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## F. S. Fahler, Night Policeman, Probably Fatally Shot by Avery Erickson, Minnesota Whiskey Runner; Erickson Wounded by Fahler

### BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION ASKS PROPER SUPPORT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

W. F. Clarke, acting president of the Minot Normal school, received a letter from a member of the Board of Administration at Bismarck indicating the Board's desire for the proper support of our educational institutions. The letter is from Mr. R. T. Muir, who says: "I have been appointed a committee of one by the Board to make an effort to secure assistance to put over adequate support for our educational institutions."

There has been a sentiment expressed among our legislators that we have to curtail all expenditures—cut out all buildings at our institutions. The Board feels that this will be disastrous, and the Board also feels that those who express such views are not expressing the views of the people of North Dakota, consequently, we, as a Board, feel that some effort ought to be made to eliminate such ideas from the minds of these penurious law-makers by urging friends of the institutions to rally to their support and send down to Bismarck strong delegations to uphold the institutions in their requests, and insist that the legislators grant these requests.

Get in touch with your Alumni association, your faculty, the citizens of your city, and all supporters of education that you know in the state, to bring all the pressure possible to bear on members of this Legislature to support the cause of higher education in this state.

The letter clearly puts the Board of Administration on the side of Progressive legislation in behalf of education in our state, and they ought to receive hearty encouragement from all the friends of education.

### MOHALL BANKERS ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Mohall, N. D., Jan. 19.—J. C. Peters, president, F. W. Weibe, vice president, and W. W. Bergman, cashier of the Mohall State bank, which closed several weeks ago, were arrested by Sheriff James McKechnie late yesterday on warrants issued by State's Atty. Percy S. Crewe. The warrants, sworn out by John Bena, deputy state bank examiner, charge the three bank officers with embezzlement of \$9,000 in Liberty bonds several months ago. Bonds were fixed at \$10,000 each and arrangements are being made for preliminary hearings before the end of the week.

W. H. McIntosh, of the state bank examiner's staff, whose appointment as receiver of the institution was confirmed by Judge Burr in district court at Rugby yesterday, has not completed his examination of the affairs of the institution but it is stated in some quarters that the bank's shortage will amount to several hundred thousand dollars and that other criminal actions are probable as a result.

In the action in district court at Rugby yesterday, officers of the bank sought to have George Scofield, former sheriff of Renville county, appointed receiver instead of W. H. McIntosh, Bottineau banker, who was appointed by O. E. Lofthus, state bank examiner.

### Van Hook Couple Celebrates Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. William Cozzens of Van Hook celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Wednesday of last week. About 60 of their friends and neighbors were entertained at the comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Cozzens that day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cozzens are natives of England, emigrating to the United States about 11 years ago. For several years the family resided at Burlington where Mr. Cozzens was connected with the Davis Coal Co. Upon the opening of the Berthold Indian reservation Mr. Cozzens was fortunate in drawing a lucky number, choosing his homestead about two miles from the townsite of Van Hook. Here by diligence and thrift the Cozzens have succeeded in building up a splendid farm home with a large, roomy house, well built, also a large basement barn and all the necessary equipment to farm their fine quarter section. Their only daughter, Miss Daisy Cozzens, lives at home with her parents, where almost any day she may be seen herding the cattle or engaging in some of the regular pursuits of farm life. The Independent joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cozzens in wishing them a long life of wedded bliss, health and prosperity.

Isak Mattson Weds Julia Johnson  
Isak Mattson, well known contractor and proprietor of the Minot Carpenter Shop was united in marriage at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon to Miss Julia Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Johnson, 627 Second

### BARON VON FRANKENSTEIN



Baron von Frankenstein, the minister plenipotentiary of Austria to the court of St. James.

St. N. E. The marriage took place at the Bethany Lutheran parsonage, Rev. O. L. Jensen officiating. The bride, who is a very charming young woman, was beautifully attired in a gown of white taffeta and georgette. The attendants were Miss Elvira Johnson of Dagmar, Mont., and Elmer Johnson, cousin and brother of the bride, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Mattson left for Minneapolis and Chicago for their honeymoon. The bride resided at Aurelia until a year ago when she came to Minot with her parents. She was employed at the Minot Bakery Co. for some time.

Richard Mills Addresses the Rotary  
Richard Mills, superintendent of the traffic department of the Minot division of the Great Northern, read the paper at Monday's Rotary luncheon. Mr. Mills told at some length the system under which a big railway company operates. Months ahead they anticipate the number of cars that will be needed in marketing a crop and so carefully do they estimate that for the big crop of 1915, they were within one per cent of the total number of bushels marketed along the system. He gave an interesting account of the part the late Jas. J. Hill, the Empire Builder, took in the development of the Northwest.

Other speakers were Dr. A. D. McCannell who told of his visit to the St. Paul Rotary Club; Dr. R. W. Pence, who while on his five weeks' vacation in Iowa, visited six Rotary clubs, including those at Cedar Rapids, Davenport, St. Paul and Minneapolis; F. C. Upton, who visited the Williston Rotary.

### Legislature Takes Recess Until Tuesday Noon

The N. D. legislature has taken a recess until Tuesday noon. Senator Bond from the 29th, Senator Kendall of McHenry county, Senator Ingerson of Burke county and Representative J. H. Burns of Surrey, arrived by auto from Max this afternoon.

The house last evening decided to investigate the affairs of the Bank of North Dakota and the Home Builders Association and have appointed a committee of nine, six independents and three leaguers. Rep. Johnson of Douglas is on the committee.

Reps. Mouck and Carlson remained at Bismarck and will visit the experimental station and reform school at Mandan.

### Licensed to Wed

Hans Orbeck, 48, and Mrs. Olive Orbeck, 56, Jan. 19.  
Isak Mattson, 42, and Julia Johnson, 28.  
Ernest S. Johnson and Barbara Dobson, 19.  
Tollef O. Odland, 32, Kenmare, and Mabel N. Johnson, 26.  
Lester I. Chambers, 25, Berthold, and Pearl Songer, 18, Wheelock.

R. M. Graham, manager of the Rogers Lumber Co. general offices, is spending the week in Minneapolis.

## Fahler Had Dead Drop On Whiskey Runner But Failed To Use His Advantage

### Erickson Sought Refuge in Basement of Robbins Flats Where He Was Arrested; His Injury Not Serious

### FAHLER HAS TWO SERIOUS WOUNDS; SHOOTING WAS NEAR ELLISON FLATS

### Minnesota Man Had Stolen Car Full of Green River Whiskey

**OFFICER FAHLER WILL DIE**  
Officer F. S. Fahler, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, was reported to be sinking rapidly and it is said at the hospital that he cannot possibly live the day out. He is still conscious.

F. S. Fahler, night policeman, was shot twice and probably fatally wounded at 4:15 o'clock this morning by Avery Erickson, a whiskey runner from Chisholm, Minn., on Second Street S. E., between the Ellison apartments and the home of B. F. Bradford. After Fahler had been wounded, he shot three times, one of the bullets striking Erickson in the back, causing a superficial wound. Both men are in St. Joseph's hospital. Erickson will undoubtedly recover, but doctors say the chances are against Fahler.

Officers Fahler and Chris Larson left the police station at 3 o'clock and patrolled the alleys. Fahler walked up towards the Ellison apartments and saw the car creeping along, the driver evidently not being certain just where he wanted to go. Fahler stood near the Ellison apartments and watched the car, and finally went out and hailed the driver. The driver got out of his car and Fahler, who had pulled his .45, ordered Erickson to "stick 'em up." The whiskey runner complied with the order but immediately tried to open negotiations with the officer to buy his liberty, offering him \$30, about all the money he had on his person. Fahler, instead of searching Erickson for weapons, conversed with the man, asking him who owned the car. Erickson replied that the car was not his, and in fact told the truth, for he stated later to officers that he had stolen the car from the Regina Junk Co., in Regina, Sask.

Fahler stepped up onto the running board of the car to see what was in it, and immediately Erickson whipped out his .38 German Lueger seven-shot automatic and opened fire on the officer. Fahler fell with one bullet thru the right chest just below the nipple and another thru the left side, just under the short ribs. As Fahler fell, Erickson started for his car but Fahler opened fire on him, shooting three times. One of the bullets took effect, striking the man in the back, following a rib around to the front, the bullet lodging just under the skin. The wound is not dangerous and the surgeon later at the hospital found that the bullet had not entered the abdominal cavity at all. The bullet was recovered.

After Erickson was shot, he ran thru Atty. Bradford's yard and entered the basement of the double house owned by Mrs. Robbins. When Frank Horner went down into his basement at five o'clock to fix the fire, he found Erickson sitting in a corner, bleeding, with his revolver across his knees. Horner stated that he would notify the police, but Erickson pointed the gun at Horner and said he didn't need the police, but a doctor instead. Horner decided to call a doctor.

Mrs. Bradford, who was awakened by the shooting, saw the man run thru the yard and notified the police of the direction in which the man ran. While they were making the search, Horner discovered the man, called the doctor, and soon the police located him. Erickson was taken to the hospital where he was operated upon at once.

Practically everyone living in the district heard the shooting. A woman who occupies a flat in the third story of the Ellison flats, raised a window and asked what she could do to help. Officer Chris Larson, who had arrived

## SECOND NATIONAL, COUNTY'S OLDEST BANK, ENDS A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S BUSINESS

The stockholders of the Second National Bank held their annual meeting at the offices of the bank on the afternoon of January 11.

The report of the past year's business was read, showing the institution to be in its usual excellent condition. The usual stockholders' dividend of ten per cent was issued and a very substantial amount was added to the surplus.

The Second National bank is the oldest banking institution in Ward county and is regarded as one of the very strongest banks in the northwest. Its capital is \$100,000.00 and its surplus and undivided profits amount to \$177,751.03, according to its statement of Dec. 29, 1920. The deposits aggregate \$1,610,064.43, while the bank's resources total \$2,133,761.86.

The Second National bank has been conducted in a very conservative manner and at the present time its reserve is exceptionally large. The bank is thus able to assist its customers to weather the readjustment period.

The following directors were re-elected, all substantial businessmen of the city: James Johnson, chairman; R. E. Barron, Archie D. McCannell, F. W. Roach, A. A. Robinson and Henry E. Byorum. Henry M. Wilson, president of the International Oil Co., was elected a new member of the board.

The directors re-elected their old officers as follows:  
R. E. Barron, president.  
F. W. Roach, vice president.  
H. E. Byorum, cashier.  
W. E. Tooley, assistant cashier.

The clerks of the Second National Bank enjoyed one of a series of dancing parties given every two weeks Saturday night. The clerks asked for permission to use the large bookkeeping room which is provided with a fine waxed hardwood floor and the officers kindly consented to permit them to use this room. Dances are held every two weeks and they are proving very enjoyable social functions. The affairs are attended by the officers and the wives, and by the clerks and their sweethearts. This has afforded all an excellent opportunity to become acquainted and the morale of the bank has been increased materially. A large graphophone with an amplifier furnished the music. At 11:30, the company adjourned to the Gem Cafeteria, where luncheon was served at the expense of the bank. James Johnson, chairman of the board of directors and R. E. Barron, president of the bank, occupied the head and foot of the table. After the luncheon they all returned to the bank to enjoy cards and dancing.

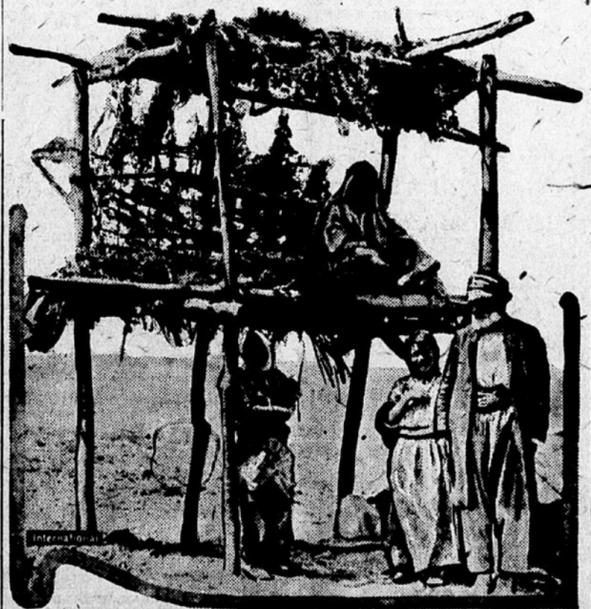
The following attended the function:  
Directors and wives—Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson.  
Officers and wives—Mr. R. E. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Byorum, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tooley.  
Employees—H. C. Dahl, J. C. Hurst, C. L. Hawley, F. G. Rutten, G. H. Wagner, E. H. Schrupp, V. J. Korndahl, Joe Roach, Henry Blaisdell, D. J. Roell, Misses Clarice H. Harrison, Helen Bonholzer, Hazel Hunt.  
Invited Guests—Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Sweet, Mrs. L. M. Husby, Mrs. H. C. Dahl, Mrs. C. F. Anderson, Mrs. Phil Roach, Misses Ella and Mae Korndahl, Cecilia Belanger, Louise Hanna, Mary Rasmussen, Beatrice Hines, Lucile Roach and Mabel Cook.

**BERWICK STORES ROBBED**  
Berwick, N. D., Jan. 18.—Burglars who entered the Fedje & Tweet and Johner Bros. stores here at night, blew the safes in both stores, securing \$1,000 in Liberty bonds from Johner Bros. as well as a quantity of silks, etc., and \$95 and a quantity of goods from Fedje & Tweet's store.

Entrance was gained to the store by breaking in the front doors with heavy crowbars. No one heard the burglars at work smashing in the doors nor the blasts when the safes were blown open, the robberies being discovered the next morning. Included in the loot taken from Johner Bros. were three men's suits, a boy's overcoat, two pairs of shoes and three bolts of silk.

**Show Storm Wednesday**  
A considerable quantity of snow fell Wednesday, a storm from the west lasting for several hours. The day broke exceptionally warm and along about noon rains started, then hail, finally sleet and snow.

### Resting Place in Armenia



A wayside resting place near Aintab, Armenia, where the traveler may seek refuge from the burning sun at mid-day. These shaded resting places line the principal roads in Armenia.