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WHISKEY RUNNER ARRESTED AFTER CHASE; 32 CASES

Pat Barton, proprietor of the Last Chance barber shop, West Central avenue in this city, and Frank Sell and one Dewey, from Omaha, Neb., were captured by the Watkins forces with the Attorney General's licensing department, after a thrilling chase in a blinding snow storm two miles north of Minot Saturday morning. The men were brot to Minot and appeared before U. S. Commissioner F. C. Upton, who held them to federal court. The men furnished bonds.

In the big Cadillac car which the men were driving was found 32 cases of High and Dry gin and Baxter's Scotch whiskey, said to be very choice brands. This liquor was taken to the federal building and after samples were poisoned with the poison pills used by the government for this purpose, the remainder of the whiskey was placed in the vault to be disposed of according to federal orders later. Included in the lot of whiskey taken were five packages containing 65 pints of choice Sunnybrook. The cargo was worth several thousand dollars.

The officers had gone to a point several miles north of Minot at nine o'clock Friday night and lay in wait all night for the whiskey runners. Early Saturday morning Barton and the two Omaha men came along driving as fast as they could over the wet snow-covered roads. O. N. Lofthus, son of the state examiner, was driving Watkins' Cadillac. Accompanying him were Barney Bussen, Mike Coughlin, Mr. Redland of the state inspection department, and John Kennedy, a federal official. All were heavily armed, tho the whiskey runners were not. The officers began shooting at the whiskey car to puncture the tires. Coughlin, sitting in the rear seat, shot a rifle thru the windshield of the Watkins car and Bussen, sitting in the front seat shot twice with a .45 Colt. The second shot punctured the rear tire, tho the whiskey car continued for two miles. When it stopped the men gave up. One of them threw the Nebraska license tag to the side of the road. Pat Barton told F. C. Upton the party had left Minot at ten o'clock Friday night. They had gone to the Canadian side, secured their load and were returning to Minot. Barton is said to have made a fortune in the business. He had recently talked with Upton who informed him that he would make on too many trips some time. Barton bragged that he would never be caught.

State's Attorney Herigstad had had warrants issued for the arrest of these men on a charge of breaking a new state law. In cases of first offenders, when faced by a federal charge, the guilty receive but fines, but when convicted under the new state law, the men are not only fined, but may receive jail sentences of from 90 days to one year. The state may claim the car and upon conviction of the runners, the car may be sold and the residue turned over to the state.

Former Norwich Man Engaged in Boat Building

James Hakanson, formerly a farmer near Norwich, writes the Independent from Everett, Wash., where he has resided for several years:

"Will inform you that I am in partnership in the Riverside Marine Ways. In the month of March we pulled up a scow that measures in length 120 feet and 32 feet in height. We employ ten and twelve men and this month have a contract to build a 42-foot Halibut fishing boat and we have two boats up on dry dock for repairs. We expect to pull up another scow in a few days, so you see we are kept busy every day. I am getting mighty homesick to see my friends in Minot, Surrey and Norwich, and I tell you, we long for the day when the Independent comes, as it is the best to be had. We sure appreciate the Surrey news, too."

Normal School President Comes This Week



DR. LEVI H. BEELER

Dr. Levi H. Beeler of Chicago, the newly elected president of the Minot Normal school, is en route to Minot to take charge of the institution and is expected to arrive some time tonight. Mrs. Beeler and family will not join the Doctor until some disposition can be made of their home in Chicago.

Dr. Beeler is a high class educator and comes with the unanimous vote of the board of regents. He visited the southwestern section of the state last fall, spending several weeks here in institute work.

Mrs. Kjerste Oen is Dead
Mrs. Kjerste Oen, of this city passed away Sunday morning at the residence of her son, Ole, south of this city. She was 87 years of age. Her husband, Anders M. Oen, per- deceased her Sept. 15, 1920. She is survived by three sons, Michael, Sever and Ole, also three daughters, Mrs. Beele McCadden, Minot; Mrs. A. L. Moen Hillsboro, and Mrs. Charles Hockin, Alvan Texas.

Mrs. Oen was a pioneer of this state having resided in this section for 34 years. She was always a good Christian woman and devoted mother and leaves a large number of friends. The funeral was held from the First Lutheran church Tuesday at 2 p. m. the Rev. T. F. Gullikson officiating. Interment was made in the First Lutheran cemetery.

Whiskey Dreadnaught Ran Keavin Car Into Ditch
The Buick car owned by the J. J. Keavin Taxi line "met up" with a big Cadillac Dreadnaught on the Minot-Max road, 22 miles south of Minot Monday and either had to give the road or suffer annihilation. As the driver, Mr. Schoonmaker enjoys the sweetness of living and did not propose to be annihilated, he headed the car into a ditch. The Cadillac shot by him 70 miles an hour. Five minutes later another Cadillac, evidently the Watkins sleuth car came along nearly as fast. A farmer earned \$5.00 pulling the Keavin car out of the ditch.

Seeding Three Weeks Earlier
James Scofield has 2,000 acres of wheat sown up to Saturday and stated that he intended to sow 250 acres more to wheat, which he will finish this week. This is nearly three weeks earlier than his seeding was finished a year ago.

Mercer, Hadley and Watkins Address Minot Rotary

The Minot Rotary luncheon was held today with Peter Fugelso acting as chairman. Secretary Burt Stewart reported seventeen members as having a 100 percent attendance record for the past three months. Ira Jones has a 100 percent attendance record for a year.

"Ted" Mercer, one of the missionaries holding a series of meetings at the Episcopal church this week gave a fine talk. He related how at the age of 34 he had been down into the gutter from drink and all manner of crime and how he had finally been saved by the grace of God. In his travels about the United States he has visited 150 penitentiaries and talked to some 18,000 prisoners. Of that number nearly all of them are mere boys who have gone wrong because they have not had the right kind of an example to follow. He stated that he rejoiced that Rotarians everywhere were spending their money and giving their time in the interests of boys but he warned them that what is far more important is to set a good example for them by the right methods of living. Boys watch the men very closely and think that if it is all right for men to drink and carouse, there is no reason why they cannot do the same thing and still take their proper place in the world. Mr. Mercer is a nephew of one of our presidents, Chester A. Arthur.

Henry H. Hadley, who is associated with Mr. Mercer in their meetings, also spoke and told how he had been raised up out of the degradations of life by the power of Christ. Mr. Hadley some fifteen years ago was the owner of a thriving gambling house in the city of New York. These men know life and are in a position to say which is the better path to pursue.

F. L. Watkins, of the state enforcement department, was a guest of F. C. Upton, who introduced him not as "Shoot to Kill Watkins" but as a man kind and true, but one who was not afraid to assist in enforcing our laws. Mr. Watkins stated that he appreciated the assistance he was receiving from the citizens of Minot. He predicted that the Volstead act was here to stay, regardless of the Attorney General's recent ruling. He stated that his department was away behind in its work and that there are 200 places where stills have been reported as operating that remain to be investigated.

Ed Sigurdson, a Fargo Rotarian, was also a guest.
The following have been nominated as candidates for the seven directors to be elected in June: Francis J. Murphy, Peter Fugelso, Geo. Kemper, A. Bratsberg, Bert Gorman, Dick Mills, Henry Wilson, Burt Stewart, Glenn Coleord, W. M. Smart, Ray Miller, S. J. Rasmussen and Dave Mair.

Gross Wants to Get Rid of "Black Maria"

Capt. F. Otto Gross, commissioner of police, favors discarding the police patrol, known as the "Black Maria" and investing in a cheap Ford car for the use of the police department. "The repair bills for the police patrol car in less than a month amounted to \$170.00," Capt. Gross stated, and in less than three months we could pay for a new Ford car with the repair bills alone. Besides, the police in a Ford car would be able to sneak up on law breakers and nab them easily, whereas the police patrol can be seen for blocks, giving the criminals a fine chance to get away."

Minot Police Forbidden to Drink or Accept Favors

Any policeman of the city of Minot who takes a drink of liquor or who accepts money or other favors while acting in his capacity as policeman will be discharged at once, according to a statement made by Capt. Gross, police commissioner, who addressed the new members of the force, when the transfer of stars took place Saturday night. Pres. Smart was present and expressed confidence in Capt. Gross and the men selected by him as police officers for our city.

Reed and Lano Bound Over on Charge of Transporting Whiskey

John Reed, former captain of police, and Chas. Lano, former chief of police, were given their preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner F. C. Upton, Monday, charged with transporting liquor and were bound over to federal court under \$1,000 bonds each, bonds being furnished. Dudley L. Nash appeared for the defendants and S. N. Nichols, assistant U. S. district attorney, conducted the government's case. At each session the capacity of the federal court room was taxed. Hjalmer Howe of East Grand Forks and Martin Gilbertson, Bottineau county farmer, were the only witnesses heard. Howe testified that he was at the Gilbertson farm March 22 with Clifford Wentz of Grand Forks. They were repairing their Cadillac when a mysterious stranger, posing as a federal officer, appeared. The stranger carried his right hand in his pocket as if he had something in it. When Reed and Lano drove up, he said, the stranger departed after talking with them. Gilbertson testified that Lano and Reed drove up to his farm and said they were looking for high-jackers, and asked him where the whiskey was planted. He said he did not know, but says the men went into the hog lot, found the whiskey in gunny sacks, loaded it into their car and drove away. That night six or eight men came to his farm and stole the Wentz Cadillac, but says he did not see Reed or Lano with them.

Attorney Nash stated that Lano had been deputized and that Reed was a law officer and had a perfect right to go after high-jackers. He said that if whiskey had been taken from the Gilbertson farm, the government had not shown that the men did not have a right to take it and turn it over to some state court of equal jurisdiction with the federal court.

COURT ORDER OUSTS BURKE COUNTY TREASURER TODAY

Bowhells, N. D., May 5.—Judge George H. Moelling issued an order in the district court at Williston this morning ousting Lawrence Larson, retiring county treasurer from office and ordering him to turn over office to J. R. Jensen, Nonpartisan leaguer, elected Nov. 2. Court action followed the refusal of Larson to give up the office when Jensen refused to give him a receipt for all money due the county from the outgoing treasurer.

Jensen asserted Larson had \$4,500 on checking account and \$1,000 on time deposit in the Bank of Larson, now closed, and \$35,000 in another bank which had not furnished bonds. Jensen desired to hold Larson personally responsible for this money and under this condition Larson refused to give up office.

Jensen had stated he intended to deposit Burke county's money in the Bank of North Dakota. Last week Larson placed \$165,000 on time deposit in Burke county banks and this, with \$75,000 out on seed loans, ties up the county's money so Jensen could not transfer it to the state bank. Some of the certificates of deposit, it is said, run for two years.

A hearing will be held in Minot tomorrow morning at which time Larson will be given an opportunity to show cause why the order should not be made permanent.

Father Raith Enters Minneapolis

Father Jos. Raith of St. Leo's Catholic church left for St. Paul early this week where he will spend several weeks recuperating in a Sanitarium. His health has not been the best for some time and prior to leaving he spent some time in St. Joseph's hospital. Although his condition was somewhat improved when he left it was deemed best to consult specialists and go where he could receive special treatment.

St. Paul Men With Whiskey Arrested
M. A. Johns and Arthur Paul, St. Paul, were arrested near Antler last night and their Buick roadster and six cases of whiskey were confiscated. The men appeared before U. S. Commissioner Upton today, their bonds being fixed at \$1,000 each.

George Black was arrested at Town- er yesterday when three barrels of mash were found at his place.

MINOT TO COLLECT \$15,000 DELINQUENT TAXES FROM COUNTY

Remains of Henry Anderson Enroute From France



HENRY ANDERSON

The remains of Henry Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, who was killed while fighting in France, in July, 1918, will arrive in Minot May 7 and a military funeral will be held a little later. Henry was killed by a machine gun bullet thru his breast while assaulting a German machine gun nest in the Battle of Soissons. He was born in Minot and was educated in our schools, completing a course in a business college. He was one of Minot's very finest young men.

Great Northern Ball Team Defeats Northern Produce Sluggers

The Great Northern and Northern Produce teams crossed bats on the Riverside ball park Wednesday evening, May 4. The features of the game was the pitching of Esper and Bromigan of the Great Northern team and a home run by Gilmore of the Great Northern team.

Batteries: Esper, Bromigan and Kopald; Batteries: Espar, Bromigan and Lovely; N. P. Johnson, Ramstad and Kopald.

Summary: Struck out by Espar 6, Bromigan 5, Ramstad 4; bases on balls off Johnson 1; wild pitch, Johnson 1. Winning pitcher, Esper; losing pitcher, Johnson. The Great Northern team wishes to secure games with out-of-town teams. Any towns desiring games should get in touch with Business Manager E. M. Thompson, care G. P. Supt. Office, Minot, N. D.

Peter Ehr Asks Condemned Building to be Razed

Peter Ehr, proprietor of the Waverly hotel building, appeared before the city commission Monday and asked when the old Scofield implement building, which was condemned some time ago, was going to be removed. He claims that this is a menace to his own building on account of the increased fire insurance rate. Mr. Ehr was informed that the matter would be looked after in the course of two or three weeks.

The building and lot were recently purchased by the Daily News and the intentions were to raze the building and erect a new block for the News. Since then the News has bought from W. S. Shaw the block on First St. S. W. now occupied by the Minot Steam Laundry, which concern is preparing to move into its new home one block south. The News will remodel the building and build an additional room on the rear to be used as a press room and hopes to have the building in readiness by June 1.

Mr. Clifford of Mohall, representing a Mohall firm engaged in the business of checking up back taxes for cities, appeared before the city commission of Minot Monday and made a proposition to check up the back taxes that Minot has coming from Ward county. The city of Minot undoubtedly has a good many thousand dollars as its share of delinquent taxes which have been paid to the county in years past. No one has ever checked up the county's record to determine just what the city has coming, the City Attorney J. J. Coyte estimates that it could easily be \$15,000 or more. If the city does not make a check up the money will go by default. Mr. Clifford proposes to check the records, put in a claim for the city's share, and then if the county commissioners refuse to pay the amount, bring mandamus proceedings against the county or file suit. He proposes to look after the city's interests on a commission basis. In case the city collects nothing from the county, the city will not be out one cent. The commission appears favorable to Mr. Clifford's proposition but Commissioner Shaaf moved that the matter be delayed for one week to give any possible Minot concern who might want to bid on doing the work an opportunity to present the matter to the commission.

Mr. Clifford explained that in the city of Mohall, with an assessed valuation of \$500,000.00, their share of the delinquent taxes from Renville county amounts to \$2,700.00.

Daughters of Isabella Initiate Class

The Daughters of Isabella initiated a class of eight at their rooms in the basement of St. Leo's church. A banquet was served in the evening in the banquet hall of the church. The new members initiated were the Mesdames Geo. Foster, Kirkland, Bray, Holbach, Reichert, Engbreton of Sawyer and the Misses Stella Welsh of Lignite and Alice Kelley.

The Daughters of Isabella went to Holy Communion in a body at 8 a. m. and the initiatory ceremonies followed in the afternoon. Mrs. Thos. Hoskins acted as toastmistress at the exercises in the evening. Mrs. J. J. Karp invoked the blessing. Mrs. Dwire spoke on establishing a Daughters of Isabella Home for girls in the city.

Miss Ruth LaFleur rendered an enjoyable violin solo and Miss Genevieve Vandover, a popular reader, appeared on the program. Mrs. F. A. Brugman, grand regent welcomed the candidates. Miss Agnes O'Connor gave a reading. Impromptu talks were given by Mrs. W. J. Gerding, past grand regent and Mrs. A. A. Robinson, Mrs. F. J. Murphy and Mrs. J. J. Karp.

Wife of Douglas-Torning Minister is Dead

The wife of Rev. Anderson, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran churches in Torning township and Douglas, passed away at a Bismarck hospital last Thursday following an operation. Funeral services were held at the church in Douglas Saturday in which village Rev. and Mrs. Anderson have resided and the remains were shipped to the former home of Mrs. Anderson in Chicago for interment.

SURREY WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Alice M. Bennell, wife of J. D. Bennell of Surrey, passed away Tuesday afternoon from paralysis, from which she had suffered but a short time. She was 70 years of age. Her eldest son, B. Breen of Williston, arrived in Minot Wednesday enroute to Surrey where the funeral was held this afternoon.

SENIORS TO PRESENT "A ROSE O' PLYMOUTH TOWN" MAY 13

Rehearsals are being held three and four times a week for the Senior class play, "A Rose O' Plymouth Town," which is to be given Friday, May 13, in the Auditorium. Maurice Johnson, class president, has announced the following committee to look after business arrangements: Lewis Lowe, Wade Kruse. Wade Kruse is also to act as stage manager and Alice Nelson as prompter.

The choice of this four-act romantic comedy marks a deviation from the usual type of high school class plays. It is perhaps a little more pretentious than the light comedy generally attempted. The story of the play, which includes dramatic, humorous and pathetic incidents, will be told in next week's school notes.

The play also seems a fitting one to celebrate the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims in 1621, since the action takes place in and around Miles Standish's cottage in the Puritan colony of Plymouth. Costumes from that period have been ordered from Martin Giesen of St. Paul. Members of the cast are looking for suitable properties for the stage setting. Among articles needed are a spinning wheel, colonial chairs, andirons, iron kettle, fencing foils and old muskets. Any

aid in securing these articles will be appreciated by the Senior class.

Following is the cast of characters: Miles Standish, Captain of Plymouth—Maurice Johnson.

Garret Foster, of Weston's Men—Clair McKone.

John Margeson, Philippe de la Noye, of the Plymouth Colonists—Kenneth Falconer and Herbert Moore.

Barbara Standish, wife to the Captain—Cecil Carr.

Miriam Chillingsley, cousin to the Captain—Mabel Midwood.

Resolute Story, aunt to the Captain—Sybil Malm.

Rose de la Noye—Drusilla Billion. Time: 1622-1623. Place: Plymouth Colony in England.

John Renz remarked this morning that last night was the first night in a long while that the ground has not frozen. He was fearful that his oats, sown rather early, might have to be re-seeded but says they are coming up nicely. The cool weather has been ideal for the wheat, giving the plants a good chance to root.

James Hillestad, prominent Donnybrook farmer, is in the city today on business.

Los Angeles Detectives Wear Masks



Chief of Police Pendegast of Los Angeles, has ordered his detectives to wear masks when identifying prisoners, so that their faces will not become familiar to criminals.

NORMAL BEATS H. S. IN DUAL TRACK MEET; NICHOLS IS STAR

The dual track meet of the Normal and high school students was held Wednesday afternoon on the Normal field, the Normal students winning with 54 points to their credit, the high school receiving 44 points.

The following are the results:

12-Pound Shot Put—Walter Haldi, Normal, 1st; Opland, Normal, 2, and Kruse, high school, 3; distance, 33.9 feet.

Running Broad Jump—Nichols, N., 1; Zabara, N., 2; Lowe, H. S., 3; 18 feet 4 inches.

Running High Jump—Lowe, H. S., 1; H. Wagner, H. S., 2; Woodmark, H. S., 3; 5 feet 1 inch.

Pole Vault—H. Wagner, H. S., 1; Nichols, N., 2; Mulholland, N., 3; 8 feet.

Discus Throw—Walter Haldi, N., 1; Morris Mitchell, N., 2; Clare McKone, H. S., 3; 81 feet.

100 Yard Dash—First heat: Nichols, N., 1; Carney, H. S., 2; Zabara, N., 2; 10.45 seconds.

100 Yard Dash—Second heat: Kruse, H. S., 1; Malone, N., 2; Mitchell, N., 3; 11.3 seconds.

100 Yard Dash—Finals: Nichols, N., 1; Carney, H. S., 2; Kruse, H. S., 3; 11.2 seconds.

220 Yard Dash—Nichols, 1; Carney,

2; Kruse, 3; 24 seconds.

Quarter Mile Run—Paul Jones, H. S., 1; Mulholland, N., 2; Walter Haldi, N., 3; 1 minutes 2-3 seconds.

One-Half Mile Run—Nichols, N., 1; Doyle, H. S., 2; Stark, Junior H. S., 3; 2 minutes 35 seconds.

Mile Run—Stark, Junior H. S., 1; Leighton, N., 2; Zabara, N., 3; 6 minutes 42 seconds.

Nichols of the Normal is the individual star, securing 23.75 points with four firsts. Walter Haldi, Normal, was second with 11 points and 2 firsts. Wagner, High school, was third with 8 points and one first.

The officials were: Prof. Geo. Mueller, referee and timer; E. Davis, starter; field and track judges, Dr. Clarke, Normal; Harter, H. S.; Van Duzee and Wm. Larson, Official scorers; Van Duzee and Mueller.

One-Half Mile Relay—H. S. First. Kruse, Lowe, Carney and Johns; Normal, second, Zabara, Bissell, Mulholland and Nichols.

Mrs. John Renz, who has been in the hospital for three weeks, is not improving very rapidly. She is recovering nicely from her operation for mastoiditis but she is now suffering from a serious attack of erysipelas.