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E. ELLISON, PROMINENT MINOT MERCHANT, DIED WEDNESDAY; FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Engle B. Ellison, senior member of E. Ellison & Sons, owners of The Fair Store, died at 2 a. m. Wednesday at the Ellison home, 16 Fifth avenue southwest, after an illness of some three months. He went to Rochester, Minn., some three months ago seeking relief thru an operation, returning to Minot the fore part of January. For a time it was hoped that he might recover but his advanced age served as a handicap and he gradually grew worse. His condition became serious last week and death this morning was not unexpected. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon, services at the First Lutheran church at 3 p. m., with the Rev. T. F. Gullixson officiating. Interment will take place in the Lutheran cemetery.

Mr. Ellison was born in Norway, in 1847, coming to this country with his parents when three years old and settling near Decorah, Iowa. When 18 years old he went to Chatfield, Minn., and enlisted in Co. H, Fourth Minnesota Volunteers in the spring of 1864. He was a member of the Fifth Army Corps of the army of the Mississippi and was a member of Sherman's army on its march to the sea. He served with distinction and was honorably discharged June 12, 1865, when he was mustered out at Fort Snelling. He was married to Miss Olivia Hoffos June 14, 1879, at Decorah and the same year they moved to Fargo, then in Dakota Territory. Mr. Ellison entered business in Fargo and was one of the first merchants in the Red River valley section of North Dakota. In February, 1902, Mr. Ellison disposed of his interests in Fargo and came to Minot, where he and his sons established The Fair Store. While of late years Mr. Ellison turned the responsibilities of his business in Minot over to his sons he retained an active interest and until taken seriously ill spent most of his time in his office.

Few citizens have been more fortunate in business ventures in Minot than Mr. Ellison and his aim was to keep his store well up to the demands of Minot people despite the city's rapid growth. His personality had much to do with his success and his passing is almost a personal bereavement to people of Minot and this section of the state whose friendship he cultivated during the years he spent in this city. He was a valued member of the First Lutheran church.

Mrs. Ellison who had shared with him the trials of pioneer days in Dakota Territory and the success which marked his business in Minot, died Jan. 17, last. She had accompanied Mr. Ellison to Rochester, Minn., and contracted a severe cold while there. Pneumonia developed on their return to Minot and caused her death a few days later. Two sons, Dr. Edward Ellison and Wilhelm Ellison predeceased their parents and are buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Minot where their mother was buried and where Mr. Ellison will be buried Friday. Surviving are two daughters and three sons. The daughters are Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth Davick, wife of The Rev. C. Davick of Wymdmore, N. D., and Mrs. Ruth Claire MacGregor, wife of Donald MacGregor of Hooper, Wash. Both daughters and their husbands are now in Minot. The sons are J. Norman Ellison, Otto C. Ellison and Hildor B. Ellison, all of Minot.

Mr. Ellison was elected commander of Minot's Abraham Lincoln G. A. R. post at a recent meeting. Members of the G. A. R. post will attend the funeral in a body.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION IN MAGIC CITY

Event Will Be Staged in Minot Friday Night—Professional and Business Men Will Impersonate the Parts.

An event of unique and unusual interest planned for Friday night, March 4—a date of striking significance in American affairs. The inauguration taking place in Washington that day is to be reproduced, and played with variations. Leading business and professional men of the community will impersonate the characters who are now coming into national prominence. Men for these parts have been selected because of physical likeness to the character they impersonate and also their ability to represent the office they are supposed to fill.

The Chief Justice, which office will be filled by Attorney C. B. Bach, will administer the oath of office to the President and Vice-President and they will make inaugural addresses. He will then introduce the members of the President's cabinet, who will give short speeches of acceptance and spill a bit of their wisdom as to what they think should be done in their departments. Wit and wisdom will intermingle, and it will be a night long to be remembered.

It is expected that R. A. Nestos will take the part of President Harding, though he is out of the city and cannot be seen today. Attorney Verne Stenerson will impersonate Vice President Coolidge. Attorney John E. Greene will appear as Secretary of State, M. R. Porter of the Scandinavian-American bank will act as Secre-



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tary of the Treasury and tell us what should be done in the financial situation. Attorney Thomas Murphy will assume the responsibilities of Attorney General. Attorney Jim Johnson will be our next Secretary of War. G. D. Colcord of the Independent will play Hoover's popular part as Secretary of Commerce. The position of Postmaster General will be filled by our own Postmaster, Fred Anderson. C. W. Mason, editor of the Daily News, will assume the important position of Secretary of Agriculture. W. M. Smart will put across a program for the Secretary of Labor. The position of Secretary of the Interior will be well taken care of by the principal of the high school, Prof. J. H. Colton.

It is expected the High School band, under the leadership of Prof. John Howard, will provide the music. If the high school team draws for a basket ball game Friday night, other music will be provided. Mr. Ira Rush is organizing a company of soldiers and sailors who in uniform will give dignity to the ceremonies. Miss Hazel McCulloch of the Normal school faculty will head a group of women who will make demands for the recognition of the modern woman in government. There will be other features introduced in the nature of surprises which will add pep and fun to the program.

J. K. Woodward, decorator for the Fair Store, is superintending a group of assistants in erecting a platform and putting up appropriate decorations for this unusual event, in the auditorium of Vincent Methodist church, where the program is to be put on.

This coming event is creating a great deal of interest thruout the community, and no doubt hundreds of people will avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing a Presidential inauguration. The Home Makers, which is a group of nearly a hundred young married people in the Methodist church, are promoting the enterprise and they are anxious to make it a real community event.

Celebrated Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White

The W. R. C. held an unusually interesting meeting Tuesday, Mrs. Ida Youngman presiding. Sixteen applications for membership were received. After the business session a social hour was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White having been married 50 years, a Golden Wedding program was enjoyed. Mrs. May Palda acted as the parson. Messrs. H. C. Bemis and T. C. Conklin supported the groom while Mrs. Conklin and Mrs. Marie Olson were the bridesmaids. Mrs. W. D. Wilson and Mrs. Minnie Bakeman were the little flower girls and scattered flowers. Mrs. R. H. Emerson, in behalf of the W. R. C., presented the bride with a gold brooch and the groom with a gold pencil. Mr. White thanked the Corps in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Luehe sang "I Love You Truly," and "Silver Threads Among the Gold," with Mrs. Hancock at the piano. Mrs. Hancock also gave a reading which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the close of the program, the hostesses, Mesdames Dell Dennis, Hurd Lytle, Bertha Edwards, Ida Youngman, Pearl Bragg and Maud Mouch served a delicious luncheon. Five veterans were present, H. C. Bemis, T. A. Callahan, Rev. H. W. A. Mergel, T. C. Conklin and J. D. White. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, Mar. 15, with Mrs. O. P. Stewart, Margaret West, Marie Olson and Della Hunt as hostesses.

French War Bride Likes Minot

Mrs. Jim Y. Robey, a French war bride, and her husband are now residents of Minot, her husband having been employed by one of the railroads for some time. Mr. Robey, formerly of Mohall, while with the overseas forces, met a charming little French lady in Paris and married her. She accompanied Mr. Robey to America and has learned to speak English in 1 1/2 years quite well. She is delighted with America, and has never been homesick for "gay Paree".

MINOT MERCHANTS WILL GIVE GREAT BARGAINS ON DOLLAR DAY MARCH 12



The businessmen of Minot will give the greatest bargains since the pre-war period at the big Dollar Day celebration to be held here Saturday, March 12.

Practically every store, restaurant, hotel, bank, plumbing shop, etc. has arranged to give some exceedingly good bargains for that day, as you will note by watching the advertising columns of the Independent this week. Many of the merchants who have not prepared their Dollar Day advertising copy for our issue next week, which will go into the mails early in order that it may reach the rural districts in good time to acquaint everybody with the splendid bargains offered.

The windows of the places offering Dollar Day bargains will carry appropriate banners. There will be many interesting displays. There will be many unique offerings.

The Town Criers Club of Minot are the sponsors for the Dollar Day celebration.

Every Dollar Day advertisement will be carefully read by a committee from the club so the public will be sure of getting exactly the bargains advertised.

The Dollar of late years has not had a very large buying value, but the prices of many things have returned very close to the pre-war standard.

An immense crowd will undoubtedly visit Minot on Saturday, March 12. The merchants naturally are making a bid for your business, but they are meeting you in the open, placing their wares before you and offering to give you the best trade in years for your dollars. It will surprise you to learn what a dollar will buy for you in Minot on Saturday, March 12.

John Howard has arranged to be out with his band during the day, giving concerts in front of the stores advertising Dollar Day bargains. More complete details of the big Dollar Day celebration will appear in our next issue.

LE SUEUR'S PLANS TO CONTINUE PROGRAM AND FIX FINANCES

The Independent prints a letter written by Arthur LeSueur, former Minot lawyer and President of the city commission and for years a North Dakota Socialist. LeSueur has been one of Townley's chief supporters until a year or so ago when he broke with him because of a difference in opinion. LeSueur is now as much in favor of the Nonpartisan league program as he ever was. While the Independent has disagreed with Mr. LeSueur on a good many things, his letter sounds very reasonable and we print it in hopes that it may be of assistance in bringing the state out of its present state of financial chaos.

One faction of the Independent Voters' association claims that the trouble North Dakota is in today is caused by the Nonpartisan program; that it must be abandoned, lock, stock and barrel. Another faction of the Independent Voters association contends that the program, if strictly managed by honest men instead of by the Nonpartisans, who, they claim, have been utterly dishonest as well as incompetent. A third major contention is made by the Nonpartisans that all of the difficulties experienced by North Dakota are caused by opposition and attacks of the I. V. A. and "Big Business"—whatever that is.

I wish to call the attention of the people of North Dakota as widely as possible to this fact that the trouble which North Dakota is experiencing now is in the main, due—not to the program so far as it relates to mills, elevators, bank and hail insurance in themselves—but is caused by two things in connection with this: First, the program is being controlled and managed by politicians and not by experts or businessmen, and as heretofore pointed out, whenever an attempt is made to operate industries or actively administer them by politicians, one of two things must happen, either parties in charge of the industries, when they are put there as politicians, will be bad politicians and be kicked out because they are bad administrators. Apparently, they have been good politicians in North Dakota, so far, but bad administrators. To be good politicians, they must be bad administrators. The results of political administration, which have been exposed, (but not cause) by the I. V. A., were foretold two years ago when I tried to prevent the adoption of that policy.

There is only one solution which will permit of a fair trial of the program and at the same time remedy the intolerable conditions that exist in the state, first, let the legislature stop playing politics on both sides and get together to take the bank and the industries out of politics, to be administered hereafter by impartial boards of experts governing the different industries, that is to say, one board for the mills, if the mills are continued, one board for the elevators, and one board for the bank. If the legislature cannot agree upon allowing either the governor or the industrial commission to appoint the boards, let them be appointed by the governor alone, subject to approval by the joint

vote of the house and senate. If this cannot be agreed upon, then let the house and the senate in joint session appoint these boards and put them in for long terms of office subject to removal for cause only.

Second, limit by law the activities of the Bank of North Dakota, as follows: To a land loan bank with the right to do an unlimited business in real estate loans.

To handle the state funds but not other public funds, and act as fiscal agent of the state's industries.

For the time being no other industries should be launched or attempted, until such time as the mill and elevator at Grand Forks and the bank have been put on a sound, self-sustaining basis of proven success. There should be absolute separation of the management of the mill and elevator systems, the mills not being nearly as likely to succeed as the elevators, and the facts in reference to this should specifically agree to this.

With this as the declared policy of the state in which all the factions agree, there will be no question about the rehabilitation of the credit of the state. North Dakota's acres are as fertile as heretofore; her people are as sober and industrious, and as capable of creating wealth, and the real cause of her difficulties lies in the bitter and insane factional fight that has been carried to such extremes, together with the utterly mistaken policy of having industries administered by politicians. Any member of the house or senate, or any public officer, who refuses to meet this sort of a proposition is guilty of the most grievous offense against the interests of the people of the State of North Dakota and will merit the utter contempt of every citizen in the state.

Take your industries out of politics. Give the people of your state a chance to live. The I. V. A. members know that the people demand a trial of this program on a sane, conservative basis. If it fails, everyone will be satisfied to abandon it; if it succeeds, no one will want to destroy it, and if it is abandoned now without a fair trial, the farmers of the state will never rest until some method of giving it a fair trial has been arrived at. Why not recognize these plain facts and act upon them as rational human beings should?

Arthur LeSueur.
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 16.

North Dakota Elks Association Organized

The North Dakota Elks Association was organized in Minot Saturday. The conference was called by John J. Coyle, of Minot, district deputy of the B. P. O. Elks of North Dakota. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected:

President—C. P. Brown, Fargo.
Secretary—Treasurer—R. W. Bassett, Valley City.

Trustees—Frank Brown, Grand Forks; Chas. Doyon, Devils Lake; J. B. Atkinson, Minot. Each lodge will be assessed 10 cents a year per capita to sustain the state organization. The purpose of the state organization is to coordinate the work of the various Elks lodges.

ROTARY CELEBRATES 16TH BIRTHDAY OF ORGANIZATION

Virginia Visits Native State
The following from the Green County Record, Standardville, Va., will be read by Mr. Miller's many friends in this section of the state:

"Lieut. Lee Miller, of Granville, North Dakota, who has been a most welcome guest to this, his native county, left this week for his home. While here Lieut. Miller found the latchstrings of both relatives and friends hanging outside conspicuously for him. He is a remarkably well preserved man for his years—he will be 81 years April 14. He does not show the slightest feebleness and did a good deal of walking while on his visit from choice. He said when remonstrated with on this score that he felt better when he stirred about some. Mr. Miller left here in 1866 and went to Missouri, and from there he went to North Dakota and now lives only 40 miles from the Canadian line. While visiting here his wife visited her mother at Marshall, Mo. Mr. Miller will stop for her on his way back home.

Mr. Miller left Green with the first military company that entered the civil war from Greene. Capt. Frank McMullan was at its head. Later Capt. Finks Catterton was in command and afterwards Capt. Newcombe McMullan. Mr. Miller entered the service as a sergeant and rose to first lieutenant. He was in the first battle of Manassas, was wounded through both legs just below the thighs at the second Bull Run scrimmage, which kept him home a year, and yet went back and served with his company until the close of the war, having been in many battles in Virginia and North Carolina. His brother, Theodore, a member of the same company, was killed at the battle of the Wilderness in which he himself participated.

Mr. Miller has three sons, Robert Lee, in North Dakota; C. D., in Arkansas, and Theodore, in California. It has been 27 years since he had been on a visit to his old home. All unite in the wish that he may come soon again. He is the type of the fine old Virginia gentleman, the lustre of which has not worn off in the slightest by his choice of a home in a distant state."

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"Colored Trade Not Solicited"

Editor Independent:
It seems by an article in Tuesday's Daily News that someone in Minot is catering for cheap notoriety in making a campaign against the "Colored Trade Not Solicited" signs displayed in some of the restaurants in our city. The News Reporter puts it this way: "Why make sport of our police department by openly defying their order to take down such signs?" Our question: "Why make such an order? What one of our city commissioners would give a public invitation to the colored people to come into their homes and sit at their table and eat with their family? I venture to say not one. Now there are many of our citizens that have no other place to eat except in our restaurants, and they are surely entitled to a little consideration.

Further, the restaurant in question has a considerable patronage who express themselves as perfectly satisfied to see such sign displayed, and who openly say that if the sign comes down they will go elsewhere to be served. So that the whole matter goes back to the complaint of one single individual, who has not even the record of being a good law-abiding citizen, but is at the present time under indictment for a statutory charge. Furthermore it seems that if such a mild hint is offensive to the colored citizen he will take his patronage elsewhere, for by no stretch of the imagination can the colored citizen be compelled to go into a place where such a sign is exhibited.

Very respectfully,
THOMAS HECKER.

Yeggs Blow Safe of Blaisdell State Bank Monday Night

Yeggs entered the Blaisdell State Bank at Blaisdell, Mountrail county, shortly after midnight Monday night, by prying open the front door, then blew off the door of the big safe with nitro-glycerine, escaping with their booty. The safe contained \$1,200 in cash and \$10,500.00 in securities and it is believed the yeggs got away with all of this, altho the cashier, E. O. Lukkasson, would not make an investigation until the arrival of C. W. McFadden, secretary of the North Dakota Bankers Association. A woman living near the bank heard an explosion at 12:30 o'clock. At 6:30 that evening three men in a Cadillac car entered Blaisdell and bought gasoline. It is believed that these men blew the safe.

Jourgen Olson of Minot is president of the bank and John Werner of Burlington is vice president.

Walter Anderson Arrested—Ford Buried in Strawstack

Walter Anderson was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Vandehoever at the place where he worked three miles northwest of Benedict, charged with stealing a Ford roadster from Mr. Zimmerman of Minot, from in front of the Orpheum theatre in December. Anderson and the car were brot to Minot. It is said that the car was hidden in a straw stack all winter and was not injured in the least. Anderson tried to sell the car in Sawyer for \$200.

The Minot Rotary Club celebrated the 16th anniversary of Rotary at the Association of Commerce rooms Tuesday, Rotarians and wives to the number of eighty attending. The banquet was served by the Episcopal ladies who had arranged the table very prettily with garlands. Sixteen candles adorned the tables.

Dr. Archie D. McCannel, president of the Minot Rotary, was chairman. America was sung and the invocation given by Rev. Peter W. Erickson. The sergeant-at-arms collected several fines from Rotarians coming in late, or neglecting to call others by their first names or for refusing to do some stunt. The fines will be used for Boys' Work.

Ed A. Shirley introduced the new member, Soren J. Rasmussen. Ira I. Jones read a carefully prepared paper on Rotary as instruction for the candidate and Winfield M. Smart delivered a masterful address on the principles of the organization. Every man has some talent which permits him to do a certain work better than any other man in the world. Rotary helps him to discover that talent, he said, and to make good use of it, for the common good.

Mrs. Leslie A. White spoke on "A Woman's Impression of Rotary". Mrs. White is a delightful speaker, her stories being apropos and her witticisms very clever. This was one of the best numbers of the evening. Glenn Colcord gave a verbal chalk talk calling attention to the traits of certain Rotarians. Rev. Peter W. Erickson delivered an eloquent address on "The Heart of Rotary". Music numbers were given by Miss Martha Reishus who sang two numbers, one of them "Out where the west begins", a very appropriate selection. Miss Reishus is one of Minot's favorite singers. J. Herbert Colton sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Colton. John Howard gave a violin solo with his usual pep, playing "On the back seat of the old Henry Ford" with such effect that he was compelled to go round the block again. A group of Rotary songs were sung, the solo work being rendered by Harry Winters, Aksel Bratsberg, and Dave Mair, the Rotarians joining in the singing. Fred Upton sang "Little Brown Jug", with violin obligato.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a picture of President McCannel by Henry Wilson, a chairman of the Boys' Work Committee. The frame had been built from fence boards by some jack-knife carpenter. Miss Agnes O'Connor, dramatic teacher in the city schools contributed much to the entertainment with her pretty aesthetic dancing. Wm. Clarke gave the ladies the Rotary mental toast, pronouncing them almost equal to the men.

A feature of the evening was the cutting of the immense Rotary birthday cake. It was a beautiful affair, prepared by the Episcopal ladies. Sixteen little candles adorned it and it made one's mouth water. President McCannel was given the honor of cutting the cake but passed it along to the new candidate. The cake proved to be a big pasteboard box, beautifully frosted.

President McCannel stated that the Rotary now comprises over 800 clubs with 65,000 members, many of the clubs being in foreign countries. It was organized in Chicago 16 years ago and was called "Rotary" because the club "rotated" their meetings among the business offices of the members. No Rotary club has ever yet surrendered its charter. They have a higher percentage of attendance than any other organization made up of business and professional men, the average attendance in the club of the United States and Canada for December being 77.40. The Minot Rotary was organized three years next May and has 51 members. The limited membership plan is one of the foundations of Rotary's strength. The Rotary motto is "He Profits Most who Serves Best."

Old Friend of Bratsberg Secures Nobel Prize

Aksel Bratsberg of the Union Insurance Agency received a personal card from his old friend, Knut Hamsun, who has just received the Nobel prize for literature. Mr. Hamsun resides at Norholmen, near Christiania and Mr. Bratsberg knew him well in Norway. Mr. Bratsberg says that Mr. Hamsun went thru more hardships in his early days than perhaps any other writer known. He came to America in the early 90's and worked on a farm near Fargo, N. D. studying American rural life. He held a job but a short time as he appeared to be the victim of wanderlust. He has written many of our best books which have been translated into the Russian, French, German, English and Spanish languages. He writes mainly of his own experiences. He has written several plays. Mr. Bratsberg has received his latest book, printed in Norwegian. Five Nobel prizes of \$48,000 are given each year for literature, chemistry, peace work and medicine.

John Trulson of Coulee, N. D., was in the city Wednesday. He formerly resided in Minot, working in the Martin Jacobson hardware store for two years. Mr. Trulson was one of the owners of the Baden townsite when that town was first started.