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WARD COUNTY FAIR CLOSED FRIDAY; 1923 FAIR BIGGER

The first Ward County and north-western North Dakota fair held at Minot last week was a great success and a notable encouragement and incentive for the future despite the numerous handicaps and lacks of an initial season and especially the intervention of unfavorable weather. The test of the fair is not whether its books show a profit or deficit at the close but whether a real fair was held in an adequate plant and whether the public—exhibitors, concessioners, entertainers, racers, visitors and others—were satisfied with the results and the prospects. Judged by the latter test the fair just closed was a great success and merely the forerunner of far greater and more interesting exhibitions in coming years. The fair showed not only an actually big show but demonstrated what can be done here, and the result is that everyone concerned is prepared to come back next year with larger exhibits, more entries and many new and valuable features. The 1923 fair promises to be a record breaker. Already several persons and firms have spoken for locations or space for 1923 and there is no discouragement anywhere.

When one stops to realize that in the latter days of June the spot on which the fair was held last week was nothing but an 80-acre field of rye which no blade had touched and that there was neither building nor organization for a fair, the accomplishments evidenced to the visitors who entered the wide main gates Sept. 12 were nothing short of marvellous. They beheld a stout 7 1/2 foot mesh wire fence with white painted posts surrounding the entire grounds, with fine large concrete posts at corners and gates. A system of well graded and surfaced roadways 30 feet wide traversed the grounds, leading to the buildings, the auto parking spaces and the exit gates. Near the main entrance loomed the spacious Exhibition hall 60x160 feet in size and two stories high. This substantial structure of solid tile and stucco would be an ornament to any fairgrounds or city and attracted universal admiration. While intended as the Agricultural Hall of a greater fair it was this year used for general exhibits including agricultural products, poultry, women's department, Baby Show, Boys' and Girls' club work, government testing and grading booths, state health booth and a few commercial displays. A complete wireless plant was also a feature conducted by Max and Paul Kemper of Minot.

A fine large heavy frame and stucco grand stand, 150x60 feet in size and capable of seating more than 1,850 persons, faces the new race track which racing men declare will be one of the "fastest" in the state. This track is a standard half mile oval with a 50-foot width except on the home stretch which is 80 feet wide—the widest in the state. The grand stand also houses the secretary's and treasurer's offices, large men's and women's toilets, two sets of actors' dressing rooms, waterworks plants, storage space and 12 fine large booths for rental to concessioners and others. The big 150x50 foot stock barn, built of solid concrete and stucco, is the admiration of every agriculturist who sees it. Containing 80 double stalls and five large box stalls, besides an office for the superintendent, it is most conveniently appointed in every way. A waterworks system and electric lights are included. All the buildings on the grounds have electric lights and, in addition, a power line covers the grounds and, with bracket lamps on the poles and six large flood lights on the three main buildings, lights the grounds in excellent manner.

The Minot Kiwanis club has erected a neat stucco covered building for use as a women's and children's rest room and it was a most valuable institution at the fair. Further improvements are to be made in it by the club by another season.

The Cash Feed & Fuel Co., which supplies hay and feeds of all kinds to stock men and racers, erected a neat frame structure near the barns to serve as a warehouse for its stock during the fair.

Several other small buildings, including a judges' stand, free acts platform, ticket office at the main gate, etc., were erected for the fair. The entertainment program this year was excellent and excited the commendation of all visitors. A good race program was carried out in spite of the lack of desired funds and the fact that the lateness of the season and shortness of the time prevented the securing of many horses and other attractions. The program included harness and running races, automobile and motorcycle races. The flying circus with its airplane stunts, wing walker and parachute jumper and the races between plane and automobile was a popular feature. Several fine free acts including Marriott Troupe of aerialists, Ella La-Vaill and her ladder trapeze and Chilcott with his trained dogs, hoop juggling and slack wire work augmented the program and two nights of fireworks were much enjoyed. The Siebrand Bros. carnival furnished entertainment for the youngsters and there were a good many concessions.

The machinery park was well filled with displays of farm machinery, tractors, automobiles, lumber products

and other articles. A fine array of live stock was shown. The poultry exhibits were surprisingly large as were the agricultural. The women's department was well filled and would have been a credit to a state fair. Altogether the fair was a big show and a definite start which is half the battle in launching any institution.

Plans for next year are already taking form and there is no disposition to either retrench or retard progress. It is expected the parts of the grounds chiefly used will be leveled—probably this fall—disced and dragged and seeded to a good sod-producing variety of grass so that the surface will be much more even and slightly and easy to tread next season. The parkway of the main boulevard leading from the main gates to the grand stand will be improved. It is expected that another large stock barn will be erected near the one built this year and perhaps even larger. It may contain a good sized judging and sales ring with amphitheater seats around the sides and also a good many horse and other stalls. A speed barn is necessary next season and part of this second barn may be devoted to that purpose for a year or two.

It is likewise suggested that a building be erected on the west side of the grounds for a system of booths for merchants' and other displays. There were a number of inquiries this year for such display space but the Exhibition Building was not inadequate to them so many requests were rejected. It is believed that by another year business men would prepare and that the booths would be generally filled by displays of the various firms.

Some tree planting and other improvement work may also be done before another fair is held and this will greatly improve the appearance of the grounds.

By another fair time the new river dam will be completed and the water in the Mouse river raised. It is expected a river landing will then be erected on the west side of the fair grounds and the river gate opened to travel so that persons who wish to go to the fair in boats will be enabled to board the craft anywhere along the river and land directly at the fairgrounds gates.

Still other improvements and changes are contemplated. It is expected the waterworks and sewerage systems will be improved and work also done to smooth up the grounds and render them more sightly and convenient. Fire protection and probably also lighting improved.

Not the least of this year's improvements was the building of a 1,000-foot spur track from the Great Northern Ry. directly into the grounds, thus affording convenient shipping facilities for live stock men and others close to the barns. The fair board and officers are already discussing plans and these will go forward steadily during the coming fall and winter to insure the maximum of efficiency and economy in preparations for the 1923 fair, together with saving of time.

Plan to Save Minot Merchants Money on Freight Charges

A Mr. Knocke from Minneapolis met with the board of directors of the Association of Commerce Tuesday and explained a plan for having L. C. L. freight shipments brot into Minot at car lot rates, less a small handling charge, the freight to be delivered free of charge at the place of business in Minot, without any storage charged. Mr. Knocke is connected with a Minneapolis concern that makes a business of assembling these various shipments in the Twin Cities and assembling them for car load shipments. He declares that the plan would necessitate a delay of not more than 48 hours in the shipment of the goods and would effect a saving of approximately 12 cents a hundred on freight.

He is interviewing our merchants this week and it is possible that the plan will be put into effect here if it meets with favorable consideration. Minot jobbers could participate in the saving, Mr. Knocke explained.

Coffee with "Kick" in It Sold at Fair Booth — Two Arrested

H. J. Freese and M. F. Johnson, operating Concession No. 11 at the north end of the grand stand at the Ward county fair, were arrested by federal prohibition authorities Thursday night, charged with selling liquor. The men sold coffee and lunch, mostly coffee with moonshine mixed in it, enough of the liquor to give the drink a good sized "kick". Federal officers bot two cups of the coffee, drank it, then bought a third cup which is retained as evidence. The stand did a thriving business. The men would first pour out the coffee, then one of them would pour the moonshine into it from a flask and charge 50 cents for the drink. When arrested, Freese had a bottle of moonshine on his person. The stand was closed Friday.

Duck Bone Removed

A Minot man visited the office of a throat specialist, a week before the hunting season opened, and had a wild duck bone removed. He was placed in a rather embarrassing position.

LIEUT. COL. E. S. PERSON, RESERVE CORPS, WINS PROMOTION



Major E. S. Person, president of the Union National Bank, has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army, following an examination held in Minneapolis recently. This is considered a signal honor for the Minot man and one which he has earned thru his own efforts. While he has not yet been assigned to a post, it is presumed that he will be assigned to the 60th Cavalry Division.

The army of the United States is now divided into three component parts, the regular army, the national guard and the organized reserves. Colonel Person has had an interesting military career. He was a Captain in the Spanish-American war. When the United States entered the World war, he entered the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling and won the position of Captain of Infantry. He entered another training camp and later became Captain of Cavalry and later was promoted to Major of Field Artillery.

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so that in time of war the organizations may be complete. Officers are in readiness for immediate action.

Young men are being trained in the colleges and universities to take the place of World War officers as they become older. They complete their course as Second Lieutenants and are subject to examination every three years, when if they show the proper ability, they may become promoted. Colonel Person was a Major in the Reserve Corps for three years prior to becoming Lieutenant Colonel.

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BROTHER OF JOHN E. HOWARD DIED IN MINNEAPOLIS HOSPITAL

Walter Howard, brother of John E. Howard of this city, passed away in the Public Health Hospital in Minneapolis Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of three years from tuberculosis.

Mr. Howard received a telegram Wednesday evening and left this morning on an early Soo train for the old home, Hudson, Wis., where the funeral will be held. Mr. Howard expects to return to Minot the latter part of the week.

Walter Howard was 31 years of age and he was born at Hudson, Wis. He entered the service of our country during the World War and at that time contracted tuberculosis. He made a terrific battle for life and was given the best attention by the very best doctors and nurses. Mr. Howard returned from his brother's bedside the latter part of last week, to resume his work as director of music in the Minot schools, and at the time he realized that death was very near.

Before entering the service, Walter was employed in the Omaha railroad offices in St. Paul. He was a young man of the highest character. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Howard, a brother Mathew and sister Alice, all living at Wyndmere, N. D. and his brother John E. Howard of Minot. His father passed away at Wyndmere about a year ago.

Large Barn Burns on Jourgen Olson Farm

Fire destroyed a large barn on the Jourgen Olson hog farm, seven miles northwest of Minot Monday morning. It is that the fire started from spontaneous combustion. The horses were gotten out, but a number of chickens and turkeys were burned.

Dr. Archie D. McCannel left for Minneapolis Sunday to spend a week at the American Academy of the eye, ear, nose and throat section and to do some post graduate work. He will return Sunday.

HUNTERS ASKED TO FURNISH BIRDS FOR SURGEONS' BANQUET

BOOKS CHANGED, EMPLOYEE SAYS

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 20.—The assertion of Miss Blanche Garre, former employe of the Gordon Clothing company of Minot, that some of the items entered on books of the company had been changed by Jay Gordon, and that the particular records before Judge Miller in the federal court here were therefore incorrect, marked the closing of the plaintiff's case in the suit of the receiver to recover from the defendants two stores at Minot and one at Valley City.

The statement of Miss Garre made on cross-examination, was followed by the demand of the defendants' attorneys for detailed information in connection with her statements. Miss Garre followed O. R. Ball of Scooby, Mont., on the stand, Mr. Ball testifying as to inventories made in the Gordon stores in Minot after the creditors had taken charge.

The plaintiff made an effort thru voluminous records to prove that Abe Gordon, the moving spirit in the Gordon Clothing company and the Leader store at Minot, started with a \$12,000 stock of goods; that purchases were made during 1921 amounting to \$81,000, and that sales amounting to \$41,000 only had been accounted for. As the plaintiff rested its case, attorneys for Sam Gordon and the Gordon clothing, of Valley City, moved for the dismissal of the case as against these defendants, asserting that there had been no evidence to support the plaintiff's claim that Abe Gordon, the bankrupt, had been interested in the store of his brother at Valley City, declaring that evidence showed Sam Gordon was at all times the sole owner.

It was further asserted there was no evidence to show that Abe Gordon transferred any goods from Minot to the Valley City store.

Francis Murphy of Minot, attorney for numerous other defendants, most of them relatives of Abe Gordon, who are alleged to have benefitted by alleged fraudulent transfers of property, moved for the dismissal of the cases against other defendants.

Judge Miller reserved his decision until the end of the case, and the defendants' attorneys prepared to go into an extensive presentation of the defense, consuming probably two or three days.

Kiwanis Weekly Meeting

The Kiwanis Club met in the basement of the Episcopal Church this week and lunch was served by the Episcopal Guild. This is their original and permanent meeting place, some of the older members call it their home. Among the favorable reports of the activities at the Ward County Fair last week was the Kiwanis Hot Dog Stand, in charge of C. K. Allen, the wives of the Kiwanians doing the work, and therefore the members are indebted to them for the financial success of the undertaking. Everett Davis had charge of the ticket sales at the gates, assisted by members of the club, the report shows a total attendance of 10,533, with total cash receipts at the gate of \$4,061.00. The Kiwanis Rest Room was highly appreciated by the women and children and the success of this project during the fair was due to the time and energy donated by Mrs. Melvin Fauchald. Owing to the fact that some members had moved away and new ones added to the membership the entire club was re-arranged as to committees and beginning with next week an entire new program will be followed out which will prove beneficial not only to the club membership, but the entire community as well. Visitors at the meeting were C. C. McLean, manager Russell Miller Milling Co., Minot; E. F. Kenady, Soo Railway, Minneapolis; Rev. Blanchett, Drake, and J. F. McGuire, Minot. A package of cigars passed around announced the arrival of a new Kiwanian queen at the home of E. G. Maughan. The attendance prize offered by Dan O'Neil was presented to H. H. Westlie. E. J. DeMots, one of the official delegates to the Grand Forks convention gave a very instructive and interesting report on work done there and what Kiwanis (international) expects the individual clubs to accomplish. A. H. Kurth acted as chairman of the meeting.

Low Rates to National Dairy Exposition

Pre-war railroad rates will apply to the National Dairy Exposition, October 7-14, at the Twin Cities. An open rate of one and one-third fares has been granted by the Western Passenger Association from all points in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, from all points in the Northern Peninsula of Michigan, all of South Dakota east of the Missouri River, eastern Montana and that part of Iowa, on a ad North of The C. & N. W. Ry., Clinton to Missouri Valley.

Tickets at the rate of one and one-third fares will be on sale October 1-13, inclusive, with a final return limit of October 16th and a minimum excursion fare of \$1.00. Half fare will apply to children. These are the lowest rates granted by the railroads since before the war and it is believed by Col. W. E. Skinner, general manager of the exposition, that the announcement will speed up the organization of large delegations to the 922 exposition at St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Major A. J. McCannel has returned from Minneapolis where he spent several days arranging the program for the Soo Surgeons' Association who will hold their annual convention in Minot, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 25 and 26.

Seventy-five surgeons from seven states will attend the convention and as this is the first time Minot has ever had the opportunity to entertain this aggregation, the old town will try to do the trick about right.

A scientific program will be given Monday forenoon and afternoon and Tuesday morning. The chief surgeon has broken all precedents by turning Tuesday afternoon over to the surgeons to do as they please. Minot citizens will have an opportunity to entertain them that afternoon with golf and auto rides. A number will be taken out for duck and grouse hunting, several of the surgeons planning on bringing their guns and remaining for several days.

The convention a year ago was held in Chicago. Other years the convention was held at Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milwaukee. It is believed that Minot will be able to show the distinguished visitors some brand new forms of entertainment.

The banquet will be held at the Leland hotel Monday evening, Sept. 25. A wild game dinner will be served and the Minot hunters have been asked to kindly leave all the birds they can spare with C. M. Parker at the Leland, prior to that time.

War Clouds Hovering

The war clouds are looming dark in the Near East, following the complete routing of the Greek army by the Turkish forces. The Turks, drunk with victory, are preparing to occupy the neutral territory and to launch an attack for the possession of the Dardanelles. The British are determined to hold the straits at all cost, regardless of the fact that Italy and France have decided not to enter into the conflict. The Turks are to have the support of Soviet Russia, it is said. The British are moving troops from Egypt and will be aided by the Dominion of Canada and the other Colonies. The British munition factories are being speeded up. The French claim they will not fight alongside of the Greeks and the Balkan states declare they are in no position to enter the conflict on either side.

Following their victory over the Greeks, the Turks have burned the city of Smyrna and have massacred Christians by the thousands. One report estimates the number of Christians who have met death by the sword, the torch or by being buried alive or hurled into the sea, at 120,000. The Turks have sent 25,000 Christian women and girls into the interior to meet a worse fate than death at the hands of the Turkish soldiers.

FOUR MEMBERS OF FAMILY MET DEATH AT MOOREHEAD

Fargo, Sept. 20.—Four boys not yet out of their teens, who, with their sister, are the surviving members of a family which numbered 10 a month ago, left Moorhead today with the bodies of their father and mother, a brother and sister.

The boys are sons of the late Bern Haroldson, killed with his wife and two children late Monday in one of the most gruesome tragedies in years, when their automobile was caught in the path of freight cars on the Great Northern tracks in Moorhead.

The bodies were taken by train to Fargo, where they will be buried in a small cemetery near Twin Valley. They were met there by a truck and conveyed to the home near Twin Valley.

While the boys were making arrangements for the funeral their sister, Miss Edna, also a victim of the wreck, was lying in a Moorhead hospital, suffering from a broken leg. She is expected to be able to attend the funerals of the members of her family tomorrow. The attending physician said today that Miss Haroldson has no internal injuries and will recover. She will be in the hospital for some time.

Second Tragedy Burial

It will be the second funeral of the Haroldson family within a month, for a son, aged 8, was killed but a few weeks ago by the kick of a horse. A street car, parked near the tracks which may have obstructed Mr. Haroldson's view of the oncoming freight train, until after he reached the track, will be marked a block north of the tracks hereafter.

But One Native Son in "Who's Who"

Lives in North Dakota While North Dakota has mothered eight men who are listed in "Who's Who," but one of the eight now claims the state as his residence, this being Congressman O. B. Burtness of Grand Forks.

Foreign lands contributed 10 of the 80 men Norway having been the birthplace of two, England of two, Canada of two, while Switzerland, Iceland, Holland and Chile each is represented by one.

Kennard and Wheeler in Minneapolis

County Auditor Kennard and H. E. Wheeler, the city assessor, are spending the week in Minneapolis, attending the 14th annual meeting of the National Tax commission. They were appointed delegates to this meeting by Governor Nestos.