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BURT E. STEWART APPOINTED POSTMASTER BY PRES. HARDING

Burt E. Stewart, owner and manager of the Minot Hide and Tanning Co., has been appointed postmaster of the city of Minot, his name being sent to the U. S. Senate for confirmation Monday afternoon. It is not known at this time, just when the Senate will get around to confirm the appointment or how quickly he will be inducted into the office after confirmation is made, but it may be expected that there will not be much delay.



Burt E. Stewart

It was unofficially announced months ago that Mr. Stewart was slated for this position. There was a long, hard fight for the place. Among the other candidates were L. A. Corey, Vic Corbett, Mrs. John Nelson and Martin Jacobson. Mr. Jacobson was eliminated when he was appointed Receiver of the Minot land office, but about the time he was to have taken office, the land office was discontinued.

Mr. Stewart will make a first class postmaster. He is methodical, painstaking, a very hard worker and an excellent office manager. Mr. Stewart is one of our most public spirited citizens. He has never yet refused to give of his time and money for the good of Minot and he has been called upon scores of times for both. He is secretary of the Minot Rotary Club and is a member of the Minot Masonic bodies. He has been a resident of Minot for the past twelve years and has been a successful dealer in hides and furs.

Mr. Stewart is a member of the Elks lodge, the Modern Woodman of America and the U. C. T. He is a member of the Minot Association of Commerce, the Town Criers Club and the Burns club. He was a member of the board of education of the Minot Special school district for several years. He was born at Vienna, O., and came to North Dakota in 1898. He came to Minot in 1910 from a farm near Norwich. In Ohio, he was engaged in the work of a railway engineer for a number of years.

Mr. Stewart informs the Independent that he will continue to operate the Minot Hide and Tanning Co., having competent people in charge of the business at all times.

The Minot postoffice is of the first class grade, the salary being \$3,600 a year. The appointment is for four years.

Mr. Stewart will succeed Fred L. Anderson who has been the postmaster for several years following the resignation of E. H. Stenvick who was placed in office nine years ago in October.

Minot has not had a great many postmasters. The first postmaster was a man named McNamara, who is said to have been color blind, and not able to tell his money from Uncle Sam's. He left for parts unknown. Guy O. Frank was his successor and more than twenty years ago Peter Fugleso became postmaster. A. J. Brunner followed him and Mrs. J. S. Murphy succeeded Mr. Brunner, holding the office until the appointment of E. H. Stenvick.

CO-OPERATION BY FARMERS IS ENDORSED BY HARDING

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Harding in a letter read at the opening session of the national council of Farmers Co-operative Marketing Associations, declared that he knew of "no single movement that promises more help towards the present relief and the permanent betterment of agricultural conditions," than the co-operative organization of farmers to market their products.

Price stabilization as an emergency measure was urged upon the agriculture committee by John F. Sinclair of Minneapolis who asserted that from 20 to 40 percent of the banks in rural districts will become seriously involved unless some action is taken by congress. He said it was the opinion of bankers as well as of farmers in the two Dakotas, Montana and Minnesota that the farmers cannot themselves work out their present troubles.

"The Northwest will go to pieces next year," he asserted, "unless emergency legislation is put through to increase the price the farmers receive for their products."

He Tells of North Dakota

Washington, Dec. 20.—Spokesman for the federal government and for the agricultural interests of the country appearing today in the senate's double session on rural credits, joined in recommending that congress do something to relieve the financial condition of the farmer.

Eugene Meyer, director of the War Finance Corporation, told the banking committee that although acute conditions in the live stock industry had passed, there must be legislation to extend the credit of farmers. At the same time R. H. Frazier, chairman of the Republican state committee of North Dakota, was testifying before the agricultural committee that unless the farmers of his state were given enough relief to enable them to pay their taxes there would be a third party movement "disagreeable to the government."

Mr. Frazier said the average indebtedness of farmers in North Dakota was \$7,500 on which they must pay ten percent interest. He declared that in one county the number of suicides reached 18 last year, and attributes the high suicide rate to the hopelessness of the farmers.

A prediction that unless the government fixes a minimum price for grain, the farmers of the northwest will be forced into bankruptcy was made by Mr. Frazier before the agricultural committee. He declared wheat growers of his state were "impoverished" and unable to pay taxes, 75 per cent of the farm lands in one county having been sold last year for tax delinquency.

Unless something is done in the way of granting relief to the farmers, Mr. Frazier stated, "there will be something done by the farmers in the way of a third party movement which would be disagreeable to the government." He advocated changes in the law to permit the federal land banks to renew loans so that farmers will not be compelled to let their farms go for taxes.

Congress was criticized by Mr. Frazier for what he charged as its failure to legislate in the farmers' behalf while the railroads "were getting substantially all they wanted." One of the steps he advocated was the fixing of a price of \$1.50 per bushel as a minimum for No. 1 Northern wheat in North Dakota.

Minot Bakery Makes Improvements

In keeping with the progressive business enterprise which has characterized their efforts in making their institution one of the model baking plants in the Northwest, the Minot Bakery has been making some improvements in their handsome quarters on First street S.W. The entrance has been changed in such a manner that tenants of the upper stories are no longer obliged to go thru the salesrooms but have a separate entrance opening direct into the main hall and stairway. The sales room, proper, has been redecorated and additional show cases installed making it much better adapted to its purpose. Beyond question, and as every bakery salesman says, who visits their plant, the new Minot Bakery is one of the largest and best equipped and sanitary in every respect of any bakery west of Chicago. "Dad" Powell, former county commissioner, is in charge of the sales department during the holiday season and the bakery's road representative.

Mother of Ward County Banker Dies in Minnesota

Hans Miller, prominent Ryder banker, is in the city today enroute home from Lake Benton, Minn., where he was called by the death of his mother, a pioneer of that locality, who passed away at the age of 83 years. Mr. Miller's father, who is 87 years of age is still living. Three daughters and four sons survive. The four sons were full bearers. They are, Hans Miller of Ryder, J. H. Miller, Drake, N. D.; S. N. Miller, Benedict, N. D., and J. P. Miller of Lake Benton, Minn.

Elks Will Not Hold Benefit Ball

A number of tickets, printed attractively in two colors, announcing an Elks Benefit ball at the Armory Dec. 25, were found in this city, Monday. As the Elks had planned on no ball at this time, it was feared that someone might have been selling the tickets in order to get a little easy money.

Governor Nestos' Legislative Recommendations

Governor R. A. Nestos, asked about his recommendations to be made to the state legislature declared, while he was not ready to announce a program, that "the promises made in the platform and in speeches throughout the state will be carried out in spirit and to the letter." Indicating that an effort would be made to lessen the hatred and bitter strife in the state the governor declared further that he believed the program presented would be such that he could not only count upon the co-operation of all Independent members of the legislature but also on the co-operation of many league legislators "who come with a desire to promote the best interests of the state and to put those interests above all other consideration."

Among the most important matters of legislation to be submitted, in the view of many in the administration, are proposals dealing with the state industrial program and especially with the operation of the Grand Forks mill and elevator. There are many among the capitol who believe that because of the many and numerous duties of elected officials better results can be obtained in the so-called industrial program by relieving them of some of the supervision which requires a vast amount of time.

It is expected that Governor Nestos will recommend to the legislature the creation of independent boards to take the state industries out of politics as far as possible, in line with his advocacy of this principle in speeches during the recent campaign, and in this connection to urge the creation of a non-political board of three to five members to take charge of the mill and elevator at Grand Forks as a board of directors. Legislation also will be urged, it is expected, to provide methods of financing the mill and elevators.

When the Grand Forks mill is running at full capacity of 3,000 barrels of flour a day it will be necessary in certain seasons to purchase several hundred thousand bushels of wheat, it is said. Flour also is said to be more saleable if it is kept in warehouses for a time after being manufactured and that these considerations together with the length of time necessary to ship flour and make collections, will necessitate capital amounting to several hundred thousands of dollars being provided for the bill.

Thus far in the state industries officials have relied for a revolving fund upon tax monies, but it is asserted that in such a project as the Grand Forks mill the very season of the year when tax funds are at their lowest may be the season when funds are in greatest demand for the state mill, and that, therefore, the using of tax funds to finance the mill is impracticable. All legislation to be urged in this respect, it is expected, will be along the lines of campaign promises of the governor to urge a "full, fair and honest trial to the extent that citizens may be satisfied in full" concerning the experiment of the state mill.

It is expected that the legislature will be urged to liquidate the Home Builders Association, because of the involved state of affairs in that department and the impracticability of operation under present conditions. This was urged in the Independent platform.

Humphreys Will Visit Paper Mills

Guy Humphreys, of this city, who is salesman for the Paper Supply Co. of Minneapolis, has been invited by his company to join the other salesmen and the officers of the company, on an excursion to the paper mills at Neenah, Mosinee, Appleton and Menasha, Wis., where the art of making bend, book and wrapping papers will be studied. They will leave Minneapolis Dec. 28, returning Dec. 31. This will afford the salesmen a fine opportunity to learn much about the manufacture of papers which can be passed on to the trade.

Minot Young Woman A Raving Maniac

Susie Solwold, a Minot young woman, who was taken to Jamestown several weeks ago in a demented condition, has grown much worse, Judge Murray learns, and is now one of the most violent raving maniacs in the institution. She was employed as a waitress in one of the Minot restaurants when she became ill. It is said that she was formerly an inmate of the insane asylum at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Farmer Made Money This Year

L. B. Nikoloyson, one of the most successful farmers of Gassman township, is in the city today. He says he made considerable money farming this year. His wheat averaged 27 bushels straight thru, one field averaging 33 bushels. From 60 acres, he threshed 1648 bushels of wheat. For thirty-two years he has operated a threshing outfit in North Dakota. He lived in Grand Forks county for years before coming to Ward county.

Myren in New Quarters

E. H. Myren, who for some time has conducted a tailor shop opposite the Windsor hotel has moved into the quarters recently vacated by the Vannet Tire Shop on East Central avenue. The new quarters have been handsomely decorated and are neat and attractive, making it one of the most up-to-date tailoring shops of the city. Mr. Myren has been identified with the tailoring business in Minot for many years with the exception of a few years when he engaged in farming south of town.

SALVATION ARMY HAS RAISED \$2500 IN CITY; SAT'Y TAG DAY

Robert Gillespie Died in Ohio Saturday

Robert Gillespie, a resident of Minot since 1900, passed away at the home of his mother at Troy, O., Saturday night at ten o'clock. The funeral was held at Troy, Tuesday.

Mr. Gillespie left Minot several weeks ago and spent some time at Hot Springs, Ark., taking treatments for rheumatism and general poor health. He had not been well for years following an attack of neuritis but for about a year had been able to fill his position as deputy city auditor.

Mr. Gillespie was 51 years of age. He came to Minot at the time many new settlers arrived to file on land in this district and was engaged in the land business for years. He was connected with the law office of the late Nehemiah Davis and after Mr. Davis' term as county judge expired, they formed a partnership.

Mr. Gillespie was an accommodating man and leaves many friends throughout the northwest.

He is survived by his mother, two sisters living in Ohio, two brothers, Harry and Paul, who are now at Troy, and a brother, Ben, in California.

Prominent Family to Leave Minot Next Week

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smallwood will leave for Long Beach, Calif., next week, where they expect to make their home. They recently disposed of their home in this city and shortly after shipped their effects to California. The Smallwood family will be missed by a host of friends throughout this section of the state. They have been residents of Minot for nearly 20 years, Mr. Smallwood coming here at that time to open a grocery store on North Main St., just north of the Soo track. For years he was one of our most prominent grocers. He is a member of the Elks and for a long time was a member of the board of directors of the Association of Commerce.

Released from Penitentiary—Up Before Insanity Board

Francis McDonald is slated to appear before the Ward county insanity board today for an examination. He is 26 years of age and his father resides at Prince Albert. He was recently released from the state penitentiary, having served 8 months of a sentence for burglary committed at Fargo. He was released Dec. 5 and he threatened to kill another young man released at the same time, declaring that he had loaned the fellow \$6 which he refused to pay back.

United Charities Will Hold No Drive This Year

It has been announced that the United Charities will hold no drive for funds this year. Mrs. Campbell, who had distributed the funds for this organization, reports about \$400.00 in the treasury, which with the assistance that may be secured from the city and county will be ample for the present needs.

WALTER PETERSON, SWITCHMAN, KILLED IN G. N. YARDS

President of Wheat Growers Visits Minot

A. J. Scott, of Grand Forks, president of the Wheat Growers Association of North Dakota, was in Minot Tuesday. That night, accompanied by Geo. T. Murray of Berthold, speaker for their organization, he motored to Max where a rousing meeting was held, 300,000 bushels of wheat being signed up for the pool which ends in 1925. President Scott announced at the meeting that his organization had taken over the 12,000 members of the United States Grain Growers Association in North Dakota, together with \$60,000.00 in notes given for membership. The association has for its object the marketing of one-twelfth of the aggregate amount of wheat each month, thus controlling the market, and discouraging hedging.

Salvation Army Will Distribute Christmas Baskets

The Salvation Army is checking up its list of needy Minot families and will distribute Christmas baskets among fifty homes. Ensign Sherping states that there is not as much evidence of poverty in Minot as usual this winter but those who are deserving will receive the proper attention. The Salvation Army baskets will be filled with the following kinds of food: Potatoes, chicken, cabbage, corn, milk, bread, butter, coffee, sugar, cranberries, with apples and candy for the kiddies.

A Sofa Pillow from Norway

It is probably not good form for an editor to make a display of his Christmas gifts, but we have received one that is quite unusual. It is a beautiful hand embroidered plush sofa pillow, which was worked in an exquisite manner by an old lady in Norway and presented by Mrs. A. Stakston of Tioga.

The Salvation Army campaign for a sustaining fund of \$4,100 to be raised in Ward county is proceeding in a very satisfactory manner, altho it cannot be completed before the end of the week.

The quota for the city of Minot is \$3,100.00. The drive started Friday morning with forty members of the Kiwanis, Rotary, Minot Elks, American Legion and Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars visiting the business and industrial sections of the city. Nearly \$2,000.00 was raised the first day, about three-fourths of this amount in cash. During the week a number of other committees have been at work from time to time, bringing the amount up to approximately \$2,500.00. Letters have been sent to the residence districts, asking that contributions be mailed in where the committees have been unable to call upon the people.

The campaign will end Saturday with a tag day in this city which is expected to net about three hundred dollars.

Mrs. Sherping, wife of Ensign Sherping, has returned from Kenmare where she attended a drive which was in charge of the American Legion Post of that city. Kenmare promises to raise \$300.00.

Norman A. Bergen of St. Paul is here in charge of the campaign and himself and Ensign and Mrs. Sherping are very thankful to the good people of Ward county for their timely assistance.

There seems to have been a misconception as to just how these funds are to be used. Ordinarily, the local Salvation Army organization, would send 10 per cent of the amount of money raised each year to the general headquarters in Chicago. This district, however, has run about \$35,000.00 behind in its funds, and an effort is being made to wipe out the deficit. This year, the Minot Salvation Army Corps will send \$600.00 to the general Chicago headquarters, which will be used in establishing and maintaining children's homes. The remainder of the \$3,100.00 or \$2,500.00 is to be used in operating the Salvation Army's business in Minot. This will pay for the small salary of the Ensign and his wife, the expense of keeping up the Barracks, relief work and the other necessary expenses. If this quota is raised in Minot, whatever can be raised in the county will be placed in a building fund. The quarters of the Salvation Army here are cramped. There are a hundred boys and girls in the Sunday school and some of them have to sit upon the floor. With larger quarters which the Army hopes to have here some day, the Corps will be able to give increased service to our community.

A little money given to the Salvation Army will never be missed and it will surely make your Christmas all the merrier.

Carl Carlson, who is employed in the Great Northern offices, is reported ill from scarlet fever.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. D. J. CASLEY, WIFE OF I. H. C. SALESMAN

Elizabeth M. Casley, age 37, wife of Daniel J. Casley, well known salesman for the International Harvester Co. of this city, died yesterday evening at 7:15 o'clock at her home in the Dwire Apartments. The cause of her death was given as acute malignant endocarditis. Although complaining that she was not feeling well for the last two weeks, her condition was not considered serious until last Saturday, when a physician was summoned and she was confined to her room for treatment and rest, to which she failed to respond.

Her death comes as a shock, not only to her relatives, but to an unusually large number of friends and acquaintances among whom she was popular and generally beloved for her sterling womanly qualities and pleasing personality.

Elizabeth M. McDonald was born at Richland, Minn., Oct. 6, 1885, her family later moving to Faribault, Minn., where she received the greater part of her education, graduating from St. Benedict's academy. Her marriage to Daniel J. Casley took place June 23, 1919. Previous to that time she had taught school for a number of years in both Minnesota and North Dakota. She had lived in Minot ever since her marriage. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Surviving are her husband, her father, Thomas McDonald of Faribault, Minn., three brothers, George and Thomas of Rosetown, Sask., and Henry of Faribault, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Hunt of Faribault and Mrs. John Mackey of Biggar, Sask.

Her father came to Minot recently, expecting to spend the winter with his daughter. The brothers will arrive for the funeral. Mrs. Casley was a cousin of Mrs. Benno Schimansky of this city.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock with services

at St. Leo's Catholic church, followed by interment in St. Leo's cemetery.

W. C. MCCLINTOCK PASSES AWAY

Williston, N. D., Dec. 20.—The many friends of the family here were deeply shocked last Sunday when word was received that W. C. McClintock had passed away at his home in Miles City, Mont., after a lingering illness of several months duration. Mr. McClintock was stricken with a sort of paralysis about three weeks ago, and since that time has been practically unconscious, the end coming peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 10.

The body was brought here for interment in the family burial plot, arriving on No. 29 Wednesday evening accompanied by the family.

Mr. McClintock was well known all over the state and particularly in the northwestern section, having grown to manhood in this city and since going into the banking business about ten years ago out in Williams county, had acquired an extended acquaintanceship throughout the state.

Dr. Wheelon Accompanied Parker Family East

Dr. F. E. Wheelon accompanied Mrs. L. H. Parker and daughters on their sad journey to Maine, where they are taking the remains of Dr. Parker, who passed away last week. Mrs. Alex. Bell of this city is also accompanying the party. Dr. Wheelon writes that Mrs. Parker, who was quite ill when she left Minot, had been confined to her sleeping berth all of the way.

This is the shortest day of the year. Weather today is balmy with a warm Chinook blowing from the southwest. Snow is melting and farmers say the sleighing is none too good.