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## JOHNNY J. JONES EXPOSITION, WORLD'S LARGEST, IN MINOT

Johnny J. Jones is in Minot this week with his wonderful Exposition, the largest in the entire world. The tented array of novel features opened a week's engagement Monday afternoon at the grounds, just west of the Normal school and the popularity of the big amusement concern was attested by the large crowd in attendance in the evening. Large crowds have been on hand each afternoon and evening since, and the latter days of the week will draw the largest crowds when the people from the rural districts come in.

Mountrail county sent in a big contingent Wednesday, which started out from Stanley, the county seat, as a booster tour. The Johnny J. Jones Exposition was one of the features of this tour, and all were hugely delighted.

This Exposition as a rule, visits only the larger cities, but the attraction decided to stop in Minot for a week, enroute to Calgary, Alta., where they will next appear during the week of the Dominion Fair. Twice previous have the Johnny J. Jones Exposition amused the Minot crowds, winning a host of friends throughout the Northwest.

At midnight Saturday night, the Exposition was still standing on the Minneapolis grounds. Less than 48 hours later, the wonderful array of tents, riding devices, etc., were in place on the Minot grounds, a record run of more than 500 miles having been made.

The exposition this year, continues the Jones policy of offering nothing but clean attractions. There is not a monstrosity or "freak" on the grounds, and there are no gambling devices of any kind. There are twenty attractions, in addition to half a dozen rides of various kinds to provide thrills for the venturesome.

A new feature is the trained animal exhibition, starring Sigbee's humanized horse, known as "Captain" who does everything imaginable except talk. There are the famous French and Belgian Midgets, five perfectly formed men and women ranging in ages from 21 to 30 years old and from 18 to 26 inches in height.

The Joy Trail is the largest portable trick house ever constructed. Myra, of the Deep Sea is a marvelous educational entertainment and is truly a natural history museum of articles discovered by divers of the oceanic water. A herd of elephants does a "shimmy stunt", and plays upon musical instruments. Maybelle Mack and her trained mules are a Canton favorite amusement. The circus side show introduces many new novel freaks of nature all of a pleasing variety, including the sensational attraction known as the "No Name" Miracle Man. A new crazy horse riding device is called "Gee Whizz" because that is the usual exclamation of those who exit therefrom. The war exhibit is under the charge of overseas boys and is most interesting. Another new riding device is the English Gondolas or tango swings freshly imported from Europe.

A new feature and one with a distinct local coloring is called "Ladykins", and is the novel idea of a well known North Dakota society matron. Its uniqueness makes it one of the most noticeable of all the attractions. Toyland is an entertainment designed for the kiddies under 7 years of age, while the Bug House has no age. The French warfare miniature battlefield, showing some 1,500 men and guns in active warfare action. There is a new ride called the Sea Plane and it gives one all the sensations of a trip among the clouds. The show deluxe houses the Godwiski Troupe of Russian Ballet dancers and singers and also shows a most elaborate presentation of Art de Luxe living statuary, displayed by ten young American maidens. Mary Mack's Texas Ranch is the wild west scenes of the olden time when the Texas border was full of real wild men and bad Indians.

A tiny bit of a girl 16 years of age is seen in the motor speedway. She rides a motorcycle at the rate of 20 miles an hour. The old familiar rides are all in evidence. Jones' reputed \$20,000 carroussel, the whip, frolic and giant ferris wheel, besides a distinctly new ride, the Butterfly. Morris is director of an all American band of thirty musicians.

Daily continuous performances from 2 p. m. until midnight will be shown all week.

One of the new features is a Radio show. Aimee, the fire dancer made a big hit as also did Willard's musical fantasy, "A Trip to Babylon". The Johnny J. Jones Exposition leaves Minot Sunday morning for Calgary, starting on their itinerary of fairs which will end next December in Florida, where they always spend their winters.

The last feature to be mentioned is no less than Johnny J. Jones himself. Those who have had the pleasure of meeting this Wizard of the Exposition World, (and he is not hard to meet) can figure that they have met one of the world's greatest showmen. He has no business associates, financially interested in his organization, but he has shown wonderful organization ability. He has built up a wonderful business organization that works as smoothly as a Swiss watch. He, himself, knows what is going on every minute of the day and about every minute in the night, for that matter. He is a glutton for detail.

His finger is on the pulse of his organization continually. With all of the hundreds of things that demand his attention, he always has time for a pleasant word for all. He is not only courteous personified himself, but this is the watchword throughout the entire grounds, among the 450 people connected with the organization.

Johnny J. Jones was reared in DuBois, Pa., and worked in the coal mines previous to embarking in the show business. It might be said that he is of a retiring nature, which is a remarkable thing to say about any man who depends upon publicity for his success. He does not believe in advertising Johnny J. Jones himself, but he does believe in advertising the Johnny J. Jones Exposition.

It might be said that Johnny J. Jones participated in his first parade in Minot during his entire career, Tuesday when he got out with the Rotarians and Kiwanians to give a fitting welcome to the visiting Rotarians from the Fifth district, many of whom came from his old home state, Pennsylvania.

Edward Russell Salter is the publicity man and he has been associated with Mr. Jones for many years. Mr. Salter does not waste words, but he has a way of making one want to do things for the Johnny J. Jones Exposition.

E. B. Jones, a brother of Johnny is with the Exposition. He is married to a Johnstone, Pa., girl and they have the finest little boy in the world, nine months old, whom they have named Johnny J. Jones Jr., beating the record of the distinguished uncle by one "J".

## THOMAS GULLIXSON DIES OF INJURIES

One of the very saddest tragedies in the history of our city, occurred shortly after noon last Friday, when Thomas Frederick Gullixson, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Gullixson, received fatal injuries, as a result of being run down by an automobile which H. Seyfert and two women, one of whom is Mrs. Hills, were riding.

The accident occurred on the paving, on Third St. N. E. immediately in front of the Joe Hodgins blacksmith shop and was witnessed by several people.

The lad was rendered unconscious by his fall to the pavement, it is believed. He was placed in an auto immediately and hurried to St. Joseph's hospital where he passed away at 2 o'clock. He regained consciousness but for a period of a few moments, recognizing his mother. Death was due to concussion and concussion of the brain, coupled with the shock. It is said that the left front wheel of the auto passed over the boy. When the car was stopped, within about twenty feet of where it struck the lad, he was lying under the rear axle. On the paving, it could be plainly seen where the wheels of the auto had slid for about twenty feet before coming to a halt.

Dr. R. W. Pence, the Ward county coroner and State's Attorney Herigstad, after conferring with several eye witnesses, decided that it would be advisable to hold an inquest and it is likely that it will be held this afternoon. If Mr. Seyfert and the two ladies are blameless, the authorities feel that an investigation is due them.

Mr. Behan, who drives an express wagon, saw the accident. He says he saw four or five boys standing on the sidewalk and two of them, one of whom was Thomas Gullixson, started to cross the street. He saw H. Seyfert, a G. N. car repairer, and the two women coming in the car, at a fair rate of speed. Evidently they did not see the lad until the car was close upon him, and apparently the driver of the car, according to Mr. Behan, did not apply the brakes until about the time the lad was struck. The car was stopped as quickly as possible and Mr. Seyfert took the boy to a physician's office and secured the lad's mother.

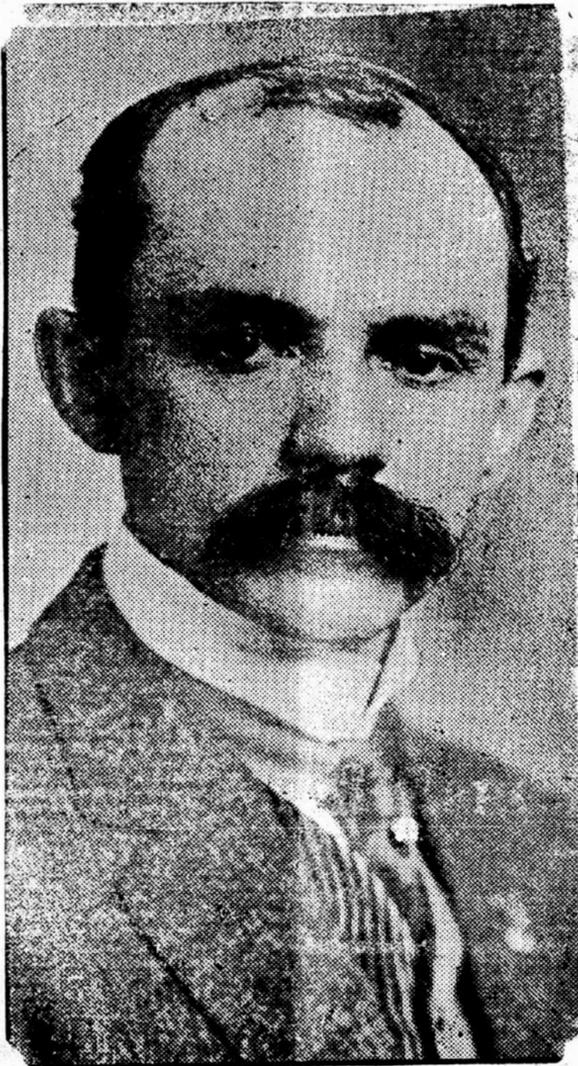
According to Mr. Seyfert, the boy ran out from behind an automobile, parked by the curb, and seeing the approaching car, turned to run back to the curb, but fell.

There were slight bruises on the boy's chin and on the body. The car is owned by one of the women it is said, and the authorities are not certain whether it was driven by Mr. Seyfert or one of the women. They had phoned to Mr. Seyfert, asking him to drive the car over onto the north side so they might come over town to lunch, the accident happened.

Rev. T. F. Gullixson, the boy's father, who has long been pastor of the First Lutheran church of this city, was in Minneapolis on business at the time of the accident. He hurried home, arriving at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The funeral was held at the First Lutheran church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, a very large number of friends attending. The services were in charge of Rev. L. T. Reishus of Velva. The body was laid to rest in the First Lutheran cemetery. The body was viewed by hundreds of friends at the home between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. Monday. Many beautiful floral offerings were received and the funeral procession was one of the largest ever seen in the city.

Thomas Frederick Gullixson was born in Minot, Feb. 9, 1913. He was the only son in the family and was such a "pal" of his father's. He was in the third grade in McKinley school and was a remarkably bright, manly boy and would undoubtedly have developed into a splendid type of manhood. He is survived by three sisters, the mother and father who have the sincere sympathy of all over their irreparable loss.



JOHNNY J. JONES, HIMSELF

## Stark County Farmer Shot by Father-in-Law

Dickinson, N. D., June 22.—Frons Dolliver, 35, Stark county farmer residing 10 miles north of Richardson, was shot and mortally wounded by J. P. Massey, 65, his father-in-law, during a heated altercation over family affairs at the Dolliver farm Saturday morning. With his heart, liver and other vitals perforated with shot from a 12-gauge shotgun fired by Massey, Dolliver was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital in this city where he died at 8 that evening.

Details given Altho suffering intense pain Dolliver retained consciousness to the end and in a deposition given to county officials gave the details of the quarrel leading up to the crime.

Massey, charged with first degree murder was brought to Dickinson and lodged in the county jail. In the deposition it was alleged that Massey came to the Dolliver farm early Saturday and after quarreling with Dolliver over family affairs during which he accused his son-in-law of cruelty and mistreatment of his wife, Massey went into the house and persuaded his daughter to leave with him. As they were leaving Dolliver, who was working about the yard, came toward them and protested. It was then that Massey is alleged to have raised Dolliver's shotgun which he had taken from the house and fired deliberately, wounding Dolliver.

Stories Conform Massey's story is practically the same, save that he claims that Dolliver came toward them threatening to cut his head off with an ax and that he was forced to shoot in self-defense. He maintains that Dolliver was a quarrelsome man and expresses no regret over the outcome of the quarrel.

Mrs. Dolliver condemns the attitude of her husband and upholds her father, saying that he was justified in shooting. At a post mortem held Saturday night, it was found that shot, lodged in the body, had penetrated almost every vital point. The body was taken to Richardson Sunday morning for burial.

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Bert Cady of Velva picked strawberries, large, juicy and ripe, from his garden June 12.

## Delegates Back From Rotary Convention

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shirley, returned Saturday from Los Angeles, where they attended the Rotary International convention. Mr. Shirley, who is president of the Minot Rotary, was a delegate to the convention as was Wm. P. Stevenson, who returned to Minot a day or two later. Both are greatly enthused over the wonderful convention, which was attended by about 8,000 delegates from all parts of the world.

When it was seen that the big convention hall would not hold all of the delegates, the Rotarians from California walked out, giving the visitors their places. The convention was all business. There was plenty of good humor and smiling faces, but the delegates, many of whom had traveled half around the earth to be there, appreciated the fact that matters of an important and serious nature were under consideration.

"I am only sorry that every other member of the Minot Rotary club could not have been present to get some of the Rotary inspiration," President Shirley said at the Monday Rotary luncheon, in speaking of the convention. "None of us realize just how big Rotary is," he said.

The Minot delegates attended every session of the convention. The visitors were given a wonderful welcome by the Californians. Every train was met and the big crowd was comfortably housed in the "wonder city of the world".

Ira C. Jones, member of the Minot Rotary, who is still in California, with his wife, also attended the convention. Mr. Shirley and the other Rotarians were taken to Hollywood, where they saw moving pictures in the making. May McAvoy, noted movie actress, was one of the stars whom they met. Mr. Shirley states that while he saw a vast country and much wonderful scenery, nothing looked so good to him as the fields of North Dakota, in all their verdure, on his return.

In the Rotary A. M. Hardaway presided at Monday's Rotary luncheon. E. A. Shirley, the president gave an interesting account of his trip to the Rotary International convention in Los Angeles. Plans for entertaining the Rotary visitors the following day were discussed. Among the guests were Jack O'Brien of Minneapolis, E. J. Gaffney, instructor in agriculture at the Minot Normal, and Rev. H. Swift of New York City, who is considering a call from All Saint's Episcopal church in this city.

Flying Visit to Kenmare Chester Jacobson, candidate for sheriff, accompanied by his father, Martin Jacobson, Ward county pioneer, made a trip to Kenmare Wednesday in the former's airplane, where they did some campaigning.

## MINOT'S JULY 4th CELEBRATION WILL BE AT RIVERSIDE PARK

HE HAS MADE GOOD



GOVERNOR R. A. NESTOS The Independent predicts that Gov. Nestos will be nominated with a good sized plurality at the Primaries, June 28. The affairs of state are in safe hands. Confidence has been restored. Let's keep the management of our great state in safe hands.

## N. D. ROTARY DAY WAS HUGE SUCCESS

The North Dakota Rotary celebration held in Minot Tuesday afternoon in honor of the Rotarians from the fifth district, returning to their homes in the east, turned out to be in truth an international affair, due to the presence of the delegates from England and Scotland, who were present. Alex. D. Wilkie, Edinburgh, Scotland, past governor of the 24th district, embracing the British Isles, in his short address at Riverside Park, assured his audience that a typical Rotary spirit exists in his own country and that the British clubs are doing the same good work as those in America.

Frank White, of Scarborough, England, another member of the delegation, assured his hearers that Rotary was a thing that had gone around and around and around, encircling the globe.

Among the 150 prominent Rotarians on the special, many of whom were accompanied by their wives, were Ed L. Stock, of Washington, D. C., governor of the old Fifth district; Lion Woodward, of Trenton, N. J., governor of the 36th district; Guy Gundaker of Philadelphia, past vice president of Rotary International; Ralph Cummings of Lancaster, Pa., immediate past first vice president of Rotary International, and Frank Barker of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., superintendent of the Fifth District Rotary Special. Chester Robinson, the governor of the new 35th district was also a distinguished visitor.

The Minot Rotarians had invited the local Kiwanians, and the members of every Rotary and Kiwanis club in North Dakota, and their wives, to participate in the welcome of the eastern Rotarians. The special train arrived an hour late, at 4:30 p. m., due to a washout in Montana, but remained half an hour longer than the scheduled time, leaving at 7 o'clock.

The train was met by several score of cars, decorated in the Rotary colors of gold and purple. The visitors were placed in the cars, and the parade thru the principal business streets to Riverside park was quickly formed.

The parade was most unique. It was headed by the band from the Johnny Jones Exposition and the three splendid elephants, from the same Exposition. Vice President Ralph Cummings, Governor Stock and Ed Shirley, president of the Minot Rotary, were given a ride on one of the elephants. One of the elephants is the only female Rotarian in the world, given a membership in the Tampa, Fla., Rotary club.

The Mabel Black Wild West show, from the Johnny Jones Exposition also formed a prominent section of the parade and at the park this aggregation of entertainers delighted the crowd for fully half an hour. Miss Mack has one of the most wonderful aggregation of trained mules in the world and she received a pleasing ovation.

A car from the Johnny Jones Exposition carried Mr. Jones, himself, Edward Salter and Miss Mack. At the park the band played a concert and the assemblage sang America to the band's accompaniment. The platform in the park was decorated in Rotary colors. President Shirley took charge of the program which was necessarily short. Rev. P. W. Erickson gave the address of welcome and the response was given by Vice President Ralph Cummings.

"We are going back home with a feeling that we have really learned to know more of Minot, and where it is, and we shall always entertain a good feeling towards your city," he said. A number of the more prominent among the visitors were presented. Pres. Shirley thanks the Kiwanians

Arrangements have been completed by the Minot Association of Commerce and the park board for the special events to be held in Minot July 4. The day's program will begin at 10 a. m. with Minot boy scout troops assembling at some central point and marching to Riverside park where flag raising exercises will be held at 11 a. m. Following the exercises there will be water sports in the swimming pool in the park which will be followed by a picnic dinner. At 1:30 p. m. a program of athletic events will be run off, the intention being to complete the program before the baseball game starts in Dorman's park at 3:15 p. m. Minot plays the Northern Pacific team of St. Paul that day and two games are arranged, one at 3:15 p. m. and the other at 6:30 p. m. Between the two games, at 3 p. m. there will be a band concert in Riverside Park by the Community band and from 9 p. m. until midnight there will be a street dance.

The program for the day has been arranged for the particular purpose of popularizing the city's park and Will O. Doolittle, superintendent of parks, and Oral Bridgford, superintendent of recreation, will have charge of the swimming and athletic events. Events for boy scouts will be given special place on the program. It is expected that hundreds of families from towns around Minot and rural sections will come to Minot July 4 to spend the day in the park.

The swimming events at 11 a. m. will include the following: 20 yards, free style for boys; 20 yards, free style, for girls; 50 yards, free style, for men; cracker race for boys; cracker race for girls; 20 yards for women; 20 yards for fat men; plunge for distance for men; plunge for distance for women; under water swimming for distance and a relay race.

The athletic events will include 50 yard races for boys and girls under 12 years; 75 yard races for boys and girls under 16; 20 yard three-legged race for boys under 15; 20 yard sack race; 50 yard race for fat men; 40 yard race for ladies and fat ladies; 400 yard relay race for boys' teams under 20 years; tug-of-war contest for boy scouts troops and a watermelon eating contest for boys under 15 years.

The guests were shown thru the beautiful park. They were especially delighted with the zoo. Alex. Wilkie had never before seen a buffalo. Ralph Cummings and others enjoyed a plunge in the fine new swimming pool recently completed in the park which was turned over to the exclusive use of the visitors. Refreshments were served at the pavilion and at the bath house.

At 6:15, the guests were taken about the city and out into the country for a short distance, giving the visitors a chance to see some of the wonderful rye, wheat and corn fields and a view of the city from Prospect Point on the north hill. One car made a trip clear to Surrey.

The visitors showed keen interest in our city and in the agricultural districts lying adjacent. Minot was their only stop of consequence in North Dakota, as they were scheduled to spend the following day in the Twin Cities. They had spent two days in Glacier Park, and while the train stopped for a short time in Williston, they were given a ride about that wide awake little city. They had been given a wonderful entertainment at Portland, Ore., and had been received with splendid welcomes all along the way from Los Angeles, where they attended the Rotary International convention, but they declared that the Minot style of entertaining was different from that of any other city they had visited.

"We have learned much from you North Dakotans, from your way of entertaining," a visitor remarked. Our friends from the east were entirely familiar with the political situation in North Dakota and are watching with rapt interest the outcome of the coming primary election. They regard Senator McCumber very highly. They were disappointed in not meeting Gov. R. A. Nestos, who is a member of the Minot Rotary club. They left singing the praises of North Dakota, which to them proved to be a most interesting and delightful land. Never has Minot entertained a more distinguished lot of visitors, whose short sojourn here was characterized by their wholesome friendliness.

Mayor Smart Writes From New York W. M. Smart, president of the city commission, who is spending a few weeks in New York City on business, writes the Independent: "The New York Rotary is quite a club, but they haven't as much pep per capita as the Minot club. I met Jimmie Heron several times here, also had lunch with Ben Lesk."

Rye Considered Damaged Filling Well E. H. Ray of Surrey informs the Independent that many fields of rye that appeared badly damaged by the heat of two weeks ago, are filling nicely and will make a heavy yield. Also some of the fields turned white, they are filling surprisingly well. Some of those who thought the fields were ruined, cut the rye for hay.