

Want First Graduation Class to Be Present at Home-Coming



Who were the members of the first graduating class? Where are they? Are they coming back in June? These are some of the many questions those who are making arrangements for the big home-coming have to answer. The first class to graduate was that of 1894. The members were three in number (from left to right): Miss Lenore Arestad, now Mrs. L. A. Ramsund, of Sacred Heart,

Minn.; Miss Maude Bronson, now Mrs. Longworth, 3201 Irving Ave., Minneapolis, and Miss Jennie Macnider, now Mrs. Elliott Barnes, of Jumping, Alta., Canada.

It is expected that though the members of the first class are farther removed from the Normal school, its members will be represented in the programs of Alumni Day, Thursday, June 21.

High School Day Is Cancelled This Year

The annual state high school interscholastic track meet held under the auspices of the department of physical education at the Normal school was definitely cancelled for this season, according to announcement given out by officials this week. Lack of interest on account of war conditions are given as the reason for cancelling the meet.

The athletic authorities of the state Agricultural college at Fargo have also cancelled their high school day for similar reasons.

It is understood that, although the number of entries will be greatly reduced from those of other years, the university will endeavor to hold its meet.

No announcement has been made concerning the annual state high school declamation contest held at the Normal school in connection with the track meet.

Valley City Requested to Participate in Conference

Secretary Moe, of the Commercial club, received a telegram Thursday morning from the Commercial club of Fargo, requesting the Valley City club to send a committee to St. Paul May 5 to participate in a conference at the Minnesota state capitol concerning the problem of labor shortage and the consequent limitation of acreage planted.

Mr. Moe will call a meeting of the board of directors of the club before a decision is made, but it is almost certain that the secretary at least will attend the conference.

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Combined Effort Is Needed to Destroy Barberry Bush

As commissioner of agriculture and labor, it is my duty and desire to call the attention of all citizens of the state, and particularly those in control of civic affairs in the cities, towns and villages, to the law which was enacted by the last legislative assembly for the eradication of the shrub known as the barberry bush.

It has been proven by the eradication work done by the government of Denmark that the barberry is essential to the existence of the black stem rust of wheat in that country. It has also been proven by the absest plant pathologists of the United States and particularly of the spring wheat states that these bushes harbor this destructive disease and that each bush can be shown to be a great public nuisance.

I am, therefore, writing this to solicit prompt compliance with the law enacted, which orders that all such bushes be eradicated at once. The time is short when these shrubs under favorable weather conditions will be scattering the rust disease by the winds, beginning the early part of June, so the bushes should be destroyed before that time. May I not hope that each owner will at once, without waiting for an order from the county commissioners, or from me, dig up the bushes on his premises or on any lands controlled by him? The shrub in most cases is not of old growth and is in no case difficult to eradicate. It will die at once if one simply breaks the main crown; a good hoe or sharp spade does the work at a few strokes. There are many beautiful and hardy shrubs which may well fill its place in our lawns and parks.

This year, when it is all important to do our utmost for the wheat crop, let us destroy it in this state (once for all) this known enemy of the wheat plant.

—J. N. Hagan,
Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor.

Stallion Registration Board Furnishes Inspection Dates

Attention is called to the schedule which gives the dates and places in Barnes county where the state inspection of stallions will be held. No examination will be made at places or on dates other than those named.

At each point the inspection will be made at the livery barn and stallions must be present not later than the time scheduled. It is the only inspection of the year.

Barnes County Dates and Places
The dates for the southeast part of the county were received last Thursday, too late for publication in the weekly. Dates for the north part of the county are as follows:

Wimbledon, 10 a. m. Friday, June 15.
Leal, 11 a. m. Friday, June 15.
Rogers, 1 to 2 p. m. Friday, June 15.
White Bros. farm, 3 p. m. Friday, June 15.
Pillsbury, 4 to 5 p. m. Friday, June 15.

HOW WOMEN CAN HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S CROP

North Dakota raised approximately 150,000,000 bushels of wheat in 1915. In 1916 North Dakota raised less than 50,000,000 bushels, due in large part to the epidemic of black rust. The black rust spores are known to live over winter on wheat stubble and propagate, in the spring, on the barberry shrubs which have been brought into the state to ornament lawns and parks. One shrub can generate enough spores to scatter, through wind and proper climatic conditions, the epidemic over the entire state.

A law was passed by the last legislative assembly to eradicate these bushes from the state. It is necessary to locate them. Let every club start a campaign in its community for the destruction of these bushes. In order to be effective for this year's crop, they must be dug out by the first of June.

If you are unable to influence the owners to dig up these bushes, notify the commissioner of agriculture, N. H. Hagan, at Bismarck.

If you are not sure of this bush, send sample to the botanist of the North Dakota Agricultural college for identification. Yours sincerely,
—Mrs. H. L. Bailey,
Vice President Fourth Dist. N. F. W. C.

CARD OF THANKS

To our neighbors and all our friends who so kindly assisted and cheered us during the sickness and death of our husband and father we wish to express our heartfelt thanks.
—Mrs. N. P. Nilson and sons.

Blaze Started Friday in Opera House Block

Friday evening about 8 the fire department was called to the old Opera House block to extinguish a small fire that started on the roof, evidently from sparks from the chimney. The blaze was quickly extinguished by the chemical engine.

Considerable excitement was caused, as the party turning in the alarm reported the fire to be at the Grand theater, and a large crowd was quickly assembled.

Members of the fire department wish to call to the attention of the public that it is against the law to drive over the fire hose, and that anyone committing this offense will be arrested and fined. They say this is no bluff, either, so take warning.

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Daath Called Margaret Kramer Home Thursday

Miss Margaret Kramer, who was ill several months, passed away at her home, on Helena avenue, Thursday afternoon. While Miss Kramer's relatives and friends have known for some time that she was in a serious condition, her passing away is a shock to the community, who hoped that with the warm days of spring would come strength and restoration to health.

Miss Kramer was a young woman of unusually fine traits of character and loved by all who knew her and her circle of friends is legion, as she was born here and grew to womanhood in Barnes county.

Miss Kramer received her education in the rural schools of Hobart township and the State Normal school. She chose the profession of teaching and taught successfully for five years in the public schools of Barnes county. Most of that time was spent in a school near Beres, where the imprint of her unselfish character and efforts will show forth in the lives of the younger generation. She was progressive in her work and was responsible for many improvements in the equipment of that school which will be a lasting monument to her.

For the past two years Miss Kramer had charge of the primary department of the consolidated school near Center, only resigning the first of the year on account of poor health.

Miss Kramer leaves besides her mother, Mrs. Marian Kramer, three sisters, Mrs. Matt Dries, of Dazey; Mrs. H. Personous and Miss Sophia Kramer, of this city; Frank Kramer, of Marion, John and Joseph Kramer who live on the family homestead in Hobart township.

HAVE GONE TO NEW HOME

Mrs. Clarence Isaacson and young son left on No. 7 Saturday morning for Jamestown, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Allen, and then visit friends in Cathay, where she formerly had charge of the primary department of the town schools. From there Mrs. Isaacson will go to her new home in Minot, where Mr. Isaacson is already located, having gone there about a month ago to take charge of the Minot Drug company's store.

Mrs. Isaacson was born and raised in Valley City, where she has a host of friends. She is a graduate of the State Normal school and was an unusually successful teacher. She has been identified with all the charitable and philanthropic enterprises and has never failed to do her part in the work for community betterment. The good wishes of all go with her to her new home. Minot is fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson added to their list of new residents.

Poultry Association Will Give Eggs for Hatching

Members of the Barnes County Poultry Association will do their "bit" to aid in food production by furnishing free hatching eggs to boys and girls of the county. The following circular has been sent out by the association:

To encourage the production of more poultry in Barnes county this year, the Poultry Association will furnish free 30 hatching eggs of the breed and from the parties named below to boys and girls of Barnes county between the ages of ten and 18 who apply for them.

The boys or girls obtaining the eggs must agree to set eggs, feed and care for chicks following the directions furnished and not later than Oct. 1 return two chickens, male or female as desired, to the party furnishing eggs, balance of production to become the property of contestant.

An effort will be made to inspect, direct and assist the boys and girls during the summer. Any citizen of the county who is willing to join in this plan to encourage the boys and girls kindly send name and breed and number of eggs you are willing to supply to O. A. Barton, secretary poultry association, or M. C. James, county agent, Valley City.

Any boy or girl desiring eggs for this purpose send name, age, address (section and township), parents' name and breed desired, to either of the above names or to the county superintendent of schools, Valley City. Eggs offered are White Plymouth Rock, White Wyandottes, Buff Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons, Barred Plymouth Rock.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WORK

Already a goodly number of boys and girls of the county have enrolled in one or more of the different projects of the boys' and girls' industrial contest work for 1917. The different contests for this year are: The growing of an acre of corn; the growing of one-eighth of an acre of potatoes; the growing of a small garden; the feeding of two pigs; the hatching and rearing of chicks from 30 eggs; the making of bread and the making of different pieces of clothing.

Very definite directions are sent out from the agricultural college for the carrying on of these different lines of work. These rules and directions are simple and can be followed by any who enter the work.

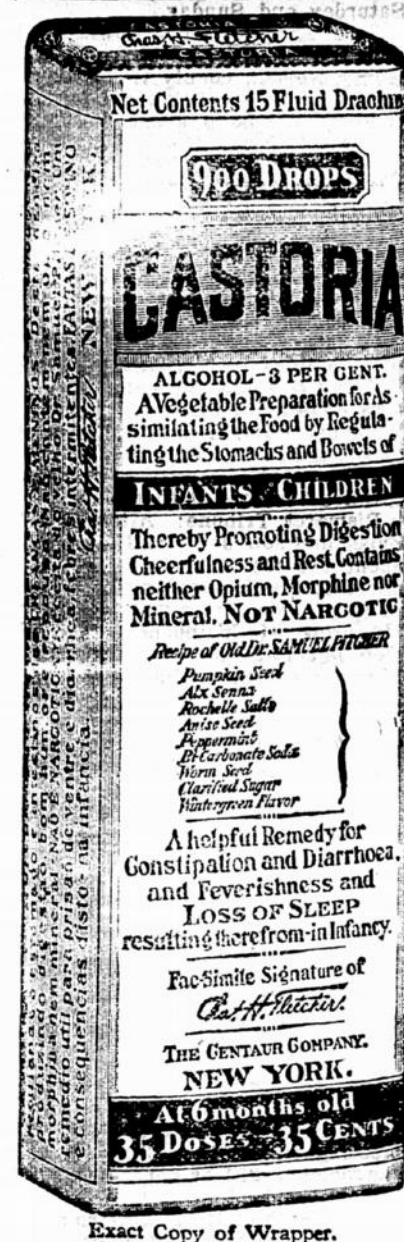
There will be liberal prizes offered to the winners of these contests in the fall. The awards will be given not only on the yield of the crops, but on a written story of the work done and upon an exhibit of the product at the end of the season.

Boys and girls, show what you can do in one or more of these contests! Parents, urge your children to enter some of this work, for there are several advantages for them to gain by such definite work.

Any who are interested in this work may get further information by writing to the office of the county superintendent of schools, to the Agricultural college or to the county agent.

—McNeal C. James,
County Agricultural Agent.

F. B. McLean, of Eckelson, was in the city Friday on business.



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Arrangements have been completed for a wrestling match a week from Friday night at Clark's hall between Nels Moe, of Plentywood, Mont., and the Masked Marvel.

Moe has been training in Minneapolis the past winter and promises to give his admirers in Valley City some thrills for their money. He has always been popular here.

The Masked Marvel wrestled the Finn here some months ago and later threw him at Miles City, Mont., it is reported.

The coming match was arranged between Tony Bernard, who has been cutting quite a figure at Jamestown, and Moe, but Bernard is unable to appear and the Masked Marvel has agreed to fill the date. It is to be a finish match, best two out of three falls, winner to take all, so the chances are good for a real bout.

At the meeting of the local lodge of Elks Thursday evening it was decided to wire the president of the state association to postpone the annual state meeting for this year as one step toward conservation, which is being so strongly urged throughout the nation. It was also decided to ask the state association that the money already paid be turned over to be used for Red Cross work.

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