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PORTER SAYS GUARANTEE FUND COMMISSION RECEIVES THE FULL BENEFIT OF BANK ASSETS SALE

Editor Ward County Independent.

Dear Mr. Editor: It isn't often that we break into print and would not at this time, were it not for the fact that people who are not acquainted with the gentleman and not familiar with foreclosure sales, might possibly think that ex-Senator Mostad is a man of some importance and accustomed to writing the truth.

Under the circumstances, however, it is not fair to my associates on the Guaranty Fund Commission, to permit his communication published in your valuable paper to go without comment. The Guaranty Fund Commission is composed of Gov. Nestos, Mr. C. B. McMillan of Hannah, North Dakota, an appointee of Gov. Nestos, Gilbert Semington, State Examiner, Mr. S. G. Severson, former State Examiner under Gov. Hanna and the undersigned, and these gentlemen are men of at least ordinary intelligence, were aware of what was going on and would hardly permit one of their members to take advantage of the situation in the manner suggested by friend Mostad.

However, Thorwald has good reasons to feel peeved and somewhat disgruntled over the situation. His acceptance of the Receivership of the Sawyer State Bank, is evidence that he believes the only qualifications necessary are to be able to control a few votes and draw his salary. From the time of the closing of the bank until his removal by the State Banking Board in the spring of 1922, less than one year, the expenses were more than \$3,900, and while we have not made a careful examination, we are informed that Thorwald, during that time, collected possibly \$300 and renewed one note.

The Banking Board removed him in the spring of 1922, but he didn't approve of their actions and made a fuss, the matter much later was taken before Judge J. C. Lowe and he upheld the Banking Board, and Thorwald wasn't satisfied then, so he took the matter up before Judge Moelling, who also decided against him. In the meantime, however, foreclosure of the collateral mentioned in Thorwald's article had been commenced and for the reason that those most interested in the bank did not want Thorwald to handle the paper. He was obstreperous and evidently imagined that a Receiver appointed by Gov. Frazier and O. E. Lothaus was larger than a mere Nestos administration and the Courts had not at that time shown him something about the law.

The collateral which he sets out so elaborately is mostly good, being on honest, well-to-do farmers who take pride in paying their debts whenever crops and prices will permit, and the fact that it was bid in for a small amount merely indicates that there were no other bidders. There is sufficient after the Bills Payable are taken care of to pay Thorwald's salary and expenses for several years, and much of it is so good that it would have required very little effort upon his part to collect it.

Now, Thorwald made a lot of mistakes in his statement. We wouldn't use a harsher term for we sympathize with him in his bereavement, the cutting off, during the first year of his young life, of a perfectly good \$10.00 per day salary. We might enumerate these mistakes as follows:

The Guaranty Fund Commission receives the full benefit of the foreclosure for the purpose of paying depositors of the bank and the Northern Trust Co. now holds the paper in Trust for the Guaranty Fund Commission.

The deficiency judgment vs. O. A. Saastad has been satisfied.

The Northern Trust Co. does not own any stock in the Scandinavian American bank nor does any of its stockholders, and the writer owns no stock in the Northern Trust Co.

The writer represented the Guaranty Fund Commission in all this transaction.

Yours very truly,
M. R. PORTER.

Banquet for Daughters of America and Knights of Columbus

The Daughters of America and the Knights of Columbus will hold a joint banquet at the basement of St. Leo's Catholic church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Dr. E. G. DeMots is to be the toastmaster and Ex-Governor John Burke and Father Maloy, a nephew of Mrs. George Morrow have been invited to appear on the program. They will very likely be present.

The Daughters of America will initiate a class at the Knights of Pythias Castle Hall during the day and the Knights of Columbus will initiate a class in the basement of St. Leo's church in the afternoon.

Former G. N. Conductor Loses Foot in Denver Accident

Wm. Christian, an old time Great Northern conductor, who is in the employ of the Burlington at Denver, Colo., recently met with an accident, resulting in the loss of his left foot above the ankle.

Mr. Christian left Minot more than ten years ago. He is a member of Tyrian Chapter, R. A. M. of this city.

N. D. Educational Association Met In Fargo

The 35th Annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association was held at Fargo three days last week, opening its sessions on Wednesday under the leadership of G. W. Hanna, retiring President of the Association. All of the prominent educators of the state helped make the meeting a success while the enrollment showed that a greater number of the state teaching force than usual took advantage of the departmental work.

Principal speakers included Governor R. A. Nestos, Senator B. F. Baker, Supt. Minnie J. Nielson, Judge A. M. Christianson, Nelson Sauvain of Devils Lake, who is President for this year, and William Bishop Owen, President of the National Educational Association. Special music was provided by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

One of the most interesting features of this year's program was the session devoted to the recollection of territorial pioneer days in education. George A. McFarland, President of the Minot Normal School and one of the founders of the Association, took charge while persons who had served as teachers during these early days were seated on the stage. Immediately afterward an exhibit, illustrative of territorial history was shown, consisting of text books, pamphlets, reports, programs, photographs, and examples of equipment and furniture.

Reunions, in the form of dinners and luncheons, were held by the alumni, former students and teachers of the Mayville Normal, the Minot Normal, and the Valley City Normal, and State Teachers College.

The Minot Normal School was represented at the Association by Elsie J. Cook and Mary Rud of the Model School department, and by Huldah Winsted, Mrs. Florence Perket and Julia McDonough of the Normal faculty.

Eleanor Bryson, who was unable to attend the meeting, sent the paper which she had prepared, to be read. Miss Cook took this opportunity to present a text book which she had just completed, "The Pupil's Workbook in Geography." The Minot State Normal School enjoys the distinction of having had a one hundred per cent membership in the Association since the establishment of the local institution.

Officers elected at the sectional meetings of the teachers were:

Principal's section—H. S. Kirk, Jamestown, president; Peter Anderson, Lakota, vice president.

Elementary—Agnes Kjarlie, Enderlin, president.

Commercial—A. J. Ostby, Fargo, president; J. H. Bond, University, vice president.

Rural schools—Shirley Fox, Bismarck, president.

Agricultural—R. D. Stewart, president.

Home economics—Myrtle G. Cole, A. C., president; Eleanor Bryson, Minot, vice president; Art, Miss Rasing, Jamestown, vice president.

Music—E. H. Wilcox, Grand Forks, president.

Modern languages and Latin—Henry Haxo, Grand Forks, vice president.

English—Mary Laycock, Grand Forks, secretary-treasurer; Vera Bollinger, member executive committee.

Impressive Funeral Services for Perry L. Hodge

The funeral of Perry L. Hodge, who passed away at his home in this city last Thursday evening, was held from the Masonic Temple Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, a large number of friends joining with the members of the various Masonic bodies in paying their tribute of love and respect to one of our very best citizens.

In accordance with the wishes of the deceased, the funeral was conducted by Knights Templar, members of De Molay Commandery No. 10, in charge of the Commander, Dr. R. W. Pence. The Blue Lodge services were used and a large number of Knights Templar in Uniform acted as an escort.

Dr. A. D. McCannel acted as Master, Carl B. Bach as Senior Warden and G. A. Huss as Junior Warden.

Many Blue Lodge Masons were in line. The honorary pall bearers were F. L. Meservey, J. M. Wilson, H. E. Byorum, Geo. Kirkpatrick, Andy Carlson and Thos. Anderson and the acting pall bearers were J. W. Samuelson, L. F. Vollmer, Max Johnson, S. J. Rasmussen, C. F. Truax and G. D. Colcord.

Aksel Bratsberg was acting Captain General.

The Masonic quartet, J. H. Colton, F. L. Blume, Carl Davis and Archie Porter sang two appropriate numbers. A short but very impressive funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. E. C. Keedy, pastor of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Hodge was a member.

The floral tributes were exceedingly beautiful. The remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

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Students Publish The Normal Echo

Members of the College Rhetoric class of the Minot Normal surprised members of the faculty and students by issuing a very newsy, attractive, well edited paper, The Normal Echo, Monday. The editors were the Misses Gertrude Dwire and Rose Anderson and Miss Marie Kann was the business manager.

OLSON HEARING DEC. 5

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 23.—Hearing on the requisition of the state of Indiana for the return of Jourgen Olson, Minot banker, to face charges growing out of bank difficulties in that state, today was set for hearing December 5 by Gov. R. A. Nestos. Olson, it is understood, will vigorously resist extradition.

ROTARY TO FURNISH ENTERTAINMENT AT SOUTH PRAIRIE

The members of the Minot Rotary Club and their wives will enjoy a chicken dinner given by the South Prairie ladies at the Community Hall twelve miles south of Minot next Tuesday evening, Dec. 5. Following the banquet, which is certain to be a good one, the Rotarians will put on a program to which the public is invited and it is very likely that the program will be followed by a dance.

The committee is at work arranging the program which is to include Rotary songs, selections by the violin quartette, vocal and instrumental duets and short addresses. It is probable that some of the South Prairie folks will appear on the program. President Ed Shirley will be in charge of the program. The affair is the result of an effort on the part of the Rotary to bring about a closer friendship between the residents of the city and the rural districts and the evening is certain to be very enjoyable.

The entire South Prairie community has been invited to attend the supper and the program.

Mrs. Piper's Mother Ill

Mrs. Lee H. Piper was called to Pasadena, Cal., Monday night by a telegram announcing the very serious illness of her mother, the wife of Dr. Williams.

Anamosoe Farmer Injured

Aug. Hoepfer, an Anamosoe farmer, was severely injured last week when he was run over by a wagon filled with grain.

Presbyterian Choir Sang Beautiful Sacred Cantata

The Presbyterian choir sang the beautiful sacred cantata, "Sowing and Reaping" at the church Sunday evening before a packed house, hundreds being turned away. Miss Martha Reishus very ably directed the choir, Mrs. J. H. Colton presided at the organ and John E. Howard assisted on the violin.

It will be pleasing news to Minot music lovers to learn that the choir will sing two of the choruses at the Union services at the Auditorium Thanksgiving night.

The members of the choir are: Mrs. Henry Gay, Mrs. O. B. Herigstad, Mrs. R. M. Graham, Mrs. H. E. Byorum, Mrs. J. H. Mackley, Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. E. C. Britton, Miss Stella Hoskins, Miss Francis Brundage, Miss Jesse McLane, Miss Mildred Chick, Miss Mabel MacDonald, Miss Nellie Burris, Miss Lillian Olson, Mrs. R. E. Strom, Mrs. A. F. McLane, Miss Florence Henderson, Mrs. W. P. Stevenson, Mrs. L. C. Eby, Mrs. James Falconer, Mr. C. B. Davis, Mr. A. P. Blonde, Mr. F. H. Ludke, Mr. Victor Hawley, Mr. John Stoudt, Mr. H. M. Gay, Mr. J. H. Colton, Mr. Alfred Dahle.

Sherwood.—Diversified farming pays, is the assertion of William Slater, stockman residing near here, who has just returned from St. Paul with \$2,600 in his pockets as the result of the sale of two cars of cattle and one car of sheep.

REV. P. W. ERICKSON CONSIDERING CALL TO BELLINGHAM, WASH.

YOUNG MOTHER IS SENT TO STATE SCHOOL FOR LEAVING CHILD TO DIE

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 28.—Katie Rothschilder, slightly over 18 years old, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the second degree in connection with the death of her child which died about three days after it was abandoned in a vacant house, on Saturday was sentenced to the state training school until she reaches 21.

She told authorities that after the birth of her child at Dickinson she went to Glen Ullin and left the baby in a vacant house, thinking it safe there, and proceeded about 25 miles into the country with the intention of discussing her predicament with a former employer and seeking to regain her old position. She was taken ill and a storm came up, she said, and on the third day, realizing that the child must have died or been found, she said she feared to confess.

Elks to Observe Lodge of Sorrow on December 3rd

A tribute to departed Elks and a presentation of principles which have made the Elk's lodge famous throughout America will be given at the annual Elk lodge of sorrow which will be held at the Home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on December 3. Rev. P. H. Case, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Devils Lake, will deliver the memorial sermon.

A splendid musical program is being prepared under the direction of John E. Howard, and a general invitation is being extended to the people of Minot to attend. Every Elk is requested to be present.

Memorial services are held annually on the first Sunday in December. Many of the best speakers in the Northwest have appeared on these occasions in Minot. The custom is a beautiful one and typifies the thoughtfulness and the reverence that are characteristics of American Elks.

Rev. P. W. Erickson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Minot for the past twelve years, has received a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Bellingham, Wash., and it is quite probable that he will accept the call.

The first intimation that his parishioners received of this was Sunday evening at the close of the special services when announcement was made at a special session of the Session, the controlling body of the church.

Dr. Erickson informed the members of the board that he wanted a few days to consider the matter and he likewise wanted the board to think the matter over seriously. A decision is to be made at a meeting of the Session to be called soon.

Dr. Erickson will very likely accept the Bellingham offer, he states. Bellingham is a much larger city than Minot, affording greater opportunities and a wider field for his activities. A telegram was received from Bellingham recently, informing Mr. Erickson that he had been unanimously endorsed by the board.

The Minot Presbyterian church has enjoyed a remarkable development under Dr. Erickson's guidance. The congregation has grown several times its original size and the church has increased in usefulness. The organization is free from debt and has a large sum in the building fund. Two lots adjoining the church property have been purchased and will be utilized when the church is enlarged.

Rev. Mr. Erickson is one of the foremost ministers of North Dakota. He is a man of ready speech and he has been in much demand on the lecture platform. He has taken a prominent part in civic as well as religious affairs, being one of the charter members of the Minot Rotary.

He was in charge of the Drayton Presbyterian church for five years before coming to Minot and a year prior to that did missionary work among the lumberjacks of northern Minnesota. During the period of his pastoral schooling, he preached in the Presbyterian church at Belvidere, Calif. His original home was Kasson, Minn.

Scores of Minot friends, many of them not even members of his church, are urging Mr. Erickson to remain in Minot and trust that he will finally decide to do so.

Minot Dentists Install Ritter System

Sometimes it is a pleasure to visit the dentist. You will notice that we mention the pleasure somewhat reluctantly. We might be more specific and say however that an Independent representative enjoyed a visit paid to the dental offices of Drs. Lang and Abbott, recently. These gentlemen have occupied an office together since last spring—the same offices that Dr. Lang has used for the past nine years. Dr. Abbott is a Minot young man who graduated from the department of Dentistry of the University of Minnesota this year.

The Lang-Abbott offices have just been completely remodeled and redecorated, making them among the most attractive offices of the city. All equipment is operated by electricity and the operating rooms are lighted by the new Dentoscope lights. The laboratory and sterilizing equipment is furnished with electric current instead of the customary gas service.

In Dr. Lang's office one finds it fully equipped with what is known as a Ritter system throat, simply press a button and the operator is furnished light bulbs or grinding appliances as his needs require. This equipment is the first of its kind we have ever seen and will say that it is a wonderful lay-out. It is the only one of its kind, so far as we can learn, anywhere in this section of the state. So perfect is its workings that we imagine that it would be a pleasure to have a few molars extracted just by way of experiment, but we are passing up the pleasure, just at present.

Dr. Abbott has received the appointment as dental examiner for Uncle Sam in this district, due no doubt, to the fact of his having served with the A. E. F. for a term of two years—18 months of which he was actively engaged at the front, seeing some mighty tough fighting up in the St. Mihiel sector and in the Argonne.

During our call at the offices one of the members of Dr. Wheelon's medical corps, G. S. Johnson, a former employe of the Minot Dairy Co., came in and had an examination made. Mr. Johnson is now travelling for a St. Louis firm selling chemical supplies. And, by the way, we figure that one of the most valuable assets of this particular dental office is the fact that the young lady assistant is a Miss Sorenson who for seven years has been the valued assistant of Dr. Fred Rose of Cooperstown, at one time president of the State Dental Society.

Mrs. Myra Hurd, who left here four weeks ago today for Rochester, Minn., where she was operated upon at the Mayo Brothers hospital for an abscess of the lung, is reported to be showing great improvement. As will be remembered, her condition had been considered hopeless and the news received in the city today will be very gratifying to friends. Her mother, Mrs. W. A. Moulton, who accompanied her to Rochester, is still with her.



Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer

The founders of this nation and the builders of the commonwealth have established a practice of dedicating one day each year to public thanksgiving and praise for the blessings of Providence, bestowed upon the people of our state and nation, and imploring the continued guidance of God in our community, state and national life. As a people we have great and special reasons for observing this custom and to devote the day to praise and prayers and for serious reflection upon the resulting duties and responsibilities resting upon us, are the beneficiaries of the bounty of Almighty God. Such an attitude and frame of mind will enable us to correct our mistakes, to view more calmly our mutual relationships, and to give the needed strength for the labors of the coming days.

Therefore, in harmony with the proclamation of the president of the United States, I, R. A. Nestos, governor of the state of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim

Thursday, November Thirtieth
a day of
THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER
and I do most earnestly call upon the people

to observe the day in the spirit of those who established the day and builded our commonwealth and in the day's exercises to renew the spirit of loyalty to our national ideals and American institutions for which these founders suffered so much and labored so incessantly, and I do especially urge that our citizenship observe the day by attending divine services and rendering praise to God for what in his mercy he has done for the welfare of our state and nation, and also that we prayerfully and helpfully remember those less fortunate and especially the women and children in our country and in foreign lands, who, in these days of bounty in our own state, are suffering the pangs of hunger and the lack of clothing and shelter.

In the spirit of loyalty to state and nation, it would seem right and proper that the flag of our country should be displayed throughout the day on all public buildings and wherever possible upon the homes of our people.

Done at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 18th day of November, A. D. 1922.

R. A. NESTOS,
Governor.
THOMAS HALL,
Secretary of State.

