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FIRST SECTION

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## SHRINE CLUB PLANS BRILLIANT BALL AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Minot Shrine Club have arranged for a big night, Friday evening, April 8, including a concert by Virginia Rea, the great American coloratura soprano, to be given at the Masonic Temple starting at 9:30 o'clock. The public are invited to attend the concert for which an admission fee of one dollar to any seat in the house will be asked. All Masons and their ladies are invited to attend the ball.

Miss Rea is a southern girl and one of America's greatest singers. She is one of the most popular contributors to the Brunswick records. She may be favorably compared with such singers as Lucy Gates and Maggie Teyte, who have appeared here, and she is considered well up in the class with the favorite Galli Curci. This entertainment will be a rare musical treat and ought to bring in many visitors from this section of the state.

Miss Rea will be a guest of the Shrine Club at the ball. This is to be one of the most brilliant affairs ever attempted by the Minot Shriners, all of whom will be asked to wear their Fezzes.

The following committees have been appointed and are already at work: Entertainment—Hart Swalstead, Dr. A. D. McCannel and Preston Hallman.

Tickets—Martin Engeseth, Dr. R. W. Pence, Andy Carlson, Frank Youngman, Mr. Cummings, Geo. Kemper and Torgie Olson.

Refreshments—Aksel Bratsberg, Fred V. Dale and Frank Taylor.

Advertising—Hal Davies, Hart Swalstead and G. D. Colcord. Decorating—Norman Ellison, Geo. Walker, Fred Truax and P. S. Hallman.

Invitations—A. Bratsberg, A. D. Hagenstein, Martin Engeseth and Henry Byorum.

### Operations Performed on 137 Children at Divide County Clinic

Dr. Archie McCannel, chairman of the Ward County chapter of the Red Cross, spent three days in Divide county recently where he held a clinic for the Red Cross chapter of Divide county. Miss Black, the Divide county Red Cross health nurse had paved the way for one of the best clinics of its kind ever held in the west. There were dozens of boys and girls in Divide county who, on account of the poor crops of the past four or five years, have been unable to have their tonsils removed and this work was done for them thru the agency of the Red Cross. Miss Black arranged for the parents to bring their children in. Dr. McCannel was accompanied by his nurse and at Noonan Dr. Smith joined him. They spent a day at Fortuna, where the school house had been converted into a hospital for the occasion. Forty beds with clean linen had been provided by the Fortuna ladies and in the one day 39 operations had been performed for the removal of tonsils. The following two days the clinic was held at the Divide county court house at Crosby, where beds had been arranged. In the two days, ninety-eight operations had been performed at Crosby, or 137 in the two days. Whatever charge may be made for these operations will go to the Divide county Red Cross whenever any of the parents feel that they are able to pay for them. Dr. McCannel states that he never met a finer lot of boys and girls in his life. They never let a whimper out of them while being prepared for their operations.

### Robbed International Oil Filling Station

Thieves entered the offices of the filling station of the International Oil Co. early Sunday morning, worked the combination of the safe and escaped with quite a sum of money.

## AUTHORITIES BELIEVE FIRE BUGS ARE AT WORK IN CITY

City authorities fear that a fire bug is at work in Minot. Late Wednesday afternoon, a blacksmith shop building on Second St. S. E. owned by Joe Hodgins was set on fire mysteriously, \$700 damage being done.

The Hodgins garage, located about 50 feet east of the blacksmith shop, caught fire in a mysterious manner at about 12:30 o'clock last night and before the fire laddies could control the blaze, considerable damage was done to the fine hearse, ambulance and two automobiles which were in the building. While the hearse and autos were not burned, they were badly scorched by the heat. The damage, which is considerable, is covered by insurance.

The authorities fear that the fires were caused by someone bent on destroying Mr. Hodgins' property.

Al Haskins, who occupies the front of the garage with his family, discovered flames when he got up at 12:30 to carry the mail.

The fire had evidently started from gasoline which in some manner caught fire under a truck. The building was not burned, the blaze being confined to the gasoline on the dirt floor. The foot boards of the truck were burned and the machine was otherwise damaged.

### AMERICA MAKES MEN

(Huldah Lucile Winsted, State Normal School, Minot, N. D.)

Yes, we've got the coal and iron. We have forest, field and mine; Ships that sail on every ocean, And we rule o'er palm and pine.

With her wealth and her expenses. With her crags and moor and fen. Our Republic's greatest business Is the making of her men.

On New Hampshire's granite hillside. On Mount Tamalpais, we scan. Chiseled clearly 'gainst the skyline, The strong features of a man.

'Tis a sign that the Almighty Is displaying there and then That America's chief business Is the making of her men.

Men of thought and men of action, Men of brains and heart, and hand; Men of sturdy rugged features— Men who fearless, dauntless stand.

To proclaim to all the ages, That her mission—now as then— That America's chief business Is the making of her men.

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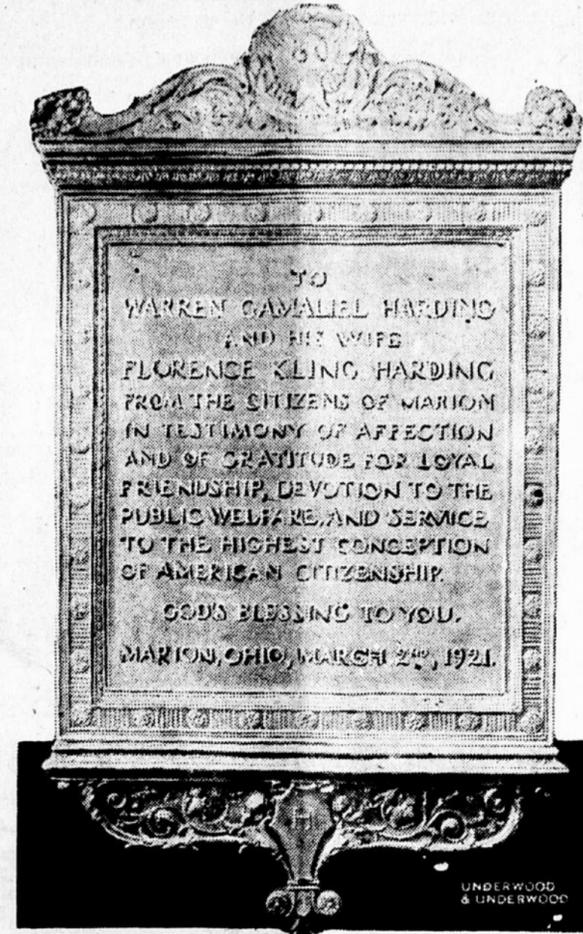
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## From Their Fellow Townsfolk



This silver plaque, bearing an inscription testifying to the regard in which their fellow townsfolk hold them, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Harding by the citizens of Marion, O. The presentation speech was made by Rev. Dr. H. T. McAfee, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, at the last front-porch reception on March 2.

## JOHN J. LEE WITHDRAWS FROM RACE FOR CITY COMMISSION IN FAVOR OF CAPT. OTTO GROSS

John J. Lee, who filed as candidate for the city commission, withdrew from the contest Tuesday, in favor of Capt. Otto Gross, who is a candidate at the solicitation of the ex-service men of Minot.

W. M. Smart, candidate for president, and Geo. Reishus and Capt. Gross will run on the same ticket. Out of the nine candidates filing for the commission, Mr. Lee is the only one who has so far withdrawn.

Mr. Lee's statement follows: To the Voters of the City of Minot:

As you know, I have filed my petition for the office of commissioner for the City of Minot and never before have I received such encouragement

and promises of support from my friends when a candidate for office as I have this time.

Grateful as I feel, I find however that there is a strong public sentiment in which I heartily share, that the soldier boys of the late war should be represented in our city council.

The ex-service men of our city have endorsed Capt. Otto Gross for the office of Commissioner and as no other candidates have seen fit to withdraw I feel it my duty at this time to withdraw in his favor and I feel certain that my friends will endorse this act on my part and give him their hearty support.

Yours respectfully, JOHN J. LEE.

### Mrs. Lee S. Fahler Starts Action Against City of Minot for \$15,000

Mrs. Wanie S. Fahler, widow of the late Policeman Lee S. Fahler has, on behalf of herself and her 8-year-old son, Myron E. Fahler, filed a claim against the city of Minot for \$15,000 asked as a result of the death of her husband by the shooting Jan. 1 last.

The claim, filed by Atty. F. B. Lambert and E. R. Sinkler, recites that Mr. Fahler was acting in the discharge of his duties when he was shot and that he was the sole support of his family.

Mrs. Fahler alleges that she and her son are wholly without means of support and that they are at the present time dependent upon charity and poor funds; that she has undergone five serious operations within the last two years and that her general health and nervous system are in such condition that she cannot earn her own livelihood or do work other than caring for her small home.

Mrs. Fahler says the reason she has not filed a claim before is that she has been absent in Iowa where she accompanied the body of her husband and has but recently returned to Minot. Mrs. Fahler says she has not received aid except for funeral expenses, the source of which she does not know.

The employees of the city of Minot are not protected by the state liability insurance, it is said.

### Dinger Car Stolen from Garage of Minot Motor Sales Co.

A Buick Six, which a man named Dinger who operates the Rex hotel claimed as his property, was stolen from a warehouse of the Minot Motor Sales Co. sometime last night. The door of the warehouse was pried open with a crow bar.

F. C. Upton returned from Chicago during the night and found at 2:30

that the car had been stolen. The sheriff has been notified.

The car was the one seized at the Standard Oil station some months ago when U. S. Commissioner F. C. Upton arrested a young fellow named Clark and a companion. One of the men served time in the county jail. Dinger claimed the car had been stolen from him by these fellows and he was soon to have regained possession of the car, as his claim had been recognized by the federal authorities. Mr. Upton had a \$75 storage bill against the car.

Dinger, who claims ownership of the car, is a brother of Joe Dinger of Grano, at whose farm 400 quarts of whiskey were seized some months ago.

Specialist to Give Sewing Instruction Agricultural College, N. D., March 21.—Two and three day clothing schools will be organized in communities where there is sufficient demand for them, Mrs. Myrtle Bleason Cole, state home demonstration leader, announces. Miss Eulalie Church, extension clothing specialist, will conduct the sessions.

Applications must be made thru the county farm bureaus, county agent or other county extension agent, and must contain signatures of at least eight women who promise to attend all sessions of the school. Time of holding the schools will be fixed after the district conferences in April, when it will be possible to know just how many counties desire the work.

The Independent received a card from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ray of Rock Falls, Ill., announcing the birth of a daughter, Elaine Ardell, March 26. Mr. Ray was employed as a linotype operator in Minot last summer and Mrs. Ray was employed at the Fair store.

## INSANE WOMAN BURNS HOME OF EMPLOYER NEAR RICE LAKE

### California a Fine Place for Sand Lizards

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ball returned Monday from San Bernardino, Calif., where they spent the winter. Mr. Ball is glad to be back in Minot where there is something doing. He says California is all right for anyone who is content to lie around on the beach, covered with sand for half a day at a time, but one soon grows weary of such a life. Business conditions are not the very best in the west. The fruit growers are hard hit. One lemon grower could not find a market for his fruit, so he built a large bin, placed the best lemons in one end and the poorer ones in the opposite end and put up signs, 10c and 5c per dozen. He put a box in the center of the bin in which to drop the money. People come along, help themselves and drop in the money. Oranges are sold at the rate of 3 dozen for 25 cents and many orange growers will tell you to go into the orchards and help yourselves. The apartment owners are making some money, charging \$35 a month for two little rooms. George paid \$60 a month rent for a four-room house 8 miles out of Los Angeles. One sees so many cripples and sick people in the west. Old men, some of them wealthy and wearing 3-karat diamond rings, are holding down jobs of running electric elevators in order to keep busy. The California wineries are putting out a brand of wine with a fearful kick in it. Arrests are made occasionally. The native Californians are making considerable moonshine and some is brot across from the Mexican border.

### Nothnagel Awarded Verdict for \$3750 Against O. K. Spires

The case of Otto Nothnagel vs. O. K. Spires was concluded in district court Wednesday morning. Nothnagel had sued Spires for \$10,000.00 damages which he alleged he had suffered by reason of some cows purchased from Mr. Spires developing tuberculosis. The jury awarded plaintiff a verdict for \$3750.00 with interest.

Nothnagel's cows developed tuberculosis and one of them died. A state veterinarian tested the cattle and found that others had the disease and ordered several of them killed. The defendant produced witnesses to show that the cattle were evidently in a healthy condition when they were sold to Nothnagel, also that they had not been given the tubercular test. Moody Eide and McGee & Goss appeared for Nothnagel and B. H. Bradford and Francis Murphy represented Spires. The amount of Nothnagel's judgment against Spires was immediately garnished by those who had previously secured a judgment against Nothnagel.

### California Land Remains High

J. H. Lynch has returned from Los Angeles, Calif., where he spent the winter. He says the crop of tourists was immense in the west during the past winter, 40,000 going there from Iowa alone. The Iowa farmers sold 16 cent hogs and \$400 land and had to have an outlet for their surplus coin. Not much California land is changing hands, but the price has not dropped much. Plenty of land is still being held at from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per acre. Oranges are selling at 5 cents a dozen in California and there is no market for lemons. Thruout California there are signs on the lemon orchards telling people to help themselves to the fruit. The growers are anxious to get the lemons picked.

### Thoreson Lad Breaks Leg

The three-year-old lad of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Thoreson, of the South Prairie, fell from a hay rack onto the frozen ground Monday and broke both bones of the right leg below the knee. A Minot doctor was called out to place the cast.

## LAD STEALS STANDARD OIL CO. MAIL; BURNS LETTERS

A sixteen-year-old Minot lad confessed to Chief of Police McDonald Monday evening after three hours of grilling that he had stolen a package of first class mail matter from the automobile of S. Miles, the bookkeeper for the Standard Oil Co., Friday evening, burying it in a plowed field east of the Normal school for the night, digging it up the next morning, opening the envelopes and extracting \$450 worth of drafts and checks, burning the letters and envelopes on top of a hill back of the Normal school, and after trying in vain to convert the checks and drafts into cash, tearing them up and hiding the scraps of paper under a rail in the Great Northern yards under the viaduct.

The lad for nearly three hours maintained stoutly that he had seen a man hide the five-pound package of mail in the field and after he had left, he said he went to the field and dug up the mail.

Mr. Miles left the offices of the Standard Oil Co. on Third St. North-east about five o'clock Friday afternoon, placing the mail on the seat of the auto, expecting to drop it into the postoffice. He neglected to do this and later forgot whether he had

Mrs. John Gash, who was employed as housekeeper at the home of Wm. D. Might near the old Jerome postoffice, 30 miles southwest of Minot, during a fit of insanity, burned Mr. Might's farm residence and practically all of his furniture, dishes, clothing and household effects in general. She was brot to Minot Tuesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Clarence Vandenoever and R. E. Hopkins and will be taken to the insane asylum at Jamestown at once.

Mrs. Gash had spent some time in the state insane asylum but her condition improved and she was brot back in December, securing a position as housekeeper with Mr. Might. She showed signs of a recurrence of her mental condition a week ago and on Monday night set fire to a straw stack in Mr. Might's field. She then went to the home of Geo. Nesson where she remained for the night. Mr. Nesson disliked to have her around and Mr. Might went to the home of Mrs. Pearl Stakston to telephone the county authorities, expecting that she would remain at the Nesson home until the sheriff arrived. Nesson took her back to Might's place and about noon Tuesday she set fire to the house. She first pulled the organ into the yard and threw out a little clothing into the yard. Mr. Might lost all of his clothing, except the pair of overalls and jumper which he was wearing. He carried no insurance.

At the time she was arrested, Mrs. Gash was wearing two pair of men's trousers under her skirt and had of two men's caps. She sang and prayed all the way to Minot and has created a commotion at the county jail.

John Gash, husband of the woman, was shot and killed by Gus (Chickie) Coop Johnson about ten years ago. The Gash family had bought a farm which had been owned by Johnson and they got into an argument over some lumber which Johnson claimed belonged to him. Johnson was sent up for ten years but got out after serving four years and his present whereabouts are unknown. Mrs. Gash's mind is believed to have become unsettled on account of the murder of her husband.

### Mr. and Mrs. Cover Back From Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cover of Surrey have returned from Redondo Beach, Calif., where they spent the winter at the home of their daughter, Mrs. G. W. Hilton. Mr. Cover gained 25 pounds during his visit, so we know he must have connected with some body's larder. He visited with C. E. Dresher and family at Laverne for a month and spent three weeks with Mr. Dresher, traveling to the many interesting places in California. The Brethren college is located at Laverne. He states that there are nearly 600 members in the Brethren Sunday school.

"I certainly enjoyed the Independent while away," Mr. Cover said. "I got two Los Angeles papers each day but I enjoyed the old family journal more than any of the others. Why, I would read every line of it, ads and all."

### Marketed Green Onions

Henry Marshall, who operates a sixteen-acre truck farm just east of Minot, marketed some choice early Tuesday. They are of the hot house variety but very fine and commanded a good price. Mr. Marshall raises two acres of garden truck, several acres of potatoes and grows feed on the remainder of his tract. He makes more money than the average farmer on a half section of land.

### Licensed to Wed

Gilman Blackstad, 24, and Alice Anderson, 21.

Eugene Plaisance, 27, Douglas, and Bertha Lubben, 28.

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