

BENSON HUMBLER IN LAST CONTEST

Spurred On By Do or Die Spirit Willmar Defeated Benson 27-23

The fourth game with the Benson Legion quint and the last game of the basketball schedule for the Hanscom Post of Willmar turned out to be a source of satisfaction to local fans.

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CITY CLOSES A BIG FINANCIAL YEAR

On Sound Financial Basis In Spite of Extraordinary Expenses

The city's fiscal year came to an end yesterday, March 15, 1921. City Clerk Gunderson reports a large increase in the city's business.

The balances in the different funds are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Balance. Includes General Fund, Sewer Fund, etc.

Total amount on hand \$41588.04

The March apportionment of this year's tax money will be in by the last of this month and is available for use of the incoming city council.

There was a big increase in the business of the Water and Light Department. The improvements for the year includes one 16-inch tubular well at a cost of \$10,000.00, and several water main extensions.

In spite of the high peak prices for coal and labor there is a comfortable balance in this fund.

Expenses chargeable to the general fund were larger than usual owing to higher salaries and wages paid, and part due to the purchasing of one thousand feet of new hose at a cost of \$1,300, doubled election expenses last fall, an \$800 electric sludge pump for the septic tanks.

All street lighting bills are paid to March 1st and all salaries to March 15. About a half mile of sanitary sewers were built, four street grading contracts at a total cost of about \$12,000 were completed. Over eight miles of city streets were turpined, and thirty-eight new culverts were laid.

The complete detailed statement will be published before the end of this month.

There is a \$20,000 bond issue (the old Water Works bonds) due June 1, and there is money on hand with which to pay said bonds.

Notice

A special meeting of the petitioners and bondsmen for Ditch No. 33 will be held Tuesday, March 22d, at the Courthouse.

Albert Lundquist, Chairman.

44 INHABITANTS APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

List of Persons Shows An Equal Number from Norway and Sweden

One of the first actions of the District Court which convenes on Monday, March 21, will be to pass judgment on the applications of forty-four persons for citizenship papers of the second issue.

LOCAL LODGE WILL SUIPERVIZE CEREMONIES

Odd Fellows Will Initiate New Members and Confer Degrees

Eight autos will carry a majority of the members of the local lodge of the I. O. O. F. this evening to Atwater, where they will have charge of the initiatory exercises of a class of new Fellows to be admitted into the Atwater Lodge.

Auto Collision

The Ford owned and driven by Andrew Berg of near Eagle Lake was somewhat badly damaged Monday morning as a result of an accident which occurred on the corner of Trott Avenue and Fifth Street at that time.

Neither of the occupants were thrown from their cars or even slightly injured. The Ford peculiarly enough maintained its balance despite the impact.

Women's Civic Club

The next meeting of the Women's Civic Club will be held in the basement of the Library Tuesday, March 22d, beginning at 3 p. m.

The following program will be given: Mrs. James, mandolin solo.

Mrs. Hackett, Vocal solo. Mrs. Stone, Dist. Pres. of M. S. W. C., will speak on subjects of interest to the club members.

Elvira Redlund, Reading. Ukelele Club, Selection.

It is earnestly requested that the members make special efforts to be at this meeting.

Attended Conference

Emil Bjornberg returned Saturday from Stillwater where he attended the sessions of the Minnesota Conference of the Swedish Lutheran church which were held at that place last week.

He was present as the delegate from the Bethel congregation in the city. The conference pastors and delegates were royally entertained. The visit thru the penitentiary was most thorough and the delegates were greatly pleased at the appearance and conduct of the institution.

LEGIONAIRES TO STAGE OPERETTA

"Windmills of Holland" Is Production To Be Given March 29 at Dreamland Theatre

The latest innovation in Legion activities in the city is the operetta to be staged on the evening of March 29th at the Opera House and entitled "Windmills of Holland," a play of good merits.

The following Legionnaires compose a tentative cast: Russell Curran, Edwin Olson, Isak Rykken, Harold Severinson, Norman Tallackson, Roy Christian, Elmond Nelson, Henry Moe and Thorwald Thompson.

MOSSBERG DELIGHTS HIS RECITAL AUDIENCE

Baritone Appeared Before Full House. Program Liberal and of Good Selection

Joel Mossberg, Chicago baritone, appeared in recital at the Opera House Thursday evening before a capacity audience and one which returned high in their comment of the singer.

"Why do the nations so furiously rage" was the principal number of the repertoire and gained the greatest applause. Miss Amy Fridlund accompanied the baritone in this rapid and streamlike composition with commendable skill.

The program was divided into three sections. The first which included six English songs fittingly introduced Mr. Mossberg to his new audience and made a lasting impression with it.

During the first intermission Clarence G. Granoski again pleased his local audience with his cornet work. Mr. Granoski is well known as a cornet player and his impression made Thursday evening will be lasting.

Mr. Mossberg now appeared for his Swedish songs and held his audience with greater ease than before.

"Den Store Hvide Flok" and "Sotargossen" were, plainly the best rendered and most pleasing of the seven numbers comprising this section.

The second of the two mentioned was sung by request. Mr. Mossberg has a distinct and clear enunciation of the Swedish and apparently

Christina Young Peoples Society The Young Peoples Society of the Christina church at Lake Lillian will give a social at Ole E. Erickson's place Saturday, March 19th, for the benefit of the famine sufferers in China.

Among other selections for the evening Rev. Arntzen will give a speech. Everybody cordially invited.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION ENDORSES LEGION POST

Labor Body Passes Resolution Approving Purposes of Local Legionnaires

At the meeting of the Central Labor Union, March 10, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, there is an organization, by name of American Legion, with a post in this city, whose object we understand is to work for the uplifting of humanity and the betterment of their fellowmen.

And whereas, our object is identical therewith and are striving for the same purpose, therefore in order to maintain harmony and a mutual understanding and co-operation in our efforts to accomplish our aims and aspirations,

Be it resolved that we, the Central Labor Union of Willmar, Minn., heartily endorse the Austin F. Hanscom Post in their undertakings and furthering the above referred to noble object, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, and one copy sent to the Austin F. Hanscom Post, and one copy sent to our local papers for publication.

George Jonicks, President. Central Labor Union.

DISTRICT COURT CONVENES MONDAY

Sixty Civil Cases and Eight Criminal Litigations Compose District Court Calendar

The Spring session of the District Court will open on Monday, March 21, in the courtroom of the Kandiyohi County courthouse. The calendar is charged with sixty or more civil cases with prospects that the majority of these will demand court action.

The first day of action for the court will be spent partially in examining, accepting or rejecting applications for citizenship of forty-four inhabitants in the District.

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Delegate to State Meeting Mrs. J. W. Kent left Tuesday noon for Minneapolis.

She is a delegate from the local R. N. A. Lodge to the State Camp meeting of the R. N. A. which is held at the West Hotel in Minneapolis.

From there she will leave the latter part of the week for a visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Utton, at Rochester.

FAMOUS CHOIR TO GIVE CONCERT HERE

St. Olaf's Choir Will Hold Notable Concert at Opera House in City Saturday

The St. Olaf's Lutheran Choir of wide prestige will hold its concert for this part of the state in this city at the Dreamland Opera House Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

The choir contains 56 voices under the direction of F. Mellus Christianson. Tickets for the concert have been placed at one dollar. The sale of tickets has been very successful and a large audience is anticipated.

All seats in the theatre with the exception of a few rows in the balcony will sell at \$1 and the remaining at \$1.50.

The visit of this noted choir will be the third of a series of valuable musical events which Willmar has enjoyed during the past weeks.

The choir members are gowned in white capes and make an impressive appearance. The best of talent at St. Olaf's College at Northfield is alone admitted into this organization.

LEGION QUINT HAS CLOSED STRONG SEASON

An Uncrippled Team Thruout Season Would Have Cinched District Title

The basketball quint of the Hanscom Post of the American Legion closed its season last Friday evening when it defeated the Benson Legion here in the High gym.

That game was the 14th contest of the schedule. Of these 14, only 4 have been lost and these suffered under conditions which might have been otherwise.

One of these was lost to Olivia and on her floor. She was defeated here decisively but in a doubtfully fair game at Olivia managed to even the score.

A third game was demanded and considered fair by the general public. Willmar certainly did not receive just treatment and fair play at Olivia.

There is consequently grave doubt as to the standing of the game and it should not be viewed as a defeat for Willmar in computing her record.

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The Bethel Ladies Society will give a coffee social Friday of this week. The following ladies will serve: Mesdames August Hoeglund, D. Elmquist, Oscar Elmquist, E. N. Munson, John Peterson, John Sandin, Nels Holm, T. J. Sampson and Aldrich Blomquist.

CASH REGISTER CARRIED AWAY BY THIEVES

Annex Cafe Was Entered Friday Night and Register Stolen

A thief or thieves forcibly entered the Annex Cafe Friday night after 8:30 p. m. and carried away with them the medium sized National cash register which had its place at the end of the lunch counter.

Entrance was gained by breaking thru the rear door on the North side. No one heard the disturbance if such were made. The cafe was vacated and the lights extinguished at 8:30 p. m.

In the morning the door was found damaged and the register gone. It was found a few hours later in the old Mossberg building on Pacific avenue.

The ten pennies in the register were gone and some meal tickets which were worthless to the thieves. Fortunately Mr. J. L. Amundson has not deposited currency or valuables in the register for some time and only a few pennies were left in it that evening.

Some suspicions have been aroused and the apprehension of the thief is possible.

BRATBERGS SURPRISED ON THEIR SILVER WEDDING DAY

Respected Couple Are Honored By Gathering of Friends

About one hundred friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Bratberg of Dovre township gathered at their home last Saturday evening and gave them a rousing surprise party.

It was just twenty-five years since G. J. Bratberg and Sophia Shiptead were united in holy wedlock, and their friends wanted to make use of the occasion to show them how much they are appreciated.

Jalmar Larson was spokesman for the visitors and on their behalf presented Mr. and Mrs. Bratberg with a sum of silver money on a silver tray.

The Bratbergs made responses very feelingly. The occasion was further rendered festive by singing and piano music. The ladies served lunch and a very pleasant social time was held until twelve o'clock.

Anderson-Berkness At eleven thirty o'clock last Friday, March 11, 1921, occurred the marriage of Miss Evelyn Berkness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sigrid Berkness, and Reuben Anderson, son of Mrs. Swan Anderson.

Rev. G. N. Tegnell of the Swedish Mission church performed the ceremony at the bride's home, in the presence of their immediate families.

The bride wore a blue Tricotine suit with hat to match and her flowers were a corsage of sweet peas, freesias and swainsonia.

Miss Olive Nelson, a cousin of the bride, was her attendant. She wore a brown tricollette dress and wore a corsage of Columbia roses and pink sweet peas.

Walter Conway was the groom's attendant. The rooms were decorated with potted tulips.

The bride is one of Willmar's popular young ladies, having grown to womanhood here, taught school several years in this county and also employed as stenographer in the Great Northern offices.

Mr. Anderson is a well known young business man of our city, being a member of the firm of the Associated Meat Dealers.

The newlyweds left on the noon train on a short wedding trip to the twin cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will be at home after April 15 at 810 4th St. W.

Athletic Club Busy The Business Men's Athletic club continues to hold large meetings and new members are added to the roster of membership, each Monday night.

This week volley ball was introduced, being a new game to most of the members at first, but was soon learned and much enjoyed by those participating.

Any number can take part at one time in this sport. This should make it popular next Monday night will see several teams competing for first honors. All men of the city are welcome. Don't hesitate to come out. Doors open from 6:30 p. m.

Surprise Party Members of the Public Health Association pleasantly surprised Mrs. Geo. Thomas at her home on Tenth Street last Saturday evening. A social time was enjoyed, after which lunch was served. The guest of honor was presented with a box of linen handkerchiefs as a parting gift from the Association.

WAS SLUGGED AND LARGE SUM STOLEN

Tuggie Mattson Struck Unconscious and \$65 Piffled from Pockets Thursday Night

An unknown assailant attacked Tuggie Mattson last Thursday night at 12:15 and during his unconsciousness stole a purse containing \$65 in cash. This sum was receipts on tickets sold for the Firemen's dance.

Doubtless the footpad had watched Mattson during the day and perceived the amount which he was carrying.

Mattson was on his way home after having purchased a newspaper at a news stand and had arrived at the corner of Second St West and Litchfield Avenue when he was instantly struck senseless.

The footpad doubtless hid behind a tree on the Smith property on the corner and then stole up behind Mattson and slugged him. He was dragged off the sidewalk and on the lawn as leaves were found caught in his shoes.

Mattson never knew what happened until he regained consciousness an hour later.

Mattson usually goes home, located in Sperryville, by walking thru the yards. This night he thought it best to walk the street fearing trouble on the usual route.

He was found about 1:15 A. M. by William Lawler who was returning from work down the East end of the yards. The unconscious man was taken to the Royal Cafe where hot coffee revived him considerably.

He could account for the robbery in no way except he felt the blow and then all became a blank. A large swelling was found on the back part of the head. Some blunted weapon apparently was used.

No after effects have resulted from the blow.

VOTE FOR ALL CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Their Passage Important For Development of Our City Improvements

Sixteen amendments to the City Charter will be voted upon at the City Election, April 5, and on their adoption depends the progress the city is to make in public improvements.

Indeed, unless the power asked for is granted to the city council the town will practically remain a village. All the smaller cities of Minnesota that are organized under the state law, have all the powers asked for in these amendments, and there are a number of such towns.

Willmar has a home rule charter under the provisions of which the council has no power to proceed with street improvements unless it is given them.

Hence if you wish to see paving or other permanent street improvements made you will vote for these amendments.

Other subjects dealt with in the amendments is the election of assessor and giving him more time in which to do his work, providing for a primary election system and abolishing the special privilege of securing a cash discount of five per cent for cash payment of assessments.

A number of the amendments are submitted for the purpose of harmonizing different parts of the charter with the new provisions.

Every progressive citizen can safely vote "yes" on all the amendments, and the voters should remember that a failure to vote on the amendments counts the same as a vote against them. It is therefore very important for the progress of our city that every vote possible be mustered for the passage of these charter amendments.

Willing Workers, Swed. Miss. Church The W. W. of the Swed. Mission church will meet Friday evening, Mar. 18th, at 8 o'clock. The following program will be rendered:

Cornet Solo ... Clarence Granoski Vocal duet, Lillie and Myrtle Norin Reading ... Mrs. F. A. Engvall Piano Solo ... Mrs. Erick Elker Vocal Solo ... Paul Peterson Reading ... Esther Nicholson Vocal Solo ... Oscar Augustson

Refreshments will be served by the Young Men's Sunday School class. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

New Market Opens Ole Dahl will open his new City Meat Market in the old Tribune building tomorrow (Thursday).