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CO-OPERATIVE POTATO WAREHOUSE FOR MINOT A CERTAINTY

Plans for a potato warehouse in Minot have been worked out by the joint committee of business men and potato growers, consisting of Maj. E. S. Person, Norman Ellison and A. A. Robinson and David Stake of Surrey, J. J. Brand of Logan and E. J. Aymond of North Prairie, with County Agent John Husby, A. M. Christenson and officers of the Minot Association of Commerce sitting in an advisory capacity. The plan will be laid before a joint meeting of farmers and business men to be held in the Association of Commerce rooms at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 27 and if approved will pave the way for the immediate organization of a co-operatively owned company which will erect and operate the warehouse.

In return for the co-operation of the business men the farmers will be asked to pledge a specified number of acres in potatoes for 1922. Those familiar with the plan as decided upon by the committee predict approval at tomorrow's meeting.

Another potato meeting has been called to meet in the Minot Association of Commerce rooms Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 1 p. m. at which men interested in potatoes in all parts of northwestern North Dakota are asked to attend. At this meeting bankers, merchants and farmers will "sit in" and discuss ways and means of placing potato production in this section of the state on a permanent basis. County Agent John Husby has written to all county agents in northwestern North Dakota urging them to send large delegations to the Minot meeting. Henry L. Finke, of Berthold is urging the same thing at farmers' meetings in Burke county.

"We are endeavoring to line up the farmers and business men and put this potato game over together," Mr. Husby said today. He is co-operating with the Minot Association of Commerce. "If we get the right kind of action we can bring the potato market right to our own section and with all helping we can do it."

The Association of Commerce has sent the following letter to potato growers of this section on the results of the potato investigation to date:

The Letter
January 25, 1922.

Dear Sir:

The investigation of potato marketing which was instituted recently by the Minot Association of Commerce and which was subsequently taken up by a committee representing the Extension Department of the North Dakota Agricultural College, is rapidly progressing and within a short time some definite announcement concerning our findings and future action will be possible.

D. E. Mair of the Minot Association of Commerce has returned from Minneapolis with a report that criticism aimed at the Minnesota Potato Exchange has been largely due to incompetent help. It is impossible at this time to give a report on the other commission firms as Geo. W. Kemper of Minot is now in Kansas City checking cars sent there. He will make his report to the Minot Association of Commerce in about a week, and by that time Mr. Gorman

of the Agricultural College committee will have additional data.

Attorneys to Help
Attorney Francis J. Murphy and E. R. Sinkler of Minot have volunteered their services to the committee and we have also succeeded in interesting the attorney general's office in Minnesota. C. H. Christopherson, assistant attorney general of Minnesota has been assigned to this work so between us all we should get somewhere. We do not intend to let it drop until these commission firms show us that all of their transactions have been entirely regular.

You no doubt have heard of the meeting to be held in Minot February 7 at 1 p. m. for the purpose of co-ordinating the efforts of all men interested in potatoes in northwestern North Dakota. If we get action along the proper line, we could make Minot a potato marketing center and that, of course, would be of a great assistance to every potato producer in this section of the state. We want you to plan on being present at this meeting. Urge others to come.

Yours very truly,
MINOT ASSN OF COMMERCE.
J. S. MILLOY, Sec'y.

SCANT APPROVAL FOR BREVITY OF SKIRTS

Alice Terry Likes Roles That Call for Gowns of Long Ago.

Scant approval of scant skirts is the attitude of Alice Terry toward the fashion in dress today of girls from sixteen to sixty. The young blonde beauty, the heroine of "The Conquering Power", a Rex Ingram production for Metro adapted from Balzac's "Eugenie Grandet", rose to fame thru her charming and emotionally true impersonation of Marguerite Laurier in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse". She declares that it must be difficult, for those who believe brevity is the soul of being chic, to remain modestly feminine.

Miss Terry, in "The Conquering Power", which is showing at the Orpheum theater, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, wears the all-covering costume prevalent in provincial France.

"I have become so accustomed to the long-skirted, high-throated gowns of the past that I actually hate to change to the sport skirts and low cut waists that are required for street wear today," said Miss Terry. "I am wearing a gown now that has come to typify to me all that is womanly and good. A woman hardly could be immodest or coarse when dressed in such a gown. On the other hand, it seems difficult for a woman of today to be otherwise in skirts that fall slightly below her knees and waists that are designed to reveal rather than conceal."

In "The Conquering Power," Miss Terry appears in the point lace gowns, the sheer white mitts, lace cap and shawl that were so dear to the woman of a generation ago.

Playing opposite Miss Terry is Rudolph Valentino, who had the leading male role in "The Four Horsemen."

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS PLANS FOR ECONOMY

The four Ward county commissioners, Peter Vandenoever, A. S. Spicher, A. Haldi, and Aug. Krantz, attended the state county commissioners' meeting at Jamestown last Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Spicher stopped at Jamestown for the closing day of the session enroute home from a visit with his parents in Pennsylvania. Commissioner Toftner did not attend the convention as he is taking treatments at some springs in Wyoming.

This was the 15th annual convention for that body and 125 commissioners attended. The association was organized in Minot 15 years ago. Jamestown has entertained the commissioners twice and the Association of Commerce and other citizens united in giving them the finest kind of a reception.

Considerable attention was paid to the North Dakota good roads program. Mr. James of Washington, D. C. federal highway representative and the Minnesota highway man who had attended the meeting of the North Dakota Good Roads association at Bismarck on Jan. 17, spent nearly a day with the county commissioners. The federal government has asked that all monies levied for road building purposes by counties, townships and other subdivisions be expended under the direction of the state highway commission, so that uniform roads may be built. The commissioners are not so certain that the federal plan is the very best for North Dakota because it is so expensive.

Ward county, for instance, reported that last year it saved \$18,000 in building 11 miles of highway east of Minot by doing its work independent of the federal government. When a federal project is let, generally the work goes to concerns from a distance and the farmers do not have

much of an opportunity to do any of the work, tho they must foot much of the bill.

Governor Nestos attended the convention giving an interesting address.

The commissioners passed resolutions favoring economy in operating the business of the county. They recommended to the legislature that all farm improvements be assessed at 50 per cent and all other property at its full value. They recommend a minimum teachers' wage and would have the law changed so that taxes are paid but once a year instead of twice, thus cutting down clerical expense. They recommended that the salary and traveling expenses of county superintendents of schools be cut down. The salary is now \$2500.00 a year. They favor revising the legal rate for publication of the delinquent tax list to save expense.

Commissioner Vandenoever explained the plan proposed to convert Fort Lincoln into an Orphans' Home for the state. He reported that he had already taken the matter up with U. S. Senator McCumber who stated that while there is a Children's Home and a Florence Crittenden home in Fargo, and a State Training School for boys and girls at Mandan, no provision has been made for an Orphans' Home. Mr. Vandenoever stated that at times it had been necessary to house as many as 25 children at the Ward County Farm, children who ought to have been in an Orphans' Home.

Mr. O'Rourke of Mandan, was elected president and Fred Hines of Valley City, secretary-treasurer. Mandan will have the next convention.

The commissioners went on record as favoring the Fort Lincoln proposition.

MINOT COMMUNITY BAND GAVE EXCELLENT CONCERT TUESDAY



JOHN E. HOWARD
Director of Minot Community Band

Adult Night School Enrollment 801

The regular assembly session of the Adult Night School listened to a talk Wednesday night by Miss Spencer who visited Minot through the extension division of the Agricultural College at Fargo. Miss Spencer for a time was connected with the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa. Under Miss Porter's direction, Miss Spencer had charge of the class in Home Nursing and First Aid, meeting in Room C after the Assembly period. Miss Spencer's talk before the assembly was the second in the "Good Health" series, the first having been given Monday night by Dr. L. V. Parker.

The instruction given by Miss Adamson to her class in Home Nursing Monday night consisted chiefly of the bathing and care of bed patients. A number of visitors were present, the Young Business Girls' Club of the city being special guests of the class. By special request, Miss Adamson will give the same demonstration again in Room 202 on Friday night, following the usual assembly.

A supply of teachers class record books has been received from the Normal school. These supplement the number of record books received from the city schools the past week which are already in use.

The copies of Well's History which are used in Mayor Smart's class have come, and are being used by members of the class. Several additional copies are on hand, should anyone decide to purchase a book and become a member of the class.

Several employees of the Northern States Power Company are members of Mr. Everett Davis' class in Advanced Shop Mathematics. Through the kindness of John McGuire, each of these class members is being presented with a copy of the textbook used.

The total enrollment in the Night School after Monday night's session stands at 801.

Judge John C. Lowe was called to Stella, Neb. recently by the death of his aged father.

10 BIG ACTS FOR TOWN CRIERS VAUDEVILLE THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Jean Carroll, Former Minot Girl, a Broadway Success

The Independent is pleased to learn that Miss Jean Carroll, a former Minot girl, has made her mark in the vaudeville world. She is now playing with Keith's vaudeville circuit and will play in one of the biggest houses on Broadway next week.

Miss Jean Carroll is well known in Minot. As a girl, she appeared in many of our local entertainments and attracted so much attention that she was engaged by Mrs. Lang, in charge of the Juvenile Bostonians, when that company appeared in Minot. She became a member of that organization and toured the country. Her success has exceeded the fondest expectations of those who have predicted for her a brilliant career.

Her mother, who was Mrs. Carroll, a well known Minot musician, is now the wife of H. Sonju, formerly of this city, now engaged in business in New York City.

Miss Carroll is doing a dancing act and has appeared in Cleveland and Boston and other large cities. She will appear at the Palace theatre on Broadway, which is the goal that every vaudeville artist someday hopes to reach.

Max Store Fire Loss is \$28,000
Max—The Buttnisky and Gloss general store here burned to the ground with an estimated loss of approximately \$28,000. The fire was discovered about 4 a. m. but before the volunteer fire department arrived the fire had made such headway that it was impossible to stop it, and within an hour the building, with its entire stock of merchandise was burned to the ground.

Geo. T. Murray, whose leg was recently broken in a runaway, has returned to his home on the farm after spending several weeks in the Berthold hospital.

The concert given by the Minot Community band at the auditorium Tuesday evening, was a huge success, both from a standpoint of attendance and interest shown, as well as from the quality of the performance.

The program comprised nine numbers, as follows:

- Part I**
1. "Stars and Stripes" (Souza).
 2. "Poet and Peasant" (Von Suppe).
 3. "Bowl of Pansies" (Reynard).
 4. Clarinet Solo, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" (Rollinson) by A. A. Schlichting.
 5. (a) "Apple Blossoms" (A Tone Poem) (Roberts), (b) "In Poppyland" (A Nocturne) (Albers).

- Part II**
6. Selection from "The Bohemian Girl" (Moses-Tobani).
 7. "Trot de Cavaleria" (Rubinstein).
 8. "Lustspiel Overture" (Keiser-Bella, Op. 73).
 9. "America nPatrol" (Meacham).

John E. Howard, director of the band, made a short address at the close of the program, in appreciation of the support of the people of Minot to this organization. He explained that it is a community enterprise solely, no one ever having yet received one dollar for the work he has done as a member of this band. Prof. Howard has every reason to feel proud of the musicians who are under his direction, for the high class music they are giving our community.

The receipts from Tuesday night's entertainment will be used in purchasing music and supplies for the band.

The officers and director of the band are:

President, J. H. Colton; vice president, A. A. Schlichting; Secretary, Ira L. Rush; Treasurer, F. R. Holden; Librarian, George Just; Directors, Dr. C. J. Anderson and Harry Johnson.

The personnel of the band is as follows:

Cornets—Dr. C. J. Anderson, Geo. Just, Wm. Slaybaugh, A. A. Guimont, John Sawyer, H. E. Howe, H. L. McFall, E. L. Osborn, I. Diamond, C. H. Withers, Robt. H. Schatz and A. Jordan.

Piccolo—Dr. A. A. Martineau.

Clarinets—A. A. Schlichting, Ivan Erickson, F. A. Poduska, R. F. Mills, Helmer Skadeland, V. R. Travers, D. W. Hubbard, L. R. Compton.

Baritone—Harry Johnson and Ira Rush.

Horns—Norris Forrest, E. A. Johnson, W. T. Hiatt, Magne Benum, R. W. Nelson.

Saxophones—F. R. Holden, C. J. Wagner, G. F. Kuist, Bruce McConnell, L. M. Husby.

Trombones—Vincent Kielty, A. A. Ewert, L. Russell.

Tuba—J. H. Colton, O. K. Wikgrube, F. J. Poduska.

Drums—Walter Fichtenau, Glen Walrath and Gordon Davy.

Julius Peterson of Tacoma, Wash., a former Minot druggist, has arrived to attend a case which comes up in district court today.

SIX CLOSE TO DEATH FROM ASPHYXIATION AT W.F. JONES HOME

Wm. F. Jones, wife and daughter, Pauline, and their sister-in-law, Mrs. S. A. Lindholm, and two little children from Grand Forks, had a narrow escape from death Sunday afternoon at the Jones home on Fifth Ave. and Third St. S. E., from the effects of coal gas. But for the assistance of their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Welton, they would undoubtedly have all met death.

The furnace in the Jones home had not been working well during the day, emitting gas. Mr. Jones had spent considerable time in the basement trying to get it to work and the gas had penetrated to every corner of the house. The gas became worse, but the occupants of the house had become used to its smell and did not realize its danger. They all became ill with headache and Mrs. Lindholm became unconscious at about 7 o'clock that evening. Mr. Jones had become delirious at times but rallied enough in the evening to make his way to the Welton home to notify his daughter, Margie, who had spent the afternoon there, that the family were ill. Mr. and Mrs. Welton accompanied them back to their residence and becoming aware of the seriousness of the situation, insisted that the members of the family leave the residence at once and partake of the hospitality of their own home. None of those affected wanted to leave. They were all sleepy and wanted to lie down and sleep. Mrs. Lindholm was already completely overcome and the others were rapidly getting in that condition. The Weltons took their affair in their own hands and carried Mrs. Lindholm out and led the other members of the household to their home. A doctor was called and he pronounced the condition of the victims as rather serious. A nurse was employed who worked over the six unfortunate all night long. In the morning all had shown improvement and before night they had practically

recovered. Mr. Jones and family and the other victims give the Weltons credit for saving their lives.

The Independent believes that the above should prove a timely warning. Every few days accounts are published in the newspapers of the north-west, telling of entire families being wiped out thru asphyxiation. When coal gas is detected, the greatest care should be taken. The victims soon become drowsy and are unable to think clearly, which frequently results in their remaining under the influence of the gas until it is too late.

Mr. Jones, one of the victims of Sunday's affair, is secretary of the Minot Town Criers Club. All concerned are loud in their praises of the splendid attention accorded them by their neighbors.

Plaintiff Asks \$5,000 Damages

The damage lawsuit of Mrs. Anne M. Annis vs. Louie Smith and C. H. Parker as individuals and also copartners in the business known as the Minot Transfer Co., for \$5,000 for injuries the plaintiff alleges she sustained Jan. 14, 1920, when an automobile in which she was riding, said to be owned by the plaintiff, tipped over, causing alleged injuries, opened in district court Monday morning.

McGee & Goss are the defendant's counsel.

The jury Wednesday returned a verdict for \$325.00.

Hay Carrier Injures Man

Granville—Virgil Leach, a young man working near Norwich, was badly injured when a hay carrier fell from the track while he was helping mow away a load of straw and struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious for several hours and cutting his head so badly that it required several stitches to sew up the wound.

W. W. Tyler, formerly of this city, is now located at Lincoln, Neb., where he is employed by the Bradstreet Co.

BACKWELL, SASK., WINS FIRST EVENT IN INTERNAT'L BONSPIEL

The International Bonspiel, under the auspices of the Minot Curling and Skating Association, opened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the local curling rink, with weather ideal and the eight sheets of ice in perfect condition for the great winter sport.

The Bonspiel has been the most successful ever held in this city. Thirty-five rinks are participating, including thirteen rinks from various Canadian points and three rinks from Grand Forks. The playing has been strenuous, it being necessary for many of the rinks to play four 10-end games in a single day and it is probable that several of the rinks will have to play five or six games each today before the events can all be decided.

At the time this is written, but one event has been concluded, that being the first for the silver loving cup donated by A. A. Robinson, president of the Minot Curling association. This beautiful piece of silverware went to the fast Yellow Grass, Sask. rink, made up of Hill, Esterbrook, Morrison and Backwell, skip.

Our Canadian friends "have it over" the American curlers generally speaking, and have won the most games with the largest number of points by considerable, yet in quite a number of games, the American rinks have won some hotly contested games. The contests have resulted in some very valuable experience for the American rinks and some interesting entertainment for the visitors.

This Bonspiel is almost equal in size to the one held recently in Duluth, where 40 rinks participated. Many of the curlers declare that our ice is the best on which they have ever played. The games have been starting at 8 o'clock in the mornings and both nights so far have continued until long past midnight.

Among the visiting rinks are three from Grand Forks, including the famous boys' rink, one from Regina, four from Portal, one from Moosejaw, and others from Yellow Grass and Deloraine.

The Pepper rink from Deloraine has proved the sensation of the Bonspiel. This aggregation won the first four games, defeating the Aurand rink 15 to 3; Bach Grand Forks, 13 to 3; N. McCannel of Regina, 9 to 4, and Dr. R. W. Pence, 23 to 2.

Dr. J. R. Pence, Minot, who was defeated by Backwell of Yellow Grass, comes in second for the first event, each member of the Pence rink winning a gentleman's traveling set, donated by Anderson Drug, Benno Drug, Minot Drug and Ward Drug Co.

The Banquet

The Curlers' banquet is always one of the most enjoyable features of a Bonspiel. The event was held at the Leland hotel Wednesday evening. Thomas Murphy was toastmaster. Music was furnished by John Howard's orchestra. Miss O'Connor gave several readings and the Misses Helen Wilson and Judith Frank appeared in Society dances, all winning applause. Scottie McDermid, famous Regina singer, singing several songs.

J. W. Hope of Yellow Grass, Sask., responded to the toast, "To the president." He complimented President Harding for having such a good bunch of boosters located up in the northwestern section of North Dakota. "They are the most friendly people I have ever met," he said. B. H. Bradford of Minot responded and stated

that curling merged all nationalities and religions in good fellowships.

Dr. A. J. McCannel gave a toast "To the King." He said the 100th anniversary of Peace between the United States and Great Britain was recently celebrated and he predicted that the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes will forever wave side by side. In responding, Geo. Holt of Regina, extended an invitation to the curlers from the States to visit Canada next winter.

W. M. Smart, president of the city commission, welcomed the visitors. Other talks were given by Jud Battle of Moosejaw, who has lived in that city longer than any other resident; Ed Murphy of Grand Forks, Mr. Shepard of Grand Forks and Mr. Donovan of Portal.

At the opening the curlers sang America and God Save the King. Invocation was given by V. E. Stenersen.

Notes
The only accident recorded at the rink was caused by Fordyce of Portal accidentally striking T. A. Nelson of Portal on his pistol pocket with the broom, breaking a bottle of witch-hazel which Nelson had brot along for emergencies.

The rink was beautifully decorated with the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack.

Refreshments were served by the Sunshine Club of the Presbyterian church during the three days, at the rink.

We all had a fine time with the gentlemanly visiting curlers and Minot invites them to pay us a return visit at the earliest opportunity.

Religious Census of the City of Minot

Arrangements are being made to take a religious census of the city of Minot, giving the names of all adults and their children, with church preference or affiliation. The church directory of the city of Minot is as follows:

Adventist—Rev. T. M. Langberg.

Baptist—Rev. W. A. Danberg.

Brethren—Vacant.

Catholic—Rev. J. J. Raith.

Christian—Vacant.

Christian Science—Vacant.

Colored Community—Rev. D. E. Beasley.

Congregational—Rev. E. E. Keedy.

Episcopal—Rev. D. J. Gallagher.

Lutheran, Bethany—Rev. O. L. Jensen.

Lutheran, Emanuel—Rev. A. J. Krogstad.

Lutheran, First—Rev. T. F. Gullixson.

Lutheran, St. Paul—Rev. F. E. Brauer.

Lutheran, Swedish—Rev. M. Peterson.

Lutheran, Zion—Rev. J. R. Michaelson.

Methodist—Rev. G. LeRoy White.

Nazarene—Rev. L. C. Brown.

Pentecostal—(Vacant).

Presbyterian—Rev. P. W. Erickson.

Salvation Army—Capt. R. Martin.

Synagogue—Vacant.

Four Donnybrook lads were brought before Justice C. B. Davis of Minot last week charged with entering a Donnybrook store and stealing some small articles. Two of the boys were caught entering the place at 1 o'clock in the morning. As this was their first offense, they were permitted to remain in charge of their parents.