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GOOD ROADS ASS'N HAS OUTLINED ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

A large number of delegates attended the annual convention of the North Dakota Good Roads Association at Bismarck Tuesday, the northwestern part of the state being especially well represented.

Will E. Holbein was re-elected secretary and President Moe of Valley City was re-elected, as well as the other members of the board except one. Lee H. Piper is a new member of the board of directors.

Minot was represented at the meeting by Carl E. Danielson, President of the Association of Commerce, James Milroy, the secretary and A. F. Bacon, Governor. R. A. Nestos addressed the convention Tuesday night. The governor gave a very strong address and while he is a firm advocate of good roads, he cautioned all to be watchful for the economy of the state. He stated that when he was a candidate for office, he made a pledge for economy and he asked the road enthusiasts to plan their program carefully. He criticized the extravagance of the state engineering department, whose overhead expense has been heavy.

The North Dakota Good Roads Association has won many supporters during the past year.

An effort will be made to secure the proposed adoption of the following constitutional amendment as quickly as possible.

AN AMENDMENT

To the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, Providing for the Establishing of a State System of Highways, to be constructed, improved and maintained by the State; Establishing and Authorizing the Creation of the Taxation of Motor Vehicles and Motor Fuel, and providing for the Establishment of a State Highway Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

That the Constitution of the State of North Dakota is hereby amended by the addition of the following article.

ARTICLE

Section 1: There is hereby established a State Highway System, which shall be located, constructed, reconstructed, improved and forever maintained and controlled as public highways by the State of North Dakota. The said highways shall extend as nearly as may be practical from county seat to county seat, east and west, north and south, or along recognized registered highways, and also include, where practical, State and Federal highway projects, now built or designated excluding every street and road in incorporated cities or villages having a population, as shown by the latest available Federal Census, of two thousand five hundred or more, except that portion of any such street or road along which within a distance of one mile the houses average more than two hundred feet apart. The more definite location of such highways shall be fixed and determined by the State Highway Commission.

Section 2: There is hereby created a fund which shall be known as the State Highway Fund. Said fund shall include the proceeds of any tax imposed by law on motor vehicles, motor fuel and any other revenues as may be set aside for the purpose of carrying out the provisions hereof. The moneys in said fund shall be used for the maintenance of the State Highway Department, as shall be provided by law, and the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of State Highways, under the supervision of the State Highway Commission, but shall never be diverted either temporarily or otherwise from such purposes; provided, however, that there shall be set aside annually for a period of ten years, funds to be known as the County Funding Fund, for the purpose of refunding to each county such moneys as have been by them expended on state and Federal Highway projects in conjunction with the State Highway Commission, which money

shall be refunded at the rate of ten per cent each year to each county on the basis of the amount which each said county has so expended, subsequent to January 1, 1918. Said moneys so refunded shall be expended on a system of county highways by said counties.

Section 3: There is hereby created and established a State Highway Commission to consist of three members, who shall devote their entire time to the duties of their office, their tenure of office being six years. The members of the State Highway Commission shall be appointed by the governor, one from each Congressional District, as now constituted, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the first appointment being for terms of two, four and six years respectively. The State Highway Commission shall maintain its principal offices at the State Capitol.

- 1. Yes.
- 2. No.

Max Man Receives Ten Years For Attempted Robbery

Walter Anderson and Joe Bartashevik must spend ten years in the state penitentiary for first degree burglary in connection with the attempted robbery of Cornelius Barnuch, an aged Max farmer, who was reported to have secreted some \$15,000.00 in his farm residence.

Anderson was found guilty Tuesday night at Mandan and Bartashevik was found guilty last week.

The crime was committed in McLean County and a change of venue was taken to Morton County. Sentence was passed by Judge Berry.

No request has been made for a new trial and attorneys say that none will be made. The men were given separate trials and convicted largely by distinctive marks made by an auto near the Barnuch farm, which the men had rented.

Bartashevik lived for years near Sawyer. He is a Russian and has been convicted of assault and battery in Ward County a number of times.

Anderson was arrested in Ward County some time ago charged with stealing a Ford car and he was out on bail when arrested for the other crime.

Devils Lake Farmers and Landlords Waking Up

Chas. Ouradnik, of Burlington, president of the Ward County Farm Bureau, was in Minot today, enroute home from Devils Lake. He assisted in a membership drive in Ramsey County for the County Farm Bureau. The organization has doubled its membership and now has 400 members.

Mr. Ouradnik assisted in organizing the Devils Lake Farmers' Club, made up of men who live in town but who own land in the county. This club has a membership of 65 and includes such men as Joe Kelley, owner of more than 5,000 acres; John W. Maher, owner of 9,000 acres in Ramsey County. They plan on working out a better system of tenancy to secure better and surer returns and to hold their tenants year after year. They will hold a big picnic during the coming summer to be attended by landlords and tenants. The Devils Lake farmers have grown wheat principally. Now they are talking potatoes, corn and cows, sweet clover, etc.

Minot Curlers Visit Portal

Three rinks of Minot curlers went to Portal Tuesday afternoon, spending the evening, returning early the following morning. Minot won three games, tied in two others and lost in one. The James Smallwood rink was the only one which lost. The J. R. Pence and Kennard rinks tied. The Minot curlers making the trip were Dr. J. R. Pence, Chas. Davy, Albert Novak, Ben Schimansky, R. W. Kennard, H. L. Winters, C. B. Mills, E. F. Mills, J. C. Smallwood, Carl Davis, Frank Roach and H. S. Davies.

Covington Has a Serious Flood



For the people who live at Covington, Ky., across the Ohio river from Cincinnati, the holiday season was marred by serious floods, as may be seen in this photograph.



KIWANIANS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF CLUB

The anniversary of the International Kiwanis Club, was celebrated by the Minot Club with an elaborate banquet and program last evening, with the ladies of the club members as their guests. Thos. B. Murphy acted as toastmaster, and in his usual and pleasing way introduced the speakers who were invited as guests, representing the different organizations of our city. W. M. Smart, president of the City Commission was the first speaker, then followed F. "Buffalo" Lambert, vice president of the Board of Park Commissioners. J. H. Colton, principal of Minot High School, accompanied by Mrs. Colton, rendered a vocal solo. G. D. Colcord, president of the Rotary Club spoke briefly and pledged the support of his club to Kiwanis in any undertaking in which they might assist. The club's male quartet composed of N. L. Greer, C. K. Allen, J. A. Corbett and J. C. Jackman, made a decided hit with the audience and were obliged to answer several encores.

Mrs. A. Carr, the mother of Dr. Andy M. Carr, gave a delightful talk, and closed by saying that she was proud of the fact that her son was a member of Minot Kiwanis club. John H. Lewis, president of the Inquisitors Club, spoke on behalf of his club. V. E. Stensler, president of the Town Criers, gave a fine talk on air castles and asked the assistance of the Kiwanis to help them build foundations thereunder. The attendance prize was awarded to O. B. Herigstad after a crucial examination by John J. Coyle, which every member must pass and the prize was presented to Mrs. Herigstad. All prizes hereafter will be something of usefulness for the ladies, as an appreciation for the part they take in boosting the weekly attendance.

The gathering with one or her selected violin solos accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Colton. Rev. D. J. Gallagher, a member of the Local Club, was the special speaker of Kiwanis. Speaking of the remarkable growth since the origin of Kiwanis January 21, 1915 to December 1st, 1921, there were 636 clubs, with a membership of approximately 60,000. Of this number 269 clubs were organized since January 1st, 1921, and of these 28 were formed during the month of November, 1921, this gives one a fair idea how Kiwanis is growing.

The Minot Club was chartered in

May, 1921, with an active membership of 61. Every member in Kiwanis is active, alert and alive, or his membership automatically ceases. Any club that becomes stagnant loses its character, that's why Kiwanis takes the initiative and presses on and on, to achieve. The principal topics emphasized by the speaker were:

- 1. In particular Kiwanis endeavors to cultivate an unselfish desire in its members to be of greatest service.
- 2. To propagate the Kiwanis idea of applying the Golden Rule to all affairs of life.
- 3. To elevate and reinforce the standards of good citizenship, and to co-operate in their maintenance and protection.
- 4. To foster good friendships, broaden human sympathies and express them in terms of social helpfulness.
- 5. To promote the recognition of the inter dependence of all men, the dignity of labor and the principle of its essential value to the opportunity it gives for service.

In plain language Kiwanis is a band of business and professional men who deeply believe that practical co-operation is better than selfish individualism. That fellowship amongst those of like ideals is the foe to pettishness and the friend of all that is good. That service to city, state and nation is at once the duty and the privilege of citizenship. And that the sincere practice of the Golden Rule is the one thing that will save the world in this day of universal crisis. And thus Kiwanis Builders are completing the work, laid out by the great architect—almighty God.

F. L. Blume, our chorister, put the snap into the singing, and it went off with a bang. The toastmaster expressed the sentiment of appreciation on behalf of the club to the Episcopal Guild for the prompt and efficient service rendered in serving the banquet and weekly dinners, and congratulated the club on being allowed to use their modern and convenient banquet hall. The meeting and program was a grand success and will be an annual affair. It goes without saying that under the capable leadership of Mr. Carl N. Cox, president with the cooperation secured by the heads of our other clubs, Kiwanis in Minot can never fail.

MISS NELLE ROSE CANDIDATE FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

Miss Nelle Rose, who has been deputy register of deeds of Ward county for many years, will be a candidate for the office at the June primaries.

Miss Rose has been Martin J. Engeseth's deputy for six years and was deputy for several years under Gunder S. Reishus. She is a very capable woman and is as well equipped for the position as anyone who could possibly be selected. Mr. Engeseth speaks very highly of her work.

If Miss Rose is elected to this position it will be the first time that a woman will have ever been given an opportunity to qualify for a Ward county office. Flora J. Frost, nearly twenty years ago was elected superintendent of schools of Ward county, but she was not permitted to serve because the courts decided that she was not a resident of the county. Miss Rose is the first candidate for county office to make an announcement, but with the primaries not many months away, other announcements will be made at an early date.

Martin J. Engeseth, who is now serving his eighth year as Register of Deeds, informs the Independent that he will not be a candidate for re-election. He is planning on leaving Minot after another year to engage in business. Mr. Engeseth has given eminent satisfaction in his office.

"WHY NOT MINOT?"

Farmers Win Cases Against Company for Drouth Insurance

A number of the drouth damage cases against the National Union Fire Insurance Co., have been tried in district court, verdicts against the company being found as follows: R. H. Jefferson, \$258.35; C. H. Cady, \$329.85; Malene Skaarheim, \$603.75; Neis Nelson, \$1,952.25; A. G. Erickson, \$531.68; A. O. Fuglie and H. J. Dahl, \$327.25; A. O. Fuglie, \$238.00. All of the above amounts draw interest at 6 per cent from Nov. 1, 1917. There are more than twenty cases against the company remaining to be tried. Judge Burr left for his home at Rugby this afternoon and will return Feb. 6 to hear the remainder of the cases. In all of the cases the plaintiffs were represented by E. R. Sinkler and J. E. Bryans and the defendants by Francis Murphy.

In most of the cases the jury rendered a verdict but for a part of the amount of damage asked, but in one or two cases practically the entire amount asked was recovered. The insurance company has already settled with the plaintiffs, who says they were given to understand that the company was about bankrupt and that they might as well get what they could.

L. W. Toffner, county commissioner from the Fifth district, is visiting in Wyoming.

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Agreement Practically Reached to Settle Spienke Damage Suit

The case of Martha Spienke vs. Halvor J. Halvorson, Northern Telephone Co. and Northwestern Telephone Exchange, for \$13,000.00 damages which she alleges to have sustained when she fell down a stairway leading off the avenue along the building occupied by those defendants at the time, came to trial in district court before Judge Lowe Tuesday.

After the jury was drawn, all parties concerned got together and have practically agreed on making a settlement for \$7,000.00, the only question remaining as to how much each of the defendants is to pay. This may be decided before the day is over.

The plaintiff in February, 1917, fell down a stairway leading directly off the avenue and which is said to have been wholly unprotected, resulting in a fractured arm and other injuries. The case was thrown out of court twice and Meade & Goss, attorneys for the plaintiff appealed to the supreme court, securing a reversal and a new trial. The defendants are represented by Bangs, Hamilton and Bangs, Fisk, Murphy and Nash and Leon Ellithorpe.

Potato Warehouse Committees Will Meet Friday

Fifteen Minot businessmen gathered at the Association of Commerce rooms Wednesday afternoon to consider the proposition of providing a potato warehouse for Minot. A committee consisting of A. A. Robinson, E. S. Person and Norman Ellison was appointed to meet with the warehouse committee from the Minot Potato Growers' association Friday morning, consisting of D. Stake, E. J. Aymond and J. J. Brand. John Huseby, the county agent, and A. M. Christensen, who have had experience in marketing potatoes have been selected to work with both committees.

Within a short time Minot plans to invite the potato growers from some fifteen towns in this section of the state to meet in this city to discuss plans whereby Minot may become the potato marketing center for the northwestern part of the state.

Little Boy Returned to Mortensen Home

Anton Mortensen informs the Independent that the little four-year-old boy mentioned in last week's paper, has been returned from the sheriff's residence to his home. The little fellow was taken into the Mortensen home when he was two months old and was kept there until a short time ago when he was turned over to the superintendent at the county farm. The little fellow started to break out the windows at the county farm and he was brot in and turned over to Sheriff Scofield who endeavored to find a suitable home for him. Mr. Mortensen decided to return the child to his home. The little fellow is not deaf and dumb. Mr. Mortensen informs the Independent, but he is inclined to be grubborn and refuses to talk.

Minot Man Has No Use For Doctors

If everyone was as healthy as B. Z. Lyons, local tailor, the doctors of North Dakota would all starve to death. Mr. Lyons has lived in North Dakota 21 years and he has spent just \$16.00 with the doctors in all that time. He was with the overseas forces in France and while he was compelled to wade cold streams up to his waist at times, he was not sick a day and never lost a moment on account of sickness. It is suspected that Lyons carries a rabbit's foot in his vest pocket.

Death of Mrs. Chas. Belanger. Word has been received in Minot of the death of Mrs. Chas. Belanger, who passed away at the Donseith Sanitarium from tuberculosis Dec. 31. The funeral was held at Harvey, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wanger live. She is survived by her husband and three small children.

Twenty-two visiting rinks have already signed up to participate in the International Bonspiel to be held in this city Jan. 24-25 and 26, under the auspices of the Minot Curling Association. Quite a number more are expected to enter. The following are certain to be here:

- Portal, 3 rinks; Estevan, Sask., 2 rinks; Yellow Grass, Sask., 2 rinks; Assiniboia, Sask., 1 rink; Regina, Sask., 2 rinks; Grand Forks, 3 rinks; Grafton, 2 rinks; Drayton, 1 rink; Crystal, 1 rink; St. Thomas, 1 rink; Bowersmont, 1 rink; Weyburn, Sask., 2 rinks.

The banquet will be held at the Association of Commerce rooms Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, at 7 o'clock. Lee Piper and John Howard are in charge of arrangements for the program that evening.

With the Minot rinks that will participate in the Bonspiel there will be a total of 60 rinks, of four players each, it is now estimated.

This is to be the greatest Bonspiel ever attempted in North Dakota. With eight or ten American rinks competing with a like number of Canadian rinks in the International event, it will be the most important interstation event ever held in the west.

Arrangements have been made for the Sunshine club of the Presbyterian church to serve lunches at the rink.

Aged Father of John J. Lee Died in Norway

John J. Lee received a cablegram from his old home in Stavanger, Norway Friday, stating that his father, who was 85 years of age, had passed away on Thursday. Mr. Lee had received a letter that morning stating that his father had been ill for about two weeks, but was improving. Shortly after receiving the letter, he received the cablegram.

Mr. Lee's mother who is 71 years of age, survives, together with the five sons and two daughters. Both of the daughters are married and live in Norway. The sons all live in the United States and Canada. The sons are John J. Lee of Minot; Austin and Andrew who live near Willow Bunch, Sask.; Peter of Blaisdell, N. D., and Matt of Hartland, N. D.

Mr. Lee's father resided on a farm in Norway practically all of his life. Mr. Lee last saw him in 1909 when he visited his old home in Norway.

Rooms to Let—City Jail Empty!

The Independent man strolled down into the city jail just after luncheon today, expecting to get fully a column of news concerning the activities of our police department. The place was deserted except for the Desk Sergeant, Wm. Bakeman, who was busy playing a game of solitaire. "I don't know what's the matter with folks these days," Mr. Bakeman said. "Everybody seems to have turned good all at once. We had one fellow in here, Helmer Waestad, who was piced up for passing worthless checks, but we sent him up to the county jail today, bound over to the county court. I tell you, the world is growing better. Guess folks are so busy scratching around trying to make a living that they don't have time to get into mischief."

Young Man Charged With Breaking Quarantine

Richard Abrahamson, a South Prairie farmer lad is charged with breaking quarantine according to an information filed by Dr. Rans m, county health physician. One of the members of the Abrahamson family had scarlet fever and Richard is said to have disregarded orders of the health physician and left the residence to attend dances. There has been more or less disregarding of orders of the health physician who proposes to arrest anyone guilty of it in the future.

Nels Selfours has taken charge of the pool tables at the Keystone Lunch and billiard room.

Planting a Roseway for Portland, Ore.



These little girls, each dressed to represent a state or country, recently planted a rose tree each along the six-mile "Roseway," which will connect Portland, Ore., with the famous Columbia river scenic highway and make the entrance to that road a solid bank of flowers. This is in preparation for the next world's fair—the Atlantic-Pacific Highways and Electrical exposition, to be held in Portland in 1925.