

CROSBY SECURES PLUM

Postmaster Question in Willmar Settled by Appointment of Gazette Editor to Succeed Birch.

The following dispatch from Washington, published in last Friday's St. Paul Pioneer Press, will no doubt be read with much interest by Willmar people, who have anxiously awaited the outcome of the contest for the local postmastership.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. James Downs Celebrate Their Fiftyth Wedding Anniversary Today at Their Farm Home.

It is just fifty years ago today that Mr. and Mrs. James Downs, of the town of Green Lake, were married and the celebration of the anniversary is in progress at their farm home.

James Downs and Catherine (Murray) Downs were united in marriage in Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 26, 1856.

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DEED OF HEROISM

Thirteen-Year-Old Daughter of L. Z. Thompson Saves Two Younger Sisters from Drowning.

Many a heroic deed is left unchronicled and many a hero, deserving a Carnegie medal remains unknown to the world, for it is only when the hero loses his life that his heroism is appreciated and the world takes the trouble to notice and applaud.

Lilly Thompson the thirteen year old daughter of L. Z. Thompson, performed an act of heroism the day before Thanksgiving, when at the imminent risk of her own life, she saved her two younger sisters from drowning.

It seems that the three girls had gone out about five o'clock in the evening to carry in some wood and the two younger ones were determined to have a slide on the lake near by before going to the house.

With entire disregard of her own danger the heroic girl approached the edge of the broken ice where her sisters had almost given up the struggle.

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People Who Come and Go

Marcus Olson was a visitor in the city last week.

George Tyler is home from Minneapolis for the holidays season.

Miss Alice Sherwood is home from Carlton to spend the holidays.

Arthur Starkey went to St. Paul Saturday to spend his Christmas vacation.

Miss Linnea Bergstrom is spending the holidays at her home in St. Cloud.

Miss Anna Berkens is home from Wolford, N. D., for the remainder of the winter.

W. J. Pinney and D. N. Tallman made a business trip to the cities last Thursday.

Miss Thea Rollefson is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Montevideo.

Mrs. D. N. Tallman and daughters Helen and Esther spent last Saturday in the city.

Miss Florence Cantley is spending her Christmas vacation with relatives at Fargo.

Miss Lillie Korth who is a student at the Duluth Normal school, is home for the holidays.

O. V. Armstrong and family left last Friday for a week's visit with relatives at Wadena.

Mrs. R. C. Barton and son returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in Chicago.

Miss Nettie Benson, of the public schools at Grand Forks, N. D., is home for her holiday vacation.

Prof. Tanning will attend the meeting of the state educational association in Minneapolis this week.

Miss Olive Stensberg came home from Chisholm, Minn., where she is teaching, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Taylor, of Kokomo, are enjoying a visit here with their son, H. S. Taylor, and family.

Miss Lillian Johnson left on Monday to spend her holiday vacation with relatives and friends in the latter part of the month.

Miss Ellen Paulk is home from Minneapolis for the holidays. She is a student at the state school of agriculture.

Mrs. W. G. Fritchette and children returned to Tracy Friday, after a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. DeReme.

The state university at St. Cloud Normal school students are enjoying the merry Christmas season at their respective homes.

Mrs. Fred Van Houten and daughter, Grace and Bebie, of Breckenridge, visited with Willmar relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Maxfield Lewis, of New Haven, Conn., is enjoying the holiday vacation with Willmar relatives. Maxfield is now a student at Yale college.

Ree R. Gould, special agent for the Central Life Assurance Society, went to Atwater last Friday to spend a few days in the interest of the company.

Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar L. Nelson are due from Gratton, N. D., and will return with their family Saturday.

Miss Emma Paulson, cashier at the office of State Agent Branton of the Central Life Assurance Society, spent Christmas with relatives at Cottonwood.

J. S. Malloy is spending the holidays at his old home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, for which place he left last Friday, accompanied by Joseph Herber, who will also visit there.

C. W. Jones came down from Kenmare, N. D., for the holidays.

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The Smalund Thrashing Co. held a business meeting at the home of John Wicklund last Thursday evening.

The schools all closed last Friday for two weeks' vacation during the holidays and the school ma'ams all left for their homes to spend their vacation.

George and Tina Enblom were in Willmar one day last week, the latter seeking medical aid.

Albert Isaacson was in Willmar on Thursday.

Mrs. Melander has been seriously ill for some time. Dr. Cassel was called last Friday and found her to be suffering with heart trouble.

Ed Hallstrom left on Monday for Red Wing, where he will spend the holidays with his parents.

Amie Anderson came up from Minneapolis last Saturday to spend Christmas at her home here.

Peter Burns and Mrs. Harris drove to Spicer last Saturday and will remain for a few days in the latter city.

Hilma Norman went to Atwater last Saturday for a few days' visit.

Edith Tait returned home from St. Cloud last Friday.

The creamery paid its patrons 34 cents a pound for butterfat for the month of November.

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Mrs. John H. Henjum is reported ill.

E. H. Hauge left for Grantsburg, Wis., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

CONCERT NEW YEAR'S EVE

University Students Will Entertain the People of Willmar and Vicinity Next Monday Evening.

The State University Glee and Mandolin clubs will take their annual trip during the second week of the Christmas vacation and Willmar has been selected as the first place where the clubs will appear in their entertainment.

The date is Monday evening, Dec. 31—New Years eve. That the boys will be greeted with a big house is an assured fact, as their concerts are always of a high order and the members of the clubs have many friends here who are either former students of the "U" or are friendly to the great educational institution which the clubs represent.

There are thirty-six young men in the clubs, all good musicians and thoroughly trained for concert work. Among them are two University students from this city, Maurice Jenness and Ludvig Dale.

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ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

The Fatal Despondency of Lake Lillian Citizen Throws a Sadness Over Christmas Season Here.

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Answers Death's Summons

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