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ANNUAL MEETING OF LUTH. FREE CHURCH

Financial Reports Submitted and Officers Elected New Year's Day

The congregation of the Norwegian Lutheran Free Church held its annual business session on New Year's Day at 2 p. m. in the basement of the church. The important meeting was attended by a large share of the church membership and was viewed as most successful. Rev. N. Nilsen, the pastor, presided and gave a report of the year's work. Two deacons were elected to serve for terms of six years. K. T. Rykken was re-elected as one deacon and E. Applewick as his associate. Two trustees were also elected namely—Henry Nelson and O. O. Ulvin, both of them serving a term of 3 years.

Nels Quam was re-elected as superintendent of the Sunday School which office he has capably filled during the past yrs. K. T. Rykken was the choice of the congregation for Vice-Supt. Miss Cora Osmundson was unanimously the selection for organist.

A committee composed of 3 deaconesses was also created and contains the following persons: Mesdames J. Skattos, A. Borgan and Rev. N. Nilsen. Total receipts for the year were \$6,709.90. There remains a cash balance of \$364.82 in the church treasury.

On New Year's Day thirty-six new members were admitted in addition to the large number admitted during the year.

Willmar and Hazel Run

The Legion basketball five will meet the Hazel Run quint in the H. S. gym next Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th. Hazel Run is reported having as fast a team as its name implies so that game ought to be interesting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ANNUAL MEETING

Elect Officers and Enjoy Big Feed Monday at Savoy Cafe

The Willmar Fire Department held its annual meeting last Monday night. All the officers were re-elected, as follows:

Severt Benson—Chief.
O. J. Westgard—Asst. Chief.
Edwin Selvig—Secretary.
M. D. Manning—Treasurer.
Jalmar Pearson—Captain.
Martin W. Blomquist—Lieutenant.

The Fire Relief association also met and elected Hjalmar Ruud, chairman; W. O. Johnson, Secretary; and M. D. Manning, treasurer. The funds of the association now exceed \$8,000.

After the meeting the boys went to the Savoy Cafe where a fine banquet was served under the direction of Chester Lambert, to which the husky firemen did ample justice. The menu included oyster stew, celery, dill pickles, head lettuce, Thousand Island dressing, baked Halibut, chicken a-la King, mashed potatoes, June peas, ice cream, cake and coffee.

Willmar has been very fortunate during the past year in the matter of fires. Only a dozen calls have been made, and the total losses will not foot up much over \$1,000. No doubt the good work of the department and the fire prevention committee has contributed to this fine record.

Suffered Injuries

J. E. West, conductor on the G. N., sustained fractures of two ribs last Thursday, Dec. 30th, as a result of a derailment of the locomotive of his train. J. H. Dougherty also suffered injuries to an elbow.

SAVOY CAFE BOT BY MPLS. RESTAURANT MEN

Mrs. Nellie Lambert Sells Eating Parlors In Deal Closed Tuesday

The Savoy Cafe located on Pacific Ave. was transferred into the ownership of a group of Minneapolis restaurant proprietors following the deal which was made Tuesday morning between Mrs. Nellie N. Lambert, proprietress of the cafe for the past three years, and the new owners. John Gliatos and N. J. French are in the city and have charge of the business, representing other associates in restaurant business in the twin cities who have part interest in the Savoy. A lease on the building has been obtained from Mrs. Lambert who owns the property.

The new proprietors are Greeks and have a large business in Minneapolis. They are planning on greatly altering the interior and also the street front. New equipment will be installed of a modern type. Tables for one hundred people will be provided.

FEDERATED LABOR TO GIVE BIG BALL

Have Secured the Colonnade Orchestra to Furnish the Music

The First Annual Ball of the Central Labor Union of Willmar will be held at the Masonic Hall Monday, Feb. 7. The boys are determined to make this affair the leading social event of the season. They have secured the Colonnade Orchestra of St. Paul to furnish the music. This organization is declared to be one of the very best available.

Vick-Bitzen

Last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the Judge of Probate office, Dewey Vick and Miss Esther Bitzen were united in marriage by Judge T. O. Gilbert. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Vick of Minneapolis and the bride is a daughter of Mrs. Emily Bitzen of East Lake Lillian township. They were attended by Mrs. Emily Bitzen and Miss Selma T. Birkeland. The couple will make their home on a farm in East Lake Lillian township.

Left For State Capitol

Sen. P. A. Gandrud of Sunburg passed thru this city last Friday. He was enroute for St. Paul to be present at the opening session of the State Legislature which occurred on Tuesday. Sen. Gandrud's address while at the State Legislature will be 512 St. Peter St., St. Paul.

Rep. Hemming S. Nelson left for the State Capitol on Monday.

Swedish Literary Society

The Swedish Literary Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at Carlson's Hall, Friday, Jan. 7th, at 8 p. m. A fine program has been arranged. A business session will be held after the program and refreshments served at the close of the evening's entertainment. All members are urged to be present and launch the New Year's work in the proper spirit.

Glee Clubs Entertained

Miss Nell S. Robbins very nicely entertained the Girls and Boys Glee Clubs of the W. H. S. last Thursday evening at her home. Contests furnished the amusement for the evening. The rooms were prettily decorated in red and green. At the close of the evening the hostess served a dainty lunch.

Injured By Car

Mrs. Albert Zillsdorf of this city was struck down last week by an automobile driven carelessly by a Spicer young man. The elderly lady was slightly bruised and upset but she is now recovering rapidly.

NEXT LEGION FOE IS STRONG OLIVIA

Contest Friday Will Have Great Bearing on Dist. Championship

The second game on the schedule of the local American Legion Post basketball five will be played with the reputed team of Olivia. This game means much towards achieving the lead in this district and Willmar will enter the arena prepared to do its superlative work. If Willmar overcomes Olivia a long stride will have been taken towards claiming the Dist. championship. Olivia is reported as having already played five fast and hotly-contested games and has therefore had more experience on the floor this year than the locals. She has emerged victorious in all the games played.

Willmar held a beneficial and spirited practice Tuesday night and many new men appeared on the floor. Beese and Elmond Nelson are attracting attention.

The same lineup against the Howard Lake team will be used against Olivia and is as follows:
C—Norling.
LF—Nordstrom.
RF—Severinson.
LG—O. Christian.
RG—Orban.

JUDGE C. E. LIEN

The funeral of the late Judge C. E. Lien was held at Grove City from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Floren, Jan. 1. Rev. E. R. Weeks officiated. There were a number of nephews and nieces of the deceased present and six Evenson brothers were the pall bearers. Among those attending from Willmar were Gov. A. E. Rice, Judge G. E. Qvale, Sheriff and Mrs. Peter Bonde, Rev. Arnt Vaaler, W. F. Gratz, Mrs. Frank P. Rodney, F. L. Smith and Edw. E. Olson. Rev. Vaaler brought a wreath from the Vinje congregation, of which the deceased was a former member.

Judge C. E. Lien was one of the early pioneers of the county. He came to the Norway



The Late Judge Lien

Lake settlement and took a homestead in Arctander. He was the first town clerk of Norway Lake, which then comprised five congressional townships.

He served as treasurer in the Monongalia county organization. In 1879 he was elected Judge of Probate of Kandiyohi county, which office he held three terms. For many years he was local land agent for the railroad company. He was vice president of the Bank of Willmar for many years. A few years ago Judge and Mrs. Lien moved to Grove City, where Mrs. Lien passed away before him.

Christen E. Lien was born in Norway June 12, 1834, and attained the age of more than 86 years. Deceased was a good soul, esteemed and beloved by all.

Peter Rasmusson of Cutbank, Mont., was a visitor in the city last week. He attended the Judge Lien burial at Grove City on Saturday.

Andrew Danielson of St. Paul arrived last Thursday for a visit at the August E. Danielson home.

MUNICIPAL BAND ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Clarence Gronoski Is New President. Prof. Hobbie Re-engaged as Director

The annual business meeting of the Willmar Municipal Band was held at the practice quarters Thursday evening. The election of an executive staff for the new year showed the following choices:

Pres.: Clarence Gronoski.
V. Pres.: Reuben Peterson.
Sec'y: Oscar Larson.
Treas.: Severt Botnen.

The band members unanimously re-engaged Prof. Hobbie as bandmaster and director during a term beginning with the new year and expiring on June 1st, 1921.

Financial reports were submitted and it was decided that monthly statements would be published in the newspapers of the city during the coming year.

Plans for re-organization and the injection of more system into the management of the band were discussed and it is believed that this year will see greater benefit to the band than ever before.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Financial Reports Are Read and Officers Elected for Current Year

The First Baptist Church held its annual meeting on New Year's Day. The encouraging reports given by the various departments of the church and its respective organizations gave clear and satisfactory evidence of a healthy growth and steady progress in the life of the church and its missionary work. Rapid progress has been made during the year. The church numbers at present 211 communicants and several other persons have applied for membership. The outlook for the future is bright.

Receipts amount to \$6,265.95. Disbursements \$6,097.76. Balance Jan. 1, 1921, \$174.98. Some of the officers elected are:

V. Pres., D. T. Carlson.
Sec., E. A. Peterson.
Treas., Jallmer F. Nyquist.
Organist, Ella Swenson.
Pianist, Myrtle Nelson.
Chorister, Emil C. Lundquist.
Financial Sec'y, Elner Forrsell.

Trustee for three years, S. P. Swenson.
Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Jallmer F. Nyquist.

The church presented the pastor and family a generous and substantial purse as a token of love and confidence for which he expressed the appreciation and thanks of himself and family.

DOUBLE-HEADED POLAND CHINA SALE

E. S. Barker and Saxton & Anderson Will Sell Breeding Stock Saturday

Next Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8, occurs the winter sale of E. S. Barker, whose fame as a breeder of thoroughbred Poland China Hogs is nationwide. He will sell about fifty head. In the evening of the same day J. W. Saxton and Nels H. Anderson will put on their first sale of Poland Chinas. A large attendance of breeders of this line of hogs are expected to be on hand for the purpose of securing stock with which to improve their herds.

Hagen-Linquist

Elmer A. Hagen of Roseland son of Mrs. Otto Olson of Willmar, and Miss Olive Linquist, of Roseland, daughter of Frank Linquist, were quietly married last Thursday in this city. On Saturday evening a dinner was served in honor of the newlyweds at the home of the bride.

J. PARNELL PASSES THE GREAT DIVIDE

Veteran Railroad Official Succumbs Unexpectedly to Attack of Heart Failure

James D. Parnell, well known citizen of our community, and for twelve years general agent on the Great Northern Railway at Willmar, passed away last Tuesday evening, Jan. 4th, at 10 o'clock, following a fatal affliction of heart weakness. The passing of the deceased was indeed a sad message to the people of our city. Mr. Parnell had adhered to his duties as usual at his offices and returned to his home on Second St. West, where he partook of his supper and retired. He had consulted physicians after departing from his office at 5 p. m. After retiring he complained of great weakness which resulted from the gradual lowering of the heart beat. At 10 p. m. he passed quietly into the Great Beyond.

James D. Parnell was born on Sept. 18, 1859, at Dayton, Ohio. Here he grew to manhood and enjoyed a High School education. Twelve years ago he made his home in our midst prior to which time he had been in the service of the G. N. railroad at the following places: Minneapolis, Minn., Lakota, N. D., and Sioux City, Ia., where he last resided before coming to Willmar. He had been engaged in the railroad work for 30 years.

In the year 1890 he wedded Laura Mendrum of St. Paul to which union were born two children, Lucile, deceased, and Emery Parnell, who survives, whose home is now at Auklin, New Zealand. Advise of the passing of the father has been wired to Emery who cannot reach here to attend the burial. Besides the grief stricken wife and son, there are three brothers, John of Miamisburg, O., Frank of Dayton, O., and S. Bright of Sidney, O. Parents of the departed are both dead.

The burial services were held at Peterson's undertaking parlors this afternoon at 4 o'clock where Rev. J. Renwick McCullough of the Presbyterian church officiated. Railroad associates served as pall bearers.

Further services will be held at Amery, Wis., where the remains will be shipped for interment in the family lot in a cemetery located there. A daughter, Lucile, lies in that solemn soil.

The deep sympathy of the people of our city is extended to the sorrowing bereaved.

Purchased Building

H. L. Hale of this city closed a deal with A. A. Anderson last week which involved the purchase of the brick structure owned by the latter and situated on Fifth St. This building is occupied at present by the Farmers Security Bank and the offices of the Anderson and Spicer Land Companies. The consideration was \$30,000. A lease has been obtained by the above firms for a period of five years at a monthly rent of \$200. Mr. Anderson purchased the property from the Western Supply Co. of St. Paul about a year ago and remodelled it.

McKinley-Hendey

Mrs. Louise Hendey of Vincennes, Indiana, announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Helen, to Lionel W. McKinley of Willmar.

Mr. McKinley is well known here and is a son of W. D. McKinley of this city.

Rook Party

Last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Peterson delightfully entertained a number of their friends. Rook was played at three tables and music was also a feature of the evening. At a late hour everyone enjoyed a nice lunch.

HEADED FOR WILLMAR IS REPORT ON BANDITS

Auto bandits perpetrated three robberies at Dassel Monday night when jewelry, hardware and dry goods stores were entered and \$500 or more of goods was stolen. The crimes were committed about 3 a. m. and it was reported that at that time a swiftly driven car was headed for Willmar. A wire message was received by our Chief of Police Westgard from the Sheriff at Litchfield, warning the local gendarmes to be in the watch tower. No sign has been seen of the outlaws and no robberies have been reported in the city.

It may have been a bluff on the part of the bandits to deceive the police into a pursuit to Willmar whereas they turned into an opposite direction when a short distance from Dassel.

Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Auman entertained at a six o'clock dinner party New Year's Day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Frogner, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gaetz and P. M. Long.

BERGAN BROS. IS NEW FIRM

August Hoglund Turns Over Hardware Business to New Proprietors During Week

The transfer of the Hoglund hardware business on Third St. and Litchfield Ave. to the new owners, O. C. and L. C. Bergan, was made last week and the new firm, which will be known as Bergan Bros., is now in charge of the store.

The deal was made in the fore part of October but the actual transfer did not take place until the end of the year.

O. C. Bergan, the senior partner, came to Willmar last summer from Everett, Wash., and was so well impressed with our city that he bought a residence property on Third St. W. and located here. He is an experienced hardware merchant having been in the business at Hayfield, Minn., prior to going out West thirteen years ago. He decided to go into business at Willmar if opportunity offered, and last fall, in association with his brother, made a bargain with August Hoglund for the latter's store at Willmar, the deal to take effect on the first of the year. The younger Mr. Bergan comes from Wendell, Minn., where he has been in the hardware business for twenty years. Both gentlemen have the appearance of being thoro gentlemen and will no doubt make good at Willmar. The Tribune extends them a welcome to the business circles of our city.

August Hoglund, the retiring merchant, is an old timer at Willmar, having come here in 1880. He has been in the hardware business for sixteen years ten of which he was associated with Ohsberg, Selvig Co., and the last six for himself, and has made a success of it.

Mr. Hoglund states that the reason for selling was to secure a well earned rest. He has not yet decided on what his next move in a business way will be.

Harry Hoglund will remain at the store in the employ of the new firm, for the time being at least.

Mary Gladys Sanderson entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Lloyd M. Samson of St. Thomas College, St. Paul. Miss Sanderson was assisted by Mary Jane Adams and Phyllis Kelly.

The Misses Phyllis and Geraldine Haley left Wednesday to resume their studies at St. Catherine's college, at St. Paul.

Willie Larson of Lake Elizabeth township spent the latter part of the week visiting relatives and friends in this city.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SW. MISSION CHURCH

Report Shows Two-Thirds of New Church Cost Has Been Raised

The annual business meeting of the Swedish Mission church was held on New Year's Day at the church with Rev. G. N. Tegnell in the chair. A financial statement of the present standing of the congregation was presented. The report showed that \$21,000 had been subscribed to the new church fund. Present estimates place the cost of building the new temple at \$33,000.

The election of officers for the year of 1921 resulted as follows:

Chairman—Dr. O. Zahr.
V. C.—Nels Anderson.
Sec'y—Anton Sundberg.
V. Sec'y—Emil Nicholson.
Peter Hoglund was elected trustee for a term of 3 years and G. Adamson for a period of 2 years. Aug. Lundquist was the choice for Treasurer and Hildur Hoaglund for Cashier.

The Board of Deacons consists of the following: Oscar Anderson, Nathaniel Franklin, J. W. Johnson, Aug. Hoglund, Oscar Bengtson and Nils Anderson.

Hildur Hoaglund was selected for Superintendent of the Sunday School. Adeline Sundberg was engaged as pianist and Mrs. Erick Elkjer as organist. The following young men will serve as ushers: Reuben Anderson, George Brogren, Austin Sundberg, Herbert Hoglund and Paul Olson.

During the past year 34 new members have joined the congregation which now numbers 225. Three members passed away during 1920.

Birthday Party

Miss Margaret Marshall entertained a number of her friends last Thursday evening, the occasion being her birthday. A social evening was spent after which the guests partook of a dainty lunch.

OPENING OF RINK AND WARMING HOUSE

Sporting Resort Created By City Council and Enthusiasts To Be Formally Opened

The rink provided on the West end of Foot Lake by the city council and which has been snow cleared and lighting furnished will together with the new warming house be formally opened to the use of the skating public Thursday evening, Jan. 6th, at 7:30 o'clock. All those who contributed towards the fund for erecting the warming house and the public as a whole is invited to attend the meeting to be held in the warming house. Here a definite organization will be planned and rules governing the warming house and rink drawn up. The warming house was built by several young men who volunteered their services. \$145 was expended for lumber. The sum of \$140 has been thus far raised. Those who assisted in building the warming house were: Harry Anderson, George Madison, Oscar Brogren, Russel Strandberg, Chester Holm, E. Rannestad, Roy Johnson, Mr. Holiday and Nels Holm.

Entertained at Card Party Clifford Rodin entertained eight friends at a card party last Thursday evening. The evening was spent in playing 500 after which a delicious lunch was served.

Bernard Jordahl of this city has enrolled in the Sweeney Automobile School of Kansas City, Mo. The course which Bernard will take continues for eight weeks.

Knute Anderson left Monday for a visit with relatives and friends at Atwater.