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### DEMONSTRATION FARM AT CO. POOR FARM IS PROPOSITION

On Saturday, Feb. 19th, the Executive Board of the Ward County Farm Bureau met in the County Agent's office to formulate plans for the coming year. Resolutions were adopted, committees were appointed and plans arranged for starting Farm Bureau work for this year.

Commissioner Spichers and Commissioner Haldi came before the Farm Bureau Executive Board to discuss plans for conducting a demonstration farm in connection with the County Poor Farm. Mr. Spicher proposed that a series of demonstrations be worked out on the county poor farm under supervision of the Ward County Farm Bureau for the purpose of studying the crops and livestock that are suitable to our climatic and soil conditions. Mr. Spicher stated that since our closest demonstration farm was located at Williston, that it was not representative of our conditions and that there was a need for a demonstration farm in this immediate locality. He stated that without additional expense to the county, these demonstrations could be conducted on the county poor farm and the results distributed to the farmers of the county which would give them the benefits of these demonstrations carried on under the most modern methods of cultivation and with such crops and livestock as are most adaptable and profitable to this section of the country. Martin Jacobson and County Agent N. D. Gorman were appointed on the committee to draw up plans to be presented to the Ward County Commissioners and the Ward County Farm Bureau.

O. K. Spires, dairyman, living north of Minot, who has been very active in the organization of the Ward County Calf Club appeared before the Executive Board and asked that the Executive Board use their influence in bringing about the employment of an assistant county agent who would develop the Boys' and Girls' Club work in the county and devote half of his time to developing the livestock industry.

In arranging the program of work for the year, the major projects were divided and a member of the Executive Board assigned to each project as a chairman of the committee, the other members to be selected by the chairman. These are as follows:

Harvey Johnson, Burlington, potato project.  
Henry Finke, Berthold, livestock.  
T. M. Williams, Des Lacs, Forage crops.

Chas. Quradnik, Burlington, Boys' & Girls' Club work.  
Martin Jacobson, Minot, Demonstration Farm.  
Clyde Nelson, Sawyer, Poultry.  
A. G. Burgeson, Douglas, Organization.

Special committees were appointed as follows:  
County Fair—Henry Finke, chairman; T. M. Williams, Martin Jacobson.

Auditing Committee—Charles Ouradnik, Martin Jacobson.

The relation of the Farm Bureau to the Grange was discussed and a resolution was adopted stating that the Farm Bureau would wherever possible co-operate and further the work of the Grange in Ward county.

A resolution was adopted in appreciation of the work of the retiring members of the Ward County Executive Board.

In declaring the principles of the Ward County Farm Bureau, the Executive Board adopted the following resolution: Whereas in the development of economic conditions during the last few years agriculture has not received due consideration which has brought about a depression in agricultural conditions and thru lack of organization the farmers have been compelled to sell their products below the cost of production, making the business of farming unprofitable in general, and

Whereas, These depressed conditions have effected the Ward County farmers and as the American Farm Bureau Federation and the North Dakota Farm Bureau Federation have shaped their policies and principles in an effort to correct these conditions and have already made great progress in obtaining equal rights for the farmer and have demanded when administrative policies are formed, agriculture will receive due consideration;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Ward County Farm Bureau heartily endorse the principles of the above named organizations and pledge our support, and

Be It Therefore Resolved, that we recommend the following principles and seek the support of every farmer in an effort to carry them out. Because of the recent drop in the price of farm products caused by the breaking down of highly inefficient and expensive marketing systems, the Ward County farmer has during the past year sustained heavy losses which have seriously retarded the progress of agriculture in Ward County.

The farmer of Ward county as well as of the Nation is confronted with the serious problem of beginning the construction of his own marketing system in an effort to obtain a fair price for his products as compared with the material he must buy to produce such products. He is confronted with the problems of bringing

about better educational facilities of the rural districts of the county and the development of a more efficient and profitable system of agriculture. In full accord with the co-operating agencies, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the North Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the North Dakota Agricultural College, and the Ward County Commissioners, shall endeavor so far as possible to develop the local selling associations for the handling, shipping and marketing of farm products and shall endeavor to federate these with the State and National co-operative selling associations to bring about the largest possible unit in the marketing of any one commodity.

In bringing about greater efficiency in the production of agricultural products, the Ward County Farm Bureau shall encourage the keeping of farm records which will enable the farmers to co-operate with the State Federation to determine the cost of production. In co-operation with the County Agent, the Ward County Farm Bureau shall distribute bulletins, pamphlets and literature of modern agriculture as is applicable to our conditions and shall endeavor to develop community centers in an effort to bring about closer co-operation and mutual helpfulness on the part of its members. In short, the Farm Bureau shall endeavor thru co-operating agencies and its members to bring about a more economic and profitable system of agriculture; more efficient rural educational institutions and to make the business of farming a more profitable and pleasant enterprise.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the Farm Machinery repair work which is urged by the Executive Board of the North Dakota Farm Bureau Federation.

#### Minot Normal School Remains Undefeated

The Minot Normal School is represented this season by an unusually fast basketball team. It is made up of former high school stars and two of last season's Normal Five.

To date the Normal quint has won eight games and have yet to taste defeat. The games and scores of games played this season follow:

- Normal 37, Berthold 24.
- Normal 36, Kenmare 10.
- Normal 30, Minot H. S., 19.
- Normal 46, Harvey 21.
- Normal 44, Balfour 18.
- Normal 31, Stanley 11.
- Normal 37, Egeland 11.
- Normal 38, Minot H. S., 16.

The personnel of the Normal team follows: Opland, captain and guard of last season's team. He is a large, shifty and strong, and seems to anticipate what an opponent is going to do. All scores made against him will be earned. He breaks up many plays in his territory, helped his side get possession of the ball and is a large factor in keeping down the score of opposing teams.

R. Leighton, guard, is a letter man of last season's Minot High School Five. He possesses the qualities of both the scoring and standing guard. He is a large, heavy man, which speaks for itself.

Greenfield, center, was the star of the 1919-20 Fessenden High School quintet. He was picked by 'Bud' Johnson, former University of North Dakota star, as All-District center, in the District tournament, held at Minot last March. He is a tall rangy man and a 'sure' shot. Greenfield's basket shooting has been the feature of every game played this season.

Nichols, forward, was also a letter man of the Minot High School. He is a reliable man and possesses a great deal of speed. His passing is good and he is a demon for work.

Zahares, forward, and member of the 1919-20 Normal five is a remarkable player. He is a wonderful floor man and an accurate shot.

King, forward, is well versed in the art of dribbling and a good shot. He possesses both speed and ruggedness. He is a "dead sure" foul shot and holds this position on the quint.

Bisael has fine team work and causes his guards no end of worry. He is a hard worker and a dependable man.

This year's Normal School team is without a doubt the fastest quint that has ever represented the school on the basketball floor.

The team is coached by F. L. Blume, former Hamline College star. Coach Blume is very optimistic over the team's outlook and believes they will land the state Normal school title.

On March 3 in the Normal school gymnasium, the Minot Normal quint meets the Valley City Normal team to settle the championship for the state normals.

#### Knights of Pythias Celebrate 57th Anniversary

The 57th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Pythias lodge was celebrated at the K. P. home Tuesday night by a very large crowd, the Pythian Sisters and the Knights of Pythias joining in the celebration.

The program included the K. P. flag ceremony, selections by Humphrey's orchestra, vocal solos by Mrs. J. W. Howe, and addresses by Mrs. J. W. Gravel, C. B. Bach and Fred L. Anderson. Refreshments and dancing were enjoyed later.

### REICHERT WILL CASE ATTRACTS ATTENTION; TO JURY TODAY

The arguments in the Reichert will case which has been on trial before Judge Moelling in district court for more than a week began this morning and it is believed that the case will go to the jury late this afternoon.

The action is an appeal from the county court wherein the case had been decided in favor of the heirs of Joseph Reichert, a wealthy young farmer, who died in Minot, Feb. 21, 1920, leaving an estate valued at approximately \$20,000.00.

The appeal to the district court was taken by Miss Mary Keller, a young woman who is employed in a young man's store at Carrington, N. D., and who claims that she was engaged to marry Jos. Reichert, and that their marriage would have taken place early last year had not Mr. Reichert's death occurred.

The case attracted wide attention and the court room has been crowded each day of the trial by men and women spectators. Farmers have motored in from long distances each day to hear the testimony.

McGee & Goss appeared for Miss Keller and the attorneys for the Reichert heirs were Fisk, Murphy & Nash and J. J. Coyle. The case was on trial just five days and Miss Keller was on the stand for a good many hours. She proved to be an excellent witness, sticking to her testimony in a remarkably capable manner. She branded most of the testimony offered by the Reichert heirs as false and showed considerable spirit from time to time.

Two wills made by Jos. Reichert were exhibited. The first one was made the day before he died. In this will he bequeathed \$500 to the Catholic church, \$500 for training worthy Catholic young men for Priesthood; \$100 for masses for his soul, \$200.00 to Miss Keller and the remainder of his property including a valuable half section of land five miles northwest of Minot was to be divided equally among his brothers and sisters. Father Raith was named as executor in the first will.

Atty. J. J. Coyle who drew up the first will testified, it showed he read it to Mr. Reichert, it showed that \$500 had been left to Mary Keller. Mr. Coyle stated that Mr. Reichert remarked that he meant the amount to be only \$200.00, that was just a friend and Mr. Coyle stated that thereupon he changed the typewritten figure 5 to read 2, using pen and ink. The first will was witnessed by Miss Fernite, a nurse in St. Joseph's hospital and by Mr. Coyle.

A second will was signed by Mr. Reichert about fifteen minutes before he died, testimony showed. This was a will prepared at the request of Miss Keller, who stated that Jos. Reichert wished to sign a new will. Miss Keller had arrived from Carrington the day that Mr. Reichert died. In the second will \$100 was given for masses for his soul. The personal property was bequeathed to the relatives and all of the rest of the property was given to Miss Keller. Dr. A. Carr and Dr. F. E. Wheelon affixed their signatures to the second will. Dr. Carr stated that in his opinion Mr. Reichert did not know what he was signing; that Mr. Reichert was staring straight ahead; that he made the letter J and then hesitated much before he finished writing his name. Miss Keller testified that as he signed the will, he looked towards the paper and in the direction of where she was standing as well.

Miss Clara Ellefson, a nurse, testified that Joe didn't realize what he was signing and that he remarked, "Yes, give me the check, I'll sign it."

The Mother Superior testified that she had the first will in her possession and that Miss Keller asked to see it. The Mother produced the will, she says, and Miss Keller stood reading it over her shoulder, snatching it out of her hands, retaining both wills.

It appears that Jos. Reichert had told Miss Keller that he had made a will and that either Father Raith or the Mother Superior had it.

James Johnson testified that Miss Keller came to his office and stated that the first will didn't suit her and that she wanted it changed. Miss Keller said she remarked that the first will didn't suit Jos. Reichert and that he wanted it changed.

In her cross examination, Miss Keller stated, that Atty. Coyle's testimony reminded her of a "Time Novel" and a cheap one at that.

Joe's sister, Mrs. Ryan from Montana, testified that she was introduced to Miss Keller at the depot on her arrival for the funeral and that Miss Keller told her not to feel so badly because she had not arrived earlier and that she knew Miss Keller for a few minutes at a time only. This Miss Keller denies.

A. Enders, whose wife is a sister of the deceased, said he had been in the room the last day and that the only thing he heard Joe say about a will was that he had made one and wanted Miss Keller to see it.

The attorneys for Miss Keller produced the will left by the father of the Reichert children, in which Joe's brothers and sisters were given each \$200 and that Joe was given the remainder of the property. The will was introduced to show that the father had already received what the father considered was their share of the property.

Among the other witnesses were Dr. Wheelon and Father Raith.

There was a tragic moment at the court room just before noon today, when Miss Mary Keller, becoming angered at remarks made by Atty. Dudley L. Nash in his arguments before the jury, picked up a large law book and raised it as if she was going to throw it at Mr. Nash. Atty. McGee took hold of the book and laid it aside. In another moment, Miss Keller had grabbed another book. This was also taken away from her and her arms were held. Court was adjourned then until 2 o'clock.

As Atty. Nash referred to the old Reichert homestead, and stated that it was more than a farm—it was their home, which the children helped to support. Mrs. Leslie Colton one of the Reichert sisters fainted away and was carried from the court room. Mrs. Enders, another sister, became hysterical and was led from the room.

This afternoon, Miss Keller was not present at the trial. Attorney Nash continued his arguments this afternoon. He referred to the book incident of this morning. He stated that Miss Keller has an ambitious, active mind. "She is bright—she cuts like a razor", he said.

The jury is to render a special verdict. They are to determine whether Jos. Reichert made a will on Feb. 24, 1920, and if so had he the proper mental capacity at the time to do so and did he know that it was his last will and testament. Did he acknowledge it as such? If the jury finds this to be the case, then the last will be admitted to probate by Judge Murray, unless the case is appealed to the supreme court, which is likely no matter what the verdict may be. If the jury decides otherwise, then the first will is to be admitted to probate. In the meantime, the Reichert farm is in the hands of a special administrator, C. B. Bach, who will superintend seeding it this spring.

#### Gov. Frazier Tries to Sell Bonds in East

Gov. Lynn J. Frazier is in Washington, D. C. this week, according to a dispatch, trying to make a sale of North Dakota bonds thru labor organizations. Attorney General Lemke visited Washington recently on a similar mission and was unsuccessful.

### BANKERS ENTERTAIN AT TOWN CRIERS BANQUET TUESDAY EVE.

#### SAVE THE CHILDREN FROM STARVING

The Hoover fund will keep many children from starving to death. It has been estimated that every ten dollars will save the life of a child. The Hoover fund is being very carefully used and the money paid in will all be conscientiously expended.

When one has a surplus of cash, a donation cannot be considered as much of a gift. It is only when one feels that it pinches a little to give, that one can consider that he is really doing a charitable act and with most of us to give at this time, it will hurt a little at least. There is scarcely a man in Ward county but who could spare a little, as hard up as we all may feel. If a child next door to you were dying of starvation, you would divide your last dollar with it.

The Independent will be glad to send in any money that you will care to send to this office.

The following contributions have been received and we will forward the money each week as it is received:

- American Federation of Musicians, No. 435, Minot, \$100.00
- Edgar Bailey, Sawyer, 10.00
- Ward Co. Independent 10.00

#### GREAT MAGAZINE STORY ON SCREEN

"Without Limit" Adapted From Saturday Evening Post Story. A Unique Picture.

A short time ago thousands of readers were startled and delighted by a masterly short story that appeared in The Saturday Evening Post. It was "Temple Dusk," by Calvin Johnston. Now the story has been pictureized under the name of "Without Limit" and will be seen at the Orpheum Theatre on Wednesday where it begins a run of two days as the feature attraction.

Those who have not seen it may rest assured that for stark power, compelling interest and a plot of persons living in wealth on the skirts of society, "Without Limit" cannot be beaten. Not only is the plot engrossing, but the picture is a George D. Baker production released by Metro and featuring Anna Q. Nilsson, the lovely screen beauty.

"Without Limit" tells of Ember, the little girl who in a drunken moment marries a coward and discovers her mistake in a sumptuous gambling palace. She learns that her new husband is a forger who refuses to take his punishment at the hands of Palter, the strange gambling king. Ember almost sinks to abandonment while her husband, whom she has left, takes a stranglehold on life. The denouement alternates in the gambling den and in a venerable church.

Williston Men Enjoy Visit in Minot  
Verne Yonkers, Harry Peyton and E. Washington Blaisdell, prominent businessmen of Williston, visited Minot early this week.

Mr. Yonkers is proprietor of the Great Northern Cafe and is one of the most capable restaurant men in the state.

Mr. Peyton is the manager of the Great Northern Hotel at Williston. Both of these men are Greeters and attended the state convention of Greeters in Minot Tuesday. Mr. Peyton, appeared on the program, speaking in a very forceful manner on matters of interest to the hotelmen of the state.

Mr. Blaisdell accompanied the Greeters to show them around our city and to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Country after whom he was named. They all had a good word for Minot in the manner in which they were entertained.

Ford Dealers Attend Minot Convention  
Thirty-two Ford dealers from the northwestern section of the state attended a Ford dealers' convention in Minot Tuesday. They attended an enjoyable luncheon at the Leland.

R. C. Ives of Fargo, manager of the Fargo branch, assured the dealers of an ample supply of cars. The Ford factories will soon be running to capacity. There will be no immediate change in prices. A number of non-producing officers in the company have been eliminated and the number of employes has been reduced to only those who are necessary.

H. H. Westlie, of the Westlie-Root Co., Minot Ford dealers, and others expressed themselves as optimistic over the prospects for this year's business. People must use cars and even the conditions are not the best, the Ford will serve their needs nicely and at a saving.

S. A. Thomas of Dickinson will take charge of the Standard Oil Co. of this city Monday. Geo. Campbell will take charge of the company's station at Stanley.

The Minot Town Criers monthly dinner was given at the Association of Commerce rooms Tuesday evening, the entertainment being furnished by the Bankers' Section of that organization.

The lawyers, newspapermen, merchants, doctors, wholesalers, and manufacturers had all been feeling sorry for the bankers, for they didn't think that they knew how to put on a real entertainment, but A. H. Kurth, cashier of the Citizens Bank, who was chairman and toastmaster, put his program across with a vim that has set a very high standard for others to reach.

The Episcopal ladies furnished an extra good turkey feed. The North Dakota Greeters who held their state convention in Minot that day, attended in a body and altogether covers were laid for 160.

The Town Criers orchestra played an especially fine program. The invocation was delivered by Dr. Clifford and the assemblage sang America.

G. A. Ebbert, of the First Farmers Bank was supposed to have spoken on "Why does a bank close down when a still blows up," but instead he made a plea for co-operation. In his talk, he made one vital admission and that was that the Minot newspapermen had at least gained sight of heaven.

C. H. Zehringer, vice president of the Union National Bank, gave an excellent talk on Bank Publicity. The bank's advertising is different from that of the merchant. The banker cannot advertise gold dollars at 90 cents. Instead they must tell their story in an interesting manner and their advertising must appear in a conspicuous place in the newspaper.

C. E. Danielson, president of the Greeters, and Ted Kahellek, Kenmare hotelman, and a Greeter, spoke for the visitors.

A unique feature of the program was a representation of a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Minot in 1888. Verne Stenersen as chairman, Carl Bach, K. H. Swigum, Geo. Heger, J. K. Woodward and Roy Myer, represented the Jim Johnson, John Ehr and other old timers. The chairman made them lay their artillery on the table and some one dug up a nice bottle of Rock and Rye.

The young ladies employed in the Minot banks attended the banquet and gave a demonstration of a board of directors meeting in 1888. They sat about the tables chewing gum and using their powder puffs freely. One moved that check covers with looking glasses and powder puffs be furnished the patrons. The population of Minot was presumed to be more than three million and the imaginary dividends would make the claims of the Bank of North Dakota fade into insignificance. The young ladies taking part were the Misses Clarice Harrison, Helen Bonholder, Magdalena Tuffli, Alphia Olson, Hilda Balderud, Fern Walker, Hazel Hunt and Mattie Nyakken.

Dr. C. L. Clifford, pastor of the Methodist church made a decided hit when he spoke on "What we think of the banking fraternity from the outside". He spoke of the opportunity for service the bankers have and he paid them a very high compliment.

#### Minot Normal Wins Again

As might be expected, the high school rosters surpassed the Normal School in their cheering at Tuesday evening's basketball game, but the Normal School's brand of basketball entirely out-classed that which the High displayed. The was a thriller, the rosters on both sides being determined that their men should win. A feeling of uncertainty as to who would win was maintained all thru the first half, but the Normal score shot up so fast during the first part of the second half, that victory was assured long before the final whistle sounded. The score of 38 to 16, at the end of the game made this another decided victory for the undefeated Normal quint. During the whole season the Normal has not been defeated, but the final test will come, when they meet the Valley City Normal on the Minot floor March 3rd.

Immediately after the game an hour's dancing was enjoyed by the students and faculty of both the Normal and High Schools in the High School Auditorium. — By G. Emily Martin, Normal Class in Journalism.

#### Standard Oil Manager Formerly a Printer

S. A. Thomas, who arrived from Dickinson the first of the week to assume the management of the plant of the Standard Oil Co. of this city, is an old time printer. Mr. Thomas informs the Independent that some ten years ago he applied for a job with the Ward County Independent, afterwards going to Palermo where he published a paper for J. C. Huff. Mr. Thomas evidently grew weary "sticking type" for an uncertain stipend, for he has been hooked up with John D. for several years. Mr. Thomas is a first class citizen and will receive the right kind of a welcome in Minot.

Editor Francis of Velva enjoyed the Town Criers banquet Tuesday evening.