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INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE MEETING

Managers and Operators of Western Minnesota Meet at Willmar Thursday.

The Minnesota Independent Telephone Association will conduct a district Telephone meeting at Willmar tomorrow (Thursday) at the Masonic Temple of this city. It is expected that nearly a hundred managers and operators from Western Minnesota will be present. Mr. W. S. Vivian of Chicago, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association, will be present and address the meeting. Other speakers will be Rollo S. Stevens, Gen'l. Com. Supt. of Tri-State Co.; E. S. Weisch, of the Continental Casualty Co.; H. E. Warren, stationer of the Minnesota R. R. Commission; J. W. Howatt, State Supervisor of Telephones, and President of State Association, F. D. Lindquist of Faldia, Minn. A banquet will be given at the Masonic building at noon.

PETERSON-COLLIER.

A quiet wedding took place last Saturday evening when Miss Minnie Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson, Second street west, was united in marriage to Edward Earl Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collier. The ceremony was performed by Father C. McDevitt at the Catholic parsonage.

The attendants were George Erickson, a cousin of the groom, and Mrs. Katie Phillips.

Mr. Collier has been employed with the Northwestern Telephone Company.

COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY MEETING.

The stockholders of the Kandiyohi County Telephone Company met at Svea last Saturday. Mr. E. C. Kast of the Tri-State Company attended on request and addressed the stockholders. It was voted to make all rentals, stockholders or non-stockholders, \$1.30 per month until Jan. 1, after which time the rental will be \$1.25 per month. It was also voted to have the fiscal year end Dec. 31 instead of June 30.

PLANNING THE CAMPAIGN.

A meeting of the officers of the seventh district group of Minnesota Bankers Association will meet here Thursday afternoon of this week, at the directors room at the Kandiyohi County Bank and also the county chairman from each county of the seventh district, P. J. Leeman of the First Security Bank of Minneapolis will preside. The object of this meeting is to campaign for the sale of the second issue of Liberty Bonds.

VISIT IN CANADA AND NEW YORK.

J. R. Hill, who is employed with the Willmar Monument Co., leaves Thursday of this week for Mooseomin, Sask., Canada. He owns three quarters of land at that place where threshing is in operation this week. From there, he will leave for his home in New York City where he will visit until in the spring.

THE SOLDIER LIBRARY FUND.

The collection for the soldier library fund at the county fair amounted to \$34. The total collected so far is \$62. The local committee hopes to raise the balance to make it \$125 before the end of the week, when the campaign closes.

ROSARY SOCIETY TUESDAY.

The Rosary Society of St. Mary's church will be entertained next Tuesday evening, Oct. 2, by Mesdames Geo. H. Nichols and Daniel W. McLaughlin at the former's residence at 716 Second St. East.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Sept. 26—Lloyd Lucene McElfish to Ruth Olson.
Sept. 22—Edward Earl Collier to Minnie Peterson.

—Harry Anderson of Minneapolis, formerly of this city, returned Sunday morning to Epais, Wisconsin, after a short visit here. He enlisted in the U. S. Army some time ago.

TWO LAST DAYS MAKE COUNTY FAIR

Popular Verdict is That Fair Was Well Up to Standard Set.

The last two days of the county fair saved the situation and brought the receipts close to last year's, which held the record. In spite of the driving rain on Wednesday, receiving day, and threatening attitude on Thursday, a very fine line of exhibits were brought in. The stock barns were filled and a number of horses were housed in a tent. The coops in the poultry tent were all filled. The showing in the general exposition hall was very good, and it is a matter of speculation as to what would have happened if nice weather and good roads had prevailed on the first day of the fair. Every indication is that the fair would have been swamped with exhibits. It is the generally expressed verdict that the arrangement and decoration in the auditorium was the best yet seen.

The success of this year's fair in spite of untoward circumstances proves to the most skeptical that it has won a firm hold on the people and that they will stand by it as a permanent institution.

The following statement of receipts will give an idea of how attendance compares with former fairs:

CASH RECEIPTS AT GATE.	
1917	1916
Wednesday	\$ 97.55 \$ 361.60
Thursday	479.50 1,046.70
Friday	1,399.45 901.65
Saturday	1,376.80 1,213.30
	\$3,353.30 \$3,523.45

The total receipts at gate in 1915 were \$2,789.95 and in 1914, \$2,961.35. We have not had time to compile a list of prizewinners of premiums and get it in type for this week's issue. They will be published later.

The attractions this year seemed to take well with the crowds. The vaudeville stunts were done by clever artists, and the balloon aeronaut, Dick Cruikshank, made three very successful ascensions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Friday he ascended to an altitude of 7,000 feet and the balloon was picked up near the Eagle Lake church. On Saturday a double parachute leap was successfully made. The Atwater Band furnished good music on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. On Friday the Raymond Band furnished music that was appreciated by all.

The interior of the main auditorium at the county fair presented a very handsome appearance. Opposite the main entrance was an artificial waterfall in appropriate setting with live fish in the pool. This had been arranged by E. E. Lawson and Hugh Campbell, and attracted the eye of everyone. The fruit exhibit was differently arranged than at previous fairs, which was an improvement.

The public schools had a new booth. The seed corn picker was a novel idea. The flower booth was presided over by Miss Bertha Thorpe, in the absence of Peter Bondo. The county schools had a good representation. The Red Cross Society's booth exhibited the different kinds of work which can be done for soldiers and Red Cross nurses. Specimens of knitting were on display. Mrs. Stansberry, Mrs. Anton Bakke, Mrs. Ed. Odell, Mrs. H. W. Larson and Miss Allene Sherwood assisted in making this booth a success.

Miss Genevieve Burgan of Minneapolis was in charge of the booth for the Extension of the University of Minnesota. Miss Burgan explained the different methods of cooking, etc. One million dollars has been raised by the United States for this work and thirty-seven thousand dollars in this state. Twelve women are employed to explain this work throughout the state. It is expected that in the near future, a woman will visit every county in the state to assist in this work.

The Willmar Tannery had a very nice booth. It contained two wolf rugs, skin robes, horse hide robe and muskrat, mink, squirrel, coons, dogs, cats and sheep skin robes. Also had a bunch of fur mittens and baby carriage robes attached with badger skins. This well arranged booth attracted much notice, and Mr. Andrew Sather, the enterprising proprietor is well pleased with the interest shown by fair visitors.

August Norman had charge of the Charles-Scott Oil Company's booth, where he advertised the "Lubrike" automobile grease and the different

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BOYS DEPART 'MID CHEERS AND TEARS

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where the boys had not done their part when asked. He had not found it necessary to appoint a single extra deputy as advised to do from headquarters. He closed by wishing the boys good luck.

Auditor Nelson spoke along similar lines, addressing the recruits as "Friends and Soldier Boys." He expressed the hope that they would all return after duty well done in securing the peace so much wished for.

Dr. Davison testified to the willingness and good nature of the boys in submitting to the physical examination, and expressed the belief that few counties would be found to have sent a better physically fitted contingent.

Judge Gilbert then made an address. While no one knows the fate of the boys, he wanted to express the strong feeling of pride all felt for them. He assured them that their selection was a privilege to them for which they would be honored for all time. He called on Mr. DeLaHunt to step forward, and he presented to him for the boys a flag, from the Willmar Commercial Club, complete with holster, and urged the boys to return it at the end of the war unsoiled, whether it had been their lot to carry it. Mr. DeLaHunt received the flag and spoke for the boys in acknowledging the gift of the women of Chicago with the inscription, "For God, and Home," and how absolutely happy the boys had been to go. And after three years of fighting they had returned the flag to the donors. He called on Comrade Jorgenson to verify his statements.

Gov. Rice referred to the "Copperheads" of our day whose mistaken propaganda will kill our own boys. He spoke of the Prussian autocracy which must be crushed or it will come over and crush us.

He promised the boys a great reception on their return, "and we will include your families and sweethearts." He admonished the boys to never permit themselves to be inveigled into gambling. Gambling is a vice with great temptations to the soldier. Your mothers and others will think more of you if you keep yourselves free from the demoralizing gambling habit.

Gov. Rice reminded the boys, most of them of Scandinavian descent, to be worthy of their forefathers who were all good fighters. He quoted history to show how they had dominated European countries in the past. He again referred to the German arrogance, expressed in the Kaiser's words to Gerard, "I'll stand no nonsense from the United States."

In conclusion he admonished the boys not to be slackers, but to be brave and true. He wished them Godspeed and hoped they might all return.

There was not a dry eye in the audience when Governor Rice sat down. Judge Gilbert then introduced as the last speaker, Rev. Anderson of the Synod church.

Rev. J. N. Andersen spoke in substance as follows: "I have only a few moments in which to speak to you and I will promise not to exceed the time limit. "Our gathering here today is called a farewell dinner to the boys who are leaving us. To say farewell, means parting, and parting implies sadness. It is so today. I shall say nothing about the feeling of sadness in the hearts of father and mother, of brother and sister, of wife and sweetheart. Nor shall I attempt to describe how you boys feel now that you must part from your dear ones. I will only say that there is a feeling of sadness in the hearts of all of us. And though we will dinner to the boys who are leaving us, it is not new speaking to the ladies to whose efforts we owe this bountiful repast—I say, the we are all men, we are not ashamed of the catch in the throat and the tear in the eye.

"But I am not going to dwell on this side of the matter. There is something else that I want to emphasize.

"Our gathering here today may also fittingly be called a dinner in honor of the boys. It is for the purpose of honoring you boys, that we are met here today. That is why these old soldiers are here. That is why so many of the prominent men of this community are here. That is why we

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are all here: To honor you. And I think I can promise you that we shall honor you when you return to us again. I was thinking a moment ago of how things would be 30 or 40 years from now. Will not you then occupy these places which the old soldiers are occupying today? Will not some of you then rise up and speak to the boys of the next generation, and tell them what their duty is, and encourage them to do it? And if you don't come back—I say I reverently and with feeling—if you don't come back, we shall honor you even then. In our thoughts, in words of speech and song, and with our tears we shall honor your memory.—Yes, it is an honor to be a soldier.

"But I would not have you think of the honor only or even mainly. That would be unworthy of a true soldier. The highest ambition of a soldier must be to serve. For to serve, to aid, to minister unto others, is, humanly speaking, the greatest thing in the world. We have been slow to learn this lesson. We have been slow to learn the truth of the words of the Master: 'Whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all.' But the war is bringing that very lesson home to us all. Who are the really great men of today? Is it not they who are trying to serve, to help, to aid others? And so I say to you boys, your highest aim as soldiers must be to serve. Do not lose sight of this aim whatever the conditions might be.

"But whom are you to serve? What are you to serve? We have been used to saying, the soldier must serve his country. And that is true, even today. But the service you are to render implies more than this. It is no longer a question of serving our own country only. We love this glorious country of ours, and I hope we always will. But today, it is no longer a question of serving America only, or France only, or England only. Nationalism in its old form is passing and in its place we must put; service of humanity. Yes, boys, you are to serve humanity. What an opportunity for service! There never has been such an opportunity for service in all the history of the world. You and I may not fully realize it yet, but I am confident that when history shall write its impartial verdict, we shall all see that America entered this war for no other purpose than to serve humanity.

But as soldiers, you will be exposed to dangers. No, I am not now thinking of the dangers which perhaps you are thinking of. I am thinking of the temptations which will come to you. Remember, boys, that after all, the greatest battles are not fought in the trenches or on the ocean, or in the air. The greatest battles are fought

in here—in the human heart. And so I say to you today: Yield not to temptation in any form. Keep yourselves pure. Be not* any brave men, but clean men. We would feel bad if you come back to us crippled in body. But then we would sympathize with you. Then we would honor you. But oh boys, don't, don't come back to us spiritually crippled. Don't come back to us moral wrecks.

You are to follow the flag. You know what our flag stands for. You know what its colors mean. The red says: be brave; the white, be pure; and the blue, be true. We know that you will be brave. We are confident that you will keep yourselves pure. We feel assured that you will be true

—true to yourselves, true to your country and true to your God. Yes, true to your God. Remember that the stars in our flag are set in the blue. This points upwards—upwards to God above the stars, who rules the destinies of the nations as well as of the individuals. If you would be brave, and pure and true, give yourselves to God, if you have not already done so.

Take your Bible with you, when you go, and do not be ashamed of being seen reading it. And do not forget to pray, boys. Remember that mother, and father too, I hope, are praying for you.

And now may God be with you all. May He bring you safely back to us again, if that is His will. And may He, if that is best for us, speedily grant us victory—a victory that shall bring true and lasting peace to all the nations of the earth.

Our gathering here today represents not only several different nationalities but also several different church denominations. And there lay be some who are not connected with any church. But I trust that none will consider it inappropriate when I now ask you all to rise and receive the Benediction. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all. Amen."

The guests left the hall to the strains of patriotic music by the orchestra.

THE PARADE.

There was some confusion in starting the parade in the great crowd that had assembled on the square at the courthouse yard. Headed by the Atwater Band, contributed by the county fair management, and escorted by the G. A. R. soldiers, the city police and fire departments, pupils of the public schools, boy scout, Red Cross representation, and citizens the recruits marched up Becker avenue, on Second street north to Lincoln street, and

yards. Here was a sea of humanity awaiting them. A space had been roped off for the recruits from which they might greet their friends, but the crush was so great that all semblance of ranks were soon obliterated. There was some delay in the arrival of the trains from the south and west, which made it necessary to hold the special train until after the departure of the regular train. The crowd left for their homes, some for the county fair, with the determination to make the departure of the next quota in about three weeks, an equally great occasion.

—George Anderson has resigned his position as a night man at the Ford Service Station.

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