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A. OF C. BACKS LUTHERANS ON NEW HOSPITAL PLAN

One of the best monthly dinners yet held by the Association of Commerce was given Tuesday night when fully a hundred attended.

S. S. Morgan was chairman of the meeting and kept things humming. The talks were all snappy, short and well thought out and several important topics were discussed. The Association of Commerce has established a reputation for doing effective work along a number of important lines.

Halvor L. Halvorson reviewed the potato situation and the Association passed a resolution backing the potato growing industry and a warehouse. The railroads have promised the best of location for a warehouse and the following committee volunteered to take charge of raising the necessary funds: A. E. Shirley, chairman, Geo. Kemper, Carl Danielson, Norman Ellison, Matt Ringen and H. L. Halvorson.

James Milloy, secretary, told of the activities along immigration lines. Thirty-eight local units have been organized in northwestern North Dakota and \$37,000.00 has been pledged to date for a development program covering from five to ten years. Fifty-three Iowa and Nebraska farmers will come to Minot in June to find homes, the immigration committee reports. Minot has raised \$2,200 to date.

Mr. Milloy reported that a community market for Minot was assured. Capt. Gross has given the use of the Armory two days a week as a trial. Geo. State, A. Walton and H. Davies are the committee on the market.

Carl E. Danielson, president of the Association, talked about the membership drive and explained the contest for members now being conducted between the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, which will end this week.

Jack Twiford, who has managed the Minot base ball team successfully for several seasons, spoke of the prospects for base ball this season. He was trying to ascertain whether Minot wanted a league team this year or not. If other towns in the state do not support league teams, it would hardly be feasible for Minot to do so, as it would be hard to get dates. Mr. Twiford pointed out that half hearted support of a ball team is worse than no support at all. He stated that new uniforms would have to be secured as the ones now in use are of the 1917 vintage.

Rev. T. F. Gullixson, pastor of the First Lutheran church spoke on the prospects for a new Lutheran hospital for Minot. He stated that in his old correspondence with Rev. Mr. Larson, former pastor, eleven years ago, he was told before coming here that one of Minot needs was a Lutheran hospital. During all these years the Lutherans have not lost sight of this and are now in dead earnest on plans to build one. He expressed the utmost faith in the future of Northwestern North Dakota.

"We are not going back to where the jack rabbit is scared by the tumbling weed." He looks ahead to the time when the North Dakota bacon on the hoof will be fattening in the shade of the rusted out binders and the time when the dairy cow rubs her-

self against the overworked grain drill.

"May we so conduct ourselves that we will find a welcome within the portals of the institution already located here," he said.

Minot is the natural center for hospitals. He spoke of the large number of patients leaving this territory.

"I would not be so unwise to suggest that the situation will be entirely mended when the institution we propose to build is built."

C. E. Danielson moved that the Association of Commerce get behind the hospital on the program outlined by Rev. Gullixson and this motion carried unanimously.

A. Haldi, county commissioner reported that the county surveyor is working on the plans for the track for the county fair grounds and a landscape architect is also at work. The county spent most of its available money for a site and if we are to have a fair the coming fall, must have some outside help, he stated.

Mr. Thornton, a Benson, Minn. banker spoke at length on the Glacier Park Trail which extends from St. Louis to Breckenridge, Minn.

Cigars made in Minot were donated by T. J. Hyler of the Central American cigar store.

INSISTS ON ORIGINAL PRICE FOR STATE BUILT HOME

Fargo, N. D., April 7.—Action to compel the North Dakota Homebuilders association to deliver to him a deed to the residence at 1425 9th St. S. Fargo, at the price that he says was agreed upon when the association undertook to build the residence, has been instituted today by David Hull.

Mr. Hull, in his complaint, sets up the proposition that he paid \$1,000 to the association, and that it was agreed that he was to pay \$28.65 a month for 20 years to take care of the balance of \$5,000, or the purchase price, he says was agreed upon.

The association failed to live up to its agreement, complains Hull, and later asked that he pay \$7,376.76 for the residence, refusing to go through with the original deal.

Mr. Hull insists that the association is bound under its agreement to give up to him the residence at the agreed price.

This action will have a material effect as far as the manner of settling the Home Builders association affairs is concerned. Many other purchasers of homes from the association have been guaranteed the delivery of residences to them at a cost far less than the association now demands. The increased purchase price asked by the association grows out of the manner in which the affairs of the organization were conducted by the old state officials.

Pierce, Tenneson & Cupler, represent Mr. Hull.

Murphy Returns from Canada

Thos. Murphy, representing the Kiwanis club at Minot, has returned from Swift Current and Moose Jaw, Sask. where he addressed the Kiwanis clubs of those two cities last week. Mr. Murphy states that he was treated royally by the Canadian Kiwanians.

The End of a Perfect Day



CAPT. HOWARD HUSTON WILL ARRIVE TONIGHT; PUBLIC RECEPTION SUNDAY, AUDITORIUM

Capt. Howard Huston, former Minot young man, who distinguished himself on the field of battle in France, will arrive in this city on No. 1, early Friday morning and will be the guest of friends in Minot and vicinity during the remainder of the week.

This is Capt. Huston's first journey back to his old home since the war and the citizens of Minot are making extensive plans for a fitting public reception, to be held at the high school auditorium, Easter Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The American Legion is in charge of the arrangements. Dr. F. J. Brugman, Post Commander, announces that he has an interesting program arranged which will last for about an hour and a half. This will consist of special music under the direction of John E. Howard, and there will be addresses by Capt. Huston, Governor R. A. Nestos and others. Many friends from the surrounding country will join the Minot folks in welcoming home this distinguished citizen.

Capt. Huston spent Wednesday and today in Grand Forks and last night was the guest of the Commercial Club of that city. He addressed the students at the state university, from which institution he is a graduate.

It is possible that Mr. Huston will visit friends in Surrey, where some years ago he was an instructor in the schools, and at Deering, his old home.

Capt. Huston volunteered for service in the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling when our country entered the war. He was one of Major Person's students in the camp. He was sent to France early in the struggle and was soon on the field of battle. In one of the hottest engagements, he was severely wounded, but refused to give up his command when ordered to the rear for surgical attention, remaining with his men until the engagement had been won. He was cited for bravery for this incident.

He was in a military hospital for months, while his wounds were healing and it was reported by the war department that he had met death. His relatives and thousands of friends mourned him as dead for some time, until finally the joyous news was received that he was still in the land of the living with good prospects for recovery.

Following the war, Capt. Huston was placed in a very responsible position with the League of Nations, and on account of his unusual ability, he

was elevated to the high position as secretary of the League of Nations. He now resides at Geneva, Switzerland, and came to the United States on a business mission. He will be able to remain here but a short time.

Shortly after the close of the war, Capt. Huston married an English young woman, a member of a prominent family. Mr. Huston was aide to a General and his bride is a close friend of the General's family. Mr. Huston and babe were unable to accompany the Captain on his journey to America.

Capt. Huston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Huston, former residents of Deering, now reside in Arkansas, and he will visit them before he returns to Europe. He will also visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Robert Miller, near Granville.

Minot is very proud of the splendid record made by Capt. Huston and the Auditorium will hardly be large enough to accommodate the immense crowd that will gather Sunday afternoon to do him honor.

CHECKS RETURNED TO BUYERS

Grand Forks, N. D., April 7.—Checks for more than \$60,000 representing payments on subscriptions for North Dakota mill and elevator bonds were mailed to the original owners Wednesday night by J. H. McNicol, treasurer of the Grand Forks Commercial club committee which was in charge of the bond sale here a year ago.

Under an agreement with the former state industrial commission the Grand Forks Commercial club at the time the mill and elevator was located here agreed to sell mill and elevator bonds up to \$1,000,000. The first installment of this was to be \$300,000 and the money which is now being sent out represents the initial payments on these bonds obtained by the Commercial club committee.

Since the industrial committee has arranged for the sale of all the mill and elevator bonds in a block the local sale is no longer desired and all subscriptions are therefore being repaid in full with six per cent interest.

List of Unclaimed Hail Warrants in Ward County for 1921

- No. 46434—John Koorchenko, \$4.75, Plaza, N. D.
- No. 46350—Hancock & Lynch, \$26.52, Dubuque, Iowa.
- No. 46520—Bergman and John Zarch, \$130.00, Kongsberg, N. D.
- No. 46583—Dana Hodgden, \$12.67, Kenmare, N. D.

Immense Ant Hill in Rhodesia



This forty-foot ant hill was removed by natives of northern Rhodesia because it was an obstacle to cultivation. The job was by no means an easy one.

NOTED SPEAKERS ADDRESS TEACHERS' ANNUAL CONVENTION

Kiwanis Weekly Luncheon

The Kiwanis weekly luncheon served by the Episcopal Guild, at their regular meeting place was highly enjoyed by all members and visitors. The program was very interesting. B. A. Balerud acted as chairman for the day. The attendance prize given by Melvin Fauchald was awarded to Lyle Benson.

Visitors who took part in the program, were Mr. Knox, Alexandria (Max Johnson still owes the DIME for his misdeed!) J. Norman Ellison, read a paper on Retail Inventory Methods. Other visitors were Alf. Eastgate, Bottineau, E. J. McGrath and L. L. Kvam. Fred Dale a member of the club read a paper on Exemplifying Our Motto "We Build" Thru business methods. The speaker of the day was N. L. Greer, he gave a thorough discussion on the subject Transportation act of 1920. This subject is discussed quite generally thru out the entire country, as one of great importance, not alone to transportation companies, but the entire public as well. Thos. B. Murphy our representative to Swift Current and Moose Jaw, for United States and Canada one day last week made a report of the reception tendered him while a guest of those two Kiwanian Clubs, and came back convinced beyond a doubt that this movement to cultivate a finer friendship between these two great nations is the biggest thing ever conceived by man. When a little Queen of English descent delivered to Tom the following scroll, he kissed her, on the cheek, and was over-come.

1818 Moose Jaw 1922 Greetings from Canada to the United States. We respect you; We have confidence in you and we regard our friendship for you as lasting through all the ages. Motto "We Build"

(Union) Kiwanis Club (American) (Jack) Moose Jaw (Flag)

Defense Fund for Cahill

Employees of the board of administration are urged to contribute to the "Cahill defense fund" being raised by E. E. Rimbach, purchasing agent for the Rimbach.

In a letter to employees Rimbach takes a slap at George Totten Jr. for "resigning under fire" and stating that it gives opponents a distinct advantage. He points to the "Stange-land affair" as another case where failure to stand ground helped the opposition.

Employees are invited to contribute "a month's or two months' salary" to employ lawyers to enable Cahill to retain his place on the board, and Rimbach gives his assurance that he is quite willing to do the same as he expected to lose his job anyway if Cahill was off the board.

Rimbach today admitted the fund was being raised, and declared that plenty of funds were available but declined to say how much had been raised.

Ben Schroeder, who is in charge of the Independent's battery of linotypes, has returned from a short visit to the Twin Cities.

GOING FARM WAGES IN STATE ARE \$25 TO \$30

Based on reports received from the Federal Labor office at Fargo and the State Federation of Farm Bureaus, the going wages for farm work over the state are \$1 to \$1.50 per day and from \$25 to \$30 per month, for spring work.

PLANS DRAWN FOR ADDITION TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Pioneer of Nelson County Dies

Mr. Knute Fjeld of Anita, Nelson County, N. Dak., died April 4 at his home near Anita from the flu and pneumonia.

He leaves 9 grown children to mourn his loss, also 3 brothers and 3 sisters. The children are as follows: Mr. Ole K. Fjeld a well known farmer of Freedom twp; Mrs. M. O. Hulberg also of Freedom; Mr. Ingvald Fjeld residing near Anita; Martin Fjeld who has been working his fathers land for some years; Christ Fjeld of Minot, employed by Pence Auto Co. Mrs. H. R. Fetting of Williams Mont; Mr. Albert Fjeld of Klotin who has been employed as a salesman by the Klotin Mercantile Co. since his return from the army and Carl Fjeld who is book keeper at Klotin Lumber and Machine Co. His brothers are Martin and Ole Fjeld, prosperous farmers near Anita and C. O. Fjeld well known farmer of Freedom twp. south of Minot. The sisters are Mrs. H. A. Foss of Minot, wife of a noted grain inspector; Mrs. G. Bothen of Anita and another sister near Fosston Minn.

Mr. Knute Fjeld was one of the early settlers of Nelson County, coming here in the early eighties and has lived here ever since. His wife died nine years ago.

Orlando Brown Seeds Wheat

Orlando Brown, from four miles east of this city, started seeding wheat Saturday, Apr. 8. He commenced his wheat seeding on the same date in 1915 and threshed 80 bushels of wheat per acre that year. He hopes that history will repeat itself.

John Lunden, a prominent Makoti farmer, is being considered favorably as a candidate for the legislature from the 29th district.

The 17th annual convention of the Northwestern Division of the North Dakota State Teachers' Association opened in this city Wednesday evening with an unusually interesting program at the high school auditorium.

The community singing was led by Prof. John E. Howard, director of music in the Minot schools. The invocation was given by Rev. G. Le Roy White, pastor of the Methodist church and the address of welcome was given by W. M. Smart, president of the city commission.

Geo. A. McFarland of Williston, president of the Northwestern Division, gave an address on "Practical Values of Education."

Pres. C. A. Prosser, of Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis, delivered a notable address. Dr. Prosser is one of the most interesting speakers who have ever appeared on a Minot platform. He is in deep earnest which carries conviction.

Governor R. A. Nestos arrived from Bismarck that afternoon and was warmly greeted when he appeared on the platform for a short, snappy address. Our governor is a strong backer of North Dakota's educational program. The Governor will remain in Minot during the balance of the week.

The attendance on the opening day is more than 500 and more will come in for the session tomorrow.

The members of the school boards of northwestern North Dakota attended a meeting at the Minot Normal this morning. There are about 50 school board members in attendance. They were addressed this afternoon by Miss Minnie J. Nielsen, state superintendent of public instruction. F. J. Steffek, deputy superintendent of Ward county schools spoke to them this morning on "Keeping School Records."

This evening's session at the high school auditorium promises to be as interesting as that of Wednesday evening. Dr. Prosser will appear again and Judge Burr of Rugby will speak. The musical program tonight will be in charge of John E. Howard and Mrs. Amy Simpson, director of music at the Normal school.

A. M. Waller, superintendent of schools of Ward county, is being groomed for president of the Northwestern Division of the Association, and the prospects are bright for his election tomorrow.

At this morning's session, Supt. L. A. White delivered an address on "Theory and Practice of Marking Systems", and Supt. V. L. Mangum of Bottineau spoke on "The Ifs and Ands of the Project Method."

C. L. Robertson, state high school inspector, A. C. Berg, state rural school inspector, and President John Lee Coulter, of the A. C., appeared on the program this afternoon.

Plans have been drawn for a large three-story addition to St. Joseph's hospital which will very likely be built during the coming summer. The management announces that the work will start within two months if the conditions of the crops by that time will warrant the investment.

The addition will be built from the south end of the new hospital to the corner of the lot, taking in the space now occupied by the nurses' home, which will have to be removed to the rear of the lot.

The addition will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000.00, will consist of three stories and basement and will provide room for 66 additional beds, making this a 120-bed hospital. The addition will be built of similar material and along lines similar to the present building. On the third floor, the children's wards will be located.

Sawyer Seniors Present Class Play

Prof. A. J. Spacht principal of the Sawyer schools was in the city today in attendance at the teachers convention. He informs the Independent that the senior class of the Sawyer schools recently presented their class play and on Tuesday evening drove to Logan where the play was again given before a large and appreciative audience. The play which is entitled "Some Class" has netted the Seniors over \$70 which will be used in defraying the expenses incident to graduation.

Prof. Spacht and party while returning from Logan Tuesday evening had a very narrow escape. It seems that their car ran out of gas and securing a supply from one of the neighboring farm-houses they were pouring it into the car by light of a lantern when the gasoline became ignited and before the blaze could be extinguished the upholstering of the front seat had burned off.

SCIENTISTS MEET IN MINOT TO PLAN FIGHT ON INSECTS

The conference of the International Northwestern Crop Pest Committee is being held in Minot, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Attending this conference are entomologists from all over the northern plains district, and from the Federal Bureau at Washington. We also have with us as members of this conference, several entomologists of note from Canada. Those here are:

W. R. Walton, Entomologist in charge of Cereal and Forage Insect Investigation for the Federal Bureau at Washington, D. C.

N. Criddle, Entomologist in charge for Manitoba, from Treestbank, Man.

H. L. Seamans, Entomologist in charge for Alberta, from Lethbridge.

A. V. Mitchener, Agricultural College, Winnipeg.

C. N. Ainslie, Entomologist Assistant in charge of the Laboratory at Sioux City, Iowa.

A. G. Ruggles, State Entomologist of Minnesota, St. Paul.

M. P. Tullis, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Regina, Can.

A. L. Strand, Assistant State Entomologist of Montana, of Bozeman, Mont.

A. H. Eastgate of the Federal Bureau of Entomology, Bottineau.

E. L. Webster, Station Entomologist of North Dakota, at Fargo, N. D.

Stewart Lockwood, Specialist, Grasshoppers, for the Federal Bureau of Entomology.

These men have met to discuss the problems of the different insects as they present themselves in the different communities, so they can secure definite data of conditions surrounding them over these northern plains area, as these insect pests present themselves under different aspects in different conditions, and it is only in obtaining a working knowledge of

their habits of life and methods of breeding that the entomologist is enabled to wage successful warfare upon them. The members of the conference tell of the different methods of control each experiment station or locality has tried, and the cost and feasibility of such plans.

Campaigns have been waged over these different states and provinces which have proved very successful in the control of the grasshopper and the cut worm, and have been the means of saving millions of dollars worth of crops to the farmers. They hope to discover still better control measures for these and other insect pests, such as the sawfly which is beginning to be a pest of no small volume. The cut worm has been pretty thoroughly studied, and also the grasshopper. In Montana they feel that they have the grasshopper situation pretty well under control, and unless some new phase develops, that under present state methods of control, no great drawback was the distance between acreages treated. Burning has been found to be of little value, since it is not practicable to heat the upper inch of soil to the necessary temperature in order to kill the larvae and nymphs.

It is very encouraging to the farmers to have their problems receive such thoro attention, and the scientists who are making this their life work must surely find no small satisfaction in the fact that their success means the protection of two nation's crops and the financial welfare of many thousands of individual farmers.

The next annual meeting is to be held in Winnipeg, Man., some time in April next year. A. V. Mitchener acting as secretary.

Mr. Criddle was unanimously elected chairman — a position he has occupied for two years.