

HAMILTON DEPARTMENT

The Town of Hamilton is located geographically in the center of Pembina County, on the Great Northern Railway. It is surrounded by the most fertile agricultural lands to be found in the famous Red River Valley. There never was known to be a crop failure, although the yields vary according to seasons. The farmers are industrious, prosperous, loyal and intelligent. The people of the town are wide-awake and ready to meet legitimate competition. Besides the Pembina County Fair being located here we have three grain elevators, with a storage capacity of 250,000 bushels, \$20,000 Town Hall and Opera House, besides every business enterprise being represented. Hamilton welcomes you.

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The Officers, Directors, and Staff of this Institution, extend to you their heartiest wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

BANK OF HAMILTON
HAMILTON, NORTH DAKOTA.

Hamilton

R. J. Dickie was in from the farm one day last week and informed the writer that things were running along nicely out in that section of the county, but that the blizzards which we have been having makes him think of the North pole.

Miss Anna Milken returned to her home at Neenah, Wis., last week after spending the greater part of the summer visiting with friends and relatives at this place. Mrs. Milken is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Remen and her father was at one time stationed at Fort Pembina.

Jas. Farr left for his home at Goodrich, Ont. the sore part of this week where he will spend the winter months with his family—but like the birds will return in the spring.

Walter Nordstrom is one of the new subscribers to the Pioneer Express last week. Mr. Nordstrom believes in getting all the news and in order to do this decided to take the only official paper in the county.

E. K. Everson shipped a car of dry wood in from Minnesota last week and found ready sale for it right off the car. In North Dakota at this season of the year fuel is in good demand, and any good fuel will meet with ready sale.

School closes for the Christmas holidays this Friday evening and will not open again until Jan. 8th. All the kids are tickled to death over having a little rest.

The Pembina County Fair Association held their regular annual meeting Saturday afternoon of last week. A board of directors were appointed and some other business transacted but at this meeting no election of officers was held.

Mrs. Otto of Neche spent the week end visiting at the home of her brother, G. A. Semp of this place.

W. A. Eddington shipped sixty fat hogs to the St. Paul market last week. Mr. Eddington is one of the most progressive farmers in this section of the county.

The writer wishes to extend the seasons greetings to all our readers this week.

Miss Verma M. Geiger returned to her home at Grand Forks Monday of this week after spending the week visiting in the city.

Trains are all running from one to three hours late during the past week and this is a condition which will doubtless continue from now until after the Christmas holidays.

The Masonic lodge held their installation of officers Thursday evening of last week. Mansons and their families were present and all enjoyed a very nicely appointed luncheon.

Wm. McFarlin came over from Cavalier Saturday of last week and attended the Pembina County Fair meeting. While in the city he found time to drop around and pass the time of day with the writer.

V. W. Campbell came down from Kenniston, Sask. last week and spent a day or so visiting in the city.

W. J. Beaton of Cavalier was in the city for a short time Sunday last. Come again Bill, we are always pleased to see you even in the cold winter months.

Mrs. Agnes Paris was a visitor to Bathgate between trains Thursday of last week.

Miss Bula Warner is visiting her sister Iva Warner at Winnipeg, Man. this week.

A nice little blizzard on the program again Tuesday morning of this week.

The Martin Farms' have been doing some official testing on four of their Holsteins and report that the heifer, Pembina Prilly Bess No. 776486, as a senior yearling, made 11.09 pounds of butter in seven days, Pembina May Ormsby Hengerveld No. 627212, as a two-year old, made 13.74 pounds of butter, Willow Ridge Johanna Korndyke No. 336271 at seven years old made 24.90 pounds of butter from 474.40 pounds of milk, Willow Ridge Peirtje Pride No. 422355 as a five year old cow, made 25.22 pounds of butter from 604.50 pounds of milk. The writer believes that the latter named cow (Willow Ridge Peirtje Pride) holds the record for seven days test for Pembina county, for both butter and milk. Besides seven day tests in the Martin Farms' herd they report that they are testing each and every cow for the 305 division. Will your scrub cow produce 25 pounds of butter in a week? If not, why not start in the purebred cattle now for they are cheaper than has ever been reported before.

During the past year this section of the Pioneer Express has given our readers about all the news and in a large measure has taken the place of a local newspaper and a town without a paper of some kind is almost off the map. The subscription list will in no case pay the bills and a paper must largely depend on the advertising patronage in order to exist. During the past year this page has not received the advertising patronage that it merited. BUT IT HAS GIVEN YOU ALL THE NEWS, this is a condition that should not exist, and it is a question if the page will continue if some support is not given. The circulation is large and the paper reaches nearly all at Hamilton and all the rest of the county and it is a good proposition to advertise once in a while—tell the people you are in business, that you are alive, that you have something to sell and that it will pay them to come in and look you over and above all things that you have the business interests of your town at heart. These are the things that you should remember—and do your part at all times. It is not the intention of the writer to bowl anyone out but we have endeavored to place the matter before you in the right light and we trust that it will be a subject of earnest thought and that there will be a little pep injected into a dormant condition.

The bottom fell out of the turkey market at this place this week. Choice birds selling for 25 cents and no takers. Somewhat different from 48 cents.

About thirty cows were tested by Dr. Waind at this place Monday. This is more in the right direction and seems to meet with the approval of all. In fact all seemed to approve of the proceedings except the cows and they were a little unruly in some cases.

A sacred Christmas pageant will be given this Friday evening by the Baptist Sunday school at the church. You are invited.

Rowe and Knutson received another car of North Dakota coal on Monday.

On Wednesday, Dec. 20th at high noon at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos Seymour of Cavalier, occurred the marriage of their daughter Miss Nea May Seymour, to Mr. Robert E. Carlson of Hamilton. Miss Seymour was attended by her sister, Miss Opal Seymour, and Mr. Wilfred B. Johnson acted as best man, while the Rev. B. F. Stump of the Baptist church, spoke the words that made them man and wife. The guests were the immediate relatives of the contract-parties. Miss Seymour is a graduate of the Cavalier high school and taught several successful terms of school at different points in the state. Mr. Carlson is a native of the state of Kansas, an ex-service man, one who had months of service in the trenches in France and at present the general agent of the St. Hilaire Lumber Co. at Hamilton.

After the wedding ceremony and congratulations, the wedding feast was partaken of by all present. Amid showers of rice and congratulations of their many Cavalier friends the young people took the evening train for Topeka and Osage, Kansas, where they will visit relatives for a month at the least. On their return to Hamilton they will occupy the H. H. Fennell residence and will be at home to their friends after February 15th. Hamilton friends will wish them a bon voyage through life.

Presbyterian Church

Don't forget to bury your isims this Christmas and come to the Community Christmas tree in the new hall

Services on Sunday evening at 7:45. Subject: "God's Plea to the World Peace." Christmas carols will be sung. Get to your church on Sunday. There are three churches in Hamilton. Plan at least to be in one of them. It won't hurt you to be in all of them.

Sunday school at 2, C. E. at 7 and song service at 7:35.

Christmas night in the new hall the moving picture that appeals, "Mothers."

FRANK SHALLCROSS, Pastor.

Methodist Church

Sunday school at 2, services at 8. Subject, "The Christmas Message." The church with a welcome.

C. W. BAUMANN, Minister.

Read the Pioneer Express Ads.

THE COUNTY POET

Who is this Peter Oskie,
We read so much about?
And now John Smith is writing
As tho he were some scout.
Are they some really fellows
Or just some mot of myth?
Who is this Peter Oskie
And who is this John Smith?

I know one Joe Usinsky,
I know one Gus Decrans,
I know one Sam Demensk—
They came from foreign lands.
But who is Peter Oskie,
And who is this John Smith?
Are they some really fellows,
Or just some mot of myth?

I know one Ole Larson,
I know our Frank Shallcross.
Some think John Smith's a parson,
And that Peter rides a hoss,
Which makes him reminiscent
Of the scenes of long ago
And of all the good old Scotch
"They drank," in old Ontario.

I know one Wesley Johnson,
I've seen dear Mr. Kent.
He prints some real good matter
And some savors of ferment.
But when we want some first class
stuff,
That will cause you no distress—
Just read the official paper,
The Pioneer Express.

—T. R. CHAMBERS.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given, that that certain mortgage, executed and delivered by C. L. Combes and Lizzie Combes, his wife, as mortgagors, to Canadian-American Bank of Grafton, a corporation, mortgage, dated the 28th day of August, 1919, and filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Pembina and state of North Dakota, on the 5th day of September, 1919, at 3:40 o'clock p. m. and recorded in Book "120" of Mortgages, at page "357," will be foreclosed by sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the court house in the county of Pembina and state of North Dakota, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p. m., on the 1st day of February, 1923, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the day of sale.

The premises in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are situated in the county of Pembina and state of North Dakota, to-wit:

Lots one (1) and two (2), in block three (3) in the Original Township of Bowesmont, according to the certified plat thereof on file in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pembina county, North Dakota.

There will be due on such mortgage at the date of sale the sum of eight hundred three and 55-100 (\$803.55) dollars, together with the statutory attorney fees and costs and disbursements allowed by law. Dated December 18th, 1922.

SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN BANK OF GRAFTON

A Corporation, Mortgagee.
GRAY & MYERS,
Attorneys for Mortgagee,
Residence and post office address:
Grafton, North Dakota,
Dec. 22 29—Jan. 5 12 19 26

Free Bed and Board.

Hostess—Harry Lopher gets invited about a good deal. But how does he live, he's no income.

Host—Harry is one of those chaps, my dear, who make both ends meet by making week-ends meet.—Boston Evening Transcript.

County News

The funeral services for Peter Ferguson, who died at Two Harbors, Minn. were conducted from the Methodist church of Drayton on Sunday, Dec. 10th by A. E. Coomb assisted by Rev. McDermid. Mr. Ferguson was born in Franktown, Ontario, Dec. 15, 1832. He came to Dakota in 1882 and was prominent in the early history of Drayton vicinity and battled the hardships of frontier life. He leaves five sons and four daughters, his wife having died in Drayton in 1914.

Dec. 14th occurred the death of Jes. Devlin, Sr. at his home in Drayton. He was one of the pioneers of that section and was eighty-eight years old. The funeral was held from the Methodist church.

Elmer Russell of St. Vincent spent several days visiting his sisters, Misses Olive and Evelyn Russell of Hoople.

Mrs. J. deB Saunderson and children of Bathgate spent a week visiting Rev. and Mrs. Trigg of Crystal. Miss Anna A. Brown of St. Thomas and Cecil Hughes of Backoo were married at the M. E. parsonage in Cavalier on Nov. 15th.

By a vote of 154 to 69 the residents of St. Thomas have decided to purchase a new site for the proposed school building to be erected next summer to take the place of the one burned.

Mr. John Kalis of Walhalla died on Nov. 17th of heart failure. Deceased came to this country from Alsace-Lorraine in 1885 and settled in Freemont township where he has since resided. The funeral was held from the Catholic church.

Mrs. Robert Laidlaw of Walhalla died at the residence of her son on Nov. 17th at the age of 70 years. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Joseph Faxman of Cavalier who has been in business in Hamilton and Cavalier for the past 25 years opened a general merchandise store in Cavalier. It is to be run on a strictly cash basis and will carry all standard goods.

The grocery store owned by J. H. Strand of St. Thomas was entered by robbers and \$400 in currency and checks stolen. No trace of the robbers has been found.

Wm. Robbins died in Hallock the latter part of November. He was born in Bradford, Ontario in 1854 and came to this country in 1879. He drove a stage from Pembina to Aton for two years in the early days. His wife, five daughters and one son survive him. The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church at Pittsburg.

FIRELESS COOKERS NOT NEW

Housewife of Prehistoric-Bronze Age Applied the Principle in Her Primitive "Kitchen."

The prehistoric bride in the early Bronze age could boil water without burning the wood-and-hide containers which her hunter husband furnished her. Miss Nina F. Layard has discovered primitive cooking places at Buckenham Tofts park, Norfolk, England. Ancient kitchens, now being excavated by her, are marked by thousands of flints cracked by fire. These rocks were apparently used as heaters for boiling water in vessels which would not stand the fire. They are found a foot or two beneath the sod and invariably a few yards from a stream.

Either a wooden trough or a stretched hide was in all probability the utensil used. This was filled with water and then the red-hot flints were shoveled in. In this way the water was soon brought to a boil. The bones and teeth of oxen and horses found between the heaters and the stream show where the cooking took place while with these flint heaters implements were found which fix the time as being in the early Bronze age.

Stones Once Used in Casting Lots.

The custom of deciding doubtful questions by lot is one of great extent and high antiquity, recommending itself as a sort of appeal to the Almighty, secure from all influence of passion or bias. It also is a sort of divination said to be employed even by the gods themselves.

In the primitive method of casting lots stones were often used. These, marked in some way, were placed in the fold of a garment or more often an urn, helmet or a vessel of some sort. The shaking of the garment or vessel would throw a stone out on the ground, according to which the decision was given.

The lot was used to determine such cases as the inheritance of the tribes, hence each tribe's portion was called "the lot of its inheritance."

A mode of divination among heathens was by means of arrows, two inscribed and one without mark.

Cavalier.

Miss Booker, a returned missionary from India, spent Sunday in the city. She spoke in the Methodist church in the morning and in the First Baptist church in the evening. She has spent thirty-three years in India working among the people. Her two messages Sunday were appreciated by the people here. An offering was taken at both churches to assist Miss Booker in purchasing a motion picture machine which she hopes to take with her on her return to the mission field.

Mr. Robert Carlson of Hamilton and Miss Neva Seymour of Cavalier, were married Wednesday, December 20th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymour. Rev. B. F. Stump, pastor of the First Baptist church spoke the words that made them husband and wife. Both young people have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy married life together. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson will make their home in Hamilton where the groom is manager of the local lumber yard.

A joint installation service for the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges was held on Thursday evening of this week. At 6:30 members and guests gathered in the dining hall and partook of a sumptuous supper. This was followed by an impressive installation service. After this an appropriate program was rendered, followed by a social hour.

Following the meeting of the Odd fellow lodge Monday evening, Mr. Thorwaldson entertained the business men of the city with a Ford reel entitled "Christmas Thoughts."

Monday afternoon the firemen were busy flooding the skating rink. At a recent meeting of the Commercial Club it was decided to put the rink in first class condition. This will please both young and old.

Officers of the local Home Guard are busy making arrangements for the observance of their first anniversary. During the early part of January a program of interest to the public will be held at the Opera House. Represented on the program will be Governor Nestos and other state officials. The Cavalier Commercial Club will assist the boys in their work. A lunch will be served in the basement of the I. O. O. F. hall where the governor will speak to the business men.

All activities within the city at the present time are centered around the Christmas trol. The business places all have the holiday season touch. The churches are busy preparing appropriate programs. Next Sunday will be observed as Go-To-Church Sunday. Christmas services will be held in all churches and an invitation will be extended to every man, woman and child to attend some service.

The M. I. S. club was entertained at the home of Mrs. C. W. Baumann on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Chisholm and Mrs. E. J. Ryan delightfully entertained at bridge, at the home of Mrs. Ryan on Tuesday evening, complimentary to Miss Kathryn Harris, who is soon to become the bride of Dr. Stratte of Hallock. The home was softly lighted with red tapers which carried out the Christmas colors. At eleven o'clock a dainty and delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Joliette

Nurse Permelia Upham of Drayton spent Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Pariseau.

Misses Alma and Mary Demeester were Grafton callers between trains Monday.

Mesdames Gense and Wood were passengers to Grand Forks last Wednesday.

Oscar Villeneuve was a Drayton caller Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Wells was a Grafton visitor between trains Saturday. Clara Gense and Lena Demeester were Grafton business callers Saturday.

H. A. Wood was confined to his home for two days the past week. The prevailing epidemic was the cause.

Mrs. J. L. Pariseau and Mrs. Gee, Paul, were passengers to Grafton on Tuesday last.

Mrs. H. Cornelle, of Norwood, Manitoba was a business caller here last Wednesday.

Local students of the Pembina high spent Sunday at their homes here. Several of the local farmers delivered turkeys to Bowesmont last week which were shipped by the Community Club.



Santa Claus

invites you to visit our store—the Christmas Store to see the wonderful display of holiday goods we have prepared for you. There is hardly a need in Christmas gift making that is not amply and satisfactorily answered here. Our assortment is now complete and is not a bit too soon to make your selections so as to insure just the right gift. We will gladly set aside the presents you decide upon and hold them until Christmas. In a short time the Christmas buying rush will be on and you won't be able to do your shopping with the ease that you can right now. Why not visit the Christmas Store today and start your Christmas shopping? It will be a pleasure to show you our line whether you wish to buy today or not.

Walker Drug Co. -:- Hamilton, N. D.