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State Historical Society

Marie Wick Murdered by Degenerate in Fargo

The body of Miss Marie Wick, beautiful eighteen-year-old girl, who occupied Room 30 of the Prescott Hotel in Fargo, was found at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, in her room. One of the most horrible murders in the annals of North Dakota history had been committed by some degenerate.

She had been gagged and each of her hands had been tied to a bed post with pillow slips taken from blood stained pillows. Her nose was broken. There was a deep cut on the left of her head and another on the right, made by some blunt instrument. At first it was believed that the murderer had used a hammer, but later the nozzle of the fire hose was found in the hall, with blood stains on it. The nozzle had been partially screwed back into the hose. The murderer no doubt was familiar with the hotel and had been deliberate with his horrible work. It is believed that the murder was committed at about 2 a. m., tho discovery was not made until the clerk went to call the young woman at 7 in the morning. She was enroute to Pettibone, N. D., to visit a sister and had left a call.

Blood spots on the walls and on her body indicated she had fought her assailant, who evidently attacked her after she had retired for the night. It is believed that the murderer escaped by way of the door, locking it after him.

A physician examined the body and declares that the woman was assoulted thus furnishing a motive for the horrible crime.

The Cass county commissioners offer a reward for the capture of the murderer and the city commission of Fargo offer a like reward.

Miss Wick's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wick of Grygla, Minn., near Thief River Falls. She had been employed the past year in the farmers co-operative store at Grygla. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors.

None of the occupants of the rooms heard any noise in her room. H. J. Hagen, former president of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Fargo, occupied a room next to the girl's room. He has asked the Cass county authorities to take his finger prints and examine his body for bruises or scratches. There is a door between Hagen's and the girl's room which was nailed. Hagen says he retired at 1:30 a. m. The bloody finger prints of the murderer do not correspond with Hagen's prints.

It has been learned that enroute to Fargo, the young woman met a middle aged man on the train who had the "newsy" toss her some peanuts, engaging in conversation with her in that way. Later he sat in a seat with Miss Wick and played cards with her and another young woman riding with her. Authorities are looking for the man who got off the train in Fargo.

In her right hand she clutched some gray hair, furnishing the only tangible evidence.

Rotary Club Elects New Directors

A meeting of the directors of the Minot Rotary club was held Saturday evening and the following officers elected President—G. D. Colcord.

First Vice President — Winfield M. Smart.

Second Vice President—Ray Miller.

Sergeant-at-Arms—John McGuire.

Secretary—Burt E. Stewart.

The other directors are Aksel Bratsberg, Peter Fugelso, George Kemper and Henry Wilson.

The following committees have been announced:

Survey—Geo. Kemper, chairman; Evan Thomas, Geo. Valker, Fred Upton.

Resolutions — Bill Smart, chairman; Hal Davies, Francis Murphy, Mike Mulroy, Verne Tompkins.

Boys' Work—Henry Wilson, chairman; Leslie White, Archie McCannel, Dick Mills, Roy Pence, Herold Ross.

By-Laws—Ray Miller, chairman, Francis Murphy, Burt Stewart, R. A. Nestos, Bill Smart.

Entertainment — Ray Miller, chairman, Otto Ellison, Herbert Colton, Lafe Flaten, John Howard, Soren Rasmussen, Carl Danielson.

Fellowship—Pete Fugelso, chairman; Bob Barron, Norm Ellison, Bert Gorman, Bill Borene.

Publicity—Hal Davies, Glenn Colcord.

Attendance—John McGuire, chairman; Ira Jones, Stanley Colburn, Dick DuVall, Moorman Hardaway, Roy McCandless, John Morrell, Clarence See, Jim Smallwood, Marvin Sollen, Frank Taylor and Harry Winters.

Education—Bill Smart, chairman; Bill Clar, R. A. Nestos, Peter Erickson, Leslie White.

Program—Aksel Bratsberg, chairman, Edward Person, Archie McCannel, Henry Wilson.

At Monday's meeting there were short addresses by the new president, and the outgoing president, Dr. Archie D. McCannel. Walter Bond gave a short address explaining the proposed laws to be referred. Thorstein Skorning, a world master of the accordion, favored the Rotary with a number of selections. He is a whole band in himself and is simply marvelous. He was the guest of Carl Danielson.

WILLIAM PACE OBITUARY

William Pace was born in 1868 in Cass county, Iowa. His father, James Pace was a native of Illinois. His mother was an Iowan, and died when William was four years old. There was one other child, Quinn Pace, and of this brother, William has not heard from for forty years. Williams' father was again married and to this union two children were born, Frank Pace of Wilton, N. D., and Mrs. Stella Robinson now living near Glasgow, Montana.

Mr. Pace came to Minot about thirty years ago, having been one of the first firemen on the Great Northern railroad. Following a wreck on the railroad, because of shattered nerves, he gave up railroading and took up the plumbing business which he followed until accepting a position with the Northern States Power company as boiler maker, about three years ago. Mr. Pace was married about thirty years ago to Miss Ida Milton. Two children were born to them, Mrs. Lula Kronick at Washburn, N. D., and Emma Hilton at Fallon, Nevada.

Four years ago Mr. Pace was married to Mrs. Fannie Hill of Tucuincari, New Mexico. Since that time a daughter, Agnes Hill, has made her home with the Paces until a year ago when she went to live with her sister, Mrs. Leaffie Pearson at Tucuincari, N. M.

Mr. Pace was recently granted a vacation of two weeks by the Northern States Power company, because of poor health. He dressed as usual Monday morning when at about 6 o'clock he was suddenly called into the Great Beyond.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Methodist church, the pastor, Dr. C. L. Clifford officiating. The K. P. lodge will have charge of the services at Rose Hill cemetery, where interment will be made.

Wilbur, Laborer, Thought Poisoned

A laborer named Wilbur who lives with his son northeast of the Normal school, became very ill Monday evening while eating supper and believes that an attempt was made by someone to poison him. He hurried to a doctor who administered emetics and he has now practically recovered. Once before he became ill in this fashion and thinks he was poisoned at that time. Both times he gave evidence of having been poisoned with strychnine.

Mr. Wilbur has no positive evidence which would connect anyone with the crime. A man suspected of knowing something about it has been locked up. His name is Jack Brown. So far he has given no evidence that is considered of value.

Wilbur is not living with his wife, who has moved out of the city. So far as he knows, he has not an enemy in the world.

The police secured his coffee pot, can of cream, sugar and a portion of the bread and butter he was eating, and these have been sent to the public health laboratory for examination.

THE GRASSHOPPER CAMPAIGN

Along with the warm weather, reports of grasshoppers become more numerous. So far the reports have been from scattered areas, but almost all communities are now reporting grasshoppers in numbers.

At present, sub-stations for the distribution of poison have been established at Kenmare, Hartland, Donnybrook, Foxholm, Berthold, Des Lacs and Ed. Durbins' near Burlington. The Minot station, in the Roth-Lenton barn, has distributed to date about five tons of poison.

Most of the places reporting the hoppers as numerous state that they are very small but that they want to "get" them now because it is easier to kill them while they are small. The poison does not have to be spread over such a large area, nor in the fields if the mash is put out while the hoppers are young.

Kenmare reports that they expect to put out between 25 and 35 tons of poison. There have been no reports from the southern part of the county, but the recent rains there have held the hoppers in check to some extent.

It cannot be too firmly impressed on the farm bureau members that the county agent expects to hear from them as to the development of danger from hoppers. Care should be taken to look closely for the small hoppers which are no larger than an ant.

A determined effort is being made in the County Agent's office to get the poison out on the ground early and farmers should co-operate in this effort. Please keep in mind the following points: Look closely for young hoppers; report immediately; apply for poison; scatter as soon as possible.

Sawyer Community Club Meeting

Word comes from Chas. Booth, the manager of the Sawyer Band that Thursday night, June 16th, will be one of the big nights at Sawyer.

The attractions are interesting and varied as the Band will give a concert; the Community Club will hold a meeting; the Farm Bureau will explain the referendum by a representative and open discussion, and during all the afternoon and evening there will be held a Strawberry shortcake and ice cream festival.

Quite a bit of interest is being taken in an effort to make this the banner day for Sawyer's band, a commendable undertaking by capable musicians. Mr. Bach of Minot will be the Band Leader and this alone should prove the worth of the music in store for everyone.

After such promises of a good time, no further need be said because of the expressions of opinion voiced in and near Sawyer that Thursday, June 16th will be "some" day.

Baccalaureate Services

The Baccalaureate services of the graduating class of the Minot high school were held at the auditorium Sunday evening. The high school orchestra played the processional as the sixty-three graduates entered the room. Rev. D. J. Gallagher delivered the invocation and Rev. C. L. Clifford gave the scripture reading. Rev. P. W. Erickson delivered a most appropriate address on "Chasing the Rainbow." The high school chorus sang "More Love to Thee, O Christ". The chorus was directed by Miss Eldrice Nelson, who is in charge of the vocal music in the city schools and rendered this beautiful number most effectively. The Faculty Ladies' Sextette sang "Angel's Serenade" with violin obligato by John E. Howard. Every seat in the large auditorium was filled.

Lynn Christenson Died from Burns

Lynn Christenson, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Christenson, who reside on Seventh Ave. N. W. passed away at St. Joseph's hospital from burns received while he was attempting to save a neighbor, Mrs. P. A. Stein, from burning to death when her gasoline stove exploded. The remains were interred in the Norwegian Lutheran cemetery Monday afternoon, the funeral being held from the Lutheran church, Rev. T. F. Gullixson, officiating. He is survived by his parents and a brother, Roy. The father is an insurance man. The deceased attended the Model school of the Normal and was to have graduated this month. He was in command of one of the Boy Scout troops and was a splendid young man.

Home Grown Tobacco

John Maloney, who owns considerable real estate adjoining the city, is an enthusiastic agriculturalist and is ever on the alert for new ideas along that line. He recently showed the writer several pounds of tobacco grown in the eastern part of the city last season by Chas. Stafford. The sample showed a very high grade leaf, good color and flavor, well shaped and smooth. The probability is that it would be a good crop for enthusiasts to experiment with for if it can be grown successfully it would prove a valuable side line for the small farmer.

Avery Road Maintainer Demonstrated

A demonstration of the Avery one-man road maintainer will be given in this city Saturday and it is expected that an unusually large crowd will witness the work of this wonderful machine.

Jacob Raub, who is in charge of the Minot block, comprising all the territory between Towner, N. D., and Havre, Mont., with the branch lines north to the Canadian line, is here arranging for the demonstration. The Farmers Implement & Supply Co., who handle the Avery line here, are associated with Mr. Raub in the demonstration.

An Independent representative visited the northern section of the city Wednesday where this machine was at work and watched it operating. The machine is operated easily by one man who can see at all times just what he is doing. It is fast running and an entire city block can be graded smoothly in seven minutes. The machine that "makes rough roads smooth" performed its part perfectly.

Mr. Raub has invited in many from out of the city, including township officers and farmers to witness the demonstration. Those desiring to see the demonstration, should call at the office of the Farmers Implement & Supply Co., Saturday morning and they will be directed to the street where the machine will work.

Miss Hammer to Be Rotary Guest Monday

Miss Sofie Hammer, a noted Grand Opera singer, who will arrive in Minot Sunday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Bratsberg, will be the guest of the Minot Rotary Monday at noon, where she has kindly consented to sing one or two numbers.

Miss Hammer, who is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Co., of New York City, has been singing at Tacoma and other western cities and is enroute to the east. She is a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Bratsberg, having attended college in Norway, with Mr. Bratsberg.

Monday will be Ladies' Day at the Minot Rotary, the wives of the Rotarians to accompany their husbands to the luncheon. Colonel Boyden, good roads expert, will deliver his address on cement and concrete that day.

High School Picnic

Prof. A. J. Spacht and wife and Miss Howery chaperoned the Sawyer high school senior class Thursday for a picnic at Riverside park. The Sawyer school baseball team was included. The class and team were photographed at the Hart Studio.

The Sawyer boys won six out of ten games played this year.

During the summer Prof. Spacht will live in Sawyer and preach at the Garrison, N. D. Congregational church and at Highland, south of Minot.

Miss Howery and Miss Blanding will spend the summer in the Minot Normal. All will teach again in Sawyer. Miss Mildred Hage will teach the intermediate room.

Work Starts on Community Hall

The work of building the Community Hall by the South Prairie Community Club started this week, the basement already being completed. The hall will be 30x60 feet and will have a valuation of $3,000.00. The members are expected to donate $1200.00 in work at the rate of $25 for each member. The store is located 12 miles south of Minot.

Officers of the club were elected as follows: J. F. Kavanaugh, president; E. F. Cline, vice president; B. C. Witham, secretary-treasurer; E. R. Smith, E. O. Anderson, Wm. C. Walker, Mrs. J. P. McCarthy and Mrs. T. M. Larson, directors.

Sawyer's Annual Picnic Tuesday June 21

The twenty-first annual picnic will be held at Corey's Grove at Sawyer, Tuesday, June 21. An address will be given at 11 A. M. by some able speaker from the Farm Bureau. Dinner will be spread under the beautiful trees at noon and at one o'clock the horse races will take place. A number of local horses have been entered. A ball game will take place at 2 o'clock. There will be a program of sports including fat men's races, women's races and jumping contests for which prizes will be offered. In the evening a bowery dance will be held.

Mrs. H. C. Windell of Williston Died in Minot

Mrs. H. C. Windell of Williston passed away at a local hospital Tuesday at 2 p. m. following an operation. Mrs. Windell resided at Williston, during the past 14 years where her husband is a prominent physician. She was well known in Minot, being a sister-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bell. She is survived by her husband and one child, Henry, 14. The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church in Minot Friday at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. P. W. Erickson officiating and the remains will be interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

Taylor and Byorum on School Board

Frank Taylor was re-elected member of the board of education, Minot Special School District and Henry E. Byorum was elected member of the board to fill the vacancy of Francis Murphy, whose term expires.

C. H. Zehringer and Leon Ellithorpe ran on stickers, their friends bringing them out the evening before. The vote was Taylor, 492; Byorum 392; Zehringer, 299; Ellithorpe, 63.

The old members of the board are Peter Fugelso, John Lynch and Burt E. Stewart.

Arrests

Eva Gardner was arrested by Mrs. John Campbell, police matron, charged with immorality and taken to the county jail.

Tom Garhartt was arrested June 5 and held as a witness in the Parks case.

Hattie Parks, a colored female, was arrested June 5.

John W. Campbell was fined $5.00 for parking his car wrong.

Frank Cox was arrested June 2 for disorderly conduct.

To Divide Paving Contract

The board of city commissioners will decide at their next meeting, 3 p. m. June 13, the question of completing the entire Hanlon & Oakes paving contract or postponing the same for one year. About 60 interested property owners have been asked to attend the meeting. This project includes paving the south end of Main street.

Auto Club Picnic at Rice Lake Sunday

The Minot Automobile Club was unable to hold its picnic at Rice Lake Sunday on account of rain which fell steadily thruout the forenoon, making the roads very slippery.

Loius Vollmer wanted to win the prize of an inner tube offered by the Holt Motor Co. to the first automobile to reach the grounds, drove out to the lake the night before and was the only man on the grounds. He came in the next afternoon, spending three hours on the muddy roads. He will have to compete next Sunday.

The picnic next Sunday will be similar to the one planned for last Sunday. If the weather permits, the crowd is sure to be a big one. Take your lunches and you will enjoy the day. The lake is 27 miles southwest of Minot and the roads are good.

The following is the program:

12:00 o'clock—Horse shoe contest. First prize, six months' subscription to the Daily News. Louis Vollmer in charge of contest.

1:00 o'clock—Boys under 12 years of age. First prize, bat donated by Taylor Drug Co.; second prize, baseball donated by Leland Drug Co. Boys under 18 years of age. First prize $1.00 tie donated by M. G. Olson & Co. Second prize 75c tie donated by M. G. Olson & Co.

2:00 o'clock—Grand opening of grub baskets.

3:00 5'clock—Sack Race (anybody)—First prize, silver pencil, donated by Minot Drug Co.; second prize, baseball donated by Anderson Drug Co. Girls under 12—First prize, gold pencil, donated by Hart Swalstead, Jeweler; second prize, box of candy, donated by Campbell-Tompkins Co. Girls, (no age limit) any girl. First prize gold bracelet, donated by Benno Drug Co.; second prize all silk pair of lady's hose donated by The Fair.

4:00 o'clock—Tug of War.

4:30—Eight Oared Race—Pipe Race and Candle Race.

Special Attractions

Person catching largest fish — First prize, Sunderland Auto Pump, donated by Minot Auto Co. Person having largest grub basket, first prize, 30x3 Inner Tube, donated by Holt Motor Co.

Follow Blazed Trail — come early—have a good time and boost for the Auto Club.

Ice cream and soft drink stand on the grounds conducted by Mr. Sorensen. If you are not a member, see H. Welch, Secretary and secure membership card and tag.

John McGuire, is the marshal of the day. Watch your step.

H. F. Allen is Secretary-Manager Wool Growers' Association

The annual meeting of the Mouse River Loop Wool Growers' Ass'n was held at Minot, Saturday afternoon, June 4th.

Section 4 of the By-Laws of the Constitution was voted stricken out. This motion eliminates the annual dues of $3.00 per year. This action means an opportunity for the man with just a few sheep to enter into the pool at a charge of only one-half cent per pound for carrying on the local organization.

The date of July 1st was settled for the first shipment in a carload lot from Minot. A car will be loaded also at Donnybrook and sent direct to the pool at Fargo. Arrangements can be made with A. W. Elinn at Donnybrook for shipping from there.

A leter will be sent out to all members just after the shipmnet of the first car from Minot to ascertain what date the second car will be loaded from Minot.

One director, Mr. A. C. Erb, was elected for a term of one year. N. J. DeMarree was elected delegate to the annual convention at Fargo. Chas. Ouradnik who is one of the directors of the State Federation of Wool Growers was chosen alternate. H. F. Allen was appointed secretary-manager.

It was found that the expense of handling the shipping and other local activities could be held down considerably and a discussion of the treasurer's report ensued with many valuable suggestions.

Wm. Guy, secretary-manager of the State Pool outlined the activities of the State Federation. Many points of interest were presented and questions answered explaining much on which the growers were not certain. It was learned that the blankets offered for sale by the Federation will return 15c per pound for the poorest of the wool in the pool, such as the tags, etc.

The sentiment of the members in attendance was strongly in favor of pooling again this year and for an effort in getting more men to enter into the pool.

The Board of Directors met immediately afterward and re-elected the same officers as follows: Chas. Ouradnik, president, Burlington; A. C. Erb, vice president, Minot; A. W. Flinn, sec'y-treasurer, Donnybrook; H. F. Allen, sec'y-manager, Minot.

St. Agnes Graduation

The Commencement exercises of the St. Agnes School at Kenmare were held June 7. The following from Minot attended the exercises: Mrs. Flossie McKone, who has a son in the school, Mr. nad Mrs. Francis J. Murphy who have two girls in the institution and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelley who have two boys in school there. The address was delivered by Francis J. Murphy and the diplomas were presented by Father Wagner. Eight members of the class have attended the institution from the first grade. The following received diplomas: Sophie Jacoby, Dorothy Ruth, Mildred and Warren McConnell, Lois Mellenkopf, Ellen Pfeifer, Emma and Frank Sporer, Anna Tokach, Beatrice and Leonard White.

Kiwanis Recommends City Improvement

The Kiwanis club held its weekly luncheon at the Episcopal dining hall Wednesday noon with Thos. Murphy in charge. Members handed in slips with suggestions for the improvements to be recommended for the city of Minot and these will be considered by committees and reported on at the next meeting. The remodeling of the bridge at the north entrance to Eastwood Park, and the south hill paving were included in the recommandations. Miss Emily Martin played a violin solo.

Will Deal Blow to John Barleycorn

Dr. Geo. W. Morrow, noted anti-saloon speaker from Michigan, will speak at the high school auditorium Sunday evening, June 12 at 3 oclock. The churches of the city will join in this meeting. The lecture will be free. He is a forceful, effective speaker.

Dr. Morrow comes here to take the place of John G. Woolley, prohibition candidate for president, who could not fill his Minot engagement.

Minot Chautauqua June 29-July 6

A chautauqa will be held at Wildwood Park, Minot, under the auspices of the city schools, from June 29 to July 6. The American Legion will act as the sales agency. John E. Howard, who is familiar with the various Chautauqua companies, assures the people of Minot that these are all first class attractions. The following companies will appear: Henry & Co., magicians; The Parnells, The Crawford-Adams Co.; Gay Zenola MacLaren, The Mallory Players, and the Davies Light Opera Co.

Rolling Green Election

The following officers of Rolling Green school district were elected Tuesday, an entire new board: R. S. Waggoner, S. C. Losby and Wm. Zimmerman, directors and Theo. Mork, treasurer.

Sawyer School Election

The Sawyer school election was held Tuesday. N. M. Flammang, present member was re-elected over Frank Booth, by a vote of 77 to 51. Mr. Flammang had 26 majority. The election was quite spirited.

Kate Richards O'Hare Will Not Speak Here

As a result of the action taken by the American Legion, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and other Minot organizations, W. A. Beardsley and others in charge of the arrangements for the Kate Richards O'Hare lecture to be given in this city June 13, on Prison Reform, has been called off.

Mr. Beardsley stated that after the American Legion Post had decided to take whatever means necessary to prevent the lecture, he did not feel like going ahead with the arrangements, as he did not desire to court trouble. The committee were to have paid the speaker $100.00. Application for the use of Riverside Park had been made and the park board were to have met to decide whether or not they would permit the lecture, Tuesday.

The ex-service men objected to this woman coming to our city to speak because she was convicted in North Dakota for sedition, having made the statement that American mothers permitting their sons to enter the army were no better than brood sows. She was sentenced to a term in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth and after serving a portion of her sentence was pardoned by former President Wilson. Governor Frazier interested himself in securing the woman's pardon.

Pythians to Meet Here June 15-16

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will convene in Minot June 15 and 16. About 75 delegates from all parts of the state, besides delegates to the Pythian Sisters convention to be held on the same dates, will attend. A joint meeting will be held at the Elks Home on the morning of the 15th, at which time, W. M. Smart, president of the city commission, will welcome the delegates. In the afternoon an automobile ride will be given at the K. P. Castle Hall for the Grand Lodge representatives and the Pythian Sister delegates.

A Dokey ceremony will take place at the Elks Home on the evening of June 15 and at noon there will be a big Dokey parade. The new Fezzes have arrived for the members.

The Town Criers are in charge of decorating the city for the convention and the visitors will be given a hearty welcome.

National Secretary of Roosevelt Highway Visits Minot

A. W. Tracy, of Duluth, National Secretary of the Theodore Roosevelt Highway, was in Minot Friday making plans with the local committee for the auto tour from Duluth to Glacier Park which will reach Minot about July 18. There will be approximately 80 cars carrying 300 people. Three trucks will accompany the autos, one to carry the baggage and tents for any who should desire to use tents for sleeping purposes and the others ot carry repair equipment, tires and accessories, with expert tire men in the charge. The trip is to be made by easy stages and the party will remain over night in Minot. Most of them will stop at the hotels. Special entertainment will be provided at each city where the party remains over night and short stops will be made at all points of consequence. Minot will arrange some form of entertainment that will please the visitors.

Mr. Tracy met with about twenty business men at a luncheon at the Grand Cafe. Mr. Tracy addressed the men and showed them some beautiful pictures of scenery taken along the highway which extends from Portland, Me. to Portland Ore., the longest highway in the United States.

Logan Picnic to be Held June 17

A big picnic will be held at the Waldref Grove at Logan, Friday June 17.

A ball game between two good teams is scheduled to take place.

Senator B. F. Baker of Renville county and Walter Maddock of Mountrail county will deliver addresses on state issues. A dance will be held in the Logan hall in the evening. The public is invited.

Rev. C. L. Clifford delivered commencement day addresses at Wimbledon and Berthold, N. D. last week.

Frank W. Youngman, U. R. Whiting, and E. C. Perry left Tuesday for Virginia, Minn., to attend the Grand Council of the U. C. T. They will be away a week. The delegates will enjoy a fishing trip after the business affairs are completed.

An aviator who visited Donnybrook last week wrecked his plane, when landing with J. G. Battcher and Ellis Sherman, local passengers. The wheels of the plane were broken in landing, the propeller broken and the planes damaged.

Wild Canard Springs Out of Des Moines

A wild canard that sprung up out of some fertile brain at Des Moines, Iowa, was published in Saturday's issue of the Minneapolis Daily News. Both Mayor Smart and Postmaster Anderson are "up in the air" over the yarn which undoubtedly was started by some one who has been engaged in running whiskey thru Minot, being arrested in Des Moines, evidently endeavoring to pass himself off as the Minot official.

The report as sent out from Des Moines, follows:

"Des Moines, Ia., June 3.—Three men including the postmaster at Minot, N. D., are under arrest here today, following the discovery of an alleged whiskey plot by federal officials. The plot is said to involve officials of Des Moines also.

"The mayor of Minot has fled to South America, is was reported here."

"Farm Folks", a delightful four-act comedy will be presented by the young people of Harrison township at Carl Hauge's fine new barn, one mile south and one-fourth mile east of the Harrison Consolidated school, Saturday n ight, June 11.

Surrey Township to Build New Roads

Surrey township is advertising for bids in this week's Independent for the building of six miles of new road and re-grading as much more.

Mrs. Youngman, Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Bragg, Mrs. Wm. Hunter, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. J. D. White are attending the W. R. C. state convention at Valley City this week. J. D. White and Rev. Mr. Mergel are attending the W. R. C. Encampment at Valley City.

Chief Leas, Walter Smallwood, A. G. Torgerson, Justin Vandenoever, John Strommen, James Dougherty, and Geo. Balch are in Williston attending the state firemen's convention.

Elect 7 New Members to Commerce Board

Seven new members of the Board of Directors of the Association of Commerce were elected at the annual dinner held at the Association rooms Tuesday evening. The new directors are:

Lee Piper, President Piper-Howe Lumber Co.

Max Johnson, Mgr. Max Johnson Coal Co.

S. S. Morgan, Mgr. Minot Grocery Co.

Ray Miller, Mgr. Minot Auto Co.

W. J. Gerding, Cashier First International Bank.

A. B. Lee, Mgr. Ward Fruit Co.

G. D. Colcord, Editor of The Independent.

The holdovers are:

John F. McGuire, Mgr. Northern States Power Co.

R. A. Nestos, Asst. States Atty.

Carl E Danielson, Prop. Grand Hotel.

Frank Muskovitch, with Great Northern Railway.

E. A. Shirley tendered his resignation due to the pressure of his own business, after serving the Association very faithfully and efficiently for several years.

The retiring directors, besides Mr. Shirley, are Robert M. Graham, Dr. A. D. McCannel, Mike F. Mulroy, Chas. H. Zehringer, Norman Ellison and Henry M. Wilson

Henry Wilson, the retiring president, was in charge of the meeting and gave a report showing that the old board during the past year had reduced the indebtedness from more than $4,000 to about $1,500 and considering the value of the equipment, the Association can be considered to be free from debt or better.

Dr. L. H. Beeler, president of the Minot Normal, delivered a strong address pertaining to our duties towards the community.

The retiring members of the board were given a vote of thanks for their excellent service and the assemblage gave John E. Howard a vote of thanks for the entertainment he has furnished the Association on numerous occasions. Mr. Howard was present, favoring the assemblage with several enjoyable violin selections.

Jailor's Hand Bitten Trying to Take Weber's Picture

The man who calls himself George Weber, one of the Martin robbers captured east of Minot recently, was taken from the hospital to the county jail Thursday, having recovered sufficiently from the bullet wound in his right leg.

Jailor McCartney endeavored to take Weber's picture Thursday as it is believed that this is a man wanted elsewhere for a very serious offense, but Weber fought like a tiger, biting and scratching the jailor's hand. Mr. McCartney says he will get a good picture of the man eventually, catching him unawares.

Evangelists at Des Lacs

Mr. Wells, the evangelist, and H. A. Backemeyer, the tenor soloist supporting him, began a series of meetings at Des Lacs Sunday. They are using a tent 40x80 feet with seating capacity of 500 and in spite of the rain Sunday a crowd of 300 attended the first service. The meetings will be continued to June 26. Services will be held each night except Monday nights. Mr. Backemeyer is organizing a children's booster chorus and they are rehearsing for a special program to be given Saturday evening, June 18.

Clerk-Carrier Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for Clerk-Carrier, Post Office Service, for vacancies at Minot, N. D. This examination is for male applicants only. Date of examination, June 18, 1921.

Also an examination is to be held July 9th, 1921 for rural carrier to fill vacancy at Burlington, N. Dak.

Application blanks and information may be secured from R. D. Potter, local secretary, postoffice, Minot, N. D.

Auditors Attend Wahpeton Convention

R. W. Kennard, Ward county auditor and C. E. Colcord, county auditor from Renville county, returned Monday from Wahpeton, where they attended the state convention of auditors. The officials were given a fine time by the people of Wahpeton who took them to Battle Lake, Minn., in autos Saturday night where they spent a couple of days fishing. Thirty-five auditors attended the convention.

Stanley Woman Violently Insane

Mrs. Englert of Stanley, was brot to this city Saturday night and confined in the county jail. She was taken to the insane asylum at Jamestown Sunday, Mr. McKee, a transportation officer coming here for that purpose. The woman is violently insane and made things lively around the county jail.

Township Supervisors Meet Friday

A meeting of the township supervisors will be held in Minot at 10 o'clock, Friday, June 10. This is an annual event and road improvement questions will be discussed. The Association of Commerce will tender the visitors a dinner at the Association rooms Friday evening.

Lone Tree Graduation

The commencement exercises of the Lone Tree school were held Saturday night. Nellie Etter, Miss Benedict and Mr. Erdahl were the graduates. Mr. Crawford is the superintendent. The address was given by Supt. McFarland of the Williston schools and H. A. Backemeyer, tenor soloist, sang.