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JOHN CROSS, G. N. ENGINEER, MET DEATH SAVING CHILD FROM AN AUTO ACCIDENT

John Cross, one of the old time Great Northern engineers, with headquarters in Minot, met death at the foot of the Great Northern viaduct, on Second Street N. W. Sunday afternoon in an attempt to save the little two-year-old son of Mrs. F. H. Weiss, of Walders St. from being run over by a Ford car, driven by Iver Iverson, who had just started for the Lutheran church in McKinley township, with Rev. J. R. Michaelson, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church. The accident occurred at one o'clock and Mr. Cross died in St. Joseph's hospital at five o'clock with a fractured skull, the base of which had been broken clear around by the hard fall to the icy viaduct.

Mrs. Weiss, accompanied by her two-year-old son had started to come up town and stopped in the Witham store. Mrs. Weiss crossed the street at the lower end of the viaduct and presumed that her little boy was following her. The child instead played along and started up the roadway of the viaduct. Mr. Iverson saw the child and as he was driving rather slowly, he turned his machine to the left side of the viaduct to avoid striking the child. The child escaped injury and ran to his mother. As soon as Mr. Iverson saw the child, he put on the brakes and this caused the car to skid on the icy viaduct. It appears that no one saw Mr. Cross until about the time he was struck by the rear of the car, as it skidded around, but it is presumed that he ran out in an attempt to save the child. Thos. Jackson, who was about 100 feet from where the accident occurred, saw the car strike Mr. Cross and saw him fall. As his head struck the viaduct there was a sharp crack. Mrs. Weiss cannot recall the accident clearly, as she fainted away after it occurred. Mr. Iverson placed the injured man in his car and hurried to the hospital with him where Mr. Cross died without regaining consciousness.

Dr. R. W. Pence, the county coroner, held an inquest Monday forenoon. The jury, Geo. Hoover, Fred Almy and Bertel Jacobson, held Mr. Iverson blameless for the accident. Mr. Iverson, who has been connected with the Balerud lunch room for years, is regarded as a very careful driver. Mr. Cross was 45 years of age. He had resided here for twenty-four years and in another year would have completed twenty-five years' service for the Great Northern. For years he had been regarded as one of the company's most reliable engineers. He was a quiet unassuming man and a first class citizen in every respect. Mr. Cross was married to Miss Margaret A. Wood of Litchfield, Minn. in this city in 1897. She together with their two children, George 21, and Junior 11, survive. George is employed as a switchman for the G. N. in Minot.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cross, the parents of the deceased, arrived from their home at Valley Forge, Wash. Wednesday morning. J. L. Cross, a brother, who is manager of the Adams County Abstract Co., at Ritzville, Wash., and who served in the Washington legislature in 1920 as representative from the 15th district, also arrived today for the funeral. Mr. Cross is survived by the following brothers and sisters: J. L. Cross, Ritzville, Wash.; Otto D. and Grover A. Cross, Valley Forge, Wash.; Peter T. a railroad man at Lewistown, Mont.; H. S. Cross, St. Maries, Ida.; Mrs. Ellen McCulloch, and Mrs. Florence Chapman, Valley Forge, Wash. Leroy W. Cross, the youngest brother, enlisted in the 305th Inf., met death in the Argonne Forest just four months after the date of enlistment. Another brother, George, is dead. John Cross was born at Gorham, N. H. and would have been 45 years of age in May. As a boy he accom-

panied his parents to Grayson county, Minn., and later moved to Rice, Minn. He came to Minot with his parents years ago and started working for the G. N. railway as a wiper. He later became a fireman and for years has been passenger engineer. He was a member of the B. of L. E. which organization will attend the funeral in a body. The funeral is to be held at the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. P. W. Erickson in charge, and interment will be made in Rose Hill cemetery.

ST. LEO'S PARISH RETREAT ATTRACTS LARGE CROWDS

Rev. Eugene Gehl, missionary of St. John's Institute for the Deaf at St. Francis, Wis., is in charge of a Parish Retreat at St. Leo's Catholic church this week, his meetings being attended by large crowds. Father Gehl is an unusually able speaker and an orator with a considerable dramatic ability. He holds services twice daily, at seven in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening. The services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were for the men and boys and the services for the remainder of the week will be for the women and girls exclusively, with meetings for all on Sunday. His sermon Tuesday evening consisted of giving advice to married men and those who contemplate marrying. He urged married men to be kind in their homes. So many are perfect models at their places of business but gruff and unkind in their own homes. Women as a rule, are shut within the four walls all day long, attending to their home duties and have a right to expect sociability and kindness from their husbands on their return in the evening. He urged the whims of the ladies, he urged. Women should be considered as men's equals in the home. God placed them on the same plane as the men. He urged young men to consider carefully before marrying. Select a woman who will be a help, not a hindrance. Select one who is not afraid to work. Select one who has practiced cooking on her brothers. Don't select one of the "hand painted China dolls" he said. A man will soon grow weary of sitting across the table from such a thing. The glamour of such a marriage will soon wear off. Mixed marriages as a rule are not successful especially where there are children in the homes. The mother usually dictates the church which the children will join, or too often it is the mother-in-law. He urged husbands to observe marriage vows to the very letter. Where the husband is unfaithful, disease usually follows, resulting in children that are sickly or weak minded. Thousands of young girls in the United States have their lives ruined by married men, he said, and as a result the homes of the Good Shepherd are filled to overflowing. When a married man pays especial attention to a girl, he's a rogue, he said. He classed birth control as a great sin and one that will eventually cause the downfall of any great nation if not discouraged.

Father Gehl's collection for the week will be used in operating the school for the deaf with which he is connected. Ten Sisters and two Priests are connected with the school. There are ninety children in the Institute, including three from North Dakota. The family of Atty. and Mrs. Thos. Murphy have had more than their share of sickness. All four of the children were ill from whooping cough during the winter, and then they all became ill with measles. To add to their troubles one of the sons, Thos. Jr., was taken very ill with pneumonia this week.

Major Person is honored with a reappointment for this year. Major Person spent considerable time during the past year revising the Commandery tactics and the inspection this year will be made according to the new tactics. There are sixteen Commanderies in North Dakota and Mr. Person will complete the work of inspection by March 15.

Surrey Gives Fund for Sufferers Dr. Archie D. McCannel delivered an address on hygiene at the Surrey school house Tuesday evening before a good sized crowd following which a liberal collection was taken for the sufferers in China and the Near East. Surrey is always on the map when it comes to helping out a worthy cause.

Lumbermen's Meeting Plans are being made by the retail lumbermen of Minot to entertain the North Dakota Lumbermen's Ass'n in Minot on Feb. 16th-17th. Definite plans have not yet been completed.

Danielson Secretary of North Star Trail Association A meeting of the directors of the North Star Trail Association was held in Minot Wednesday. Carl E. Danielson, proprietor of the Grand Hotel of this city was elected secretary; the president is Mr. Lyness of Fessenden. Other members of the board are W. H. Francis, Velva; Ted Kahellek, Kenmare, and Mr. Thornhill, Carrington. Plans are being made to expend several hundred dollars in properly marking the trail between Portal and Fargo.

W. C. Gilbreath, Former Commissioner of Agriculture Dies W. C. Gilbreath, for many years Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor of the state of North Dakota, died suddenly from heart trouble at his home in Bismarck, last week. He was 72 years of age. Mr. Gilbreath retired from office about ten years ago. For many years he was prominent in North Dakota politics. As an advertiser of the state's resources he had no peer and he was responsible for bringing thousands of settlers to North Dakota.

JOHN E. TOFFLEMIRE, SAWYER BANKER, DIED IN MINOT FRIDAY

John E. Tofflemire, well known Sawyer banker, passed away in this city early Friday morning after an illness of but a few hours, death being due to heart failure. Mr. Tofflemire had motored to Minot Thursday on business and appeared to be in his usual robust health. He had had a number of heart attacks during the past few years, resulting in fainting spells, but had been feeling as well as usual. He had driven in the afternoon to the home of his brother, Eugene, east of Minot, returning at 7 o'clock. His nephews, Roy and Earl Tofflemire had talked with him at 11 o'clock that night, and he was in his usual health then. He had been attending to some business matters at the office of Atty. Wm. Sibbald until 11 o'clock that night and Mr. Sibbald states that he appeared to be feeling as well as usual. He went down on the street, presumably to get his car and must have been attacked with one of his old heart spells, for about 12:30 o'clock, he was found in the stairway of the Benno Drug store, unconscious and breathing. He was found by one of the night policemen who summoned assistance, carrying him to the city hall, where he died shortly afterwards. The auto was found on the street in the morning, with the water in the engine frozen.

An autopsy was held and later Coroner R. W. Pence held an inquest with the following jurors: Geo. Hoover, L. A. Corey and Fred Almy. In order to determine definitely that Mr. Tofflemire was not the victim of foul play, the stomach was sent to the University laboratory at Grand Forks and the coroner's jury are withholding their verdict awaiting the report from the laboratory.

The funeral was held from the Congregational church at Sawyer Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with Rev. A. J. Spacht in charge. The remains were interred in the Sawyer cemetery. The following brothers and sisters attended the funeral: F. S. Tofflemire, Sawyer; Eugene and Albert of Surrey; Henry, of Pocahontas, Ida.; and a sister, Mrs. C. E. Lighter, and her husband from Mason City, Iowa. The other sister, Mrs. D. H. Gates of Terre Bonne, Ore., was unable to attend the funeral. The aged father, A. Tofflemire, who was 84 years of age, also attended the funeral, his sad death occurring two days later. The deceased is survived by two children, a daughter Alice (Mrs. Lawrence Himes) who resides in Sawyer, and Harold, who attends school in Sawyer. His wife passed away in Sawyer about a year ago. His aged father had been making his home with John E. Tofflemire.

J. E. Tofflemire was born in Boone county, Illinois, near Belvidere, Sept. 14, 1863, and was 57 years of age in September. He lived in Illinois until 1882 when he moved with his parents to Mason City, Iowa. In his early life, he farmed and was also engaged in the butcher and mercantile business, at Thornton, Iowa. He came to Ward county in 1900 homesteading with his father and brothers near Sawyer. In 1902 he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother in Sawyer and three years later organized the Sawyer State Bank of which he was president at the time of his death. He was also vice president of the First State Bank of Lone Tree and president of the Security State Bank of Benedict, all thriving banking institutions. In all of his business connections he was associated with his brother, F. S. Tofflemire, all their affairs being conducted as a co-partnership. The Tofflemire Bros. were owners of nearly 6,000 acres of valuable land in the vicinity of Sawyer at the time of the brother's death. Mr. Tofflemire was married to Miss Sarah Peterson at Mason City, Iowa, who preceded him in death about a year ago.

Rev. A. J. Spacht, pastor of the Sawyer Congregational church, who preached the funeral sermon, said the following as his concluding remarks: "I am but expressing the opinion of the people of Sawyer and community when I say that John Tofflemire was more sinned against than sinning in the manner of his passing. "He lived his life daily in our very midst. We knew some of his failings and they did not seem to us more than the little failings of the average human life. We also knew of his many good deeds, his unflinching good cheerfulness, his always hopeful outlook upon life. No man ever did more to develop Sawyer and community than did he. Controlling large financial resources he directed these to the helping of many. Many who grieve for him today know this to be true. He was a friend to many in time of deep need. Directing and controlling a large acreage of land he was always striving to develop to its high-

est point the agricultural interests of our community. His advice was constantly sought by his neighbors in regard to agricultural affairs and was cheerfully given. "In our village life he was just as large a figure. No village undertaking was set on foot but that he helped. The largest taxpayer in the township he used his office as a member of the Board of Education, to promote in every way the welfare of the public schools and he helped formulate the present policy which has made our schools so marked a success. "This same spirit is seen in his family life. His wife, whose passing we solemnized just a little more than a year ago, was one of the gentlest spirits I have ever known and their home life seemed in perfect accord. His rich legacy of happy home life is left to their children. I commend it to their careful consideration and preservation in their own lives and homes. "Finally, of this church, Bro. Tofflemire was a consistent and faithful member. In my pastorate now lengthening to its fifth year, I can scarcely recall a half dozen times that Bro. Tofflemire was absent from the services unless out of the village on business affairs—and that was not often. His money, his time, and his good counsel were always ours. "In such an hour of grief as the family is now passing through it is well to remember this. It is well, especially, to emulate this part of his life, to have some definite part in the building of God's kingdom here below. "In this life we can see but dimly into that future life. It is well for us that it is so. Yet over there is a loving Father. Over there is a kind Saviour. Over there our lives will be summed up for what they really are. So in God's hands who doeth nothing wrong we will leave the life of our friend for he believed in Him of whom it was said "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

SCOTT W. MCALISTER, DIED AT HIS SURREY HOME MONDAY Scott W. McAlister, who would have been 82 years of age on Feb. 6 next, passed away at his home three miles northeast of Surrey Monday morning from infirmities of age. Funeral services were held from the Brethren church in Surrey Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock, the services being in charge of Rev. Miller, assisted by Elders D. T. Dierdorff and D. M. Shorb. The body, accompanied by the son, Walter, were taken to the old home at Union Bridge, Maryland, on No. 2, where they will be buried beside the remains of his first wife, who died many years ago.

Mr. McAlister was born Feb. 6, 1839, in Adams county, Pa., and when one year old moved with his parents to Union Bridge, Md. Here he married and reared a family of ten children, all of whom are living. Six daughters and two sons live in the east while two sons, D. Earl McAlister and Walter, Surrey farmers, the latter having lived with his father. Mr. McAlister was married about twelve years ago, his second wife surviving. He came to Ward county seventeen years ago and fled on a homestead near Surrey where he continued to reside until his death. He was an excellent citizen and a successful farmer. He was a member of the Russellite faith.

Minot Mañ Wins Fame With Poultry John Stoudt, Minot insurance man, who breeds full blooded Rhode Island Red poultry, as a hobby, has won new laurels. He exhibited a pen of the birds at the North Dakota Poultry Show at Fargo last week, winning first on the cockerel and second on hen. Out of 21 Red Cockerels shown at Fargo, the Minot man got first. He exhibited at Bismarck the week before, securing three premiums. His birds are among the finest in the Northwest and he has received numerous orders for eggs, many orders coming from far-away places. He keeps only a few choice birds, about 35, but knows the game and takes the very best of care of his flock.

G. N. Newsie and Devils Lake Girl Arrested in Hotel Room Christie Farley, a newsie on the G. N. and Miss Francis Thompson, a Devils Lake girl, were arrested in a Minot hotel Tuesday night, where they had registered as man and wife. The arrests were made by Chief McDonald. Farley put up a cash bond of \$100 for himself and \$25 for the girl.

A. TOFFLEMIRE OF SAWYER DIED SHORTLY AFTER DEATH OF HIS SON, J. E. TOFFLEMIRE

Jury for February Term Jurors drawn for the February 1921 term, of District Court of Ward County, commencing February 14. Jury will report February 15, at 2 P. M.

- Ray Zinniger, Foxholm.
- M. E. Thorsen, Minot, R. 5.
- Michael Brunner, Minot, R. 5.
- O. A. Hagen, Berthold.
- L. T. Larson, Drady.
- Peter Winters, Minot, R. 1.
- Edw. Sholaas, Makoti.
- J. W. Maloney, Minot.
- J. O. Saltness, Makoti.
- Carl T. Houge, Minot, R. 5.
- C. E. Dickerson, Des Lacs.
- Ole Rime, Plaza, R. 1.
- Fred Billado, Donnybrook, R. 2.
- T. L. Simmons, Foxholm.
- Henry Bland, Aurelia.
- C. C. Baucher, Des Lacs, R. 1.
- Gunner Wenberg, Donnybrook, R. 1.
- George Frost, Minot, R. 3.
- Emery P. Good, Kenmare, R. 3.
- Harry Arnold, Berthold.
- Fred Roberts, Douglas, R. 3.
- Herman E. Hanson, Carpio.
- George Waterman, Berthold, R. 1.
- C. A. Rismoen, Burlington, R. 1.
- E. A. Haldi, Minot.
- H. F. Newman, Max.
- F. H. Anhorn, Max, R. 1.
- Vitus Carlson, Minot, R. 1.
- Wm. Vollmer, Minot, R. 1.
- J. E. Abbott, Tagus.
- Frank Probst, Douglas.
- Leo L. Block, Donnybrook.
- P. O. Solheim, Burlington, R. 1.
- Wm. C. Knapp, Donnybrook.
- A. S. Lakkabo, Minot.
- D. T. Dierdorff, Surrey.
- T. N. Wold, Minot.
- J. W. Matzdorf, Berthold, R. 2.
- E. B. Wadephul, Max, R. 1.
- John Healy, Des Lacs.

Watkins Crew Off State Payroll Investigators employed by the attorney general under the direction of F. L. Watkins, prohibition enforcement officer, have been taken off the payroll, and probably no new appointments will be made. Those severed from the payroll include L. P. Sandstrom, Wilbur Lukens, R. F. Dahl, Bottineau; Dewey Hagen, Jamestown; Howard Watkins, son of F. L. Watkins, Bismarck; H. J. Baird, Robinson and Peter Scott, Bottineau.

ICELAND SUFFERS SHORTAGE OF ICE! London, England, Jan. 20.—For the first time on record there is an ice famine in Iceland. Cablegrams from Reykjavik, the capital of the country, appeal to Norway to rush shipments of ice to Iceland to save the herring harvest from putrefaction. The famine is due to mild winter and dearth of a local supply.

Minot Prices as Low as the Lowest Oscar J. Rusley, manager of the clothing section of the Leland Department store, returned Thursday from a ten days' visit to the eastern market centers. Mr. Rusley stated to a representative of the Independent that he was surprised to find that prices in the east do not bear out the oft repeated assertion that prices have been reduced to any great extent. Minneapolis prices are in many instances, particularly on staples far in excess of Minot prices. Goods sold at extremely low prices are such goods as small sizes and odd sizes, such as shoes, for instance 2 1/2 triple A which accumulate in any stock and are hard to dispose of. Minot merchants are following the market closely and it is doubtful if merchandise can be found anywhere, priced more reasonably than right here in Minot.

Wm. Hoppman, aged 24 years, son of John H. Hoppman, a Norwich farmer, died at St. Joseph's hospital Jan. 19 from peritonitis. The remains were taken to Norwich for burial.

AVERY ERICKSON WHO KILLED OFFICER FAHLER DIED TODAY

Avery Erickson, whiskey runner from Chisholm, Minn., who was shot thru the body by the late Lee S. Fahler, Minot officer, who died as the result of wounds received from Erickson's revolver, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. Pneumonia set in and the man was in such a weakened condition that he did not long survive. Erickson, who was considered well on the road to recovery, became restless Monday and tore the stitches of his wound loose, making it necessary to sew up the wounds again. For two nights prior to his death he did not sleep a wink. Gus Bergstrom, night guard appointed by Sheriff Scofield, remained at the man's room in the hospital each night since Sunday. Erickson's wife left for her home at Chisholm, Minn., Tuesday, expecting to return after she had attended to some business matters. The remains have been taken to Van Fleet's undertaking parlors to await orders from Mrs. Erickson. Doctors and nurses say that Erickson made no statement concerning his personal affairs at his death.

he was conscious up to within an hour of the time of his death.

Ellis and Harmon Organize Oak Park Ice Co.

Messrs. Louis Ellis, of the Granite Spring Water Co. and J. E. Harmon of the Cash Feed & Fuel Co., have organized a new ice company which will be known as the Oak Park Ice Co. Articles of incorporation were received by the new concern only this week. The contract for the erection of the immense ice houses which will be located just beyond Wildwood Park was let to Wm. Schollerman on Tuesday. The new houses will have a capacity of 7000 tons. The men behind the new enterprise are sharp, shrewd business men and the probability is that ice prices during the coming summer will show a material reduction as compared with the prices during the past season.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lingofelt, of Surrey, left for Carrington, N. D. Friday to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Beaty, ten days.

MR. AND MRS. R. W. DUVALL INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. DuVall who left here Tuesday of last week to spend the winter on the coast met with a serious accident while visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bell of Spokane, the day following their arrival in that city. As Mrs. Bell accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. DuVall were driving along the streets of that city their auto collided with a street car, the impact throwing Mr. DuVall clear of the machine and beyond a few slight cuts and some severe bruises he was uninjured. Mrs. DuVall suffered a severe scalp wound, eight stitches being necessary to close the wound. A letter from Mr. DuVall received yesterday conveyed the first news Minot people had learned of the accident.

De Molay Commandery to be Inspected Feb. 21.

The annual inspection of De Molay Commandery No. 10, K. T. will be held at the Masonic Temple on the evening of Feb. 21. Major E. S. Person of Minot who was the inspecting officer for the Grand Com-