

RETIRE AFTER 25 YEARS IN BUSINESS

E. C. Wellin Announces Retirement. New Firm Owned By P. C. Peterson and Sons

A business change in the city which caused much comment and which created a genuine surprise to the public was the retirement announced as effective on last Thursday of E. C. Wellin from the prominent business firm of Peterson & Wellin.

Mr. Wellin retires after a period of 25 years as a member of this pioneer business house. During this time he has always been associated with Mr. P. C. Peterson.

Prior to 1897 the firm of A. Larson & Company occupied business quarters where the Willmar Co-operative Store now stands. This firm was then altered to include Messrs. Peterson and Wellin, the firm name being thus Peterson, Larson & Wellin.

Mr. P. C. Peterson will be aided in the management and operation of the business by his two sons, Elroy W. and P. Irvin. Elroy is a graduate of the Willmar High school, studied for several months at the state university, being called to the colors from that institution, and has been employed at the store since his return from the service.

The retiring partner, Mr. Wellin, is as yet undecided upon his future plans. He has interests in Willmar which will make the city his continued home.

WILLING WORKERS The Willing Workers of the Mission church will give their social at the church Friday evening, Jan. 20, at 7:45 p. m.

VIOLIN SOLO, Signe Anderson. Reading, Mrs. Reuben Anderson. Song, Male Quartet. Violin duo, Swalin and Soderlund. Vocal solo, Oscar Augustson.

A SAFE BERTH Harold Severinson of this city has seemed to have nailed down and clinched one of the forward positions on the basket ball team of the University of Minnesota.

ASSOCIATION MEETING The annual meeting of the Atwater Livestock Shipping Association will be held Saturday afternoon in the town hall at Atwater.

PHILATHEA CLASS The Philathea Class will be entertained by Miss Esther Swenson and Mrs. D. T. Carlson at the home of the latter, 113 Litchfield Ave. East, next Wednesday evening, January 25.

WILLMAR WINS The Willmar city basket ball team defeated the Litchfield five this evening in the local gym by the score of 25 to 15.

ATTENDED CONVENTION

R. W. Stanford Elected Secretary of State Glacier Trail Association in State

Olof Ferring, Henry G. Young, Albin C. Carlson, John Ruddy, William O. Johnson attended the national convention of the Glacier Trail Association held last Thursday at Minneapolis.

LOCALS WIN FROM HOWARD LAKE 30-24

Willmar City Team Defeats Visitors in Game Played Here on Friday Evening

The Howard Lake basket ball quint was defeated here Friday evening on the gymnasium floor by the Willmar city team by the score of 30 to 24.

Field baskets, Jestus 1, A. May 3, Campbell 2, F. May 1, Peterson 2, Nordstrom 4, Nelson 6, Norling 2. Free throws, Peterson 6 out of 9, Branton 6 out of 10.

AUDITORS' CONVENTION

Samuel Nelson Presides Over State Auditors' Meet at Minneapolis Jan. 17-18

Auditor Samuel Nelson of Kandiyohi County left Tuesday for Minneapolis to attend the state association of County Auditors which is holding its annual convention in the courthouse.

Mr. Nelson was last year elected as president of the association for a one year term. New officers will be elected at this meeting.

MAN GOES ON ROAD Donald P. Hahn left this city Monday morning for various cities between here and New York.

CAPTURES A FOX Gust Savat, who left Raymond on Saturday, January 7th, for Murdock on a fox hunt, returned home on Thursday with a fox pelt with him.

DRILL TEAM ENTERTAINED Mrs. H. E. Lacy entertained the Drill team of the Degree of Honor Lodge last Wednesday evening at her home at 520 Third Street South.

MISS LARSON ENTERTAINED Miss Anna Larson last Tuesday evening entertained at her home at 492 12th St. in honor of her sister, Miss Zelphia, who left on Saturday for Chicago.

HERE FROM EVANSTON H. M. Stanford of Evanston, Ill., left Tuesday for his home at that place after a visit since Saturday with his mother, Mrs. E. M. Stanford and his brother, Atty. R. W. Stanford.

LADIES AID The Eagle Lake Ladies Aid will meet January 26 at the home of Mrs. A. B. Johnson.

ENGINEERS ARE PICKED FOR JOB

Well-known St. Paul Firm Has Charge of Big Paving Program

The City Council met last Wednesday night to select engineers for the paving program. Applicants have been coming off and on and interviewing the city fathers for several weeks.

Delivered Farewell Address Sunday. Accepts Call to Forest Lake

Rev. C. O. Bergquist for five years past the pastor of the Mamrelund and Zion Lutheran churches at Pennoek, delivered his farewell sermon to the congregation last Sunday.

CHORAL DATE DECIDED Rehearsals Now Being Held in the Junior High School Auditorium

At this week's rehearsal of the Willmar Choral Society at the Junior High School Auditorium the Society members definitely decided upon rendering the noted oratorio "Messiah" on the evening of February 28th.

BUY WHITEFIELD FARM A deal was made last Monday thru J. A. Johnson, the land man, by which Axel and Oscar Lindquist became the owners of the farm known as the old Swinegetter place in section 6, town of Whitefield.

A WORTHY ENDEAVOR Mr. K. T. Rykken told the Tribune representative recently of a social given by the ladies of Prim for the benefit of the Bethesda Homes which netted \$150, and expressed the deep appreciation of those charged with caring for the children and aged for this co-operation.

INTERESTING MEETING The W. C. T. U. held a meeting yesterday at the home of Dr. G. D. Forsell, 601 First Street which was usually well attended.

LADIES GYMNASIUM, NIGHT Thursday is the ladies' night at the Willmar H. S. gymnasium, the Willmar Tribune is asked to state. Floor work begins at 7:30 o'clock.

HALVORSON-SLETTEN Last evening, Jan. 17th, Wilfred J. Halvorson and Miss Anna G. Sletten were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Nicolay Nilson.

MARRIAGE LICENSE Jan. 18—Arthur Bjur to Erid Dahl.

WOODMEN INSTALLATION

A. O. Forsberg is Consul of Local Lodge. State Deputy to be Present

The installation of officers of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge in the city will be held this evening. A supper will be served at seven o'clock.

ATWATER AND GROVE CITY CHURCHES IN GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION At the annual meetings of the Sw. Lutheran churches held last week in Atwater and Grove City, the following reports are submitted:

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LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Atwater and Grove City Churches in Good Financial Condition

At the annual meetings of the Sw. Lutheran churches held last week in Atwater and Grove City, the following reports are submitted:

Atwater church the sum of \$3246.66, paid out \$3142.56, besides the regular amount paid out to missions, both local and foreign and other yearly contributions.

The Ladies Aid has taken in \$544.83 of which \$200 was donated for church use, and \$100 was given to missions, of which \$50 was sent to starving Russia.

The Luther League has taken in \$506.46, paid out \$183.44, of which \$40 was paid toward improvements at the parsonage.

The Ladies Aid has on hand the accumulated amount of \$1280.43, of which \$323 was donated for church work, and also gave to missions and other charities, \$214, leaving a balance of \$783.33.

The Luther League had an accumulated amount of \$819.63, paid out \$495.46, of which \$100 was donated to missions, leaving a balance of \$324.17.

The Sunday school had taken in \$154.03, paid out \$121.74, balance on hand \$32.29.

Besides these amounts in treasury the congregation has two other funds with a balance of \$7264.27, with which it is hoped they will eventually improve their local church property.

Subscriptions to the Theol. Seminary and G. A. college amounted to \$2916. In Atwater the subscriptions were over \$700, of which the subscriptions are not complete.

Christmas contributions toward the pastor from both churches amounted to over \$150.

The regular communicants in both congregations number 655, including the children, 940.

The pastor was given a vacation of 3 months during the summer which was spent in travel in Europe.

The pastor's wife received over \$100 as gifts from the societies of both churches that she might visit her people in Michigan.

The pastor feels deeply grateful to the congregations for their many kindnesses during the year.

It has been decided to give one English sermon monthly. The English language is used in all young peoples society work.

May God prosper and bless his work in the church.

M. LeVander, Pastor.

SPLENDID LECTURE Civic Club Very Successful in Lecture Program by Miss Mary Chase

The lecture given last evening by Miss Mary Chase of the State University at the Masonic Temple was well attended. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed and very instructive.

Receipts were about \$32. Mrs. King, as president of the Civic Club, presided. Mrs. Sophus Larsen and Miss Frances Hed rendered a musical number.

The Civic Club engaged Miss Chase as part of its program for the education of the community. The Club is to be commended for bringing such speakers to the city as the Club expects no profits from such entertainments.

A very low admission is charged only to cover all expenses. In addition the Club arranged to have Miss Chase speak to the High Schools in the morning.

LUTEFISK SUPPER A big lutefisk supper will be served Wednesday evening, Jan. 25th, at the Lutheran Free church on Litchfield avenue and First Street in the church basement.

The menu is as follows: Lutefisk, roast pork, potatoes, fladboff, apple pie, pickles, bread, butter, coffee. Adults, 40 cents and children 25 cents.

LEFT FOR ILLINOIS Rev. and Mrs. Jesper Holmquist left Monday morning for Geneseo, Illinois, where they will visit her parents and friends for several weeks.

REMODELS STAGE

Majestic Theatre Greatly Improves Interior of Amusement House

J. F. Crisp, proprietor of the Majestic Theatre, is now carrying out excellent plans for the remodeling of the stage and the decoration of the interior. Some days ago the entire interior was retinted and beautified and now work is being done on the stage.

The stage will have a depth of thirty feet and have complete furnishings with curtain and scenery. Mr. Crisp will then book vaudeville acts and small shows in addition to his regular moving picture performances.

J. H. Olsen and Company are doing the remodeling work.

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The boys game the Willmar team was greatly handicapped by the small playing area but on the other hand found Atwater much stronger and more worthy of their steel than they had expected.

Atwater, seemed to be the boy around which Atwater built her five. He scored 13 of his team's 15 points, five field baskets being credited to him.

For Willmar Holmberg and Grace divided field basket honors.

It appeared that neither team showed real basket ball ability due to the small floor. There was very little opportunity for a playing plan to be worked out on the floor but merely a general scramble and close scrap over the ball.

Atwater Pos Willmar Beese LF Sandin Larson LF Holmberg Samstad C Grace Johnson RG Linn Anderson LG Westgard

Field baskets: Grace 4, Sandin 2, Holmberg 4, Westgard 1; Larson 5, Samstad 1.

Free throws: Sandin 2 out of 3; Beese, 0 out of 1; Larson, 3 out of 7; Fouls: 3 personals on Atwater and 4 personals on Willmar.

Subs: Dale and Jolly for Willmar, and Lindell and Ziehl for Atwater.

Girls' Game The girls teams turned out to be very closely matched. Both sides fought hard for the ball and forged their scores ahead alternately.

The score was 6 to 6 at the close of the last half. Five minutes extra were played. Atwater then succeeded in rolling in an extra basket and the victory was theirs.

The Willmar girls feel that the basket could just as well have been their own. The Atwater girls made four of their points thru free throws and Willmar two.

Willmar Pos Atwater Willmough LF Moll Monson RF Thompson Christian JC Lund Leid RC Kurtz Hanson RG Halvorson Johnson LG Ostlund

Field baskets: Greenough 2, Moll 1, Feig 1. Free throws: Monson 2 out of 4; Feig, 4 out of 7. Referees: Arneson, Trebilcock.

CREAMERY BOOSTER MEETING A meeting will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the Woodman Hall at Pennoek when the creamery matter will be brot up for discussion.

Every man who has a cow in the vicinity should attend this meeting. E. L. Rodegeb will deliver a talk.

COFFEE AND APRON SALE Don't miss it. The public coffee and apron sale Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Masonic temple. Menu: Escalloped potatoes, sandwiches, pickles, cake, coffee. Price 25c. Given by the St. Luke's Guild.

SALVATION ARMY Song and music program by Commandant Sandberg from Sweden on Friday evening, Jan. 20, at 8 o'clock. He is a splendid musician, plays man dolin, violin and accordion. Admission ten cents.

COUNTY FARMERS PETITION CONGRESS

Kandiyohi County Farmers Also Demand Repeal of Esch-Cummins Law

A very good attendance of progressive farmers met in the courtroom at the courthouse last Saturday afternoon to adopt a resolution requesting of Congress the revival of the government grain corporation which functioned during war times and to the great benefit of the farmer.

C. O. Bergquist presided over the meeting, announced the purpose of the gathering and an interesting and earnest discussion of the matter followed.

Every speaker expressed himself as alarmed, at the grave conditions in which the farmer finds himself during the present time and without any immediate promise of relief.

The farmer has been driven to the wall, credit is out of his reach, he sells his produce for less than what it costs him to produce it, his payments on debts come due and thus far no effective step has been taken to give him aid.

The farmer must fight for himself, he must act at once to save himself and indirectly to save the economic structure in the country from ruin.

Among the speakers were Representative Hemming Nelson who urged the gathering to immediately petition Congress thru representatives and senators to revive the government grain corporation.

Others who took a leading part in the discussion were C. O. Bergquist, J. B. Bosch and A. O. Nelson.

Hemming Nelson also prevailed upon those present to urge the immediate repeal of the Esch-Cummins bill which by allowing the railroads to raise the rates and maintain the present high ones aids in cutting the farmer's receipts on his produce.

The following resolution was then voted upon with a unanimous response from those present:

"We, the undersigned, request that you carefully consider the proposition which we propose below. We ask that you present our petition to congress and the proper committees of congress.

We also ask that you, as our representative, assist us by introducing a bill to carry out the below proposal, or, if such a bill is introduced by anybody else, that you support it and do our best to have it passed.

We desire the revival of the government grain corporation as soon as it can be brought about. We propose this as the only thing that will prevent another disastrous price year for grain farmers. Farmers are being foreclosed—going bankrupt—and many are leaving the farms. We see no hope of relief within a reasonable time unless the government, through the grain corporation, undertakes to pool all the country's wheat, and sell it as it did in the war.

The grain corporation can and should fix a price on wheat that will assure cost of production to farmers. A price to assure cost of production should be fixed at once on wheat now in the hands of the producer, his co-operative organizations and country elevators. A price for the 1922 crop also should be fixed and guaranteed NOW by the grain corporation, to cover cost of production and a living for farmers who grow wheat in 1922.

The effect of this will be immediately to revive business and agriculture. The farmer then can get more credit at once to carry him over the winter, and to pay his seed and help next spring. This would be brot about if it is known he will get a fair and adequate price for his products. The farmer can then buy what he needs and business will improve. The farmer is not buying anything now because he is broke and can not get credit, and does not know that he will be better off next fall.

As an emergency measure to assure the country its food supply, and to prevent further abandonment of the farms and suffering in the interests of all the people, SOMETHING must be done at once. We see no way out, an believe there is no way out, except thru the revival of the grain corporation and its management by officials not connected with grain exchanges, middlemen's interests or millers. There are several co-operative pools started, but these are not co-operative with one another, and no one seriously claims they will be in a position to appreciably relieve the situation for several years, if at all.

We ask consideration of and action on these propositions immediately.

"We also demand and petition the repeal of the Esch-Cummins Railroad law"