

# CHILDREN'S CODE COMMISSION PLAN BETTER HOMES IN STATE

"A widespread interest has been manifested throught the state in the report and recommendations of the North Dakota Children's Code commission," says Dr. Alex. J. McCannel of Minot, a member of the commission. "The commission's report has been circulated widely—10,000 or 12,000 copies of the booklet having been distributed throught the state—and these are being read and discussed freely. The press has commented frequently and at length upon the program which will be submitted to the legislature at the coming session. It is believed that support for the program will be general as it came in response to a notable popular demand and embodies matters which interest every good citizen, especially every father and mother.

"We all want society to operate more smoothly, to see better homes and cleaner communities, better functioning schools and every boy and girl given the best possible chance in life. It is to cover these points and others that the commission has worked. The proposals made are neither partisan, radical, nor expensive. They embody the best that our discoveries of experts in child and social welfare.

"When it is found that the present juvenile court system, for example, does not meet the needs and does not cover the state, it is obvious that the step to take is to remedy the defect and make a new attempt. If a new law can improve the school attendance of children, why not make it a statute at once? If a law covering protection of children is entirely lacking, it is the plainest right to promptly enact such a law.

"The commission's program covers the defective children, including cripples, which need special treatment, and also aims to bolster up and make more effective the homes of the people taking children away from them only in extreme cases. It likewise seeks to safeguard normal children in a more efficient manner and in every way to contribute to better citizenship and fewer public burdens in the future. Therefore we believe the proposed measures should have the active support of every progressive and public spirited citizen."

Henry D. Harris, who settled in Granville in 1902, passed away at the home of a daughter at Forest City, Ia., Dec. 13.

**Licensed to Wed**  
Garfield W. Rode, 21 and Erna M. Krueger, 18, both of Ryder. Mr. Rode is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rode of Berkley, Cal. and is associated with his father and brother, Paul, in a garage at Ryder. Miss Krueger is the daughter of a well known Ryder merchant.

John A. Taylor, 34, Strongfeld, Sask., and Elizabeth Perlichek, 22, married by Judge Murray.  
Thomas H. Mauland, 27, Fortuna and Carrie B. Pierce, 21, Kenmare. Married by Judge Murray.

Daniel W. King, 41, Drady, and Aurelia Mattern, 21, Ray, N. D. Married Dec. 26 by Judge Murray.  
Ernest R. McNeal, 25, Kenmare, and Opal J. Jensen, 20, Bowbells. Married by Judge Murray.

Wm. G. Ehlers Jr. and Drusilla Billion. Married by Judge Murray on Christmas day.

Wilfred A. Dickerson, 29, and Mabel F. Weberg, 26, Ambrose. Married by Judge Murray.

John W. Limke, 25, and Viola Sartwell, 20.

Ingwald Ingolfand, 28, and Esther Losby, 23, both of Des Lacs.

Harry Popoff, 27, and Agnes Lushenko, 19, Minot. Married by Judge Murray.

Roy W. Brown and Margaret Lindahl, Velva.

Leslie G. Brekke, Vienna, S. D., 25, and Gladys Opland, 21, Des Lacs. Married by Judge Murray.

Hector J. Pressley, Havre, Mont., and Mrs. Bertha Vollbright, 30, Minot.

**Knights Templar Observe Christmas**  
The annual Christmas Observances by members of DeMolay Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, at 11 o'clock on Christmas morning, were well attended. The services were in charge of the Commander, R. W. Pence. The program opened with the singing of America. Appropriate Christmas music was rendered by a violin trio, John E. Howard, Lafe Flaten and J. H. Colton. A male quartette, E. S. Peterson, J. H. Colton, V. E. Stenerson and Lafe Flaten sang several numbers, with Chas. Simmons at the piano, and Mr. Colton rendered a solo. The story of the Christ child was read by the Prelate, A. D. McCannel, who delivered a short address on "The Spirit of Christ for 1923".

Telegrams were received from the various Commanderies in the state and others sent in return. Toasts were given for the Grand Commander, the Most Eminent Grand Master and others.

The services, somewhat different this year than ever before, were considered an improvement.

**Judge Murray Married His First Couple in 1892**

Judge Wm. Murray showed the Independent man a copy of Book A, of marriages, for Ward county, containing the record of the license of the first couple the Judge ever married in Ward county. This was back in May 16, 1892, and since that time the Judge has married thousands of couples. The names of the contracting parties were Miss Aggie Fenell and W. F. Welch, both of Gilby, N. D. John Keiffer was judge of Ward county at the time and Mr. Murray was Justice of the Peace.

John McJannet, who has been dead for years, was the coroner and undertaker at that time. Following the marriage that night, Mr. Murray was called to the northern part of the village to place in a casket a young woman 19 years old who had passed away the same evening.

**Minot Girl Nearly Drowns**

Miss Lena Mosher, who is employed in this city, left for her home south of Devils Lake Saturday to spend a week with her parents. Her father met her at the train and they started for home in a sleigh. It was necessary to cross the big lake on the ice and in doing so, the horses broke thru the ice three times and nearly drowned, but managed to reach the other shore. Miss Mosher and her father had a very narrow escape and they became thoroly soaked with the icy water.

**John La Due Severely Injured**

John La Due, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. La Due, was severely injured Wednesday while coasting down a hill back of the Kemper home. His head struck a rock and he has been in an unconscious condition most of the time since. Doctors believe that he is suffering from concussion of the brain but say that he will recover.

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**Dr. A. A. Martineau Located in Rolette**

Dr. A. A. Martineau, who has operated as a dentist in Minot for several years, has located at Rolette, his family leaving this city last Friday. The doctor and his family leave many friends here who regret their departure.

**Tasker Man an Inventor**

John Verzatt of Tasker, has invented a poison distributor to be used in scattering poison to kill gophers. He has engaged Frank R. Wilson, an inventor of a patent lawn mower, to market his device.

**H. L. Vassar and Henry Luther of Glenburn, were visitors in the city Wednesday.**

## Farmers Filed Petitioners in Bankruptcy

Several farmers living in one neighborhood southeast of Minot, have filed petitions in bankruptcy. They are: Emanuel Schoenwald, Adam Schoenwald, of Max; B. R. Klinner, Arthur Klinner and N. O. Golly of Benedict.

## Remains of Mrs. Casley Interred at Faribault, Minn.

The remains of Mrs. D. J. Casley, who passed away at her home in Minot last week, was taken to her old home, Faribault, Minn., where the funeral was held Tuesday. The remains were accompanied by the husband and the two brothers of the deceased.

## Weds Burlington Girl

Miss Viola Sartwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sartwell of Burlington, was united in marriage by Judge Wm. Murray, Saturday, to Jack Lemke, who is connected with a road construction company.

## Development Ass'n. to Meet Here

The tentative date for the annual meeting of the Northwestern North Dakota Development Association to be held in Minot is Jan. 9.

## About 400 Civil War Men and Widows Left

North Dakota now has only about 400 Civil war veterans or their widows left in the state.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hayford and daughter, Helen, of Minneapolis, are visiting with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter.

## Woman Fractures Ankle

Mrs. Carl E. Wilkin, slipped on an icy sidewalk Dec. 19, and fractured her ankle. She is now able to be about the house on crutches.

## Girl Playing Pool Ordered from Town

When Fargo police found Margaret Cowan, 25, playing pool with the boys in a billiard hall there, they ordered her from town—and she got.

## Poundmaster's Notice

Geo. Buechler, poundmaster of Newman Township, Sawyer, N. D., R. No. 2, has taken up 12 head of horses on the 10th day of December. Grays and bays and some black ones and two sorrels apparently young horses. One may have same by paying for ad and charges. 12/21/22

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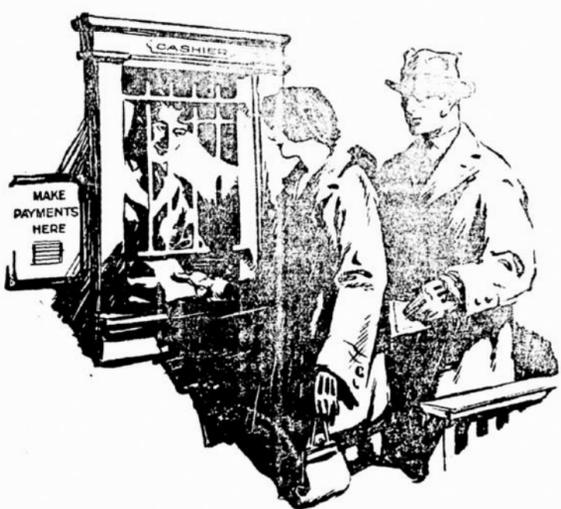
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