dennybrook men claim that while the farmers are not so bad off as far as seed is concerned, many in that vicinity will need funds with which to buy feed or they will not be able to put in much of a crop. The section of the country northeast of Minot was probably hit by the drought worse than any other, but in every locality some assistance will be required.

A petition signed by 20 farmers near Deering, asking for help for feed and seed, was received by the commissioners.

The commissioners, after deliberate consideration, rejected all applications for furnishing seed and feed and it is said that they are not apt to do anything further with it.

Wm. C. Mills Weds Miss Warren.  
Wm. C. Mills and Miss Ethel Warren of this city were united in marriage Feb. 8, by Rev. E. Kenady, the Congregational minister from Velva. The bride has been one of the popular employes of the Union National Bank and both have a host of friends.

## A FREE TRUCK AND TRACTOR SCHOOL

Minot Motor Sales Co. to Conduct Three Days' School Beginning Tuesday, February 24.

The Minot Motor Sales Co., have made arrangements with a corps of expert machine men to conduct a big free Truck and Tractor school under their auspices commencing a three days' term Tuesday February 24. This is the second event of this kind which the Minot Motor Sales Co. have held and from the experience gained last year they hope to introduce several new features which will prove a welcome addition to the course offered last season. Lectures by men of prominence in tractor construction and operation as well as by men with expert knowledge of the motor truck business will be in attendance and much practical knowledge along these lines will be imparted. The technical information given will be of the highest order as the speakers are all men of national reputation as experts in their line. The sessions will be held at the classrooms on Third street N. E. with every convenience supplied for the comfort and welfare of those who attend. As the school is absolutely free of charge it is expected that many from out of town will avail themselves of this opportunity to acquire a course of technical training without cost.

SMALLWOOD BUYS GRANITE SPRINGS CO. BLOCK  
Valuable Piece of Main Street Property to be Occupied by Sanitary Bakery—Will Make Splendid Home.

J. C. Smallwood and J. F. Smallwood have secured an option on the Granite Springs block, South Main street, which they will occupy soon for a home for their Sanitary Bakery. The place, which was occupied by the National Dry Cleaners, has been vacated, the latter moving into the Blaisdell block.

The Granite Springs block was built by Lewis Ellis, who expects that the transaction will be closed by the first of July. He considers that he gave a rather low option on the block, considering the high cost of building, but made a few thousand dollars on the transaction and is satisfied. The Smallwood bakery has done a remarkably good business and the block will make an ideal home for them. The building consists of two stories and a basement.

Minot Display Ad Co. Secures Larger Quarters.  
The Minot Display Ad Co. announces a co-partnership being formed by A. F. Bacon, C. J. Cisowski and Ora E. Bacon. The business of the company has been growing so rapidly that they have leased larger quarters west north of the Soo tracks on the west side of Main street which they will soon occupy.

The members of the firm are all hustlers and they are men of ability. They maintain a paint service department, make a specialty of sign work and bill posting, and are getting ready to extend their operations into states east and west of North Dakota.

A. F. Bacon left Tuesday for Fargo and Minneapolis, where he will line up some juicy contracts.

Grotto Plans on Big Time Friday.  
The Kad-N-Tonim Grotto is preparing to give an interesting entertainment at the Masonic Temple Friday night of this week to which all Masons and their ladies are invited. There will be dancing, the music to be given by Quigley's orchestra, and in addition an interesting program has been arranged among the members of the Masonic lodge. Refreshments will be served. All members of the Grotto are asked to wear their fezzes.

## THIS IS BOY SCOUTS WEEK IN AMERICA

If Some Manly Young Fellow Asks You to Do a Good Turn, Don't Think You Are the Victim of a Confidence Game.

Do a Good Turn Daily; what does it mean? Ask a Scout, he knows. And to further demonstrate its meaning, 400,000 Scouts expect to do 2,800,000 good turns this week, to as many people living under the Stars and Stripes. The occasion is the tenth anniversary of the introduction of Scouting in America. So if you are approached during the week by an agreeable looking young gentleman, wearing a scout's pin on the lapel of his coat and a sash that won't come off on his face, who insists on aiding you in some task, that you have undertaken, or if your young son offers to wash the dishes or something like that, don't get uneasy, it isn't a confidence game, it's just Scouting. He's doing his "bit" in the big program he and his pals are pulling off for Uncle Sam this week. If you were to offer to pay him for his services I am quite sure you would embarrass him very much for you can't pay a Scout for his daily "Good Turn." You can reward him, however, by appreciating his Scoutmanship and finding opportunity to encourage him in his Scout work.

To Rev. T. A. Olsen belongs the honor of introducing the Scout movement into Minot. In 1911 he organized Troop One of this city. It was one of the first if not the first troop organized in the State. Many of the boys of the Troop participated in the Great War, and their service reflects great credit to the training they got in the organization of their boyhood days. Later Rev. Olsen organized Troop Two, which is still with us. Troops have since been organized by the Episcopal and Presbyterian Sunday schools. Since a Scout Troop is limited to 32 boys, this is not much of a showing for a city having a Scout population of something over 600. But the difficulty has been to get the Scoutmasters. People are slow to recognize the importance of the work. The Scoutmaster's job is a thankless one and not everyone is adapted to work with boys. It would take too long to tell you all that the Scouts did for Uncle Sam during the Big War. Mr. McAdoo says the value of their work to the government cannot be overestimated. We, the Scouts, believe that it is just as necessary in times of war, and so we're on the job every day. It's our purpose to build for the future, believing that if we can have a better boyhood in 1920 we've just naturally got to have better manhood in 1930, and we are interested in 1930. In our program there is no place for the red flag, nor the conscienceless profiteer. We give allegiance to but one Flag, the Stars and Stripes. In the twelve points of the twelve points of the Scout law, to wit: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent, there is little to encourage the man who would profit at the expense of a neighbor's misfortune. We have no political nor religious creeds in the Boy Scouts, but we are Americans always and bow in reverence to our Creator.

Upon this platform we dare ask your co-operation and aid. If you would like to know more about us we will be glad to inform you. If you believe in us, let us know about it, won't you, please. We are only boys and our earning capacity is small. We cannot accomplish our highest hopes without your financial aid. But we do not want your money without your faith in our work, for the "gift without the giver is bare." We want your aid not as a donation to charity, but as an investment on which you expect to get returns, in which case we promise on our honor as Scouts to "make good." Our camping trip last year was a disaster, because we did not have your cooperation. But we are not discouraged and we are going again this year. We don't know where but we are going—to a real camp. We expect to have a good time but we are working for you just the same. How much we accomplish depends on you. We are glad to inform you that we are part of the largest boys' organization in the world. We are international in scope, but not in our allegiance. All over the civilized world our cousin Scouts are studying the same ideals as we, learning to tie the same knots, and we wonder if it isn't just barely possible that those knots may not some day in the future tie the world together in such a brotherhood that war may fade away. Who can say? And now in closing let us say that we are really sorry that we were not able to offer you something interesting in the way of a show or Scout demonstration, but next year with your help, we promise to do better. And now won't you join us in one verse of our marching song:

O, yes, we are the Boy Scouts,  
And we're very proud to be.  
We wear the Kahki on parade  
That every one may see  
And know that we are loyal  
To the Flag that made us free.  
As we go marching on.

Most respectfully,  
THE MINOT SCOUTS,  
By Darrell D. Riley,  
Scoutmaster.

Let the Independent figure on our job printing.

## TO HELP HIM RECOVER HIS BUSINESS



On many letterheads now in circulation in England, a design, consisting of a "tin hat" with crossed rifles and a laurel wreath, is printed or engraved. This is to inform that the sender belongs to the ex-Service Professional and Commercial association, formed to protect the interests of those who had "one man businesses" and who responded to the call of the colors, and who on their return, find themselves faced with the necessity of rebuilding their fortunes.