



OPENING OF THE CITY SCHOOLS

Tribune Reporter Witnesses The Opening Exercises at the Central and High Buildings.

Spicer-on-Green-Lake, Sept. 7.—Mrs. Hans Kloster and little daughter Genevieve returned from Minneapolis Saturday, where they went two weeks ago to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kloster's brother, Jacob Bakke.

Miss Clara Orred of Spicer left on Saturday for a trip north for the sights of Duluth and Superior. She was accompanied by Miss Sophia Carlson of Willmar.

Mrs. Ole Lien of Willmar is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Jacobs of Spicer, for a few days. Christine Peterson is spending the week with her aunt and uncle at the Aug. Moller home west of Spicer.

Miss Dora Wilson of Spicer went to Willmar Saturday for a visit at the home of her brother, Geo. Wilson.

Mrs. Brekke of Sacred Heart, wife of Rev. Brekke, a former pastor of this place, and Mrs. Reckne, her sister from Chicago and little daughter, have been the guests of Jacob Kloster the past two weeks.

Robert Samuelson of Duluth is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Samuelson, at the Lake View House.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson and daughter Alice returned from the cities Monday, after having visited the state fair and also visited with relatives and friends in the cities.

Mrs. Chas. Gustafson and children returned to their home in Minneapolis Monday, after a two weeks' visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Isabelle Henderson, and sister, Mrs. Geo. Martin, east of Spicer.

David Holmberg called on friends in this vicinity from Saturday till Sunday. He has commenced a nine months term as principal of the semi-graded school of Svea, and is very much interested in the prospects of work to be done there this winter.

Miss Anna Olson left for Little Falls Friday, where she is engaged to teach for the second year in the public schools at that place. She was accompanied by her sister Rebecca, who will enter the high school there.

Henry Olson of Spicer left last Wednesday for Kenmare, N. D., where he will work for some time.

Rev. A. F. Sæstrand started a confirmation class at the Swedish Lutheran church of Spicer last Monday. Five members were enrolled in the class and more are expected to enter.

School commences on Tuesday of this week in Dist. No. 23, with Miss Ella C. Johnson of Tyler, Minn., as teacher. It is hoped that the parents of the district will endeavor to send their children from the start as regularly as possible, as only then can satisfactory work be accomplished and interest maintained by teacher and pupils.

Mrs. Joseph Anderson and little son Wesley, of Minneapolis, arrived at Spicer last Wednesday to visit with her mother, Mrs. Chas. Thompson, for some time.

Eben E. Lawson and Esther Lawson returned to Willmar and New London respectively last Friday, after having issued last number of the Green Lake Breeze. Miss Jennie Knudson, sister of the late editor, has now taken charge of the office and intends to continue the publishing of the paper in her brother's stead.

The program given by the Y. P. S. of the Swedish Saron church of Spicer Monday evening was good and merited a larger attendance than it received.

The J. Nordren and G. Hultberg families are enjoying the visit of Kansas relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Burtz from near the city of Minneapolis at this state.

Miss Stella Holt of Spicer left last Friday for St. Cloud, where she will attend the Normal school this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gallagher intend to leave the first of the week for Spokane, Wash., where they will visit for some time with their sons Hugh and Roger. While out there, Mr. Gallagher will also go to Fairfield and endeavor to find out what has become of his elder brother Hugh, from whom he has not heard anything for a number of years.

Monday was labor day, and it marked the beginning of this year's labor for 844 pupils in our public schools. Promptly at five minutes before nine o'clock John Thunsteht, the faithful janitor, started to ring the "last bell," and within 15 minutes every room was filled with "anxious, eager faces," all ready to get their assignments and go to work. The enrollment was the heaviest at the High school and the old Central buildings and a number of transfers had to be made on account of a lack of room.

The Tribune reporter had the pleasure of visiting several of the rooms at the Central and High school building. In the first grade Miss Inez Parker was busy giving the new beginners their first simple lessons, including the humming of "America." It was a treat to watch the class. There were little fellows with "sure 'nough" clean faces, some with curly hair and red bows, others with red hair and curly bows, and there were their little sweethearts-to-be in a most bewildering array of starched and stiffened calico and gingham and yards of the pinkest, bluest and whitest ribbons you ever saw. In short, it was just like it used to be when we inherited our brother's slate and oilcloth picture book and started off to put pins in teacher's chair.

From first, the reporter moved across the hall to visit the second and third grade room, in charge of Miss Frank. Here every seat was taken within a few minutes and a number of young ladies and gentlemen were called upon to share their seats with late comers. At roll call there were no less than 62 present.

When asked by Miss Frank if they remembered any songs from last year, most of them shook their heads, but when she started to sing "Father, we thank Thee for the night, and for the pleasant morning light," there was a hearty response at once.

In the assembly room the high school students gathered for the opening exercises, after which they repaired to the various classrooms to have their work assigned. Prof. Tonning in a short address of welcome expressed the hope that they would all show their appreciation of their opportunities and the exceptionally fine conditions under which they are privileged to study, by doing good and persistent work. The number of students enrolled was 143, exceeding the total number of pupils last year by one. The first day's total enrollment almost equaled that at the end of the first month last year, which was 880.

The total for last year was 951, and it is confidently expected that this figure will pass the 1000 mark this coming year.

It might not be out of the way to compare the records of our public schools with the averages compiled by the national educational authorities. From these it is known that thruout the United States an average of 50 per cent of the pupils drop out between first and fifth grade, while in Willmar the percentage is only 15. Likewise, whereas the U. S. records show that 90 per cent drop out between first grade and the high school, in the local schools only about 40 per cent drop out; and finally, whereas only one per cent graduates thruout the U. S., 25 per cent graduate from the local high school. This is a remarkable showing and one of which Willmar taxpayers as well as the teachers in charge can justly feel proud of.

The Misses Jorgenson enjoyed a visit last week from Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Smith and daughter Brownie, of Dell Rapids, S. D., and Miss Myrtle Johnson of Dwight, N. D.

Adolph Kiland went to Dazy, N. D., Sunday evening, where he will be employed in the Dazy co-operative store.

Mrs. A. P. W. Stanford enjoyed a couple of days' outing and hunting around Green lake last week.

Martin T. Olson arrived here last week from Minneapolis for a visit at his home before returning to Driscoll, N. D.

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Norway Lake, Sept. 7.—School opened today in Dist. 69 with Miss Edith Parsons at the helm.

Let the office seek the man, and not the man the office, is a wise, good saying. If that can be applied to anybody it certainly can be applied to Gov. John A. Johnson.

School opens today in Dist. 25 with Miss Florence Lawler as teacher for the second term.

Services were conducted in the Hauge church last Sunday by K. T. Rykken.

Hakon Nelson, O. A. Boe, Casper Engen, Magny Halvorson, C. A. Syverson, J. S. Christenson, C. A. Syverson and yet scribble were among the state fair attendants. C. A. Syverson had but one on exhibition at the fair and J. S. Christenson was exhibiting a wild pea cleaner, his own patent.

Leonard Rusted made a brief trip to Penock last Monday.

J. F. Holmdal is displaying a brand new carriage.

Last Sunday morning bright and early, while returning from the state fair, J. S. Christenson, C. A. Syverson and yet scribble were parading the streets of Willmar working on the conundrum how to get home. The puzzle was soon solved and we were carefully stowed into a cozy place, left to the mercy of the driver of Halvorson's Queen with but a faint idea of the effect of the first ride over the road in an automobile. In experienced as we were, we looked for a fine ride, but it was not long till we looked for a chance to get our hands clutched fast to anything available. Taking a glance at the situation, I could see Syverson displaying a coat tail like a monster turkey over a piece of red flannel, and with a peculiar expression on his features like a go-to-church face, while inventor Christenson was in full motion in a peculiar way of pounding a beefsteak on the sides and the ends (steak likely applied for), and yet scribble had his thoughts concentrated and set on his new hat, which was secured to his head by the aid of two good hands, all trying to get an occasional chance to breathe enough to keep life going.

At the first chance, and at the time the conductor was to collect the fares, a reorganization took place, when we congratulated each other upon our safe arrival, having made the trip from Willmar to Norway Lake in 40 minutes.

The colored singers and speakers booked for the East Norway Lake church last Monday evening arrived at schedule time very promptly in the care of F. F. Nelson in his automobile. Their singing and speeches on the burning question of the day, the prohibition question, were eagerly listened to by a fair audience. A collection was taken up, after which the party again left for Willmar.

It happens so often to the majority of us that on account of wrangling and party lines we lose the courage and ambition and interest in the temperance work. We must consider the children and young folks who are to make up the coming generation. To make our young people a worthy nation under the protection of the stars and stripes, fighting manfully for the maintenance of our star spangled banner, we must not get tired in our aim and work for the temperance cause. For the cause of the child, every father and mother must eagerly take hold of the good cause of temperance. The temperance work is the child's fortification against drunkenness, idleness and the vagabondism of the city slums.

We are indebted to the Tribune editor for a bunch of fine postal cards. Anyone wanting to advertise our home county by the use of cards should look over the fine supply at the Tribune office and select his choice.

I. C. Tollefson arrived here Saturday evening from Story county, Iowa, with three land buyers, Jas. J. Johnson, R. Reiersen and W. L. Zunwald.

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WILLMAR FAIR ON NEXT WEEK

Willmar's Big Event Opens Next Wednesday. Brief Notes of Features of the Fair

The Willmar Street Fair will open next Wednesday. Exhibits will be received and arranged on that day. Let everybody bring the best of what they have produced to compete for the prizes. Remember that every exhibit adds that much to the success of the fair.

Every business man who has any special to show should secure space on the street to make the exhibit. Very likely enough booths cannot be provided this year, but if application is made in time space can be secured on the street and some arrangement be made for shelter. Local exhibits should be arranged as early as possible.

Let everybody decorate their business buildings and residences for the fair. A general decoration of the city will add to the festiveness of the occasion.

The fair management wishes us to announce that no small confetti will be permitted to be used in the evening carnival. Large sized confetti may be used. Innocent fun will not be interfered with, but boisterous and rough play will not be tolerated.

The livery men have been interviewed and have agreed that the charge for stabling will in no case exceed fifty cents for a team per day during the street fair.

A program of sports will be carried out each day of the fair. There will be foot races, three-legged races, handicap races, sack races, and a number of mirth-provoking contests. One feature which it is believed will interest many will be a series of baseball games on one of the city's squares.

Nobody should miss the big parade on Thursday. Printed programs of the same will be distributed. The following cash prizes will be awarded:

For the best general purpose farm team appearing in the parade first prize, \$5.00; second prize, \$3.00.

For the best farm carriage turnout, team, harness and vehicle considered—first prize, \$5.00; second prize, \$3.00.

For largest family from the country, parents and children, appearing in parade—prize, \$5.00.

For largest load of Kandiyohi county girls, above 15 years of age, appearing in parade—first prize, \$3.00; second prize, \$2.00.

For the most comical rig in the parade—first prize, \$5.00; second prize, \$3.00.

The evening programs of the Street Fair will include some colored fire tableaux. The program of these will be announced in printed bulletins. The tableaux will on one evening include the coronation of the Carnival Queen.

The Willmar Band, the Maynard Band and the band carried by the "Two Merry Tramps" theatrical troupe will furnish music during the fair.

There will be eight good free street attractions that will be seen twice daily, afternoon and evenings. They include the following: The Whirling Huffmans on the Bicycle Whirl. A clever and high-priced attraction.

The High Dive. La Belle Sisters—Aerial Acrobats and trapeze performers.

Jumping the Gap on Bicycle—a daring feat.

Comedy Clowns in aerial acrobatic feats.

The Great Mexican Acrobat, Signor Frisco.

Comedy Contortion Acts.

Prof. Hanson, the Swedish Sampson, will perform his feats of strength, such as driving big spikes thru planks with his fist, bending iron rods and horse shoes, lifting heavy weights, and many other marvelous acts of strength.

The pay street attractions will include a fine merry-go-round, a Ferris wheel, and a number of tent shows.

The race for Carnival Queen is getting warmer every day, and from now on to the close it will be a pretty race well worth watching. There have been several surprises since the beginning of the contest and there is apt to be some more before it is thru. Miss Amanda Larson was the most active candidate during the past week. From

Thursday to Friday she gained no less than 1055 votes, and yesterday she gained 675 more. This makes her total even 2600 and gives her first place at present, with Ella Hedlin a close second with 2505, and Ruby Parkins right up close with 2375 votes. The rest of the candidates have either not worked very hard or are holding back till the very last days of the contest. As yet the outcome is by no means certain. There are lots of chances for new ones yet if they will only announce themselves and get out and hustle. We look for some great doings during the next few days. The standing of the rest of the candidates are as follows:

Nellie Person, 585
Marion Minton, 530
Daisy Sanderson, 485
Amy Fridlund, 485
Barbara Williams, 475
Jennie Erickson, 5.

The exact time for the closing of the contest will be announced in our next issue.

J. F. Branton, State Agent of the Central Life Assurance Society, makes an offer of a cash prize to Street Fair visitors in another column, to which we call the attention of our readers.

The city electric plant expects to have a day current for use of patrons shortly, and will have an exhibit on the fair street showing the possibilities of the current for domestic purposes. Ironing, cooking, etc., can be done without the annoyance of a fire. Also the possibilities of the current for small power purposes. This exhibit will prove an interesting one.

OBSEQUIES AT SPICER

Funeral of the Lamented Editor Who Met Tragic Death By Drowning at Green Lake.

The funeral of late Editor Knudson took place Tuesday afternoon in the Chautauqua Auditorium and was in charge of the Modern Woodmen society and was one of the largest gatherings of its kind ever held here. Rev. Horatio Gates of Willmar read the service. The Episcopal choir of New London, assisted by Mesdames Findley and Kucheman and Mr. Newmann, of Spicer, rendered songs for the occasion. The front of the big auditorium had been very beautifully decorated with flowers and potted plants. On a large bank of green were placed the words "At Rest."

Prinsburg, Sept. 8.—Albert Borsma was among those on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bosch are enjoying a visit from the latter's mother, Mrs. Ledebor from Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Burgraaf leave this week for a visit with the former's aged parents, who live at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Johan Roelofs from Greenleafton, this state, who spent a week with his brothers and other relatives here, has returned home.

It is reported that George Huisinga has given up farm work and expects to leave soon for some southern point to preach to the negroes.

H. J. Roelofs and family spent Sunday evening in Roseland as guests at the home of Mrs. Roelof's brothre, W. Damhof.

We expect to see Holland township well represented at the annual street fair in Willmar next week. When a place does its best to entertain its visitors, as Willmar attempts to do next week, it should be rewarded with large crowds each day of the fair.

Klaas Vischer has rented the Abe Bouwma farm three miles northeast of Prinsburg. Ben Wieberdink and family, who now occupy the place, expect to leave early this fall for Denver, Colorado, with the view of benefitting Mrs. Wieberdink's health.

Miss Ruth Roelofs returned home Sunday, after spending a few days in Raymond with Miss Gertrude Rutink.

Some of our ladies will very likely attend the opening of fall millinery at Raymond Thursday.

Sia Van Horn, who has been working at the Henry Bruggers place all summer, went to work for Nanko Vos in Roseland township Monday.

Mrs. Henry Bruggers, whose health has been poor all summer, expects to go to Willmar this week to seek medical aid at one of the hospitals there.

W. Talen and family, of Raymond, visited at the John Van Dalen place here Sunday evening.

The meetings held here in a large tent are reported to be well attended and several converts have been made.

Quite a good deal of grain is being hauled to market, as prices are high and roads are good.

Conrad Feig Meets Accident.

Conrad Feig, the aged and well-known resident of Harrison, met with an accident last Saturday evening while taking some colts out of the barn to water. He in some manner lost his balance and fell at the door entrance, striking his side so forcibly that it is feared he is seriously injured internally. He is receiving the best of attention from physicians, and it is hoped that he will be able to survive the injuries.—Atwater Republican Press.

Charles Krage returned to Minneapolis Wednesday after a week's visit at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ackerman. Misses Rosie and Lydia Krage, who had also been guests at the Ackerman home, returned on the same day to St. Cloud.

PROUSE-LARSON

A Wedding in Which a Prominent Willmar Young Man is the Bridegroom.

The marriage of Miss Alice Kathryn Prouse and Mr. Fred A. Larson, formerly of this city but now assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Towner, N. D., was quietly solemnized last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Prouse, in Minneapolis. Rev. Horatio Gates of this city read the full Episcopal service in the presence of a group of relatives and near friends. Miss Eva G. Marsh played the Lohengrin chorus as the bridal party entered the room. Palms, ferns and flowers formed an attractive decoration. The matron of honor was Miss Mary Perkins, Miss Lulu Crozier was bridesmaid, and Mildred Prouse flower girl. The bride wore white silk, enriched with lace, and carried bridal roses.

The service was followed by a reception, after which Mr. and Mrs. Larson left for Syracuse, N. Y., and other eastern points for to spend their honeymoon. They will be at home after Nov. 1, when the residence now being built by Mr. Larson will be completed.

Among those who attended the wedding from out of town, besides the parents of the groom, were Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Tallman and family, and Jacob Nelson of Upham, N. D.

Fred Larson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson. He was born here and made this city his home until three years ago, when he moved to Towner to go into the banking business. He has a host of friends here, all of whom extend to him and the lady of his choice many wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.



Sept. 7.—School opened today. The school sang three verses of "America," after which enrollment slips were given out, and the pupils marched to classroom and lessons were assigned for Tuesday.

The following is the arrangement of work for the different teachers: Supt. Tanning, American and Modern history; Miss Kingston, English; Miss Lange, Science; Miss Dunn, Latin course and German I; Miss Cantieny, English IV, Ancient history B, German II, and music; Miss Jenness, Mathematics. Miss Dunn of Northfield and Miss Cantieny of Minneapolis are the only new High school teachers.

Enrollment of the first day was 144; second day, 151, and many new students are expected.

A couple of rows of new seats will be put in the back of the room later in the week.

A welcome addition to the sophomore and Junior classes was made by the attendance of Florence Benson and Ada Jorris.

Ella Odell returned home from Minneapolis and commenced her duties here on Tuesday morning.

Gothard Lindholm, who formerly attended this school, returned to complete his course here.

A number of the ex-Seniors visited school Monday morning.

The present class of Seniors is composed of the following student: LeRoy Cramer, Elsie Hoglund, Marguerite Young, Lillie Johnson, Frank Palm, Charles Adams, Sadie Barrett, John Styles, Jacob Forlen, Fred Smith, Nellie Rasmussen, Caroline Hodgson, Anna Mittvet, Mabel McKenzie, Gustaf Thunsteht, Harold Nelson, Oswald Graungard, Hattie Selvig, Esther Johnson, Hazel Lien, Hattie Jacobson.

Miss Ellen Johnson returned to her home in Lake Lillian last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bangtson and Mrs. C. A. Bangtson visited at M. Anson's place last Monday.

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The coffee social at Jens Olson's place last Sunday was well attended.

Miss Emma Eastlund returned to her home in Roseland last Sunday, after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson.

The Freeberg young folks entertained a number of their friends last Saturday evening. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Rev. J. O. Lundberg returned home from Herman last Wednesday.

Born, on Monday, Sept. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Johnson of Lake Lillian, a boy. Mrs. Johnson was formerly a Svea girl. Congratulations. Creole Belle.

Sent To The Hospital.

Edward Johnson of Whitefield was declared insane in probate court last Wednesday and on the following day was taken to Fergus Falls by Sheriff Bond. He has been ailing more or less during the past four years, but as the mental disease seemed to grow worse it was finally decided that he be sent to the hospital for treatment. The drangement manifests itself by loud and demonstrative conversation, also by a fear of speeters which he claimed hovered about him at night to disturb him. It is thought that a course of treatment will eventually restore him to a normal condition of mind. Mr. Johnson was born in Sweden, is 61 years old, and has been a resident of the county for 26 years.

That Willmar also furnishes teachers for places outside of the county a glance at the following list will prove. Emma Nelson is teaching in Traverse and Edith Hultgren in Chippewa county; Alice Berkness is in Osakis and her sister Cora with Ellen Feig in Dawson; Ella Lorentzen and Laura Jullien are both at Buhl in the northern part of the state; Elsie Roberts has gone to Aitkin; Hannah Johnson will be found at Morris, Lydia Wolberg at Breckenridge, Olga Wolberg at Rei Id, N. D., Birdie Somerville near Granite Falls, and Lillie Korthe at Fergus Falls; Hedvig Lindholm returns to Stewart and her sister Edith to Hutchinson, and Georgia Madison will be at Foley.

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