

# State Superintendent Approves of Club Plans for Baby Week

State Superintendent E. J. Taylor has sent out the following letter to the teachers and superintendents of North Dakota:

Bismarck, Jan. 29, 1916.  
Teachers and Superintendents:  
The Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor has inaugurated a movement which has for its object improving the conditions of very young children. This movement has enlisted the attention of the best people of our country.

The National Children's Bureau has designated the week beginning March 4 as Nation-wide Baby Week. The following is taken from the circular sent out by the bureau:

"The purpose of a Baby Week in a community is primarily educational; it is two fold: First, to give to parents of a community an opportunity of learning the facts with regard to the care of their babies; and, second, to bring home to every one in the community the importance of the babies, the facts relating to the babies of that special community, and the need of permanent work for their welfare."

The North Dakota Federation of Women's clubs has requested that our people give this movement special attention through the public schools.

It is surely very proper for us to direct the attention of our people to this subject. There is nothing of greater importance to our state than the children. Their welfare means the welfare of our state.

We have had our weeks for studying the resources of our state and devising ways and means of increasing the wealth of North Dakota. The natural resources, live stock, manufacturing and commerce have had our attention. It would seem that our people should very properly set aside one week for the children and especially the babies.

I endorse the movement and ask that you co-operate with the officers of the Federation of Women's clubs and the committee of the State Education Association (County Superintendent Minnie J. Nielson of Barnes county and M. Beatrice Johnstone of Grand Forks county) in making the week of March 4 to 11 one devoted to the welfare of the very young children.

Very truly yours,  
E. J. TAYLOR,  
Superintendent Public Instruction.

H. M. Velzy left Monday morning for a trip out on the Mott line in the interests of the North Dakota Mutual Fire Insurance company. If the snow and other weather items get too obstreperous he will stick to the main line of the N. P.

Mrs. H. J. Chadwick, who recently underwent an operation at the Riverside hospital, has so far recovered as to be able to return to her home Sunday, and is feeling pretty well considering the seriousness of her condition previous.

## WEST GETCHELL

Mrs. Will Dotting was a Valley City caller Monday. She returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Reinhold Young and family, Mrs. Bertha Smith and Fred Grundler were guests at supper at the Charles Young home Thursday evening.

Anna Dotting and Mr. and Mrs. Keller were Valley City callers Friday evening, the guests of Mrs. Lavary, the occasion being an entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Severance, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Risa, Mrs. Emil Swenke, Mrs. Will Dotting and Gust Uloth, spent Friday evening at the Chas. Young home.

A large number of friends gathered at the home of Louis Risa Sunday evening, where they partook of a very delicious supper.

Reinhold and Henry Young drove to Valley City Monday afternoon, returning home Tuesday on account of cold weather. They took in the show while there.

Gust Uloth and Mrs. Will Dotting and family called at Paul Kellar's Thursday evening.

Chas. Lange returned home this week after having spent some time at the Matt Maresh home at Litchville.

Carl Thiel and Clemens Leder delightfully entertained a few of their friends at dinner Sunday evening. Everybody reports a jolly good time.

Will Dotting has again returned to our midland after having spent a few weeks at St. Paul and Jordan, Minn.

A few neighbors called at Charles Young's Sunday afternoon and evening. The evening was spent in playing whist.

## URBANA

Everybody is talking Equity and Non-Partisan League at Urbana these days. The farmers are beginning to wake up.

The weather is just as cold as any place on the map here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Price, of Spiritwood, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Brennan.

We understand that Ernest Harrison intends to challenge the winner of the Eckelson wrestling match. We will all be there to watch our man wrestle.

Royal Graham is a frequent caller at the home of Harvey Harrison since his brother, Harry, went to Minnesota.

A number of the Urbana people attended the meeting of the Eckelson Social club. Everybody reported a good time.

For information regarding the latest style in shoes ask Jack Brennan.

Andrew Brimer and Miss Houghton spent Saturday evening at the home of T. C. Weatherbee.

Tom Davis, Jr., was thrown this week from his horse, sustaining severe

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injuries to his knee. Perley Weatherbee is attending his chores while Tom is nursing his knee.

There is talk of starting a literary society at Urbana. Let the good work go on.

Harry Graham is making an extended visit at the home of his sister in Canby, Minn.

George Whipple and family and Andrew Brimer and Miss Houghton were callers at the home of A. E. Conley last Saturday.

Earle Conley is busy keeping the road clear these days. We don't know which way he goes, but he starts for the school house.

Miss Eulala Conley is spending the winter months at home.

Andrew Brimer and Miss Houghton spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dan McLain.

Miss Houghton reports a very small attendance at school these days.

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The regular examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will be held in Valley City, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 10 and 11, 1916, in the High school building beginning promptly at 8:30 a. m.

MINNIE J. NIELSON,  
Supt. Barnes County Schools.  
Valley City, N. Dak.  
Jan. 31, 1916. 1-1d-1w

## SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Corner Sixth avenue and Elizabeth street. Ernest A. Martell, pastor.

Swedish services next Sunday morning at 10:30. Sunday school and Bible class at 11:45. English services in the evening at 7:30. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

Saturday evening another Leap Year affair was enjoyed when some of the second year Normal students entertained their gentlemen friends with a sleighride party. Later they gathered at the home of Miss Caroline Mason where a social time was had and light refreshments were served. The decorations for the evening's festivities were in white and blue.

## ASHTABULA

Wm. Burchill is putting up ice. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Anderson went to Valley City Monday.

Mrs. John Eggert returned home Friday from the hospital in Valley City.

Mrs. John Mortensen spent Monday and Tuesday in Valley City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson spent Thursday afternoon at the Harmon Hess home.

John Koch was a caller in Luverne Tuesday.

Steve Noxon autoed to Valley City Tuesday but only succeeded in autoping part of the way back.

Mrs. A. H. Anderson spent from Tuesday till Friday at the Marmon Hess home during the sickness and death of their little child. Death occurred at 2 o'clock Friday morning.

The funeral services were held at their home at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The services were read by Rev. Savades, of the Getchell Prairie at Congregational church. Interment was at the Woodbine cemetery in Valley City. Their many friends extend their heartfelt sympathies to the father and mother in their late bereavement.

There were no church services out here Sunday because of the bad conditions of the roads.

## Japan "Jumps" on China

Washington, Jan. 26.—Awaiting confirmation from official sources as a necessary preliminary to any action by the United States state department officials were deeply interested today in the report from London that the Japanese government has revived all of the demands upon China included in the famous "group five" of the list of proposals submitted to the Peking government more than a year ago for a permanent settlement of outstanding issues between Japan and China.

There is a conviction in official circles that any action at this time likely to have results toward warding off the new Japanese demands must be taken by the United States practically alone.

With every evidence of sympathetic interest by the European entente allies in the attitude of opposition which the United States assumed when the proposals on the "group five" originally were submitted, it is believed that none of these powers will be inclined to take issue with Japan at a moment when they are leaning heavily upon their Oriental ally not only for munitions but for military and naval protection of their interests in the Orient.

The very close study that has been made here of the proposals embodied in "group five" has only confirmed officials in their original belief that if accepted in full by China without protests from other nations they would lead not only to material and industrial but even political domination of China by Japan.

## SEWED UP FOR WINTER; HAPPENS IN REAL LIFE

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 29.—Fifty Evansville school children have been found with their underwear sewed on them for the winter season. Medical Inspector Dyer ordered the parents to remove the underwear and apply baths.

The friends of Miss Hazel Stevens will be glad to know that recent reports from her state that she is getting along nicely, the fever being broken and her recovery confidently expected. Her sister, Mrs. Chas. Baker, is still with her. They are both at the old home in Salamanca, N. Y., where Miss Stevens was stricken with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lyon, of Boston, Mass., are in the city and are guests at the Kindred. They are rapidly making friends among the musical people of the city, in whom they are greatly interested, as they represent the New England Conservatory of Music, and have many ideas of interest to the music lovers of the city.

Miss Martha Steinke, the efficient saleslady in the ready-to-wear department at Gray's store, is suffering with a severe attack of bronchitis, but expects to be back on duty again in a day or two.

Wesley D. Hauk arrived in the city Saturday for a few days' visit with friends, en route from his home in St. Paul to his claim in South Dakota, south of Hettinger, this state.

Chas. Smith, who has been acting in the capacity of night clerk at the Valley Hotel, has resigned his position and is now in the employ of S. W. Savoy.

Prof. L. B. McMullen is out again after a hard tussle with the grippe, although he is not entirely recovered. Mrs. McMullen is now suffering with the same disease.

## GRAND PRAIRIE

(Too Late for Last Week)  
Agnes Selbo was visiting at the Sunday home last week.

The basket social held at the Grand Prairie high school was well attended by the people of the surrounding neighborhood. The proceeds from the baskets sold amounted to \$156.75, which was to go for the payment of the new piano and also the program by the teachers was very well arranged. The music was furnished by the Luverne orchestra.

Ollie Sunday was seen driving to Luverne one day this week.

Mrs. John McKay is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Shorrard.

Herbert Talles was visiting with Whitfield McKay this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Noxon was in Valley City on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were in Valley City this week and had to stop over several days on account of the storm.

William A. Burchill was in Valley City on business last week.

J. H. Miller, of Weyburn, Sask, Canada, is visiting with his brother, M. T. Miller for a few weeks.

Ben Northridge was in Valley City this week on business.

Henry Bond has returned home from Eau Clair, Wis.

George Coats accidentally had the wheel of a wagon run over his foot last week.

Tom Carlson's family is on the sick list.

Prof. Schudder organized a basketball team at the Grand Prairie high school.

Miss Shadlund visited at the Nelson home last week.

The Farmers' club of Grand Prairie will meet in the basement of the high school on Friday.

## Progressive Birthday Party

The K. K. Klub celebrated the birthday of one of its members, Miss Esther Hamilton, on Thursday evening with a progressive dinner party. The soup and fish course was enjoyed at the home of Miss Elsa Holzman, on East Main street. They then went to Judge Moe's residence, where the Misses Esther Schroeder, Hattie Eldridge and Gladys Moe served the meat course.

From there the jolly crowd went to the home of Miss Zella Martin, on Elizabeth street, for the salad course, and from there to the home of Miss Esther Hamilton to enjoy the dessert course, after which the evening was pleasantly passed in dancing.

The members of the Klub took advantage of the Leap Year privilege and entertained the following gentlemen as well: Messrs. Carlson, Hart, Dedrick, Personius, Tostenrud and Weston.

## CO-OPERATION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

In any community, state or nation, no portion of a people can obtain permanent good or permanent prosperity at the expense of others. Proper growth and development, proper prosperity, can come only to all of the people. Building upon any other basis is building upon the sands.

A business, a community, an institution or an organization built upon any basis which contemplates growth and profit at the expense of others, cannot permanently prosper. An organization built upon class prejudice is foredoomed to failure.

This great state will serve her people and her country, when her people co-operate each with the other for the good of all. Often misunderstandings arise and injustice occurs but prejudice and the branding of a neighbor as a thief will not correct such evils. Co-operative thought and an inclination to do justice each to the other will solve such problems.

Human beings average much the same in all professions and occupations. The banker is as apt to be wrong as the farmer and each is subject to the same faults and frailties.

Permanent prosperity will come through sympathetic thought and an endeavor to understand the other man rather than through class hatred. No class of citizen is free from the worries and troubles of this life. Each has his problems to solve, each has his difficulties. Don't imagine that the other fellow's life is one long sweet song—probably if you knew his troubles you would not trade places with him.

Calm discussion and co-operation will solve problems which organizations along class prejudice lines will only aggravate into open warfare and loss to all.

M. L. Mahoney, accompanied by his brother, E. L., stopped off in the city Monday night on their way home to Oakes, after a trip to Lucca, where they looked over a pool hall proposition, with a view of buying. M. L. will be remembered as a grain buyer at Lanona about two years ago.

## GETCHELL PRAIRIE

Master Jimmie Getchell visited Friday and Saturday with his grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Getchell.

There was no meeting of the Bible Class this week on account of the storm Friday.

Mrs. William Martin entertained a number of her Virginia avenue friends Thursday, in honor of Mr. Martin's birthday.

The Getchell club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitcher on Friday of last week. The ladies, preparatory to the study of our state, which they are to take up a little later gave a program based on the early history of this community. Mrs. M. M. White and Mrs. J. R. Rogers gave early personal experiences and Mrs. J. H. Whitcher gave the history of the church and Ladies' Aid. Next week a debate on "Mail Order Houses" will be given.

Miss Adelade White was a guest at the Charles Whitcher home a few days last week.

Wm. Ronzheimer was in town again this week staying with his mother, Mrs. Emily Ronzheimer, of Valley City.

## SPRINGVALE

It takes more than snow to frighten the farmers from around here. Nearly every farmer was out Saturday plowing through drifts, going to town.

A program will be given by School No. 1 on Washington's birthday.

Mrs. John Wegner and son, Milford, arrived Friday evening from their extended trip through the western states, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wegner, who accompanied her went on to Oklahoma City to visit his father.

Two prominent farmers of this vicinity staged an impromptu race Saturday and judging by the finish it must have been some race. It looked more like two rotary snow plows in action. We don't know who won, but the teams of bronchos seemed to have a slight shade on the other one.

Mrs. Geo. Kuhry's sister arrived Monday for a visit with her.

George Dick called on John Gruman Sunday.

Fred Wegner lost a fine full blooded pig last week.

John Kramer, who has been making a long visit with Carl Biebers, left last Monday for his home in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. John Noak visited at John Krieger's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wegner visited at Ray Redfield's Sunday afternoon.

A party of young people surprised John Gruman Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gruman are visiting friends in Minnesota.

Mrs. John Noak journeyed to Fargo Sunday and returned Monday.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF CLEVELAND FARMER

Cleveland, Jan. 29.—John Hieb, a young farmer of Spring Valley township, was found dead in bed at his home Sunday morning. His brother, Edward Hieb, who lives on the same section, noticed on rising that morning, that the stable door was locked and that no signs of life could be seen about the place. After waiting for some time he went over to the house and tried the door. Not being able to gain entrance, he looked in the window and saw his brother lying in bed. His brother rapped on the window and pounded on the door to arouse him. His efforts failing, he forced the door and, on shaking him, found he could not be aroused, though the body was warm, and the bedding not disturbed more than it would be under ordinary conditions, showing heart had not accompanied death. Heart trouble is thought to have been the cause as there was no evidence of coal gas present.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Miss Hazel Allard, graduate of St. John's academy, Jamestown, who is teaching at Zenith, had a narrow escape from being burned to death Tuesday night. The Gilmore residence at Zenith was used as a school house and also as a dwelling for the teacher and the C. Hampdon family. Miss Allard discovered the fire at 2 a. m., when the entire ceiling of her room was ablaze and the fire had ignited her hair. Mr. and Mrs. Hampdon and little daughter and Miss Allard escaped in their night clothes and the house and contents were completely destroyed. Mrs. Hampdon had her feet badly frosted while forced to walk through the snow to a neighboring house.

Miss Allard was quite badly burned about the face and hands and went to Dickinson to obtain medical treatment. The burns are not very severe, however, and it will only be a matter of a few days until she recovers fully. The Bachelors' club of Dickinson sent Miss Allard \$54.

## BASIS OF ASSESSMENT FIXED BY COMMITTEE

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assessment. It was figured that the assessment of moneys and credits at 5 per cent of its actual value would render that class of property liable to a tax of about \$4.20 per thousand dollars of actual value.

Mr. Packard moved that this committee recommend the assessment of moneys and credits be at the rate of 5 per cent of the actual value.

Instructions to the assessors was next taken up. Jorgenson stated that it was not the wish of the state board of equalization, or himself, to complicate the instructing of the assessors by getting out a separate set of instructions from that which would be sent out by the tax commission. He stated that while the law seemed to give him some authority along this line, and the legislature had made it the duty of the state board of equalization to propose a new schedule only the general misunderstanding which seemed to have arisen with regard to the new schedule made it seem wise for the secretary of the state board of equalization to undertake such instructions which were agreeable to the members of the tax commission and the state auditor, and said that it was his opinion that the members of the state board of equalization would be very glad if the tax commission would have undertaken the instructions covering the schedule at the same time instructions were sent out on the valuation. Mr. Packard said that on behalf of the tax commission he could state such a procedure would be entirely satisfactory to that body. The grouping of classifications, and the classifications were carefully gone over, and the merits of the schedule were discussed both from a legal and practical point of view. Mr. Packard expressed himself in favor of a list of classifications as large as the new schedule, and possibly further enlarged, if the county assessor system were in use in this state, under the present system it was his opinion the best results would be obtained by the use of the schedule carrying the fewest possible necessary classifications.

Jorgenson moved that this committee recommend that the tax commission include in their instructions to assessors, instructions on the manner in which property shall be listed under each classification on the new schedules. Further, that classifications appearing as No. 53 to No. 89, both inclusive, shall contain no other property than that which may be so classified because of its peculiar association with that business, and all other property owned and used in such business shall be separately listed and assessed under a proper classification covering that special property. For instance, the furniture of a hotel shall be assessed under the classification "Hotel," while if a bus were operated by a hotel, the team would be listed under the proper classification covering "Horses," and the wagon would be assessed under "Wagons and Carriages." Seconded by Packard. Motion carried, all voting aye.

A basis of assessment for elevators was next taken up. Information on the valuation of elevators had been gathered by the tax commission and Mr. Loftus as county commissioner was quite well informed on the cost of the class of property.

Mr. Loftus moved that the basis recommended by this committee for the assessment of elevators be as follows: Crib elevators, \$50 per thousand bushels of capacity.

Concrete elevators, \$75 per thousand bushels of capacity.

Seconded by Vaughan. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Exemptions were discussed but the committee did not desire to make any recommendations.

Chairman Burton suggested that it might be well if this committee recommended to the state board of equalization the idea of furnishing the county auditor with an estimate of what total valuation would be required to be turned in by his particular county. The chairman felt that in this way he, the auditor, could see to it that the county board of equalization equalized with the end in view that the estimated required total assessment of his particular county be the result.

Mr. Wallace moved that this committee recommend that the state board of equalization shall furnish each county auditor with a tentative estimate of the total assessed valuation which it would be necessary for that particular county to return to the state board of equalization, that the final total of all property assessed would be sufficient to guarantee the necessary state revenue at the fixed specified levy.

Mr. Packard brought up for discussion of this committee the recommendation of the adoption of a county assessor system in North Dakota. It did not seem to be the sense of the committee that any recommendation should be made on this subject.

The above recommendations were unanimously adopted by the auditors in their final session held yesterday morning.