

MAYOR E. C. WELLIN PRESENTED WITH LOVING CUP

Banquet of Commercial Club an Enjoyable Affair, Good Spread, Music and Eloquence. The annual banquet of the Willmar Commercial Club last Wednesday evening was a very happy affair. The attendance was larger than expected and extra tables had to be provided in addition to the one hundred plates laid...

LAURITZ S. SWENSON SPEAKS TUES. NIGHT

Luther College Club Holds Annual Meeting and Banquet at Willmar.

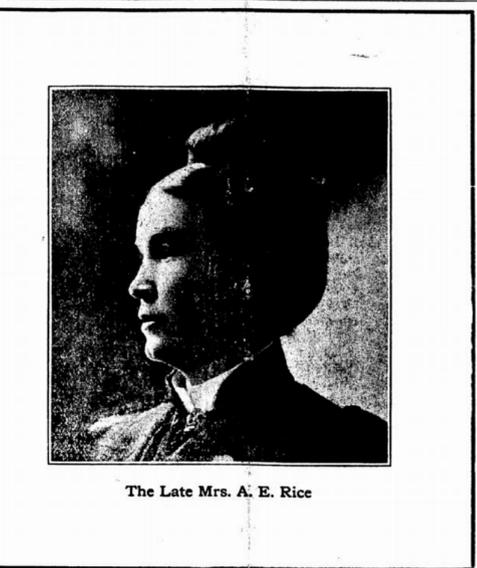
The Hon. Lauritz S. Swenson, former U. S. minister to Norway, will make an address at the meeting of the Central Minnesota Luther College Club to be held at Willmar next Tuesday, Feb. 24. Mr. Swenson will speak at a public program to be given at the Seminary beginning at 7:30 o'clock...

OBITUARY MRS. LARSINA LETTIE

Mrs. Larsina Lettite, wife of Johannes Lettite, one of the early settlers of Burbank township died at her home 8 miles north of New London on the seventh of this month. She was well until the day before her death, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis, surviving the same only 22 hours.

The deceased was born in Haugeund, Norway, 71 years ago, and arrived from the old country in the days of the early settlement, locating with her husband on a homestead in the Township of Burbank, where they have resided ever since. The deceased leaves to mourn her death, husband and nine children—four sons—Thorleif Lettite of Colfax, Bendick and John Lettite of Benson and Charles Lettite of Morris; five daughters—Mrs. P. A. Andreen of Green Lake, Mrs. Albert Frankenberg of Lake Itasca, Mrs. Henry Teigeland and Mrs. Ole Kraebel of Alida, and Mrs. John Severide who lives on the old homestead. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Teigeland. The deceased leaves one brother and three sisters who reside in Norway and one sister in Canada. The obsequies took place Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Crow River church, Rev. T. O. Toilo officiating. The pall bearers were T. Z. Newgard, T. S. Thompson, Stephen Olson, O. A. Olson, J. C. Saboe and Mr. Quam.

The funeral was held Tuesday, services were held at the home at one o'clock p. m., and later at the Crow River church, Rev. T. O. Toilo conducted the last rites. The remains were interred in the Crow River church cemetery—New London Times.



The Late Mrs. A. E. Rice

WILLMAR MOURNS DEATH OF ILLUSTRIOUS WOMAN CHARACTER

MRS. SOPHIA L. RICE.

Mrs. Sophia L. Rice, wife of our distinguished citizen, Hon. A. E. Rice, passed away from the scenes of this world at the Rice mansion on Third street last Thursday morning, Feb. 12, at the age of sixty years and 12 days, cause of death being anemial. Mrs. Rice had not been well for several years. She has been critically ill several times, but her strong power of mind held the malady at bay and she would partially recover at times. Her death came as a shock to the people of city and county, for no other woman in the county has become so well known to the people as she, thru an active participation in educational and cultural circles for a period of forty years. And in the pall of sadness which her death cast over the hearts of many friends is a deep feeling of sympathy for the lonely life companion whose true help-meeting and comrade she has been during all these years. The only son, Capt. Cushman A. Rice, was not at home. Since retiring from the army service, he has made his residence at Cambridge, Cuba. It seems that about the first of the year he joined a party that went on a prospecting and hunting trip into the mountainous parts of Cuba, and since that time he has been out of touch by mail or wire. Letters to his mother have come at stated intervals, one arriving two days after her death, but all messages and letters sent to him have remained uncalled for and have failed to reach him. When the final summons came to the mother, messengers were employed to penetrate the wilds of Cuba and attempt to bring the sad news to Capt. Rice, but up to this time he has not been heard from.

Biography

Mrs. Sophia Lavinia Rice was born at Brattfors, Värmland, Sweden, Jan. 31, 1854. She was the daughter of Nils and Maria Beutland. When Mrs. Rice was a girl of ten years the family emigrated to America, first locating at Rock Island, Ill. In a few years, however, the Brattlunds concluded to come to the Minnesota territory and join the flourishing settlement of pioneers within the present boundaries of Kandiyohi county who came from the picturesque province of Värmland, Sweden. The father staked out his homestead claim in the present township of Lake Andrew in what is now the farm home of Martin Reiersen, in Sec. 20. The girl, Sophia, had made the most of her opportunities to attend school in Illinois. Soon after arriving to Minnesota she attended the State Normal School at Winona, from which institution she graduated in one year. She returned to this county to teach, and held the second first-grade certificate issued in the county. She first taught in the old Syverson schoolhouse in Dist. No. 25 of Monongalia county, and then in Dist. No. 16, the Ralston schoolhouse. In 1874 she came to Willmar and taught in the village school, becoming its superintendent. In January of 1877, she married Hon. A. E. Rice, then state senator from this county. On March 15, 1878, the only son, Cushman, was born. Mrs. Rice's duties as wife and mother, however, did not cause her to relinquish her interest in the public welfare.

Educational Activities.

She served on the Board of Examiners for the Willmar schools from 1879 to 1884, when she was elected as a member of the Board of Education and served as its clerk from 1884 to 1899, a term of fifteen years. She was for years the president of the oldest literary society of the city and served as secretary of the Woman's Improvement League which did much to bring about sentiment for the beautifying of the city. In 1903, when the public library was established, she was appointed member of the governing body of that institution and took an active interest in the management of the same. She continued as secretary of the Library Board until her death. She was treasurer of the local Red Cross society. She followed the work of her husband in public life as senator, lieutenant governor, and member of the Board of Regents of the State University with the most lively interest, and was ever his true confidante and counselor until the last. As a girl Mrs. Rice was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by Rev. Erik Hedeon and became a member of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana church. On coming to Willmar, there being no church of that denomination at Willmar at that time, she attended the Episcopal church and became active in the work of the same. Surviving Relatives. Besides her husband and son, the deceased leaves to mourn her death two sisters and her husbands, Mrs. C. C. Selvig, and Mrs. John Olson of this city, one brother-in-law, John Beckstrom of Oakland, Neb.; a number of nephews and nieces—Rev. Adolph Holt of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. (Rev.) S. E. Peterson of Minnesota College, Minnesota; Mr. Paul Holt and Lydia Holt of Rock Island; Atty. David Beckstrom, county attorney of a county in Kansas; Atty. Warren Beckstrom of Chicago; Walter Selvig of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Victor Vicksstrom, Duluth; Adolph Olson of Virginia, Minn.; Robert, Myrtle and Cecilia Olson and Edwin, Victor and Albert Selvig of this city; and one brother-in-law, Mr. Olof Holt of Rock Island, Ill. The obsequies. The funeral occurred last Monday. Services were held at the late residence at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. W. E. Pearson, of the Bethel Lutheran church. Rev. Pearson sang "Nearer My God to Thee," led in prayer, read the 130th Psalm and used that as the subject for a brief discourse. He spoke of the life of the departed and addressed words of comfort to the mourners. The funeral cortege then proceeded to St. Luke's Episcopal church, where the impressive funeral ritual and lesson was read by Rev. E. R. Todd, the rector. The vested choir sang several selections and Miss Esther Larsen sang, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." At the close of the service, a chance was given to view the earthly remains of the departed and several hundred people passed silently by the bier and cast a last look at the well-known features. The cortege left the church for Fairview cemetery, where the casket was placed in the receiving vault. The active pallbearers were six G. A. R. comrades of Gov. Rice—M. D. Manning, A. H. Sperry, E. M. Stanford, J. B. Boyd, W. E. Roberts and John Costello. The honorary pallbearers were Mr. C. Hennings, of the G. A. R. Post, and Messrs. L. O. Thorpe, Alton Crosby, Chas. Johnson, C. B. Carlson and S. B. Qvale, members of the Public Library Board. The floral offerings were most profuse and beautiful. There were no less than forty different pieces. The offering sent by the members of the Board of Regents of the U. of M. alone sufficed to cover the casket. Hand-some pieces were also there from the Red Cross society, The Housekeeper's Club, the Library Board, the Ladies' Guild, Mt. Nebo Chapter No. 63, the Baptist church, Col. Heg Post G. A. R., Monday Afternoon Club and the B. P. O. E. The remainder were contributed by relatives and friends of the departed. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mrs. F. E. Peterson of Minneapolis and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hornbeck of Superior. Wis. Mrs. Hornbeck was a very close friend of the deceased. Mayor E. C. Wellin of the City of Willmar issued a proclamation reading as follows: The City in Mourning. Mrs. A. E. Rice passed away at her home in this city in the morning of February 12th, 1914. On that day she was

TRI-STATE OPERATORS HAVE A SOCIAL SESSION

Telephone Girls Are Given a Good Time at Willmar Last Friday. Misses Esther Sorenson and Juliet Sigvald of the local Tri-State office, acting for the Tri-State Company, were the hostesses to the telephone operators of the system in this part of the state last Friday. The visitors were first taken to the Company's offices in the Carlson building. A sleighride was then taken around the city, to the State Hospital and back over the lakes. A five-course dinner was served by Mrs. J. W. Kent. Baskets of pink carnations decorated the table, with a nicely decorated cake as centerpiece. Ferns, place-cards, red hearts and arrows were tastefully arranged on the table. The evening was spent at the Opera House, enjoying the play, "Alias Jimmy Valentine." The party disbanded and the operators returned home on the night trains, expressing themselves as much pleased with their entertainment. The operators at New London, Spicer, Belgrade, Grove City, Atwater and De Graff were unable to come and missed a good time. Those present were Miss Thilla Sloan of Maynard; Miss Mathilda Hendrickson, Kerkhoven; Miss Mary Knutson, Benson; Mrs. Driscoll and daughter, Marie, Murdoch; Miss Gada Wikre, Kandiyohi; Mrs. J. E. Hitch, Svea; Miss Hildred Abrahamson, Raymond; Miss Bessie Meyeing, Clara City; Misses Susie and Grace Mork, Bessie Tvedt, of Granite Falls.

NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM IN G. N. ROUNDHOUSE

Complete Equipment of Tungsten Lights Illuminate Places Where Night Crews Work. The Great Northern roundhouse, machine shop and coal shed have been equipped with the latest style of electric light reflectors. All old drop lights and open wiring has been torn out and iron pipe conductors carry all the wires. The new lamps are placed on the walls and light is reflected to all parts of the roundhouse and places where they are installed. Four lights reflect good light on the turntable. The machine shop has large white reflectors with four large tungsten lamps in each which give great light. The improvement has been installed by Tom Jackson and crew of electricians from St. Paul, and the new lights were turned on Feb. 6 for the first time, and are much appreciated by the night crew. An improvement recently made by direction of the State Labor Commission is a large skylight in the shop which gives workmen more light and fresh air. A gasoline engine tractor has been installed on the turntable in place of the old air tractor.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The following amendment to Section 98 of the Charter of the City of Willmar, Minnesota, has been proposed and presented to the Mayor and City Council of the Said City by the Board of Freeholders of the Said City and will be submitted to the Voters of said City for Ratification at the Annual Charter Election of said City to be held on Tuesday, the 7th Day of April, A. D. 1914. HANS GUNDERSON, City Clerk.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT. We propose that Section Ninety-eight (98) of the said Charter of the said City, being the last and final Section of Chapter Five (V.) of said Charter, providing for the collection of poll tax, be repealed. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to abolish the levying and collection of poll tax within the City of Willmar. The following amendment to Section 180 of the Charter of the City of Willmar, Minnesota, has been proposed and presented to the Mayor and City Council of the said City by the Board of Freeholders of the said City and will be submitted to the Voters of said City for Ratification at the Annual Charter Election of said City to be held on Tuesday, the 7th Day of April, A. D. 1914. HANS GUNDERSON, City Clerk.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT. We propose that Section One Hundred Eighty (180) of the said Charter of the said City be amended to read as follows: "Contract and Assessment." "Section 180—When the Council shall authorize any improvement described in section 175 of this charter it shall cause the work described in said order to be let and done by contract, as in this charter provided, or for good cause shown and where it appears that a saving can be effected, the Council may, upon a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all the members thereof, purchase the materials or commodities necessary in open market or provide that the work necessary be done by day labor. Upon the making of such order and the letting of such contract, or upon the determination to purchase materials or commodities in open market or to have the work done by day labor, the Council shall thereupon, or at a subsequent meeting, appoint three commissioners, who shall have the same qualifications, powers and qualify in the same manner and perform the same duties, so

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CANTATA WILL BE GIVEN NEXT MONDAY

Program for the Sacred Musical Event to be Given at Synod Church.

The Sacred Cantata, "Bethany," will be given next Monday evening, Feb. 23, at 8:15 at the Synod church. Admission will be 35 and 25 cents. The text is written by Wm. ApMadoc and the music by W. Rhys-Herbert. Miss Evelyn Grindelund of the music department of the Willmar Seminary is the director. The accompaniment on the pipe organ will be played by Miss Leonora Boyd. The chorus consists of 45 members, and the soloists are: Miss Alma Shirley, soprano; Miss Sofia Tallakson, alto; Mr. Ingolf Grindelund, tenor; Mr. Oscar Jerdee, bass.

- PROGRAM. Part One. 1. Introduction.....Instrumental Processional (Chorus)..... "From Jerusalem Descending" 2. Solo (Martha)..... "On the Evening Air" Chorus..... "O Bethany" Chorus..... "Marching in the Inspiration" 3. Duet (Mary and Lazarus)..... "The Door of This Poor Home" 4. Recitative and Aria (Mary)..... "Thou Art the Light of the World" 5. Chorus (Male)..... "The Lord is My Shepherd" "My Sheep, They Hear My Voice." Chorus (Male)..... "It is of the Lord's Mercy" Recitative (Jesus)..... "Under the Starlit Sky" 7. Quartet, "We Hear His Voice" 8. Chorus..... "The Kingdom of God" Part Two. 9. Introduction.....Instrumental 10. Recitative (Messenger)..... "Master! From Bethany in Haste." Recitative (Jesus)..... "The Sickness is not Unto Death." Chorus..... "Master! The Jews of Late" Recitative (Jesus)..... "If any Man Walk in the Day" 11. Interlude.....Instrumental 12. Duet (Mary and Martha)..... "If Jesus, Lord of Comfort" 13. Chorus..... "Darkness and Sorrow" 14. Solo (Martha)..... "Lord! If Thou Hadst Been Here." Recitative (Jesus)..... "Thy Brother Shall Rise Again" Solo (Martha)..... "I Know That He Shall Rise Again." Solo (Jesus)..... "I am the Resurrection" Chorus..... "Thou Art the Son of God." 15. Recitative (Jesus)..... "Where Have Ye Laid Him?" Solo (Mary)..... "Lord! If Thou Hadst Been Here" Recitative (Jesus)..... "In the Depths of Human Sorrow." Chorus (Male)..... "Jesus Weeps, O Tender Hearted" Solo (Jesus)..... "Life and Love! O God Eternal." Recitative (Jesus)..... "Take Away the Stone" Solo (Jesus)..... "Father I Thank Thee" Chorus..... "O Life Divine" 16. Solo (Lazarus)..... "The Voice of Love" 17. Solo (Jesus)..... "My Hour, It Draweth Nigh" 18. Chorus, Quartet and Soprano Solo "The Everlasting Song." Bethel Church Welcomes Members. Last Sunday morning the Lutheran Bethel church had the pleasure of welcoming another installment of new members, twenty communicants and five children, most of whom were received by letter, and a large number of members visited the Lord's supper. The church has now 280 communicants who contribute to the support of the church. Those received last Sunday are the following: Emanuel Monson, wife and son. J. P. Larson. Elele Larson. John W. Larson. Elmer J. Larson. Rudolph E. Larson. Florence Larson. Eben E. Lawson. Minnie L. Lawson. Ida M. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jacobson. Edith Christine and Pearl Eugenia Jacobson. Esther E. Hagstrom. John Peterson. Emily G. Peterson. Edward C. Peterson. Myrtle A. Peterson. Minnie M. Peterson. John Adolf Peterson. Fridolph E. Peterson. Bertson A. Peterson. John Berentson Horve.

A farewell party was given Miss Myrtle Lindstrum at the Industrial building of the high school last Friday evening by the members of the Senior class. Toasts were given by both teachers and classmates.

PLAY AT SEMINARY

Oseco Literary Society Will Present "Scarlet Arrow."

The Oseco Literary Society of the Willmar Seminary will present its annual play on Thursday of Minnesota, Feb. 28th. Admission: Reserved seats, 35c, general admission 25c. The play selected this year is "Scarlet Arrow," written by members of the class of 1910 at the University of Minnesota. CAST OF CHARACTERS: Gray Eagle, Medicine Man of the Chippewas.....Lawrence Nelson Red Thunder, Chief.....Arthur Kloster Scarlet Arrow, Swift of Foot..... Maurice Henderson Wood Dove.....Beatrice Babcock Steve Trent, Captain of Minnesota Track Team.....Albert Nordstrom Murry McTaggart, his friend and roommate.....Roy Johnson Jay Morton, a rival of Steve..... Joseph Olson Fred Irving, Jay's close friend..... Bob Elmond Nelson Bill..... Oscar Johnson Morton Pratt, Parnell's star runner..... Roy Christian Miss Dorothy.....Lawrence Nelson Parnell Coach.....Russel Curran Constance Norwood.....Edith Estrem Anita Knowlton.....Sarah Olson Lolita Littleby.....Mabel Magnuson Kate Shannon.....Alma Svertson Indians and students of U. of M. SYNOPSIS. Prolog: Scene, Banks of the Mississippi, present site of Minneapolis. Time: 150 years ago. Indian camp fire scene. Gray Eagle has a message. Scarlet Arrow drinks Gray Eagle's potion and falls into a 150 year sleep. Wood Dove also drinks. Act. I. Scene, Campus of University of Minnesota. Time: Present. Opening day at University. Students returning. Excitement about coming race with Parnell. Scarlet Arrow introduced and registered. "Morton Pratt has registered at Parnell." Gloom. Act. II. Scene: Minnesota Daily office. Day before race with Parnell. Murry in trouble with Anita as usual. Steve decides to run. Act. III. Scene: Race track. Day of race. Murry excited. The runners prepare to run. Steve decides to run instead of Jay. The race. Scarlet Arrow wins. Scarlet Arrow finds Wood Dove again. Tableau. The Oseco Society will give its annual banquet on Friday evening, February 27th.

Eastern Star Social

The members of the Eastern Star Lodge and their families will give a social and ten cent coffee at the Odd Fellows Hall, Friday afternoon, February 20th, at 2:30 o'clock. Each member may bring a friend if they wish. Attorney Larsen Marries. Announcements have been received of the marriage of Atty. E. J. Larsen and Mrs. Emilie Muller Eggen, which took place Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Lyle, Minn. They will be at home at Virginia, Minn., after Mar. 15. We congratulate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichols of Minneapolis spent Sunday visiting at the homes of Messrs. B. Y. McNairy and C. A. Nichols of this city.

Entertainers Book Club.

Last Thursday afternoon the Book Club was most delightfully entertained by Miss Gertrude Palm at her home on Tenth street. Miss Palm turned the meeting into a Lincoln party, and after the regular meeting served a very dainty buffet luncheon. The dining room was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and on the table was a centerpiece of the national colors draped about a bust of Lincoln. Streamers running from the lights to the table corners, completed the decorations.

Funeral of Babe.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hoagberg, Robert Cyrus, died on Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held at the home on west Campbell avenue Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Gade of the Presbyterian church. The parents have the sympathy of many friends in their grief for their firstborn.

Lutheran Free Church Musical

The Young People's Society of the Lutheran Free church will give a musical in the church parlors next Wednesday, Feb. 25. Admission 10c. The proceeds will go to the pipe organ fund. Everybody come.

Wedding.

Mr. George B. Rowell and Miss Irene Eleanor Frederickson, both of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, at the Presbyterian manse. Rev. L. W. Gade officiating.

Mayor Wellin left last Thursday for an extensive trip to points out East.

MAKE START FOR TWO NEW CREAMERIES

Good Meetings Held at Penneck and Raymond to Discuss the Matters.

The creamery meeting at Penneck last Friday was presided over by J. L. Jarrett. An interesting talk was made by F. O. Johnson of the State Dairy & Food Department. County Agent Poe, who had canvassed the situation made his report and a committee consisting of Elmer Anderson, Elmer Johnson, Jens Hanson and Mr. Melin was elected to go ahead and secure shareholders. It was decided to organize when 125 shares at \$35 each shall have been sold, and the cream of 800 cows pledged. The meeting at Raymond on Saturday was attended by a hundred farmers. Addresses were made by Mr. Schilling of Northfield and F. O. Johnson and much interest was manifested. It was decided to organize when the cream from 1,000 cows has been pledged. The committee in charge are Herman Boettcher, Anton Thiesen and Chris Goos.

Dr. J. BRANTON, M. D., Surgeon in Charge. Dr. T. FOSKAGER, M. D., Assistant Physician. Res. Tel. No. 500. The Willmar Hospital. Cor. Becker Ave. and Fourth St. Mrs. Jane McDonald, Supt. of Nurses. Calling Hours: 2 to 4. Private Tel. Ex. No. 122. Private hospital for the care and treatment of all non-contagious diseases. Physicians Office Hours: 1-4 P. M.; 7-9 P. M. Sundays: 12-1.

ROSELAND

Roseland, Feb. 9—Misses Mabel McKenzie, O'hille Holechek and Jane Van Dyke spent last Tuesday evening with the high school girls. Mrs. Martin Johnson entertained some of her lady friends at a luncheon last Thursday afternoon.

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SEMINARY NOTES.

Last Thursday night was also a basket ball evening. Our girls played with the high school girls but lost, the score being 6 to 3. The second teams of the two schools played the same evening, and our team beat, 27 to 15. Oscar Johnson spent Sunday in Belview.

Next Tuesday evening the L. C. August Lindblad of Fahluw was a guest at August Anderson's Saturday and Sunday.

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LAKE LILLIAN.

Lake Lillian, Feb. 16—We have at last a little touch of winter. Harry Erickson underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Willmar hospital last Saturday.

The Y. P. S. held at J. E. Johnson's last Tuesday was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Lindquist spent last Saturday evening at the L. J. Peterson home.

Mr. Richard Hageman had an accident with his car last Saturday. Services have been held in the Lutheran Baptist church every evening the past week. They have been very well attended.

A surprise was tendered Mrs. Wm. Larson and children last Wednesday by their friends. A sum of money amounting to about \$85 was given them as a token.

Miss Maggie Swenson of Svea has been staying with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Johnson the past week.

Quite a few from here attended the railroad meeting held at the Plann school house, Monday evening.

SUCCESS IN LIFE Is a matter of good business methods on the part of individuals as well as of those engaged in mercantile pursuits. A Bank account broadens the vision and establishes a familiarity with methods which blaze the way successful. Not all will find it expedient to carry a checking account, but every one should have a savings account as the first step to success. The opportunity is yours at the Kandiyohi County Bank. Kandiyohi County Bank Willmar, Minn.