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T. R. TRAIL TOURISTS GIVEN ROYAL RECEPTION IN MINOT

The "T. R." trail tourists enroute from Duluth to Glacier Park, arrived in Minot Friday evening, 24 hours late after passing over some unusually muddy roads in western Minnesota. There were ten cars when the tourists reached Minot, some ten or fifteen of the cars turning back rather than attempt to negotiate the muddy Minnesota roads.

BUICK FOUR ANNOUNCED

Additional Line of Cars Placed on Market by Company
Announcement is made of the presentation of Buick's new four-cylinder line. There are four models in the line, including roadster and five-passenger touring in the open cars, and three-passenger coupe and five-passenger sedan in the closed models.

County Agent Husby Returns from Trip to Minnesota Potato Region

County Agent Husby returned on Tuesday from the Red River Valley part of Minnesota, where he had spent two days inspecting potato warehouse construction, including ventilation systems and grading and handling machinery. On the trip Mr. Husby visited warehouses at McIntosh, Fertile, Beltrami, Fisher and East Grand Forks.

Wool Growers to Pool Again

Information has gone out to about 80 wool growers of the Mouse River district to the effect that the second carload of wool will be loaded at Minot early in August. Much interest has been shown in pooling again this year. Many difficulties with the pool have been overcome and growers look to this year's pool to relieve the tension of the wool market.

Wisconsin Tobacco Grower Visits Minot

Ole J. Nedroloe and family of Mt. Sterling, Wisconsin, are visiting Mr. Nedroloe's brother, Ex-Sheriff John Nedroloe of the Motor Inn. Mr. Nedroloe is an extensive farmer in Mt. Sterling, being engaged in farming and dairying on an extensive scale. Mr. Nedroloe specializes principally, however, on growing tobacco and when he learned that amateur gardeners in this vicinity grew tobacco as a side line but knew nothing of its care, he became interested at once and stated that he would gladly volunteer any information respecting the culture and cure of the leaf that anyone might ask.

Home Builders Association Lost \$5,464.36 on One Bill

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 3.—The North Dakota Home Builders Association lost \$5,464.36 on lumber costing \$9,429.35, shipped to Grand Forks last fall, a bill of sale and other records filed at the office of the Grand Forks county register of deeds shows. This means that the state incurred a loss of approximately 59 percent on the shipment.

Pat Barton's Car Stolen and Burned

Pat Barton, proprietor of the Last Chance Barber Shop, West Central Avenue, lost his Reo roadster Thursday night, which was stolen from where it stood in front of the barber shop. The car was taken about midnight. The next day it was found turned up side down in a ditch along the road three miles west of Minot where it had burned. It is believed that the thieves overturned the car, stole the tires and then set fire to the machine. The loss was complete. The car was insured, but Mr. Barton claims his loss is more than \$500.00.

Prevention of 'Polio' Disease Calls for Care

Two additional cases of "polio" were reported at Fargo since the following report was issued, making three Fargo cases in all. No cases have been reported in Ward county although it is certain that the disease will spread over the state generally at an early date. The Independents suggest that our readers watch for developments carefully and it would be well to retain this article containing information about the disease in case that it spreads to northwestern North Dakota:

Fargo, Aug. 3.—Extreme care to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis is being urged by physicians of the northwest with the view of blocking a threatened epidemic of the disease, which has visited this section of the country every five or six years as far back as the records go. So far only one slight case of the disease which is known scientifically as poliomyelitis, has been reported in Fargo, that from one of the local hospitals, but the case is not of a serious nature. A few cases were reported this week from the vicinity of Portland, but no deaths have resulted. In Minnesota, the state board of health announces, between 300 and 400 cases have developed with 19 deaths in the entire state, although the disease is most prevalent in the Wadena county district.

Epidemics in Past

Records of the state board of health office show that in 1910 an epidemic occurred with about 1,000 cases and 201 deaths, while in 1916 another epidemic resulted in 103 deaths. So far this year the disease has not gained alarming proportions, although the health officers declare that extreme care is important. The unusual feature of the outbreak this year is that the disease is being reported in the entire course of the disease is so mild that medical attention is not sought according to a report made by Dr. C. H. Chesley, executive agent for the Minnesota state board of health. Most of the cases are of children, only a few adults being attacked. Multiple cases, attacking members of a family in turn, occurred in many instances, and contagion by contact was traced in many cases.

Polio is a contagious disease and is spread from the nose and throat in the same manner as Dr. Chesley said. Therefore preventive rules have been laid down by the state board. They are as follows:

- 1. Keep your children off the streets.
2. Do not let them play with any children or associate with adults who are not well.
3. Keep them as quiet as possible and keep them away from rest and sleep.
4. Keep your hands clean, washed and swabbed with disinfectant.
5. Keep out sick persons who do not belong in your house.
6. Be careful of what goes into the mouth.
7. Be careful as to food.
8. Use individual drinking cups and do not use cup for a dipper or a dipper for a cup.
9. In case of sickness, the rules follow:
10. One-fifth of all persons sick with poliomyelitis die and many who survive remain more or less disabled thru life.
11. One-fourth of all cases occur in children less than 10 years old.
12. When death claims about one-half those afflicted.

Minot Boys and Girls Please Large Crowds

Large crowds attended the Play Festival at Riverside Park Monday evening and at Oak Park Tuesday evening, given under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. of Minot and under the direction of Ted Caviness, special playground instructor and Mrs. Carlton of Havre, Mont., who has been assisting Mr. Caviness with the work for the girls of this city. The entertainment was exceedingly classy and the Independent has heard only words of praise for the charming, graceful Minot girls and the jolly, rollicking lads.

Contract Let for Excavation Burlington Potato Warehouse

The Burlington Potato Growers Association means business. The contract for the excavation for the 60,000 bushel potato warehouse was let to Geo. Houston Monday night and work has already started. The warehouse will be 40x112 and will cost about \$10,000.00. The building will be erected in time to care for the present splendid crop of potatoes. The building will be so constructed that other units may be added but will take care of the present needs very well, being large enough to handle the crop as it comes in. With weathers and graders, the potatoes will be loaded into cars about as fast as received and shipped out. There will be ample room to store the select seed.

Dan Conan visited the Independent office Tuesday and states the late rains have done wonders for the potato crop. He is certain the yield will average fully 100 bushels per acre and the Green Mountain variety which will probably give the best yield will do even better. More than 3,000 acres of potatoes were grown in the Burlington district this year. The price is certain to be good. The government estimates a shortage of 68,000,000 bushels. Early potatoes are now being sold over the counter for five cents a pound. The marketing will begin just as the crop has matured as the Burlington growers will take no chances on losing their fine crop. With the wheat crop very short and other grain crops cut away down by the heat the potatoes look mighty good to the Burlingtonites who have again demonstrated that they have exercised excellent judgment.

'High Toned Russian' Worked Minot People for Money

A smooth Russian who spoke the "high toned" Russian language exclusively, and was not presumed to know a word of English, arrived in Minot last week and told thrilling tales of his supposedly recent experiences in Russia. He visited the Jewish people of Minot, made it known that he was in need of funds with which to get to Bismarck where he said he had friends and a subscription list was passed and \$12.00 collected. He got into the good graces of the Olympia Confectionery and borrowed \$12.00 there. Just before the Bismarck train pulled out, word was received from Havre, Mont., that the man had done a similar trick there and the authorities were willing to spend \$50.00 to apprehend him. The "high toned" Russian proved to be as proficient in the use of the English language as any man born here. The local people got \$10.00 of their money back.

Brooklyn Eagle Party Entertained in Minot

About 25 members of the Brooklyn tourist party enroute east from a trip to Honolulu, passed thru Minot Monday afternoon. Autos met them at the G. N. station and for twenty minutes the visitors were driven thru our parks, up onto the hills and throughout the city. They expressed delight over the respite from their long journey. Flowers were given to the ladies and cigars to the men by the Association of Commerce and Trades. Danielson gave the colored porter on the train a dollar to plaster the bags and suit cases of the visitors with "Why Not Minot" stickers. The tourists were headed by Mr. Kaltenborn, assistant manager of the Brooklyn Eagle.

Bismarck vs. Minot This Week End

The Bismarck baseball team will come to Minot tomorrow to play a three game series, one tomorrow night at 6:30, one Saturday at 6:30 and Sunday at 3:00. Taylor, crack Bismarck pitcher, has won 25 games this year, and Minot is out to give him his first defeat of the season. Minot recently lost three to Bismarck and will try to even up by taking three straight on the local diamond. All ball fans will miss the games of their lives if they fail to see these two teams battle. Both teams are "loaded to the guards" and the largest crowds of the season will no doubt be on hand.

L. L. Kvam Becomes Benedict

Leonard L. Kvam, well known Minot young businessman was united in marriage to Miss Florence Thompson of Rhame, N. D., the ceremony being performed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Allen Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, Rev. Wm. C. Hunter officiating. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ehr. Mrs. Kvam is a graduate of the Moorhead normal and last year taught school in the Hope, N. D. The groom has been connected with the Citizens Bank of Minot for years and but recently accepted a position as accountant for the Holt Motor Co. of Minot.

Influx of Settlers Next Year for North Dakota

Former Senator David Hamilton of McHenry county is back from Indiana and Nebraska where he has spent a year and a half with the pictures from the state immigration department. He says that during the first year he was engaged in the work people from the east were not particularly interested in what North Dakota had to offer, but since prices have come down and thousands of farmers closed in on by their creditors, they are anxious to get to where land is cheaper and he looks for a big influx of settlers next year.

Stole Typewriter

A thief entered the offices of the Office Specialty Co., one night recently and stole a typewriter, ribbons and tools valued at \$75.00.

1000 MEN NEEDED TO CARE FOR CROPS IN NORTHWEST N. DAK.

Minot Citizens Attend Funeral of Michael Flannigan in St. Paul

The funeral of Michael Flannigan, General Master Mechanic of the Eastern Division of the Great Northern, who passed away at the Miller hospital in St. Paul early last week, was held from the Masonic Temple of Summit Lodge in St. Paul, Friday afternoon. Blue lodge services were held and six Master Mechanics acted as pall bearers as follows: Ed English, Minot; Chas. McLaughlin, Grand Forks; Geo. Winnie, Crookston; Mr. Braatenberg, Superior; Mr. Muldowney, Breckenridge, and E. Mortimer, Minneapolis.

The funeral was very large. Many of the officials of the road from points all along the line, together with hundreds of the men with whom the distinguished official had worked so long, attended the sad rites. Among those from Minot attending the services were Supt. Roy McCandless, Fred Almy, Ed English, Mit Richardson, Herman Meehler, Chas. Fero, Ed Loberg, Roy Hazeltine, George Else, Dr. L. H. Kermit, and Mrs. Guy O. Frank, the last named being a cousin of Mrs. Flannigan. Fifty autos filled with friends followed the remains to Calvary cemetery where interment was made. The floral offerings were of unusual beauty and so numerous that it required a large truck to convey them to the cemetery. The three Masonic bodies of Minot, of which Mrs. Flannigan was a member, contributed beautiful floral pieces, consisting of the Knight Templar design from De Molay Commandery, the Keystone from Trian Chapter and the Square and Compass from Star in the West Lodge. The various railroad bodies from Minot contributed some very beautiful floral tokens as well. The Minot Lodge No. 1089, B. P. O. Elks sent a very beautiful design, the flowers from Minot alone occupying a conspicuous position.

Geist Reports Fishing Good

John D. Geist is back from a two weeks' outing in the vicinity of Hibbing, Minn. He visited his farm at Keewatin and visited relatives at Clearwater Lake. John has been reading the Independent so long that he can actually tell bigger fish stories than the writer. He says he caught fifteen big, fine pickerel in ten minutes and brot one big fellow home with him. His family has been eating off the fish all week and he has supplied some of the neighbors. He says that Clearwater Lake is the place where fishermen stand behind the trees when they bait their hooks to keep the fish from jumping up out of the water after the bait. John caught all the fish he wanted, then for the sport of it, kept on catching them and throwing them back. He picked some choice blueberries in Minnesota, bringing home several quarts.

New Grocery Store on South Hill

Messrs Chas. McKenzie and Harry Falconer have formed a partnership and will open a grocery store on South Hill. They have erected a neat, substantial store building on Eighth avenue S. E. and will open their doors to the public next Tuesday, featuring the occasion with free lemonade and ice cream. South Hill residents have long desired a convenient grocery and the new store will prove a welcome boon to them. The store will be stocked with a line of the famous George R. Newell's groceries, the proprietors having placed their order with Harry Dingman, local representative, who is himself a resident of the hill district.

Liefur Writes Song

I. V. Liefur of Mountain, N. Dak., who is well known in this city and vicinity, manager of the Minot district of the A. O. U. W. lodge has published a song entitled "A. O. U. W." The song and chorus tell of the principles of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is an excellent piece of music. The music was composed by John Fridfinson of Winnipeg, a friend of Mr. Liefur and also a native of Iceland. Mr. Liefur wrote the song largely for circulation among friends and members of the A. O. U. W. There are about 20 lodges in Mr. Liefur's district.

Hodgins Establishes Overland Service

The Hodgins Transfer Co. have established lines of busses, making regular trips to Mohall, to Max and to Plaza, Parshall, Makoti and Ryder on the Reservation. A regular schedule is maintained and so far the cars have made their trips as regularly as train service. One feature which has popularized the service is the fact that field help and threshers are delivered to any point within a radius of 75 miles upon the payment of transportation charges. The Hodgins Transfer in addition to several enclosed, seven passenger cars have a large white bus which is capable of carrying 15 to 25 people with the same comfort as an ordinary parlor car on railroads.

One thousand men are needed in this section of North Dakota according to information furnished by Mr. Fletcher, who is in charge of the state-federal employment office at the Association of Commerce rooms in this city. The men are needed for both harvesting and threshing. The wages for harvesting in this vicinity are \$3.50 per day while the threshing wages will be no less than \$4.00, Mr. Fletcher states. While not so very many men are needed in the immediate vicinity of Minot, there are calls for help from the Reservation towns, western Ward county and upper Ward county, Burke and Renville counties. The men for those localities are being supplied from the Minot office.

Quite a number of hands are arriving daily, coming in on the trains. The men are given the privilege of riding free on top of the box cars by both the G. N. and the Soo, so long as they do not molest the railroad property.

C. W. BIRS GUILTY IN RABBIT SWINDLE

Fargo, Aug. 2.—C. W. Birs, president, and R. Van Wie, secretary-treasurer, of the closed Fur and Specialty Farming company, were found guilty by a jury in federal court at noon today of using the mails to conduct a scheme to defraud. C. A. Anderson, third party to the indictment of eight counts, was acquitted and ordered discharged. Judge Page Morris of Duluth, presiding, pronounced a sentence of one year and one day on Birs and a fine of \$1,000 on Van Wie.

In passing sentence on Birs, Judge Morris said he would write a letter to the warden at the federal penitentiary, recommending that the prisoner be sent to the government detention hospital in Washington, D. C. "In my judgment I believe that you belong in an asylum instead of a penitentiary," said Judge Morris. The jury returned the verdict about 12:15, after asking instructions from the court at 10 a. m.

The verdict was as follows: "We, the jury, find C. W. Birs and R. Van Wie, guilty as charged in the indictment and we find the defendant, C. A. Anderson, not guilty. The leniency of the court is recommended for R. Van Wie."

When the jury this morning asked Judge Page Morris of Duluth, presiding, what the penalty would be if the verdict were guilty he replied, was not a proper matter for its consideration.

Town Criers Ready for Outdoor Frolic

At last the big day is approaching. Like a mighty meteor in the sky, it is coming with scintillating speed. By next Tuesday it will be here, we will be there and all will be well. All of which is preliminary to saying that everything is ready for the First Annual Outdoor Frolic of the Minot Town Criers Club. This is to be held at Oak Park next Tuesday. The committees have been working long, hard and faithfully, all the big things and little things have been taken care of. Those who have cars will drive those who have not. Everybody meets at the Association of Commerce at 6 o'clock. Everybody will have on play clothes (the Minot Community Band will be there too). They are the invited guests of the evening but it is whispered they are going to be equipped to harmonize the rabble. There will be one dray load of prizes. The load may be guarded by officers. Colored's high dive into the wading pool will be only one of the spectacular stunts provided by Ted Caviness who has charge of the sports. It is suspected that several ladies will be there dressed up as men. Otherwise how could the big dinner be served. And it is going to be a scrumptious meal. The club is underwriting it at 75 cents but understand that manager Bob Rasmussen has already got about a dollar's worth crammed into each order. Montgomery has a new bunch of song hits and Swiggum is keeping up telegraphic communication with the Star Movie Actress who is on her way now.

Visitors are expected from Ryder taking this advantage of returning our well remembered visit to that place in May last.

If you haven't a ticket see Ira Jones. No one will be admitted without a ticket. As everybody will be in disguise it would not be known who were Town Criers and who not.

Legal Levy is \$110,365

According to the state law passed at the last session of the legislature, the limit Minot can levy this year, other than special assessments, will be \$110,365. The law provides that the levy shall not exceed one-third of the total levies made in 1918, 1919 and 1920. The law provides that the levy may be increased 25 percent by a vote of the people, but commissioners stated at yesterday's meeting that such an election would not be necessary, in their opinion. With \$110,365 available, the city will have practically the same amount of money to operate with as during the current year.