

BARNES COUNTY PLAY DAY WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Play Day Saturday at the Normal was as perfect as one could wish for. The weather man was particularly kind and large crowds visited the city. It is estimated that 3,000 people were in the city for the day. The Normal school was unable to supply enough buttons for the children in the contests, but they got along nicely without.

The pupils to take part in the contests and those in charge met in the Normal auditorium at 9:30 Saturday morning. Those assembled sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and gave a salute to the flag. Professor Call announced the order of events for the day and stated where each group should go. The children marched out upon the play grounds. The contests for the girls were held on the campus lawn and the boys went up on the hill behind the school. Threatening weather conditions did not seem to hinder the number of contestants and hundreds of automobiles were in town for the day. Since the weather turned out nice the people with lunches went to the park at noon, as originally planned.

Normal students had charge of the contests of both boys and girls. Results of the contest showed the Lincoln school had doubled the scores of its nearest opponent, the Ritchie school. The score in the boys' contest was as follows: Lincoln school 66, Ritchie school 32, Wimbledon 16. Model school 12, Leal 6, Rodgers 6. Individual winners were as follows:

75 Pound Class
15 Yard Run—Sam Story, Ritchie; Lawrence Pray, Ritchie; Mark Wait, Ritchie.

Running Broad Jump—Willie Walker, Lincoln; Vernon Krogue, Ritchie; Kenneth Eckel, Model School.

Running High Jump—Willie Walker, Lincoln; Kenneth Eckel, Model school; Harold Elstrom, Model school.

105 Pound Class.
100 Yard Dash—Art Bowen, Ritchie; Clifford Couey, Wimbledon; Morris Ramsett, Fingal.

Running Broad Jump—Clifford Couey, Wimbledon; Art Bowen, Ritchie; Morris Ramsett, Fingal.

Running High Jump—Clifford Couey Wimbledon; Art Bowen, Ritchie; Morris Ramsett, Fingal.

Chinning—Clifford Couey, Wimbledon; Art Bowen, Ritchie; Morris Jarvis, Leal;

85 Pound Class
85 Yard Dash—Myron Personius, Lincoln; Wilbur Bublitz, Lincoln; Morris Reed, Wimbledon.

Running Broad Jump—Myron Personius, Lincoln; Ernest Johnson, Ritchie; Wilbur Bublitz, Lincoln.

Running High Jump—Myron Personius, Lincoln; Wilbur Bublitz, Lincoln; Ernest Johnson, Ritchie.

95 Pound Class
100 Yard Dash—Clarence Lyon, Ritchie; Charles Hunt, Wimbledon; Arthur Busdicker, Lincoln.

Running Broad Jump—Arthur Busdicker, Lincoln; Clarence Lyon, Ritchie; Wallace Jensen, Ritchie.

Running High Jump—Charles Wallace, Ritchie; Clarence Lyon, Ritchie; Arthur Busdicker, Lincoln.

105 Pound Class
100 Yard Dash—Leonard Nokken, Rogers; Louis Altringer, Wimbledon; Elmer Dahl, Lincoln.

Running Broad Jump—A. Dahl, Lincoln; L. Altringer, Wimbledon; L. Nokken, Rogers.

Running High Jump—A. Dahl, Lincoln; A. Olsby, Lincoln; L. Altringer, Wimbledon.

Chinning—Louis Altringer, Wimbledon; A. Olsby, Lincoln; A. Dahl, Lincoln.

115 Pound Class
100 Yard Dash—Ben Goodsell, Lincoln; Charles Hazelgrove, Lincoln; Clifford Kirkby, Ritchie.

Running High Jump—Clifford Kirkby, Ritchie; Charles Hazelgrove, Lincoln; Ben Goodsell, Lincoln.

Standing Jumps—Clifford Kirkby, Ritchie; Charlesgrove, Lincoln; Ben Goodsell.

Unlimited Class
100 Yard Dash—J. D. Murdock, Wimbledon; John Siverson, Lincoln; Roy Stearns, Rogers.

Shot Put—John Koehn, Lincoln; Harold Stenshoel, Ritchie; John Siverson, Lincoln.

Running High Jump—John Siverson, Lincoln; J. D. Murdock, Wimbledon; Harold Yule, Rogers.

Harry Dahl won first in the 30-yard dash among the boys who did not get buttons.

The Lincoln School won the horseshoe pitching contest for boys under 95 pounds. The Model School was second, with the Ritchie third.

The horseshoe pitching contest for boys over 95 pounds was also won by the Lincoln school. The Ritchie school took second.

The girls' contests resulted as follows:

75 Pound Class
50 Yard Dash—Pearl Baarstad, Lincoln; Elaine Platou, Lincoln; Delois Newbauer, Model School.

Running High Jump—Mildred Seyerson, Lincoln; Verna Ludwig, Fingal; Katherine Bernms, Model School.

Potato Race—Helga Rude, Ritchie; Grace Neustaedter, Lincoln; Ellen Lee, Model School.

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HANNA PROCLAIMS JUNE 14 AS FLAG DAY

State of North Dakota, Executive Department.
Emblematic of liberty and justice, the Stars and Stripes for one hundred and thirty-eight years has held a proud position among the nations of the world. Our original constellation of 13 has been added to from time to time until today 48 stars shine within a field of blue, carrying to the far corners of the earth the message of our liberty, loyalty and patriotism.

It is but human that in times of peace and plenty the spirit of patriotism among a people lies dormant—not dead, but sleeping—to break forth with renewed vigor should danger threaten. We must remember that in foreign lands other people are following other flags with brave and loyal hearts and deep devotion; and so let us bestir ourselves that we do not fall behind in love of flag and country, and let us give added reverence and devotion to Old Glory, symbolical of a great nation and a particular people.

Now, therefore, I, L. B. Hanna, governor of the state of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 14, 1915, the birthday of our national emblem, as

FLAG DAY
within the state of North Dakota and I heartily recommend that there be a general display of the Stars and Stripes upon our homes and public buildings.

The nations of the earth are facing a great crisis. As a peaceful nation the eyes of the people of the world are upon us, and, recognizing the fact that the United States is a great and growing country, full of promise as well as realized hopes, we should so conduct ourselves toward our flag and country as to merit the esteem and confidence and command the respect of all nations.

Done at the Capital at Bismarck this 28th day of May, A. D. 1915.

L. B. HANNA,
Governor.

THOMAS HALL,
Secretary of State.

GOVERNMENT MAN INSPECTS THE NEW POST OFFICE SITE

B. C. Adams, inspector for the construction department of the federal treasury department, was in the city Tuesday for the purpose of inspecting test pits and soil conditions on the new post office site.

Mr. Adams has charge of supervising the construction of the new post office building being constructed at Mandan, also those at other places in the state where building is going on for the government.

Mr. Adams was accompanied by his wife and while here they were guests of Postmaster Smith.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

On Saturday Judge O. H. deS. Irgens, of the county court, issued a marriage license to Henry H. Jensen and Miss Anna Louise Velure, both of Valley City.

MEMORIAL SERVICES LARGELY ATTENDED

The Memorial Day services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Armory. There was a big attendance and visitors from out of town were present. Following is the program:

- 1—Music by the Valley City Band.
- 2—Opening prayer by Rev. W. C. Lyon.
- 3—Men's Glee Club of 40 voices.
- 4—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Lawrence Bonhoff.
- 5—Grand Army Post exercises.
- 6—Rol Call of the Dead. The following are those who died within the last year: James Coop, Benjamin Ellis, Robert Fairbanks, H. R. Jones, T. A. Anderson, Capt. Geo. Williams of Eckelson, T. Jones of Wimbledon, Mr. Tiffeld of Rogers. These were all old residents of the county.
- 7—Music by the Men's Glee Club.
- 8—Oration by Rev. C. E. Vermilya.
- 9—Naval Drill by the Seventh Grade of the Ritchie School.
- 10—America by band, the audience singing.

The benediction was then given by Rev. Vermilya, after which the audience formed in line and proceeded to Woodbine cemetery, where the graves of the old soldiers were decorated. The Relief Corps, the Grand Army, the band and Co. G took part. Major Frank S. Henry was marshal for the day, assisted by T. S. Henry as assistant marshal.

Edgar McCready, of Cuba, was among those here for Memorial Day.

MANY FAIR DATES HAVE NOW BEEN SET

Many of the fair associations of the state have set the dates for their shows and have sent the same to the department of agriculture. Those associations which have set their dates up to the present time are as follows:

Interstate fair at Fargo, July 27-31.
North Dakota State Fair association at Grand Forks, July 20-24.
Barnes County Agricultural Fair association at Valley City, July 5-8.
Cavalier County Fair association at Langdon, July 27-29.
Griggs County Fair association at Copperstown, June 29-30, July 1.
Richland County Fair association at Wahpeton, Sept. 28-30, Oct. 1.
Ward County Farmers' Agricultural Fair association at Minot, held in winter.
Wells County Fair association at Fessenden, July 28-30.
Williams County Agricultural Fair association, Williston, Sept. 1-3.
Pembina County Fair and Exposition association at Hamilton, July 14-16.
Bottineau County Agricultural society at Bottineau, July 29-30.

Indications are that every fair this year will be in reality a big corn show with the exception of those held in the middle of the summer. The northern and western parts of the state are going to be especially strong in their corn exhibits.

ELMER C. NELSON IS DEAD AT ROCHESTER

A telegram was received here on Wednesday forenoon, stating that Elmer Nelson had died at Rochester, Minn., early that morning. No particulars were given. His sister, Miss Nettie, and his brother-in-law, Nels Johnson, had left Tuesday on No. 2 for Rochester, but they could not arrive there until Wednesday afternoon. His many friends will be shocked to learn of his untimely death.

K. P. TEAM BLANKED THE SANBORN BOYS ON SUNDAY.

The local baseball contingent handed the Sanborn club a shutout Sunday afternoon on the local diamond. Flinger Ryan was at his best and that tells the story. The score was 12 to 0. The baseball management promised to give us an account of the tussle in full, but somehow they fell down, and it is not our fault that the game does not have a complete writeup.

NORMAL BALL TEAM TOOK ELLENDALE INTO CAMP

The Normal school ball team played the Ellendale nine Tuesday afternoon on the Normal field. The local boys had rather the better of the argument, winning by a score of 8 to 4. A fair-sized crowd of rooters was in attendance.

Gene Thurston pitched a steady game for the Normal team, frequently pulling himself out of a hole. He did not try for strikeouts. Bomstad garnered three hits, one third of all the hits made by the team. Stillings in left field did some brilliant fielding and Schroeder, at right, made a shoe-string catch which put out the third man and cut off two scores. England drove out a long home run in the early part of the game.

Ellendale secured six hits and four runs. The Valley City boys accumulated a total of nine hits and eight runs. Ellendale changed pitchers in the middle of the game.

The Valley City lineup was as follows: England, c; Thurston, p; Smith, 1b; Christianson, 2b; McCready, ss; Bomstad, 3b; Stillings, lf; Meldahl, cf; Schroeder, rf.

Ellendale—Ashley, c; Schaar, p; McGraw, 1b; Koch, 2b; Carpenter, ss; Sauer, 3b; Comstock, lf; Lee, cf; Stutz, p and rf.

Guests attending the indoor picnic given by the High school domestic science class in the Home Economics rooms of the Ritchie school, report a most delightful evening. The festivities began about 6 o'clock and the party did not break up until nearly nine. The High school faculty were invited to the picnic.

Gus Hokanson arrived in the city Thursday evening on No. 8 from Ft. Yates, where he has been for the past six or seven years. He will make a short visit here with his mother, Mrs. S. Hokanson. Gus is a former Valley City boy and is greeting his many old friends here.

EQUITY MEETINGS FULL OF SNAP AND GINGER

Valley City was the scene Monday and Tuesday of a big meeting of the Equity society and a number of farmers' elevator men from nearby sections of the state, gathered here to discuss the question of the big terminal elevator which the society hopes to erect in St. Paul this year. St. Paul has given the society a 300-foot site on the levee, with four railroads passing the spot, to be for the use of the society at the nominal rental of \$10 per year as long as the society operates on co-operative lines.

These meetings are for the purpose of arousing the farmers to the need of building that elevator for the handling the crop of 1915.

There were fully 250 farmers present, about 200 from Barnes county and a number of farmers' elevator men from other North Dakota towns who are considering the matter of placing their grain this year with the Equity society.

The meetings began bright and early Monday morning in the city hall.

C. B. May acted as chairman of the meetings, except as otherwise noted. Mr. May is from Argusville, but he used to be of Valley City. He came here in 1872 and worked on the Northern Pacific road in the vicinity of Valley City. He is now one of the big farmers of the state.

The morning meeting was mostly taken up by the elevator men and a lot of points were threshed out to the satisfaction of those present.

The meeting Monday afternoon was called for 2 o'clock, but on account of the Decoration Day exercises it was postponed until 4. At that time the hall was crowded full, a number of ladies being present and as interested as the men. After a prayer A. H. Frye, of Berlin, told of the necessity as he, as a manager of a farmers' elevator, saw it for the organization of the farmers' elevator men and for terminal facilities free from the influences of the Minneapolis chamber of commerce.

Ernest Myers, who has just taken up field work for the Equity, next told of the position of the middleman on the bridge which connected the producers with the consumers and of the toll he took.

Delegate Kehler, of Valva, author of the Equity song, favored the audience with his rendition of it, and answered to a most enthusiastic encore.

Grant Youmans, of Minot, is the author of a co-operative credit plan by which he believes the farmers may finance their affairs. He called attention to the fact that they had not been able to get help from the government or from any other source, and thought that the plan he detailed would fill the bill.

S. H. Nelson, who has lived at Finley since 1880, told of the way they marketed their grain in the days when they had to steal their cars. His remarks on the present situation were forceful and he was greeted with great applause.

S. H. Greely then took up the balance of the afternoon with a presentation of the iniquities of the chamber of commerce and the public storage system. He showed how the Equity, with an elevator on the Mississippi river at St. Paul, with storage and insurance cut to actual cost, could market grain direct to the millers at a fraction of the cost of the present system. He showed the figures to prove his contention that the chamber of commerce and the public elevators took about 46 cents of the price of the farmer's grain and absolutely fixed the price which his grain should bring. He was heard with interest, even though he talked for almost two and a half hours.

After the afternoon meeting there was a big subscription taken for shares in the St. Paul elevator.

Before the afternoon meeting the farmers living just east of Valley City met and organized the Equity Trading Co. for the purpose of erecting an elevator at the east end of the High Line, the elevator to be erected on the section line between sections 19 and 20, 140-57. The capital stock of the company was fixed at \$50,000 and application will at once be made for a charter. There are about 50 signatures to the stock subscription list and the elevator will be built in time to handle this year's crop. L. Noltmeyer acted as temporary chairman and Bert Bruns as temporary secretary, which organization will hold until the organization is perfected and permanent officers elected.

At the evening meeting the fireworks were set off. C. J. Lee acted as chairman. He introduced Mayor

Platou to make an address of welcome. This address had been scheduled for the afternoon session, but the mayor was called away by important business, and nothing was lost by the delay, for the mayor was more tart than usual. He told of some of his experiences in shipping grain, all favorable to the Equity. Then he devoted a few words to local politics. He denounced the county commissioners for letting the contract for a new jail in opposition to the expressed ideas of the voters of the county only a couple of years ago. He called for a government by the people, giving a touch also to the acts of Barnes county legislators at the last session. The applause showed that the audience was heartily with him.

After the reading by Mr. Greely of expressions of opinion by various public men of the iniquity of future trading in grain, Geo. S. Loftus took the floor. Mr. Loftus is not unknown in Barnes county and he has a card index system of local politics at the tip of his tongue and he is not afraid to mention names when he goes into matters that interest the Equity society. He said that the interests were active in Barnes county as in other places, but he paid Barnes county the compliment of saying that her farmers were always up and doing when their interests were at stake. He told of the work of the Noltmiers, May, Schultz, the Krugs, Senator Thoreson and others. He told how the interests of Minneapolis were out to do up the Equity society by foul means, since they were powerless when they used fair means. He told how the action now under way in which the state of North Dakota seeks to declare the society fraudulent had been taken to the attorney general of Minnesota and to the railroad and warehouse commission of that state, and by them found to be groundless. Of course the inference was not complimentary to the attorney general of our state.

Mr. Loftus spoke for several hours, the meeting lasting until midnight, but very few left the hall until it was over.

Two resolutions were passed during the course of the evening. The first was that any manager of a farmers' elevator who attended the meeting this month under the auspices of the Minneapolis chamber of commerce should be discharged, the other that the society objected to the granting of one day at the Valley City Chautauqua to the North Dakota Association of Managers of Farmers' Elevators. It was the opinion of the society that this association was working against the interests of the Equity, hence the resolution.

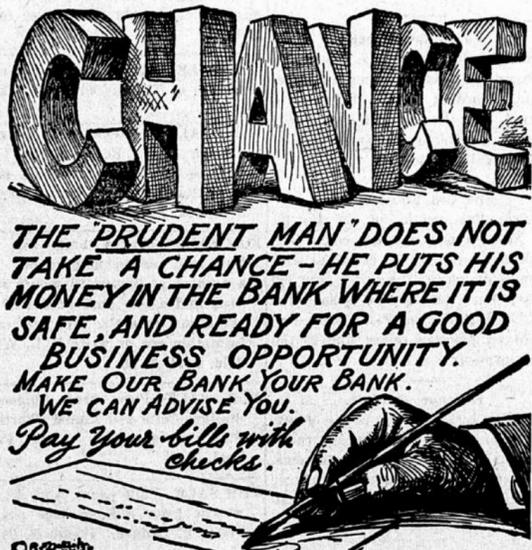
Tuesday morning Mr. Loftus again addressed the farmers assembled. It was one of his characteristic speeches, and his audience was with him. He was followed by A. M. Baker. Mr. Casey, of Lisbon, spoke on membership in the association. Mr. Casey was followed by Mr. Wasem, of Velva, who spoke on the matter of having a manager who is friendly to the movement. Several others made brief remarks on various topics and incidents connected with the Farmers' Elevator association of North Dakota.

That the farmers are in deadly earnest is shown by the character of the response to the speakers. They believe in the Equity and in the integrity of its officers and they will stand by them with their money and their influence. Mr. Loftus believes in going into politics and promises warm times for the representatives of the people who do not support the wishes of the farmers.

Congressman James Manahan, of Minnesota, who was expected her on Tuesday evening to address the Equity meeting, was unavoidably detained, but the meeting was held just the same, with a crowded hall. The suit of the state of North Dakota against the society was discussed and political matters were gone into quite fully.

Among the pleasing incidents of the evening was the suggestion by Geo. S. Loftus that Hon. Frank E. Ployhar was entitled to a vote of thanks for his faithful services to the residents of Barnes county. C. J. Lee, as chairman, then called for a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Ployhar, which was thus responded to by everyone in the hall. This, together with the fact that in the last election there was but one vote against Mr. Ployhar, would indicate that he is "solid" with the residents of Barnes county.

Pat Hurley, of Fargo, was a Valley City visitor Monday and Tuesday.



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