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H. S. MYHRES, NOTED AVIATOR WHO FLIES THE J. L. SIX ALL-METAL PLANE, VISITS CITY

Harry S. Myhres, one of the most noted aviators in the United States, spent several days visiting his mother Mrs. Frank Holmes, in this city and with Mr. Holmes, who is spending the winter on the homestead eleven miles north of the city. Mr. Myhres accompanied by his father paid the Independent a welcome visit Friday afternoon.

Mr. Myhres is connected with the company which is engaged in the manufacture and marketing of the new J. L. Six All-Metal Monoplane and drove one of these famous machines from New York City to Grand Forks, leaving the monoplane, there while he made a side trip to Minot to visit with his folks. He is enroute to the Peace river country, 350 miles northwest of Edmonton where he will deliver the machine and he states that it is possible that he will drive it beyond the Arctic circle. He has made two previous trips to the Peace River country with J. L. Sixes during the past winter. The thermometer once registered 17 degrees below zero while he was enroute but the cold weather did not interfere with his operations in the least.

Mr. Myhres has crossed the continent three times in the J. L. Six All-metal monoplane and during his service in the army, crossed the continent twice in other machines. He has driven J. L. Sixes 30,000 miles without an accident. He states that the American manufacturers have been prejudiced against the importation of the all-metal machines. A Mr. Larson has acquired the German patents and is preparing to manufacture the J. L. Sixes in New York City. "These all-metal planes are ten years ahead of the present day in aviation," Mr. Myhres stated.

The J. L. Six has a seating capacity of seven people and a maximum speed of 130 miles an hour. It has a 185-horse-power motor and can stay in the air 12 or 14 hours, with its special fuel equipment. It burns common gasoline. It can cover from 1,000 to 1,400 miles without lighting, has a wing spread of 48 feet and six inches and weighs 2317 pounds.

"I took off from Baden with a 2400 pound load, including four passengers and supplies with extra baggage and flew from Baden to Minneapolis in 8 1/2 hours, stopping a short time, then went on to Grand Forks the same day, making the trip of 1,000 miles in 12 hours. Forty-five minutes of that time was night driving, but I had no trouble in landing as I was familiar with the landing field."

The J. L. Six is provided with skis for the driving in the north, the wheels being exchanged for skis. The plane is also provided with pontoons permitting it to light on water. The J. L. Six sells for \$30,000.00. It flew to a height of 22,600 feet with eight passengers, breaking the world's record for that number of passengers.

My Myhres has promised to drive one of the new planes to Minot at an early date and will take some of the Independent force up above the clouds if they display the proper nerve.

Mr. Myhres had not visited Minot for nine years. In the early days, he lived on the Holmes homestead north of the city and attended school in Minot.

BOY CONFESSES TO ROBBERY OF TOKIO STATE BANK

Deputy Sheriff Kiblinger Announces Surrender of Gun and Money by Nolan.

Minnewaukan, N. D., Mar. 23.—Ideas gained from reading novels and attending "wild west" movies caused Loraine Nolan, 18, to hold up the Tokio State bank at noon yesterday, Benson county officials believe. According to them he has confessed that he staged the robbery, and surrendered more than \$200.

The money was hidden under the hay in the Nolan barn, according to a deputy sheriff. The boy also surrendered the revolver used, it was said, a .22 rim fire, more than 25 years old.

Young Nolan is a motion picture fan, officials say. He was captured through information given by a 16-year-old Indian boy with whom he had talked after the robbery was committed.

He walked into the bank at 12:40 p. m. yesterday and shouted to Cashier Halvorson, "Throw up your hands." Residents of the town returning from their noon meal saw the bandit mount his horse and ride away. They went into the bank and found Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson locked in the vault. He took \$250 in cash.

STATION GETS NEW FARM SUPERINTENDENT

Agricultural College, N. D., March 28.—Charles Ruzicka has taken up his duties as farm superintendent at the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment station, while A. C. Kuenning, former county agent in Dickey county, N. D., has taken his place as superintendent of the Williston experiment sub-station. Mr. Ruzicka graduated from the Agricultural college ten years ago.

THE EPISODE OF BALDY BILL

A faithful rhyme and true.

(By J. SEMPLE, M. D.)

Baldy Bill was a hunter bold
Of most uncommon fame,
Who hid him to the Northern wood
For moose, his special game.

The rifle loaned him by a friend
Had trusty proved before,
And Baldy felt that ere the end
He'd have a moose and more.

The coat he rigged him out to hunt
Was cunningly designed;
Odd were its outlines in the front
And wonderful behind.

His cap and trousers were unique
It cannot be denied,
And thus equipped his game to seek
Bill sallied forth in pride.

He chased the moose, he raced the moose,
He followed moose all day;
Bill knew it not that they were got
In quite another way.

When shooting at a target, now,
Bill at a pinch would do,
But when he shot at bull or cow
Bill's aim was not so true.

He spattered shot, he scattered shot,
He shot holes in the snow;
You'd think Bill's trail was hit by hail
Wherever Bill did go.

The moose at first did run because
Most anything would run;
They ran not when they found there was
No danger from Bill's gun.

They stood for Bill, were good to Bill,
And gave Bill no excuse;
And Bill he fired till he grew tired,
But Bill he got no moose.

Now Bill was sore and sad at heart
And home his way did wend;
The moose were loath to see him start;
Their fun was at an end.

No doubt when Bill next wanders
North,
They'll meet him at the train,
And moose-like bawl a welcome forth
To Baldy back again.

Bert Plowman in Real Estate Business in Washington

The Independent received an interesting letter from Bert Plowman, who recently left for Washington. He is located at Chehalis, Wash., and likes it fairly well outside of the continuous rains. He likes it much better than the mountains and will locate at Kennewick, Wash., permanently in a short time, to continue in the land business.

He writes, "I receive your paper regularly and sure look forward to it and am glad to get the good news from dear old Minot. I often wonder why some of those western papers do not have the pep and the breezy paper that you have. I can see that they are not up and a going like the Independent. Mrs. Plowman arrived safely but the boy had an accident and cut a gash in his forehead on the train, but being a North Dakota product did not mind it much and went back after more. With kindest personal regards to everybody and hoping to hear from you or any other friends,
Bert Plowman, Kennewick, Wash."

Farmers Hope to Start Work in the Fields This Week

Farmers throughout northwestern North Dakota are getting ready for seeding and they are preparing to get to work in the fields quite generally during the present week. Just a little work was done in the fields early in March but a cold spell put a stop to the operations. The farmers are preparing to put in an average crop, much fall plowing having been done which will permit them to do considerable seeding early. Practically every farmer has sufficient seed and feed and while they will be unable to borrow much money to carry on the spring operations, most of them can get along without it. Those who do need seed will in all probability be able to get some funds from the \$2,000,000 appropriation given by Congress to aid the farmers of North Dakota and Montana. N. D. Gorman, the Ward county agricultural agent, has the work for this locality well in hand.

Old Time Prison Guard Visits Minot

Jack Carter, who has been guard at the state penitentiary for the past eight years, arrived Thursday to participate in the Maundy Thursday celebration of the Rose Croix at the Masonic Temple. He left Monday for his old home at Sanish to see his sister, Mrs. Dan Hawkins, who is ill. Mr. Carter has been guard at the penitentiary under four wardens and is now the oldest man in the institution in point of service. He is very capable and accommodating and is well liked by the prisoners and officials as well. He has been in charge of the penitentiary hospital for years. He states that Warden Stair is getting along fine with his work and has improved conditions about the institution very materially during his service.

Doctors Come From Czecho-Slovakia



These seven prominent physicians from Czecho-Slovakia, are making a tour of the United States, under the direction of the Rockefeller foundation, for the purpose of studying new methods of sanitation.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS CELEBRATE MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Victory Chapter No. 4, of the Rose Croix, Valley of Minot, celebrated the beautiful and impressive Maundy Thursday service at the Masonic Temple last Thursday night, when more than 200 members of this order of the Scottish Rite and their ladies sat down to the first banquet of its kind ever held in the city. Many were from out of the city, nearly every town in this section of the state being represented.

The traditional Scottish Rite Ceremony was celebrated by all members of the Rose Croix at seven o'clock in the Main lodge room below where covers had been laid with a rose at each plate. The ladies were seated on one side of the tables and the men on the opposite side, who served both the ladies and themselves with a fine banquet prepared by the men of the order. The foundation of the meal was lamb chops and unleavened bread, in commemoration of the Lord's Supper. The entire meal was planned and prepared by the members of the Scottish Rite bodies among whom were Wise Master Vollmer, Ben Atkinson, chief chef; L. A. Corey, P. H. Luehe, F. P. Taylor, C. W. Mason, Mr. De La, H. E. Shearn and Preston Hallman.

Following the repast a pleasing musical program, arranged under the direction of Maj. E. S. Person, was given, consisting of the following numbers:

- Vocal Duets—The Misses Olga and Ella Morsen.
- Vocal solo—J. H. Colton.
- Violin solo—Frederick Vollmer, Mrs. Preston Hallman, accompanist.
- Vocal solo—Mrs. T. H. Martin of Forest River.

Mrs. George Walker acted as accompanist during part of the evening. At the close of the musical numbers Wise Master L. F. Vollmer of Victory Chapter, who presided during the evening, opened the program of seven obligatory toasts to which list was added a toast, to the Eastern Star. The toasts and the Knights giving the responses were as follows:

- The Government of Our Country and the President of the United States—Maj. E. S. Person (32).
- The Supreme Council and the Sovereign Grand Commander, George Fleming Moore—C. W. Mason (32).
- The Sovereign Grand Inspector General for North Dakota, H. C. Plumley—Hal S. Davies (32).
- The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and the Grand Master of Masons of North Dakota—H. E. Byrom (18).
- The Memory of the Brethren of the Rite whose labors here below have ceased during the year—Dr. Archie D. McCannel (32).
- All Masons and Masonic Bodies of all Rites and Degrees over the surface of the earth. Honors and laurels to the worthy; health to the sick; comfort to the needy and succor to the oppressed everywhere.—L. J. Palda (18).

Victory Chapter of Rose Croix and its Wise Master—Proposed by A. D. Hagenstein, and response given by W. F. Vollmer, wise master. Mr. Vollmer, who proposed the various toasts, except the last, announced one to the Eastern Star and the response was given pleasingly by Mrs. C. F. Truax.

The closing feature of the evening was the ceremony of extinguishing the lights which suggests particularly the darkness of ignorance and error spreading over the world just before the Christian era and which reached its depth at the time of the crucifixion. Those who exemplified the ritual were J. N. Ellison, E. S. Person, A. D. Hagenstein, Aubrey J. Herzog, G. D. Colcord, H. E. Shearn and L. F. Vollmer. The ceremony ended with the display

REPORT SHOWS WAGES ABOUT \$35 A MONTH

Reports from several counties in North Dakota and a majority of South Dakota counties, on the farm labor question indicate that the average wage being paid now to farm hands is \$35 per month, according to information available at the office of the North Dakota Farm Bureau federation in Fargo.

A report received today covering the South Dakota situation said that the apply was equal to the demand in every county and that the average wage was between \$30 and \$40 per month. In the Fargo district the wages range from \$25 to \$50; at Grand Forks \$30 to \$40, and in Barnes county \$30 to \$50.

H. B. Fuller, secretary of the state federation, said the reports indicated that the farmers would be able to hire all the men they need for their year's work at around \$35 a month, with a probable slight advance toward fall.

Remains of August Larson Laid to Rest

The funeral of August Larson, Burlington mine owner, who met death in his mine from an explosion, was held in the Presbyterian church at Burlington Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the sermon being preached by the Rev. P. W. Erickson of Minot. The remains were interred in the Burlington cemetery beside those of Mr. Larson's wife, who died five years ago. A very large number of old time friends attended the obsequies. The floral tributes were very profuse. Music was rendered by the Burlington choir. The following old time residents of Burlington were pall-bearers: Ira Stoddard, Andrew Jacobson, Fred Miller, Leslie Colton, John Perlichek and Chas. Fuller. Carl T. Larson, a brother, of Brookston, Minn., was here attending the funeral.

Couples Resorting to Rooms to be Arrested Under State Law

Hereafter when couples are arrested in Minot, charged with resorting to rooms for immoral purposes, they will not be able to get out of the difficulty merely by putting up cash bail, and then forfeiting it.

Judge John C. Lowe announces that such persons will be held under the state immorality law and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This, he believes, will prevent many of such cases. Warrants will be issued by the state's attorney.

Judge Lowe also states that he will cause the arrest of such persons as are charged with committing immoral acts, where such evidence is produced in divorce proceedings.

Dr. A. D. McCannel Addresses Surrey Fathers and Sons

Dr. Archie D. McCannel delivered an address at the Surrey school Thursday evening at a Father and Son banquet which was attended by about 150 daddies and their laddies. The Surrey ladies served a fine supper at 6 o'clock and this was followed by an interesting program. Dr. McCannel spoke to the men and boys for an hour on sex hygiene. He distributed fifty copies of the address given by Dr. Barker in Minot on "A father's responsibility to his son."

Damage of approximately \$7,000 was done by fire which was discovered in the haymow of the big barn on the J. W. McKinnon farm at Mapleton. McKinnon carried about \$3,000 insurance, leaving the loss at around \$4,000.

WALTER CHAMPLIN WINS 2-YEAR COURSE IN PARIS UNIVERSITY; STUDY ECONOMICS

MISS IRENE MAULIFFE



Miss Irene Mauliffe of Weston, Mass., the latest appointee to the Washington squad of policewomen, has had much experience in police work. She is the daughter of the chief of police of Weston, and for more than a year has been acting head of the town's police force.

Walter Champlin, a former Minot young man, has been selected as one of three out of 300 applicants for a free fellowship given by a wealthy Californian to members of the Overseas forces. The fellowship is for a two-year course in any foreign university they may select. Mr. Champlin has selected the University of Paris where he will complete a course in Economics. While serving overseas he spent several months in the University of Paris studying Economics. He will sail for France in June, visiting with his sister, Mrs. P. J. McKone, in this city in May.

Mr. Champlin graduated from the Minot high school in 1912. He graduated from the University of California and went to France with a body of students from that University in 1917, serving with the French forces until the United States entered the war, when he was transferred to the U. S. army. Since his return from France he has held the position of national executive secretary of the Phi Psi Fraternity, visiting the various colleges of the United States in that capacity. Mr. Champlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Champlin, old time residents of Minot, who now live in California. He is 26 years of age and his many friends are exceedingly proud of the fine record he has made.

BUREAUS FORWARD LOAN APPLICATIONS

Agricultural College, N. D., March 28.—Applications for seed loans from the \$2,000,000 federal loan fund are being rushed by the western North Dakota county farm bureaus to the distributing office in Fargo, reports to the extension division indicate. Ninety-two applications for sums ranging from \$150 to \$200 were allowed by the Golden Valley County Farm Bureau at its first meeting, while the available supply of application blanks was exhausted. This county has been allowed \$70,000 of the \$1,000,000 to be loaned in North Dakota. Applications will be received until May 1 at the Fargo office.

SPECIALIST ADVISES GARDEN FOR FAMILY

Agricultural College, N. D., March 28.—Needs of the growing children demand that every North Dakota family maintain a garden, even if it has to be watered to secure good results, says Miss Inez M. Hobart, extension food specialist at the Agricultural College, who says that lack of vegetables in the winter time is one of the most common causes of underweight or malnutrition. The vegetables produced may be canned or otherwise stored for the winter season, and thus furnish the food elements necessary for the growth of the children.

SHERWOOD CONSUMERS STORE INDEPENDENT

Sherwood, N. D., March 23.—The Consumers' United Stores company store in Sherwood has severed connections with the parent organization now in the hands of a receiver, and has been made a co-operative enterprise. M. J. Burns, A. C. Stolt, B. J. Ritter, T. J. Meek and Oscar Freese are directors of the new organization.

POLICEMAN OUT ON BONDS OF \$5,000.00

Valley City, N. D., March 22.—William Jensen, city patrolman, charged with manslaughter in the first degree in connection with the shooting of William C. Olson, local restaurant man, was released on bail of \$5,000 yesterday. The bonds, fixed at \$5,000 by Judge M. J. Englert, were signed by 10 Valley City citizens.

Glass Marks

The young oculist after six months without a patient closed his office in a thriving Oklahoma town and prepared to depart. "I can't understand it," he complained. "This used to be a splendid eye doctor's town, for I can see the marks left by eye glasses or spectacles on the nose of every man in town." "No, you're wrong," explained a friend. "Those marks are not from wearing glasses, but from drinking corn whiskey out of fruit jars."

SEVEN SONS ARE MASONS

Butte, Mont., March 23.—George F. Geiser and six sons occupied the chairs when a seventh son, Charles R. Geiser was given the degree of Master Mason. This event is said to have no parallel in Masonry.

Blaze at Wymore Home

The fire department was called out Friday morning at 10 o'clock by a fire which was caused by a kerosene stove at the home of Mr. Wymore, 124 Fifth Ave. N. W. Not much damage was done.

Fred Anderson Receiver of Donnybrook Bank

Fred Anderson, Minot's postmaster, has been appointed Receiver of the Bank of Donnybrook, which was closed voluntarily some months ago. He began upon his duties last week.

A 7 1/2 pound daughter was born March 15 to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson at Oakley, Calif. Mrs. Anderson was formerly Miss Florence Champlin of this city. Her husband is an Oakley banker.