

SUGGESTIONS IN CITY AFFAIRS

New City Council Organized at First Meeting Last Thursday

The new city council held its first session Thursday evening. Owing to absence of Alderman P. C. Peterson, who was serving on a federal jury at Minneapolis, and Alderman Fredrickson, who was out of the city, no appointments were made or salaries fixed.

The Mayor's Message

At the beginning of the second year as mayor, I wish to thank the members of the council for their uniform courtesy and co-operation shown during the past year. We are losing some experienced and valuable members of the council. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

The Charter Amendments

The adoption of the sixteen amendments to the city charter was very gratifying to all who wish to see the city make progress. It remains now for the city council to make use of the real city powers granted it by the people and proceed, wisely and prudently, to accomplish those things which are necessary for the city's welfare.

Work of County Nurse

During the past week, Miss Inga Imsdahl, county nurse, has been kept busy at the following places: On Tuesday and Wednesday assisted Dr. Johnson in clinic work at Kandiyo, Spicer, Svea and Pennock. Thursday and Friday she conducted school inspection in New London. Forty-eight home calls were made at New London and surrounding country.

About Auto Tax

K. T. Rykken, assessor, called at the offices of the State Tax Commission last Wednesday concerning the new auto tax to carry out the terms of the Babcock Amendment. The legislature is wrestling with the bill at present and it is expected that within two weeks the bill will be passed and the tax commission will be empowered to proceed to the levying of the tax and determine the terms of the same.

To Give Concerts

The Star Concert Orchestra of Willmar, Prof. N. B. Swalin, Director and assisted by the artist Benjamin Swalin, violinist, and Arthur Swalin, pianist, will render concerts and recitals at various places in the County in the near future. The first concert will be at Kerkhoven on April 27th. Following that engagement concerts will be given at Atwater on April 29th and at Raymond on May 4th.

THE HOME GUARDS RECEIVE DISCHARGES

Over 100 Members of Local Unit Are Officially Disbanded by Issue of Discharge

Discharges are now being received by the 106 members of the local Home Guards which was organized during the war. Ninety of these discharges have not been called for at Capt. Klingenberg's place of business. They are waiting their owners there. The discharges are signed by the officers of the Public Safety Commission with former Gov. Burnquist as Chairman. The Home Guards was organized on Sept. 1, 1918. The purpose of the organization was to function as a state militia during the World War. This unit in Willmar was Company G of the Ninth Battalion, Infantry. Its members were subject to a call to military service in any part of the state and to any scene ordered by the state officers.

180 INSANE TRANSFERRED TO WILLMAR

Number of Patients Cared For Increased to Near Five Hundred

The State Hospital located near the city has increased its body of patients by the addition of 180 female patients during the past two weeks from the Fergus Falls and Rochester Insane Institutions. The first transfer occurred on Tuesday, April 13th, when 65 harmless insane patients arrived from Fergus Falls. Yesterday the second transfer, containing 115 women was received into the Hospital. The present number cared for and treated here now totals 462. Of these 250 are men.

Two Cottages, costing \$55,000 each and measuring in size, 52 by 142 feet, were just completed by J H Olsen & Co contractors of Willmar. Each of the two cottages has a capacity of 90 patients. These cottages are numbered as 6 and 7 and are built in the same style of construction.

The 65 patients were placed in cottage 6 which still had room for 25 more patients up to the arrival of the 115 from Rochester. This cottage is now filled to capacity by taking 25 from the 115. The remaining 90 of the 115 occupy cottage 7.

At the present time therefore there are two cottages for women patients on the grounds with 90 persons in each. In addition there is a small cottage containing 22 female patients. The total number of female patients in the Hospital is therefore 202. There are 260 male patients. 90 of these are found in the wings of the Administration Building and 85 in each of the cottages Nos. 4 and 5. In July of this year it is expected that a body of 50 men will be received here.

Willing Workers, Swed. Mis. Church

The Willing Workers of the Swedish Mission church will meet Friday evening, April 22nd, at 8 o'clock. The following program will be rendered: Vocal solo, Viola Peterson. Violin solo, Marshall De Camp Reading, Alpha Ensvald. Piano solo, E. Delores Dalheim. Reading, Martha Franklin. Vocal solo, Beatrice Eckwall. Selection, Botnen's orchestra. Refreshments will be served by Emma, Ellen and Nellie Olin, Olga Olson and Amy Sandberg. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Coffee Social

The following committee will serve in the basement of the Bethel church Thursday afternoon of this week: Mesdames A. O. Nordstrom, Carrie Swenson, Roy Erickson, N. O. Nelson, Victor Fridlund, Ed Sanderson, Victor Bergquist, George Hedtke, John Wahlstrand and Alexius Karlson. The public is cordially invited to this coffee.

To Offer Concert

The Municipal Band is rehearsing weekly in preparation for summer concerts. If the warm weather and clear days continue the boys will soon be out in the band stand prepared to give Willmar folks an open air free concert. Clarence Granoski is the new director and the management of the band is in the hands of a Committee appointed by the Commercial Club.

Rag Ball Social

A program will be given by the pupils in District 54, eight miles N. E. of Kerkhoven, Friday evening, April 29, at eight o'clock. Ladies please bring Rag Ball and lunch for two. Nime S. Johnson.

DEDICATION AND CONFERENCE MEET

New Mission Church To Be Dedicated May 1. N. W. Conference to Meet Here

The dedication of the beautiful new Mission church in the city will take place Sunday afternoon, May 1st. Plans have been made for a special program for the occasion. Rev. A. E. Palmquist, President of the Northwestern Conference, will deliver the dedication sermon. Special musical numbers are being prepared for the program. Three former pastors of the local congregation, Rev. Albin Osterholm of Omaha, Neb., Rev. Theo. Paulson of Virginia, Minnesota, and Rev. A. Ostling of Chicago, Ill. will be in attendance and deliver brief addresses. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock.

The new Mission church was built at a cost of \$35,000. The erection of the temple began on March 1, 1920, and was completed the first of this year. The various members of the church contributed their labor and time as no contractors had the building in charge. Financing the building was made thru subscriptions by members of the congregation and by donations by others outside of the church. The business men of the city contributed \$4,000 towards the church building. There is yet a debt carried by the congregation. The church has a seating capacity of 500 persons in the church proper. The basement seats 350. The church proper is so arranged and designed that a gallery can be placed with a capacity of 250 persons. During an overflow meeting a thousand person audience may be accommodated in church proper and basement. The design, both exterior and interior is attractive and neat. It is indeed one of the most, if not the most, well designed churches in the city. The public is invited to visit the church on the dedication day. Services are held on Sunday morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 8 o'clock.

The Northwest Conference will meet in Willmar and hold its meetings in the Mission church from Tuesday, May 3rd, over Sunday the 8th. The Northwestern Conference comprises about seventy churches in Minnesota, part of Wisconsin and part of South Dakota. This is the annual conference meeting.

The opening session will begin on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the church. This is the meeting of the Ministerial Association when the 70 pastors will assemble for a conference. This meeting will continue until Thursday evening when the conference itself is inaugurated. Rev. C. Olson of Minneapolis is president of the Ministerial Association.

The Conference sessions will begin on Thursday evening and extend over Sunday with closing services on Sunday, the 8th. Rev. A. E. Palmquist of St. Paul is president of the Northwest Conference.

Womens Civic League

The Womens Civic League will meet at the city hall next Tuesday, April 26th, at 3 o'clock. Following is the program: Election of officers. Election of delegates to District convention to be held May 20-21st at Granite Falls. Plans for City clean-up as outlined by our health officer—by Mrs. C. R. C. Baker.

Dental Clinics Held

Dr. Johnson of St. Paul was busy in the county on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week conducting Dental clinics. He was assisted by the county nurse, Miss Inga Imsdahl. At Kandiyo 73 pupils were examined and one adult. At Spicer 16 pupils and 6 adults. At Pennock 49 pupils and 20 adults and at Svea 59 pupils.

Gramhills Return

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gramhill returned Monday morning from Zimmerman to make their home in our city again. They are well known residents here. Some years ago they left Willmar for Zimmerman where Mr. Gramhill engaged in farming. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Gramhill enjoyed a visit in the homeland of Norway. They are again at home at their house on Becker Ave. East which they have rented to the Victor Fridlund family during their period of living at Zimmerman.

COUNTY STOCK RAISERS WARNED OF SCHEMERS

Shrewd Speculator Replaced by New Scheme Exposed by Registration Board

Every year schemers come out with some new method of disposing of questionable pure bred live stock for breeding purposes at exorbitant prices to farmers or groups of farmers. Kandiyo county has been visited by these clever salesmen in the past and will probably be visited again in a little different form in a different city. Last year several head of pure bred live stock was disposed of in this County at twice what they were worth for from the breeders. They were sold under a guarantee that no legitimate breeder can give. These companies have now discontinued business and gone apparently to new fields of parts unknown.

The old Stallion Selling stunt has long been a common favorite among these live stock peddlers. The following will be of interest to breeders of pure bred live stock and farmers: "Complaints have come to the office of the Stallion Registration Board at University Farm, St. Paul, that the old stallion sales company scheme, dressed in new clothes, is being worked in various parts of the state.

By the new plan the salesman, instead of selling shares in the horse, gets fifty or more farmers to agree to breed one or two mares at \$20 for three successive years. When the paper is signed it turns up to be a straight promissory note for the entire amount of service fees, with interest at 7 per cent. Thus the farmers are actually paying in advance for colts yet to be produced. When enough notes have been secured the stallion is practically given away to someone in the neighborhood who is to assume the so-called contracts by breeding the mares. By this method a large sum in negotiable paper is secured for a stallion that might otherwise be bought at a moderate figure.

"If any man or association desires to buy a stallion," says J. F. Kuehn of the Registration Board, "the way to do is to raise the money in advance and then send a good horseman to select an animal for them. In this way they will get their money's worth and at the same time bring in a horse which will be a credit to the community."

Nutritional Clinics

Nutritional clinics under Kandiyo county Public Health Ass'n will be held April 27 at Atwater, April 28th at New London, April 29th at Raymond. Hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. All underweight and ailing children are urged to come. It is very necessary the mother or both parents come with the child. Dr. Groebner, a children's Specialist from the Pedodontic Society of St. Paul, will examine the children free of charge and refer them to the family doctor for treatment. These clinics are held from the Xmas seal sale funds.

Miss Imsdahl and committee of workers will assist the doctor.

Visits Wisconsin K. T. Rykken returned the fore part of last week from a trip to Wisconsin, where he attended church meetings, and visited his son who is pastor in Chippewa Falls. Mr. Rykken visited at Eau Claire and also called on the state tax commission in St. Paul on matters pertaining to his duties as city assessor.

Sentenced to Labor

Abe Sweeney was sentenced Wednesday morning, April 13, to four months at hard labor on the highways of the county and lodging in the county jail. This penalty was imposed on Sweeney by Judge Quale for an offense of the theft of a suitcase last fall.

Changes in Building

The Willmar Electric Service Co. is making some desired changes in their house of business on Benson Ave. When completed more room will be furnished to the Electric shop and Martin's Barber Shop next door.

Fancy Article Sale

The Home League of the Salvation Army will hold their annual sale Thursday and Saturday evenings. Fancy home made articles will be sold. Refreshments served.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild of the St. Lukes church will meet at the home of Mrs. S. O. Diffendorf Friday, April 29th, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Diffendorf and Mrs. P. C. Davison will be the hostesses.

Attended Family Reunion

Hugh Ruddy, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruddy and family autoed to Lambert last Saturday and attended a family reunion of the Ruddy's. They also helped celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. Ruddy.

CLUBS PERFORM WELL IN OPERETTA

Amateur Warblers Sing and Act in Comic Play Before Splendid Audience Friday Evening

The Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs of the Willmar High School pleased a good sized audience at the gymnasium Friday evening with their comic operetta, "The Pennant." Fourteen members of the two clubs carried out acting roles while twenty-seven others made up college gatherings, football team and choruses. Miss Nell Robbins of the High School faculty had the cast in charge and did splendid and praiseworthy work with it. Miss Robbins has shown unusual ability in the training and instructing of choruses and singing organizations.

The plot of the operetta is of the simple and easily followed type. Jack Lawson, captain of a victorious football team, hero of the story and the fiancée of the prettiest girl in the school, was well impersonated by Charles Cleary. Altho he does not possess the type of voice required for the prominent role of leader and hero his acting was done with credit. Doris Coss, as Doris Bond, was clearly the outstanding player of the cast. Miss Coss is the possessor of a voice rich in quality and well trained. Altho lacking in some degree in strength she filled her part with excellence. Elvera Redlund, as Mrs. Grass, a widow, appeared with her usual talent in the art of expression and impersonation. Chester Walin, as Verdant Green, made a hit with the audience. It wasn't his voice as much as his conduct and behavior that made the impression. As a green Freshie at college and popular with the girls, Chester was a very suitable actor for the role. Reuben Lundquist, as Lord Woodby Rich, played his character well. His tall, dignified carriage and drawing voice was typical of the egotistic English duke.

Roy Wetherby, "comedian" of the High School, was easily the second, and some assert the first in order for compliments in the acting. His character of the Jewish Peddler was a most humorous and realistic one. The gestures of the hands so characteristic of the Israelite, the dialect in speaking and the Jewish appearance, were all co-ordinated in the playing of Wetherby. His appearance in each scene was greeted with laughter from the audience as his actions were most ludicrous.

Herbert Sandin, as the football coach, Harold Ives, as a stock broker, Franklin Jolly, as Mason, LeRoy Kirkpatrick as Harding, Lawrence Wiggins as college musician, Beatrice Eckwall as Mrs. Bond, Ethel Magnuson and Lyla Ruddy as chums of Doris, all deserve mention for their acting and singing. The singing of Miss Eckwall was favorably commented upon. Miss Pearl Johnson who served as accompanist for the operetta is entitled to commendation for her rendering of the piano music for the play.

Those who composed the college chorus and members of the football team entered into the spirit of their parts. The special feature was a candle light drill on the stage. Twenty girls, holding large lit candles, carried out an attractive and smoothly executed series of movements and marches. Singing as the movement went on was exceptionally well done.

Left to Attend Convention

Father J. P. Holland, Mrs. D. A. Johnston, T. P. Reynolds, Frank Rodney and W. J. Lawler of this city left last Sunday morning for Chicago to attend the national association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic which opened in Chicago on Monday. A special train left Minneapolis last Sunday evening with a contingent of more than 400 delegates. The train arrived in Chicago Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock where the delegates will attend a two days session. Mrs. Johnston will also visit relatives at Milwaukee before returning home.

Fidels

The Fidels Society will be entertained at the home of Miss Ruth Norman, 806 Second Street East, next Monday, April 25th. Miss Norman will be assisted by Miss Myrtle B. Johnson.

Program in Dist. 41

A program will be given by the pupils of District 41, Friday evening, April 29th. Olive Nelson, Teacher.

A PLEA FOR OUR CLERKS AT OUR POSTOFFICE

Public Urged To Mail Parcels, Letters, Etc., During Early Hours

In order to eliminate the congestion of mail matter in the local postoffice during the late hours of the afternoon and evening, the public is urged to mail its letters and parcels as early as possible during the day. As a general rule people tend to their writing and wrapping during the afternoon and consequently a stream of mail enters the postoffice at about supper time. The load is placed on the clerks within to dispose of it and prepare it for dispatch or delivery. It is apparent that the jam of mail will not fully insure the best of service. The moral taught and the slogan to be followed is to mail your letters and parcels during the forenoon. Sign your letters in the morning and wrap your parcels during those hours. Have consideration for the mail clerk is the request urged of the people of Willmar by postal officials.

FIRST STEP TAKEN TO FORM A LEAGUE

Commercial League of Six Teams Certain. Foundation Laid at Meeting Tues. Evening

It is quite a surety that a Commercial Baseball League will be definitely formed within the next week. The inauguration of the plan was made on Tuesday evening at the City Hall. Here an enthusiastic gathering of those interested in the proposition heard "Bill" O'Neil present the matter. After a free discussion the election of committees and officers took place. Dr. Malmgren was the choice for President of the League and Herbert Hengstler was elected Secretary. Treasurer. A board of Directors composed of the President and Secretary and the managers of the six teams to be entered in the League was provided for, the same Board to meet next Tuesday evening and draft a series of By-Laws to govern the League. The League will be limited to six teams. The First Ward men have organized a team and a number in the South End or Fourth Ward apparently have a team already on the field in practice. The Printers of the Gazette, Journal and Tribune printeries organized at a meeting held Monday evening. The High School boys also have a team waiting for games and will enter the League. The Trainmen and boys from the Roundhouse were represented at the meeting and expressed the intention to organize and participate in the playing.

It is expected that each team will be allowed fifteen members on its list. The League will then have a personnel of ninety players. It has also been suggested that individuals interested but not affiliated with any craft or business be given places on some of the six teams. It is urged that any one sufficiently interested in baseball and eager to take part in the League playing will report his name to Pres. Malmgren or Secretary Hengstler at once. The best diamond skill outside of our regular city nine is wanted for the League teams. There will be some distribution and adjustment of material from one team to the other so as to equalize the playing powers of the six teams. A schedule of games will be outlined by the Directors the first game of which may be played on the first Monday in May. The games of the season will be played in the new ball park.

Birthday Club Entertained

Mrs. P. C. Peterson was hostess to the Birthday club at her home on 9th street last Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was spent socially after which a delicious luncheon was served. A large vase of pink roses formed the centerpiece on the table.

Musical and Singing Concert

A musical and singing concert will be given at the Lutheran Free church at Lake Lillian on Thursday evening, April 21st, at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Birthday Surprise

Paul Olson was very pleasantly surprised last Friday evening at his home on tenth St. the occasion being his birthday. The evening was enjoyed by contests and music. A lunch was served at a late hour, and before leaving the guests left a gold watch chain as a remembrance of the day.

DISCHARGE OF GUN KILLS YOUNG MAN

Donald Gerretson Accidentally Meets Death in Fearful Tragedy Tuesday Evening

Donald, age 16 years, and eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Gerretson, met a tragic and sad death Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock as the result of the accidental discharge of a shotgun which he was repairing in his room at the home on Becker Avenue West. The news of the fearful tragedy shocked the community.

Dr. Gerretson and W. F. Gratz were seated in the porch conversing when the loud report of a gun was heard coming from the young man's room. The latter hastened to the bed chamber and found the unfortunate young man lying on the bed with the portion of the head above the eyes completely shattered by the gun shot.

Dr. Jacobs was summoned and arrived fifteen minutes after the accident and viewed the gruesome spectacle. According to Dr. Jacobs' impressions of the scene, it appears that Donald was seated on the edge of the bed with the shotgun in his hand and in the act of doing some repair work upon it. A part of the weapon was found away and separate from the incompletely assembled gun. This would seem to indicate that the young man while examining or tinkering with the gun caused it to discharge without evident knowledge of it being loaded. The gun case was found partly concealed under the bed. The gun lay in an inclined position relative to the body with the barrel pointing towards the armpit on the right side.

Charles Donald Gerretson was the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Gerretson, and was born November 29, 1904, in the city of Willmar. He was known as a bright, optimistic and ambitious boy. In school his work has been excellent. He was a member of the Junior Class. He had taken part in almost every school activity and was a favorite with his classmates.

Besides his grief afflicted parents he is deeply mourned by a sister Rosemond, who is attending Milwaukee-Downer College, and who will arrive tomorrow to attend the funeral, another sister Mary of nine years and two brothers, Douglas 14 years and William 11 years of age. The sympathy of the community is extended to the stricken parents in their un-speakable loss. The funeral will be held privately at the home at 2:35 p. m. on Friday.

Pleased With Konecny

The following telegram was received by a Moorhead citizen, a Mr. Manning, who has engaged the noted Bohemian violinist Konecny to render a recital at that place. The message came from the American Legion of Winona which had just offered to the people of Winona the famous Konecny in recital and were highly pleased with his music. The telegram reads: "Concert here yesterday afternoon and evening by Konecny assisted by Mary Tris pianiste and Lola Murely Alley, soprano, pleased a thousand people. Konecny and his artists surely are wonderful musicians. Afternoon recital attendance over five hundred students. Our post cleared over four hundred dollars on program alone. Entertainment nets us over six hundred dollars. We heartily recommend them."

Arthur G. Steffes, The American Legion.

Student Evangelist

David E. Swanson, a member of the Lundy Swedish Mission Evangelical church of Pennock, now a student at The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, has been appointed leader of a group of student evangelists who conduct services in the various missions of Chicago. These meetings are usually well attended and professed conversions are frequent.

Basket Social

A basket social will be given in the Fenske schoolhouse, District 74, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Raymond April 29, 1921. Florence Pallin, Teacher.

Doughnut Sale

The Ladies Guild of the St. Lukes church will sell doughnuts at the Cash Grocery next Saturday, April 23d.

Conducted Services

K. T. Rykken of Willmar conducted services at Chippewa Falls, Wis., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 8, 9 and 10th. He also attended a church meeting at New Auburn, Wis.