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## WARD AND BURKE COUNTIES PLAN DES LACS LAKE HIGHWAY

The Ward county commissioners have been conferring with the Burke county commissioners relative to building a new bridge across Des Lacs Lake between Kenmare and Bowbells. The old bridge, built of piling and planks nearly twenty years ago, was condemned several years ago, but is still being used. Each spring, the ice forces up the piling and the ends have to be cut off before the bridge is usable. The old planks are worn and loose.

The new structure, as proposed, is not to be a bridge in reality but a rip-rap roadway across the Lake for a distance of more than a quarter of a mile. There are plenty of rocks in that district and the main expense would be gathering the rock and hauling them. The lake at the greatest depth where the bridge crosses is eight feet deep. The present bridge has a turn table and such a device is to be provided for the new structure. The lake is considered a navigable body of water, boats sometimes plying up and down the lake, hauling wheat down from points north as far as Canada. It is estimated that the new roadway will cost \$90,000.00. Half of this amount can be secured from the federal government. There is a state law that where a bridge crosses a navigable body of water, the state may appropriate one-third of the expense. The commissioners expect to go before the legislature and ask for this aid, and in case it is secured, this will leave but \$15,000.00 to be paid by the counties of Ward and Burke, or \$7,500.00 for each county for a \$90,000.00 proposition. This is good financing.

The plans are now being worked out by a representative from the federal department. H. C. Frahm, former county surveyor for Ward, and now with the state highway department, is working in conjunction with the federal representative. The proposed roadway across the lake will last for centuries.

### G. N. Conductor at Whitefish Killed by 17-Year-Old Lad

The Independent received a copy of the Whitefish, Mont., Pilot, which tells of the tragic death of Ben Ramay, a G. N. conductor, known to a number in this city.

Ben Ramay, G. N. conductor, and for 15 years a resident of Whitefish, died at the hospital at Kalispell Sunday night from pneumonia, superinduced from gunshot wounds received here ten days before. The shots were fired by Raymond Douglass, a 17-year-old boy who had made his home at Ramay's since last spring. The shooting was the result of a general row, according to available information. Ramay made a hard fight for life and it is said that he probably would have survived the wounds if pneumonia had not developed. He is survived by his wife and daughter Mary, 16 years of age. The funeral will be held this afternoon from the Elks temple in Kalispell and burial will be in Conrad Memorial cemetery at Kalispell.

At the hearing, the Douglass lad was held responsible for the shooting, and he is held in the county jail.

### Six Canadian Liquor Houses Closed

Winnipeg, Dec. 18. Six export liquor warehouses of Saskatchewan, for many months a bugbear of the prohibition enforcement squad of Manitoba, closed Friday night. Export houses will no longer be legal institutions in the western province, and export traffic into North Dakota, Montana and Minnesota, that had its source there, will not be lawful. Hampered by snowstorms that have swept across prairie provinces during the last two weeks, owners of export houses have not been able to dispose of all stocks. They have made frantic efforts to clear their floors and they have moved out thousands of gallons of their stocks into United States, but a vast quantity remains.

### Brokaw Promoted

J. B. Brokaw, former manager of the Northern States Power Co., who has been manager of the La Grande Division of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co., has been promoted to a position with the home office at Baker, Ore.

### A Bit of Interesting History

The following is taken from the historical column published by the Fargo Courier-News and refers to Mrs. A. Carr Sr., wife of one of Minot's prominent specialists. The Carr family have resided in Minot for nearly twenty years and were formerly residents of Northwood, N. D.

"Mrs. Addie L. Carr, who was state treasurer: Her annual W. C. T. U. report showing a balance of \$600.00 on hand, is a graduate of Winona, Minn., Normal, following which she taught two or three years until she married Dr. A. Carr of Northwood. For two years she personally supervised their thousand acre farm, in no way feeling she was belittling herself by going right into the thick of the business, looking after the cattle, hogs, and hens. She had filed on a homestead claim and still held it in her own right and possession. For four years she served as a member of the school board and had also served as president and treasurer of the Grand Forks district W. C. T. U."

### ASSETS OF KENMARE BANK SOLD FOR ONLY \$4,600.00

Kenmare, Dec. 15.—There have been numerous inquiries regarding the sale of the assets of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Kenmare, N. D., which closed Sept. 5, 1918, and we have taken the trouble to secure a statement which will give the people of this community some idea of the situation and what the sale means to the creditors of the defunct bank. The assets of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Kenmare, N. D., were sold to J. H. Sinclair and W. F. Churchill on order of the Court, Nov. 18, 1922, for the consideration of \$4600.00 in cash. A bid for the assets in that amount by Messrs. Sinclair and Churchill was received early in November by the Receiver who then made application to the Court to sell. The hearing upon the petition to sell was set for Nov. 18, at Williston and all the creditors were notified of same. No one objected to the sale or made a higher bid and the assets were ordered sold and transferred in accordance with the bid as tendered by Messrs. Sinclair and Churchill. The conditions of the bid have been complied with and the purchasers have taken possession of the assets with James H. Sinclair Jr., in charge of same with office in the bank building.

The same included all the assets excepting causes of action against the stockholders of the bank on their double liability and an action against the former Receiver, M. T. Dalquist. There is pending at this time numerous actions against the receiver on claims where preference is asked and no distribution of the remaining funds can be made until such matters are finally disposed of.

The Bank was closed by the State Banking Department on Sept. 5, 1918, because of its inability to comply with regulations of the Department and of the Guaranty Fund Commission which was necessary at the time to enable it to be accepted under the Guaranty Act. The deposits in this bank were therefore not guaranteed.

M. T. Dalquist was appointed Receiver and took charge shortly after. Mr. Dalquist resigned in March, 1921, and A. A. Swanson then appointed, and remaining in charge to this time. During the time Mr. Dalquist was in charge he maintained that if the creditors would only give him sufficient time he would pay out 100 cents on the dollar. Shortly after Mr. Swanson took charge and, after he had time to thoroughly investigate the different items of assets, he reported to the Court that little, if anything, would be paid to general creditors regardless of whether the assets be immediately disposed of by bids or the receivership continued indefinitely. And the accuracy of that report has been borne out by subsequent facts.

There is little of any hope that the general creditors of the bank will receive a dividend of any kind. The total number of claims against the receivership amount to approximately \$300,000.00 which will be almost a total loss. Thus, through mismanagement, poor paper, and because of poor crops as near a total bank loss has occurred as has ever been recorded in the State.

### H. H. Bergh Dead

Towner, Dec. 16.—Word was received here Thursday morning announcing the death of H. H. Bergh, who died about 2 o'clock Thursday morning from the after effects of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Bergh left Thursday afternoon to be present at the funeral which will be held from Mr. Bergh's old home at Waukon, Iowa.

### North Dakota Bee Men Form State Organization

Fargo, N. D.—North Dakota's first beekeepers' organization was organized at the Agricultural College here this week, when 22 beekeepers representing several counties of the state created the North Dakota State Beekeepers Association, following meetings with E. I. Root, beekeeper of Medina, Ohio, and with bee specialists at the college.

T. A. Williams of Cleveland, Stutsman county, was elected president; George Duis, Grand Forks, vice president; Dr. R. L. Webster, Agricultural College, secretary, and E. J. Weiser, Fargo, treasurer. An executive board was elected consisting of W. L. Crites, Amentia, Mark Andrews, Fargo, and Dana Wright, Jamestown. Mr. Williams, president, has been a beekeeper for seven years. The average production this year was 300 pounds of sweet clover honey for each hive.

Despite the severe weather, beekeepers came from as far as the northern part of McHenry county to discuss beekeeping methods, wintering of bees, bee diseases, and the necessity for state laws to control such bee diseases as American foul brood, a bacterial disease. Insistence that with the proper control of foul brood North Dakota's conditions mark it as a great coming bee state was a keynote of the general discussions. Recent figures issued by the Federal Bureau of Markets gave North Dakota credit for the highest average production for each hive, 157 pounds.

Plans were formulated at the meeting to get in touch with more beekeepers of the state, to carry on educational work among members during the coming year, and to hold a statewide meeting some time next summer.

## Our Greeting to Each of You



WE TRUST that your Christmas preparations have been satisfactory, that your gifts will produce a high degree of pleasure in recompense for the love and consideration which prompt them, and that you will spend the holiday suffused with the feelings of peace and joy which come from work well done and a knowledge that you have made others happier.

If the bestowal of Christmas remembrances were merely the following of a custom, and not inspired by a higher purpose, we believe that it would soon die out; for customs change. The fact that it increases from year to year shows that the spirit of good will, the desire to give pleasure to the unfortunate and the impressing upon friends that they have an important existence in one's heart are deeply rooted, flourishing sentiments. Such are attributes of the soul and point to that soul-growth which is the best augury for the future of mankind.

Our greeting to you is of cheer and confident hope. Our feeling toward you is of deep appreciation for the encouragement and patronage you have given us, and an optimism that if we continue to co-operate we shall be able to make this community more prosperous and better in every way. Our wish is that this may be the merriest Christmas you have ever spent.

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## GOOD ROADS PROGRAM OUTLINED BY SEC'Y J. E. KAULFUSS

The three state highway measures sponsored by the State Good Roads Association according to Sec'y J. E. Kaulfuss of Bismarck, if passed by the coming legislature will mean a great deal to Ward County. Mr. Kaulfuss attended the weekly luncheon of the board of directors of the Association of Commerce Tuesday and gave the following information:

In the first place, the state highways in the county will be completely taken over by the state highway department to be built, rebuilt and maintained for all time to come by the state using state and federal funds. The county and the townships through which the state highways pass will therefore be relieved of ever spending any further money on these main roads. They will be able to use the money usually spent on these main roads in the improvement of the next most important county or town roads. This will lead to a more general and systematic improvement of all highways.

One especially attractive feature of the Association's plan is that the counties will be reimbursed in full for what county moneys they will have invested on state and federal projects. For instance assume that Ward County has put \$300,000 of county money into state work. Under the Association's bill, \$300,000 a year will be returned to the county for ten years. The result will be that the county, without increasing taxes, will have \$300,000 a year extra to spend for ten years, or the county may make its levies for ten years, \$300,000 a year less, thus decreasing the county taxes.

This will all be done by slightly increasing the present auto licenses and using them as a state highway fund.

The bills advanced give affirmative answer to the question, "Shall North Dakota continue to take advantage of federal aid for highway improvement?" The recent federal aid laws specify that states, to secure federal aid in the future, must provide two things, one an adequate state highway department and the other a State fund to match federal aid. The Association's measures provide for these two things.

The program is an unusually attractive one. It was recently sanctioned by the present State Highway Commission of which Governor R. A. Nestos is chairman. It is the first real step to putting the state on the good roads map.

A. S. Spicher, member of the board of county commissioners, was also present and spoke in favor of this legislation.

### State Mill Gets Federal License

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 14.—The North Dakota State Mill and Elevator here has been granted a federal warehouse license, and a weigher and inspector license according to a telegram received today from Washington by B. F. Simmons, elevator superintendent. Warehouse receipts for issuance under this license are now being prepared.

O. A. Myrand is the inspector.

A carload shipment of Sweet Clover seed was shipped Tuesday from Grandville to Kansas City. The amount was 60,000 lbs. and at 8 cents per pound brought \$4,800.

## J. R. FALCONER HEADS TOWN CRIERS; MEMBERSHIP LIMITED

### MINOT NORMAL STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE FRIDAY

The term closing exercises at the State Normal School will occur at 10:15 Friday morning. The usual general exercises will be held, followed by the conferring of diplomas on a class of eleven.

**The Program**  
Hymn—Joy to the World.  
Prayer.  
Chorus—Italia.  
The Men's Glee Club—Recessional—De Koven.  
Address to the class—Dr. George M. Sleight.  
Presentation of Diplomas—Pres. McFarland.

**Members of Class**  
Advanced Curriculum: Verna Daniels, Sawyer; Helma C. Jarland, Wheelock; Marian Jourdeau, Hannaford; Mrs. G. L. Lillie, Maxbass; Alcind McDonald, Towner; Myrtle Zimmerman, Falsen.

Elementary Course: Rose J. Anderson, Little Falls, Minn.; Bernice D. Dahl, Donnybrook; Inga Finke, Bowbells; Evelyn Norberg, Tolley; Fennette Pasonault, Rutten, Minot.

Men's Glee Club—Blind Ploughman—Clarke.

The program will close with a program of Christmas carols in which the Normal School and the Model School will join. The students will then disperse for their homes to enjoy the ten-day vacation.

The public is cordially invited to participate in the program.

Several of this group of young teachers begin at once to reimburse the state for their training, having accepted teaching positions. Verna Daniels will teach a rural school near Douglas. Mrs. Lillie goes to a graded school at Zahl. Bernice D. Dahl has accepted a position at White Earth. Rose J. Anderson will teach at the Lincoln School, Minot.

Others have applications out and are being considered favorably as candidates and will be located before the schools reopen January 2nd.

Myrtle Zimmerman will spend the winter with her parents at Falsen. Fennette Pasonault, Rutten, Alcind McDonald and Inga Finke will continue their studies at the State Normal School or elsewhere.

### Sunday Coldest Day—36 Below

It is seldom that North Dakota experiences such cold weather as we have had during the month of December. For more than two weeks, the thermometer hovered around the 20 below mark. On Sunday, the temperature registered 36 below and Monday 24 below. The wind shifted to the east Monday and snow fell that night. The weather is somewhat warmer at present.

### New Farm Record Book Distributed

Following the distribution of 5000 copies of the North Dakota farm record book, and its adoption in the course of study in all rural consolidated schools of the state, a revised edition of several thousand copies is being made available to farmers of the state at once, according to an announcement by Rex E. Willard, farm economist, farm management department of the Agricultural College.

Some 50 schools in the state are now using the record book in a half year course, organized with text and lessons by Mr. Willard during the past year. The greatest demand for the books is from farmers who appreciate the necessity of keeping a record of farm activities for the purpose of studying their business just as other businesses are studied.

"Careful records of farm operations, expenditures, and income help to overcome leaks and losses which cannot very well be detected in any other way," says Mr. Willard. "Farmers who are using the record books are able to determine which of their enterprises have really been profitable. The or-unprofitable. The books, which are secured from county agents or from the farm management department of the Agricultural College, also provide for records necessary for determining income taxes.

### Minot Soloists to Sing at Berthold

Soloists from the choir of the First Lutheran church will sing in a Cantata, The Christ Child, to be given by the choir from the Lutheran church at Berthold next Thursday night. Those from this city to participate are C. C. Hvambal, the Misses Inga and Christine Reishus and George Reishus. Miss Christine Reishus, soloist in the St. Olaf choir, will spend the Holidays in Minot and is to appear as soloist in the Cantata, "Bethlehem," to be rendered Wednesday night by the First Lutheran choir.

**Velva Journal:** During the past week several large turkeys have been marketed in this city. P. C. McDowell of North Prairie, brought in the prize bird up to this time. He was an 18-months old tom which weighed 33 pounds and netted him \$9.90. The bird was sold to Otto Badem, local poultry man. Mr. McDowell sold 15 turkeys Saturday that was the finest lot brought to this city this fall. Some of the young turkeys weighed as high as 22 pounds. He still has a number on the farm that will be marketed later.

James R. Falconer, advertising manager of the Ward County Independent, was elected president of the Minot Town Criers Club at the annual business meeting held at the Leland Hotel Tuesday night. C. C. Hvambal, of the Piper-Howe Lumber Co., is vice president, and K. H. Swiggum, of the same concern is the secretary.

W. H. Perkins of the Minot Flour Mill is the treasurer. The officers together with Max Haskell of the Gamble-Robinson Co., Bert Gerlich of the Men's Shop, Wm. C. Davis, of the Daily News, J. U. Lyons of the International Harvester Co. and R. J. Doebler, insurance man, constitute the Board of Governors.

The members enjoyed a chicken dinner prior to the session. John E. Howard with Mr. Simmons at the piano, rendered a group of delightful violin solos, and Carl Hvambal sang a beautiful solo taken from "The Christ Child," a Cantata.

V. E. Stenerson, the retiring president of the Town Criers presided. Wm. F. Jones read the annual report and a number of the members gave their views on the reorganization plan. It was decided that in the future the Town Criers club should function as an advertising club with weekly meetings where papers pertaining to advertising will be read and discussed. The club is to continue with its work in community advertising. The membership is to be limited to fifty business concerns who can have more than one representative if desired. The new officers are to appoint a committee on the revision of by-laws. The first meeting under the new plan is to be held Friday noon, Jan. 5.

The Minot Town Criers club was organized about eight years ago and has done a real service to our city. The vigilance committee has saved the merchants of the city thousands of dollars in heading off spurious advertising and the club has always taken a foremost part in anything that has contributed to the development of our city.

### Fell Down Coal Mine Shaft

Ben Mormann, who operates a coal mine on his farm northeast of Epworth, fell down a 55-foot shaft into the mine, suffering a broken ankle and other injuries.

Hanson Forhat, a Stanley farmer, is suffering from a concussion of the brain, due to a fall from his sled to the frozen ground.

C. M. Hanson Charged With \$2,000 Shortage

Charles M. Hanson, 50, former postmaster at Wolf Point, Mont., was placed under arrest in Minot by Deputy United States Marshal James Collins of Fargo, charged with embezzlement of \$2,261.02 in postoffice funds. The prisoner was taken before U. S. Commissioner R. E. Hopkins in this city Friday and waived examination and was bound over to the federal court, under bonds of \$2,500.

Hanson was committed to the Cass county jail pending his removal to Butte, Mont., to answer in federal court to the charge preferred against him.

### Life, Liberty, Happiness and Harold Lloyd

Harold Lloyd, if he is to be judged by his behaviour in "Never Weaken," places small value on his "unalienable rights" of life and liberty in the pursuit of happiness—for others.

Perhaps Harold has a happy time shimming up an iron girder twelve stories above an asphalt pavement. Perhaps it gives him the blues if the sun sets on a day in which he does not frolic about on a skyscraper iron framework as nonchalantly as a hungry goat on a tin can dump? Perhaps he has ninety-nine times the nine lives of a cat, and a life, more or less, is nothing to be sneezed at. "I'm rate, he risks life and liberty in the pursuit of thrills and laughs in his newest Associated Exhibitors comedy, which has been aptly titled "Never Weaken." The Orpheum Theatre will present it Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the belief that it is Lloyd's greatest to date, for it not only contains its full measure of laughs, but the biggest aggregation of heart-quickeners thrills that were ever packed into three reels.

"Swans are protected all times of year by both state and federal laws, as well as the laws of Canada. Very few of them have been seen in North Dakota during the past 15 years or more, and very few of them have been killed at any time, as they are naturally wild and hard to get. It is said that they live to be 300 years old, and that birds that are 75 years old or more are not fit to eat, they being too tough. It is said that swans make the best eating when they are from 35 to 40 years old."—Ex.

The Van Hook Reporter is holding a subscription contest and one of the prizes is a registered Guernsey bull, Rival's King of Verdala, bought from Col. E. S. Person of Minot. This bull is one of the Person show animals that was exhibited at the National Dairy Show in St. Paul and at other places in the east and is considered as fine an animal as can be found in the Northwest.

Mrs. J. M. Maxham left today for Mankato, Minn., where she will visit with relatives during the Christmas season.