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## W. M. SMART OF THE ROTARIANS GREAT ADDRESS ON OPTIMISM

One of the most interesting luncheon hours yet held by the Minot Rotary club was that of last Monday. Capt. Pierce, Boy Scout worker, delivered a 20-minute address, which appears elsewhere in this issue. Among the guests were Rev. D. J. Gallagher, who offered prayer at the opening of the meeting; Geo. McDonald, Minot's new chief of police, who started on his duties Jan. 1 and who was invited to "sit in" with the Rotarians, just to give him a chance to get acquainted with some of Minot's supporters; Police Commissioner Bowker, who explained that he would appreciate the support of the Rotary in a bill to be introduced in this session of the legislature giving back to the cities the power to issue and revoke pool hall licenses and to collect the revenue for such licenses; a brother of N. D. Gorman was also a guest, and instead of giving a talk sang two fine solos. A violin duet by Lafe Platen and Otto Ellison was given.

W. M. Smart, who has developed into an orator of no ordinary ability, gave a great talk on optimism. According to Mr. Smart, everything is coming out fine if we just think so. Most of our panics could be cured if we could just change the state of our minds. Every Rotarian should look forward to 1921 with renewed courage and hope. Mr. Smart said in part:

"But, gentlemen, in my opinion the greatest asset we have is not our successful financial institutions, important as they are; not our mills and wholesale houses; not our office buildings or residences; not even the buildings that have been invested in farms and farm equipment. Necessary as all these things are, there is another wonderful asset we have which is immeasurably greater than these for upon this resource all material things depend. That is that indefinable something that every Rotarian understands, but no Rotarian can explain. It is the indomitable spirit of our people. This spirit is a mixture of hope, courage, enthusiasm, optimism, perseverance and an irresistible faith. Gentlemen, this spirit will move mountains. Nobody knows how this spirit starts to grow; sometimes it comes from a book, a sermon, a person, an incident, an emergency, an accident, a catastrophe; it is the indefinable something that touches the springs of our inner nature and finds open the doors of the great within, revealing all their hidden resources. Before this tremendous force, no power on earth can stand. It threw our boys into the thickest of that deadly fight in the Argonne, where the soldiers of no other country in the world had the courage to stay. It is that spirit those German officers referred to when they said as they were framing the proposal for an armistice: 'There is no use trying to whip those Yanks; they don't even know when they are licked.'

"And of all the cities and villages of the world, none has more of this spirit per square foot than Minot.

"I would urge upon members of the Minot Rotary club the application of this spirit of courage as one of the greatest aids to our financial leaders and business experts in the readjustment period through which we are passing. Financial experts say that the present panicky condition of the country is largely a matter of psychology. This is what David R. Forgan of the National City Bank of Chicago, one of the great financial leaders of the country, said just a couple of days ago.

"There is no reason why we should be pessimistic. Nothing ever yet was half so bad as we had feared it would be, and that is true in this case. I have no faith in the pessimists who are predicting hard times for two or three years—that is all bosh. Two or three months is nearer the truth. The pessimists fail to take into consideration the purchasing power of 105,000,000 well fed American people. It is true that the price of farm products has dropped 25 per cent amounting to five billions of dollars; it is equally true that the things the farmer must buy will also drop, so that his money will go just as far now as it did when crops brought more money.

"A similar optimistic note was sounded by R. E. Barron, president of the Second National bank, Friday. These statements all emphasize the fact that fundamentally conditions are sound. What we need most of all is a restoration of public confidence; a desire upon the part of every businessman to render the greatest service to his customers; willingness on the part of the employee to give a dollar's worth of service for every dollar received. We all need to catch the great Rotarian vision that 'He profits most who serves best,' and that whenever there is any conflict between service and self, service is always to take precedence.

"Let us then enter 1921 with an unquenchable faith. Let us crowd out of our lives every vestige of envy and malice. Let us banish every thought of doubt or lurking fear. Let us remember that every great accomplishment in the annals of the world is a triumph of optimism. Let us say with Newman:

"Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me. So long thy power has blest me, sure it will lead me on; o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent till the night is gone; and with the worn thorn angel faces smile which

I have located long since and lost awhile."

## DR. T. N. YEOMANS IS COUNTY PHYSICIAN

County Commissioners Make Appointments and Select Various Committees.

Dr. T. N. Yeomans was named county physician and Dr. E. M. Ransom county health officer by the board of county commissioners Wednesday. Dr. Ewing of Kenmare was named assistant county physician and will take care of county work in what is known as the "Gooseneck" section of the county. Dr. J. L. Devine and Atty. J. J. Coyle are named to the board on insanity of which County Judge William Murray is chairman.

The board appointed the following committees for 1921:

Buildings and court house grounds—Commissioners Spicher, Vandenoever, and Haldi.

Furniture and Records—Commissioners Tofner, Vandenoever and Spicher.

Bridge material and road machinery—Commissioners Haldi and Vandenoever.

Purchasing and printing—Commissioners Spicher and Tofner.

Transportation of poor—Commissioner Vandenoever.

Overseer of farming operation at county farm—Commissioner Tofner.

Overseer of house at county farm—Commissioner Vandenoever.

Checking treasurer's and auditor's office—Commissioners Spicher and Krantz.

Clerk of county court, clerk of district court, register of deeds, sheriff and county superintendent—Commissioners Vandenoever and Haldi.

## White Women Visit Negro Dives to Get Morphine

Two white women have been in the habit of visiting several of the nigger dives in Minot for the purpose of getting morphine and other dope. Nearly every negro in this city is addicted to the dope habit and in practically every colored joint, a hop outfit is maintained for the personal use of the darkies or any white person who may be addicted to the habit. The local police are aware of the white women visiting the places and expect to make their arrest. The colored folks smuggle opium, morphine, and other drugs over from Canada, making considerable money out of this traffic. Whiskey runners brot considerable of this stuff across the line this year. In the spring, a wagon load of whiskey was intercepted. Later it was found that thousands of dollars worth of the dope had been fastened to the horses' harness.

## In County Court

A number charged with selling cigarettes pleaded guilty before Judge Murray and were fined. John Marr pleaded guilty to selling intoxicating liquor. He was sentenced to the county jail for 90 days, fined \$200 and \$10 costs and in default of paying fine and costs must serve 10 days extra.

Joe Doakes and J. W. Snyder, charged with immorality, forfeited bonds of \$20 each.

Judge Murray called the calendar Wednesday morning.

The case against Roy Nelson, former taxi man, charged with selling intoxicating liquor, was dismissed today. Witnesses for the state were taken to the home of Mr. Nelson and declare that he is not the man who sold the liquor.

**MINOT MARKETS**  
No. 1 Dark Nor. Wheat, \$1.58.  
Durum, \$1.52.  
Rye, \$1.30.  
Flax, \$1.64.

## JOHN G. WEBSTER, SECRETARY OF MINOT NORMAL SCHOOL, DIED NEW YEAR'S MORNING

John G. Webster, secretary of the Minot Normal school for the past three years, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital early New Year's morning, following an operation for hernia. Mr. Webster was recovering from his operation and expected to be removed to his home within a few days but it is believed that a blood clot formed at his heart, causing his death. Mrs. Webster was with him the evening before until ten o'clock and left him in excellent spirits and feeling much better.

Funeral services were held from the family residence, 505 Fourth St. N. W., at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the funeral sermon being preached by Rev. T. A. Olsen, superintendent of the Minot district of the Methodist church. Prayer was offered by Prof. Everett Davis of the Normal school, and several appropriate selections were rendered by the choir. The remains were taken to Grand Forks that afternoon for burial. They were accompanied by members of the family. Mr. Webster was born in Bradford county, Pa., Dec. 6, 1866. He graduated from the Mansfield State Normal school in 1891 and later came to North Dakota, locating at Grand Forks 25 years ago. He was married June 29, 1894, to Carrie A. Gretchell of St. Cloud, Minn. In Grand Forks he managed the Webster Insurance Agency. Later he moved to Wallhalla, N. D., and Crookston, Minn., where he was engaged in banking. He came to Minot in 1912.

The surviving relatives are Mrs. Webster, three children, Gerald S. Webster of Watford City, N. D.; Morris Webster, who has been attending the University of North Dakota, and Miss Velma Webster, who teaches in the Rugby schools. He leaves three

sisters, Elizabeth O. Webster, South Bend, Wash.; Ida L. Webster, and Thena Webster of Elmira, N. Y.

The Normal school, including the Model school, was closed all afternoon Tuesday in honor of Mr. Webster and the Normal school students were dismissed at 10:30 that morning to give all who desired an opportunity to visit the home to view the remains.

Mrs. Webster's brother arrived for the funeral.

Mr. Webster was particularly well qualified for the position which he held with the Normal. He was an accountant of more than the ordinary ability and he was exceedingly well liked by the students and faculty alike. He addressed the Assembly on the Thursday before he entered the hospital for his operation, taking for his subject, "What I think when I have thought." His address created a particularly happy impression among the students and faculty. The address will long be remembered.

Mr. Webster was identified with the Methodist church. He was a member of the board of trustees and was prominent in Sunday school work, active and dependable. He was teaching arithmetic in the adult night school and before going to the hospital made arrangements for a substitute to carry on his work until such time as he had recovered. Mr. Webster was a fine citizen in every way and one who will be missed greatly from our city.

Mr. Lund, a bookkeeper with the Board of Administration, arrived in this city Wednesday afternoon to take charge of Mr. Webster's work at the Normal temporarily and it is possible that no one will be selected as Mr. Webster's successor permanently until after the legislative adjournment.

## FIRST FARMERS BANK OF MINOT, BANK AT CARPIO TO RE-OPEN

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Loan and Trust Co. was held at the hall in the Farmers store building on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 4, and the question of re-opening the First Farmers Bank of Minot and the First Security Bank of Carpio, closed voluntarily on Dec. 27, for lack of sufficient cash reserve, was taken up. The meeting was attended by fully 200 shareholders and after the matter had been thoroughly discussed by G. A. Ebert, general manager, and Anthony Walton, president of the Savings Loan and Trust Co., the shareholders were unanimously in favor of proceeding with the re-opening of the two banks and pledged their combined resources, if necessary, in order that the institutions may be re-opened.

An independent representative who called at the bank the following day and interviewed Messrs. Walton and Ebert, was informed by those gentlemen that they were very hopeful of re-opening the two banks about January 15.

At Tuesday's meeting, the shareholders pledged \$10,000, raising more than half of that amount that day. Committees were appointed to work in the various townships in Northwestern North Dakota and assistance is even forthcoming from sections of eastern North Dakota.

Among some of the items offered at Tuesday's meetings was a \$600 hail insurance warrant, railroad pay checks, Liberty Loan bonds, Thrift Stamps, and cash running in amounts

from \$50 to \$2,000. A number of railroad men having money on deposit have offered the money to the bank to be used in any manner it sees fit. Among the shareholders are some of the most prominent farmers of the county. One of them owns 54 shares of stock, several forty shares, and many 20 and 10 shares each. A number of farmers called at the bank the following day and explained that they owned quarters of land free from incumbrance, which they were willing to mortgage in order to help to put the bank on its feet during this time of trial.

In these talks to the shareholders, Messrs. Walton and Ebert explained that the farmer-owned bank was on trial. If the enterprise were to fail at this time, because of conditions over which no one connected with the institution has any control, it would prove a serious set-back to farmer-controlled business in the Northwest. With the proper co-operation, the banks are certain to weather the storm and come out stronger than ever, they explained. They explained that in the period of readjustment, the farmers must take their losses along with other people and must expect to dispose of enough of their effects to partially liquidate their obligations.

Mr. Walton said: "I have been with you farmers for years, and I believe I know you, and knowing you as I do, I believe you will do your duty at this time."

Mr. Ebert stated to an independent representative: "As unfavorable as

## CAPT. A. L. PIERCE SPENDS WEEK IN CITY ON BOY SCOUT WORK

conditions are with crop failures, slump in prices, due to the readjustment period, the ability of the farmer institutions to rally and recuperate is remarkable. We feel confident that we can re-open in the near future. If present plans mature, it will be within two weeks. Our banks were among the last of the state banks to close and we want it said that we were among the first to re-open. I appreciate the co-operation of the farmers, the other banks, the newspapers, and the public in general. During my twenty years experience in the banking business, I want to say that I have never had more pleasant relations with other banks than those which have existed between the First Farmers Bank and the other Minot banking institutions."

Confidence in the manner in which the affairs of the trust company and its subsidiary institutions have been handled was manifested by the former shareholders when Anthony Walton, C. O. Carlson of Glenburn, S. O. Ridgway of Carpio, D. E. Asplund of Minot, John Wallin of Minot, and John Flecken of Niobe were re-elected directors. Roscoe Beighle of Sawyer was elected to serve on the board in place of Judge John C. Erve.

## WILSON-BUNKER

On New Year's day at the home of S. C. Bieghe, Sawyer, occurred the wedding of Mr. Charles Wilson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Edna Bunker of Sawyer. The ceremony was performed at high noon by Rev. A. J. Spacht in the presence of about fifty friends. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Roy Pettys, aunt of the bride. The bride was attended by Miss Olga Larson and the groom by Mr. John Bunker, brother of the bride.

The house was decorated in pink and white with many evergreens and ferns sent to the bride by an uncle in Washington. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Bunker of Sawyer, and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson of Velva. Mr. Wilson served in the late war and is at present attending the University of Minnesota.

Immediately after the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served.

The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Minneapolis.

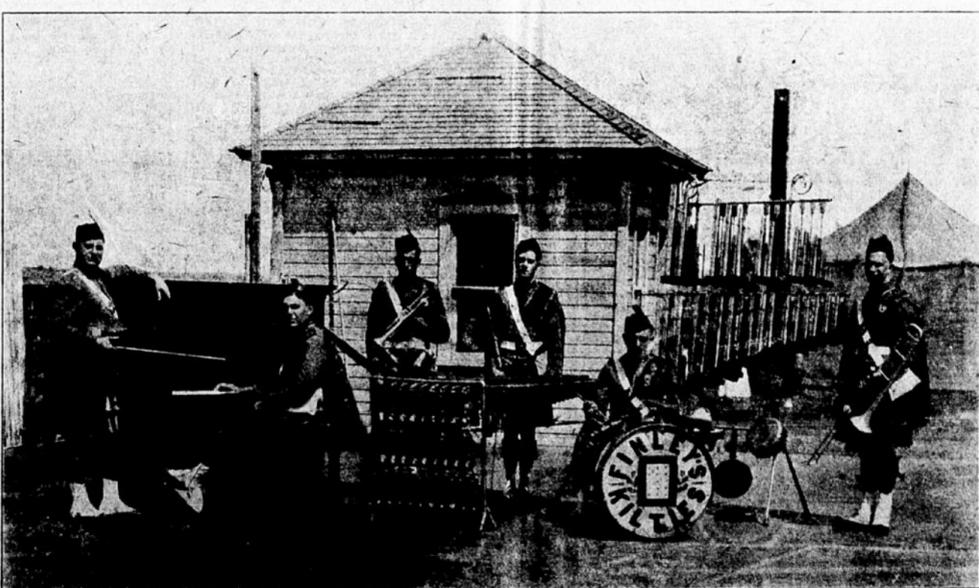
Those present were Rev. A. J. Spacht and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Bunker and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Wilson and daughter, Mr. O. G. Wilson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kotke and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Snyder and son of Cody, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pettys and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Pettys and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. Beighle and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. Register and son, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bieghe and daughter.

## Annual Ludefsk Supper Jan. 11

The men's seventh annual Ludefsk supper will be given at the Zion Lutheran church Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, beginning at 5 o'clock. Martin Jacobson, who has had such success with these suppers in the past, is chairman again this year. He states that 700 pounds of choice ludefsk has been secured and the ladies are at work baking the various delicious cakes for which Norwegian cooking is famous. The supper will be attended by a record crowd.

## Minot Defeats Poplar, Mont.

The Minot American Legion basketball team defeated the Poplar, Mont., team last night 56 to 26 at the high school auditorium. The local players were Brundage, Bing Warner, Roy Murphy, Burton Smallwood and Dunnell. F. R. Landers was the Minot referee.



One of the many attractions for the Scotch program to be given at the High School Auditorium Friday evening, Jan. 21, auspices Minot Burns Club. Public cordially invited to this entertainment. Admission \$1.00; Students 50c and 25c.

Capt. A. Lester Pierce, instructor in Boy Scout work at the Culver military academy at Culver, Ind., is spending the week in this city in the interests of our Boy Scout troops. Capt. Pierce is now on a furlough from the Culver Academy, and will receive his B. A. degree this year at Milton, Wis. He was induced to come to Minot by William A. Moeller of this city, who graduated in August from the Scout Master's school at Culver, under Capt. Pierce, and who is now attending college at Milton, Wis. Mr. Moeller is spending the week in Minot as well.

Capt. Pierce was a speaker at the Minot Rotary Monday, delivering the following fine address:

I wish to thank the editors of the Minot papers for the space in their papers that they have given me to present to the people of Minot the Scout program.

It was through the efforts of a Minot Scout that I became acquainted with the scout work here and was given the privilege of sending a week here to organize the work and stimulate a wide-awake interest upon the part of the business men, teachers, clergy and all civic organizations.

I have been more than pleased with the whole-hearted support given me by those with whom I have personally met and spoken to about scouting. Especially am I grateful to the Rotarians, Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Knights of Columbus and Elks for the kind way they have received me and the interest and attention they are giving the movement. I feel that they will be the greatest factor for making every Minot lad a real, red-blooded American Boy. I thank also your local Scoutmaster and assistants and members of Troop Committees and the Local Council who have done so much to help me put scouting across here.

In order to explain the scout program I am going to give a very brief history of its organization.

It happened that W. D. Boyce, while traveling in England, chanced one day to find himself lost in London. He asked a small boy to direct him to a certain place if he knew where it was. The boy upon being spoken to immediately came to attention and said, "Sir, I can direct you to the house and if you will let me take you right there. Stunned with this unusual kindness Mr. Boyce gave his grip to the boy and he was directed to the house. The boy handed him his grip and said, "This is the place, Sir," and left the man. Mr. Boyce called the boy back and offered him a shilling for his kind help. The boy again saluted and answered, "Thank you sir but I am a Boy Scout and cannot receive money for doing a good turn." Mr. Boyce decided that Scout organization was worthy of looking into before returning to America. He did look into the organization, met Sir Baden-Powell, a former English Colonel, with the result that Mr. Boyce returned to America with a trunk load of literature.

Upon Mr. Boyce's return to America he called about him some of the most distinguished men in the country. Among them was Ernest Thompson Seton, Dan Beard, Colin H. Livingston, President Taft, ex-President Roosevelt and Mortimer B. Schiff. These men organized the Boy Scouts of America in the District of Columbia. They desired, however, to receive a Federal Charter and made an attempt to do this but were unsuccessful. With headquarters established they gave publicity to the work and interested other great men in it and things sailed along very rapidly.

Statistics show that in 1911 there were 1078 enrolled scouts. In 1916 there were 132,000 and in the period covering five years a total of over half a million boys. With such strong evidence of the success of the work a charter was granted to the organization by Congress on June 15, 1916. In 1918 Congress further protected the word "Scout" to be used only by the Boy Scouts of America and to make it unlawful for any boy to wear the Scout uniform unless registered or to wear insignia other than his rank.

The Boy Scouts of America were much embarrassed by a group of boys known as the American Boy Scouts. These boys were given mostly military training. The Boy Scouts of America are neither military or non-military. They are trained to be physically fit men, trustworthy men, and law-abiding and patriotic citizens. In case of war every real Scout would offer himself to his country to serve as he was best needed. He fights clean but does not go around with a "chip on his shoulder."

A whole list of statistics might be given to show what Scouts have done and to prove the effectiveness of scout training but I will cite but a very few in general. Only a small fraction of one per cent of the scouts ever appear before the Juvenile courts, the same small percentage have been found truant at school. In every city where scouting is an active organization, the scouts stand head and shoulders above all the rest of the boys in their studies.

During the policeman strike in Cincinnati two years ago the scouts handled all traffic for many days and did as well and better than the regular police force. During all big parades

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