

THE ROYAL ROAD TO FARM-LANDS BEST

FAR-FAMED MINNESOTA RED RIVER VALLEY

ARGYLE AS A PRIMARY GRAIN MARKET.

Argyle has five elevators with a combined capacity of 150,000 bushels that handled a million bushels of grain from the 1914 crop, which stamps it as the largest primary grain market in Marshall county. The importance of a city or town in this Valley is measured by the number of bushels of grain handled by its elevators, and by this rule, Argyle leads where others follow, in Marshall county. The 1915 crop year will show a large increase over the number of bushels of grain handled at Argyle over that of 1914, the estimate being from a million and a quarter to one and a half million bushels. In 1911, Argyle shipped 1,500,000 bushels of grain, which gave her the banner as the largest shipper of grain of any one point on the Great Northern railroad in Minnesota or North Dakota. Still, grain is only one of the crops grown, for she is leading other sections in dairying and stockraising and kindred agricultural products, stamping her not only as the wealthiest but most progressive region of Northwestern Minnesota.

A. W. Headrick, grain and coal, is one of the large grain dealers, capacity of elevator 35,000 bushels. The business was established in 1911 and in addition to the grain business, coal is the leader, having large storage yards stocked with the very best grades of anthracite and soft coal.

Mr. Headrick located here in 1895, operating an 160 acre farm, nine miles Northeast of Argyle, until 1903, when he moved to the city. Then took a position as grain buyer for the Imperial Grain Elevator, which he filled until 1906, when he resigned to fill the same position with the Farmers & Merchants Elevator Company where he remained until 1911, when he embarked in the grain and coal business for himself.

Mr. A. W. Headrick is not only a successful business man but a recognized leader in all matters pertaining to the upbuild of Argyle. To prove his popularity we only have to say that he is now serving his third term as mayor of the city, as a reward for services well performed. There is no public movement that has for its purpose the betterment of this city and section in which mayor Headrick is not involved, which has made him a name and fame over this entire section.

Farmers & Merchants Elevator Company, dealers in grain and fuel, is incorporated for \$5,000, and is run on the co-operative plan, the stock being held by the business men of Argyle and the farmers of this section. The elevator capacity is 30,000 bushels and in 1914

F. E. Barsaloux, dealer in grain, feed and seeds, established his business in 1909, the elevator capacity being 30,000 bushels, and today is one of the very successful grain dealers of this section of the Minnesota Red River Valley.

Mr. Barsaloux came here in 1879 at the age of three years, with his parents, and was educated in the public schools of Argyle. In 1899 he married and took the management of the Frisco farm located eight miles Northwest of the city, containing 1280 acres, where he remained until 1902, then took the management of the Carese farm, located two miles South of Argyle, where he remained until 1905, when he removed to the city to take the management of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator, where he was grain buyer for four years and purchased the elevator and good will of the business. During all the 36 years of Mr. Barsaloux' in this section, he has been an active worker for his city and community, which has made him many business and personal friends.

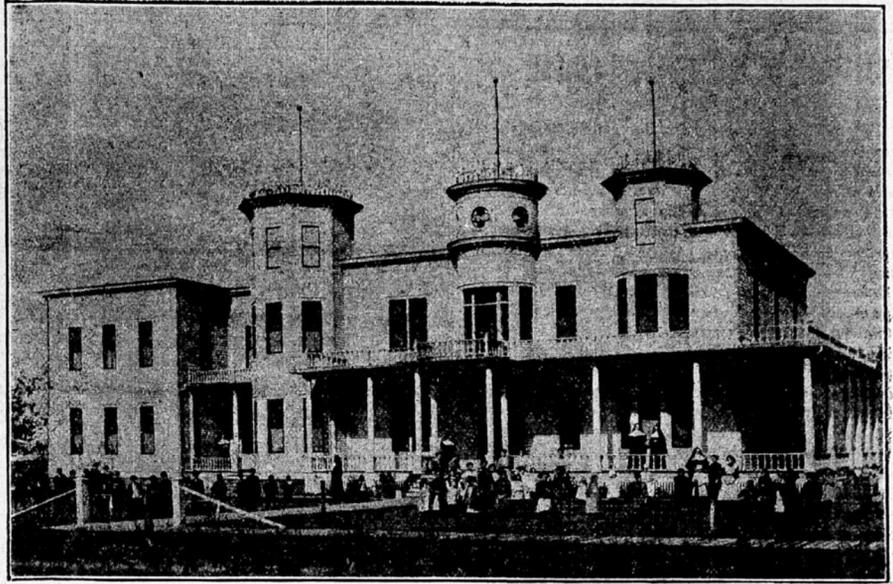
National Elevator Company. This is one of the line of elevators controlled by Minneapolis interests. It is a 30,000 bushel house under the management of James Dundas, local buyer.

ARGYLE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

This company was established in 1905 by its owners W. S. Robertson and Donald Robertson, who took advance grounds to place Argyle on the map with the other cities and towns of the Valley. They have displayed great public enterprise having extended their lines until today they have 300 miles wire and 100 pole lines in the country, connecting up all the farms tributary to Argyle, there being 350 telephones in the city and tributary territory. In addition to this local service, the Argyle Telephone Company's lines are connected up with the Northwestern Telephone Company system, giving the best of long distance service with the outside world.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Plans have been drawn and a site selected for the building of the Marshall and Roseau county tuberculosis sanitarium, to cost \$35,000 to \$40,000. It will be built of brick and concrete with all modern appliances and will have accommodations for 25 beds. The committee having the matter in charge comprises the following: Dr. W. S. Anderson, president; Donald Robertson, secretary; Jonas Sjoberg, W. B. Gislason and Louis Enstrom.

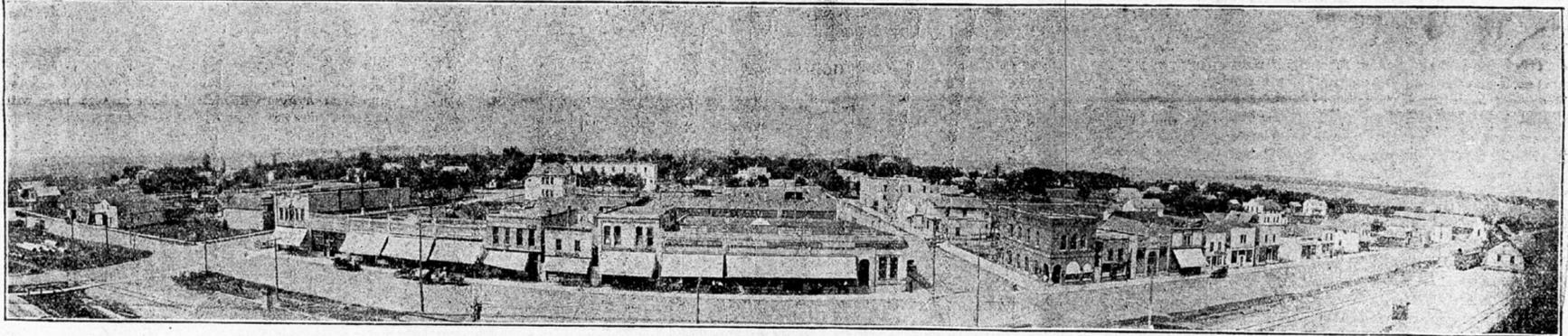


VILLA ROSA ACADEMY, ARGYLE, MINN.

Among the most noted and worthy institutions of the Minnesota Red River Valley or for that matter Northwestern Minnesota, is the Villa Rosa Academy of Argyle, Minnesota, under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph, for the education and training of the youth. The Academy was established in 1903, and opened with six sisters and fifty pupils, while now there are eleven sisters and 130 pupils, which shows its steady growth along the lines of a higher and better education.

Villa Rosa Academy is located in the quiet zone of the city, a five minutes' walk from the business center. The Academy has a frontage of 120 feet and depth of 75 feet, two stories and basement, steam heated and electric lighted. One of the striking features is the porches on three sides for the use of the students on the first and second floors. On entering the Academy is the reception room. Then leading from the hall is the children's dining room; double music room where

instructions are given on the piano, violin and mandolin; the chapel with splendid altar and vestments, that has a seating capacity of one hundred; children's play room; five class rooms; art department, where instruction is given in drawing and painting; class room, where all kinds of needlecraft work is taught; three dormitories, one for boys under twelve years old and two for girls; independent rooms and dormitories for the larger girls. There are bath and toilet rooms on all floors, making Villa Rosa Academy an institution of learning that any parent might well be proud to send their children to, to acquire not only the right kind of an education, but what is equally important, the best of manners and habits. All grades are taught from the kindergarten to the ninth by experienced teachers, thus giving the student the best possible advantage for advancement. Those of you that desire more information concerning this institution should consult Mother Superior, Villa Rosa Academy, Argyle, Minnesota.



BIRDSYE VIEW OF ARGYLE, MINNESOTA, A SPLENDID CITY IN A RICH TERRITORY.

they handled 215,000 bushels of grain which was grown within twenty miles West and East of this city. The officers of the Farmers & Merchants Elevator Co. are: Nels Malm, president, H. R. Meisch, secretary and A. A. Buckingham, manager, who has held this position for the past three years.

F. J. Shreck, dealer in all kinds of grain and seeds and live poultry, elevator capacity 25,000 bushels. Mr. Shreck is rated as one of the live progressive grain men of the Valley, who in two short years has built up a splendid business in the grain line, and to better serve the farmers of this section, he has opened up a live poultry market, which will no doubt develop into a big side line and be of great value to poultry raisers, affording them a cash market.

Mr. F. J. Shreck came here from Henry county, Illinois, where he was raised on a farm. When he reached the state of manhood he took up the profession of farming, but, owing to an operation which unfitted him for the occupation, he accepted a position of traveling salesman with headquarters at Galva, that state. In March, 1912, he came to Argyle to take the management of the Westerlund farm, 12 miles Southwest of this city, where he remained two years and then removed to Argyle, where he bought the elevator in 1914 that he now operates.

ROBERTSON'S PHARMACY.

This is one of the oldest and most reliable pharmacies in the Red River Valley, established by Donald Robertson and is known far and wide for the excellency of its stock of pure drugs, druggist's sundries, toilet articles, books and stationery, cigars and smokers goods, a complete drug store with many special lines that are only carried by quality drug stores. Their specialty is physicians' prescriptions, stocked with a special line so that each may be filled without substitution, exactly as your physician has written them. The Robertson pharmacy is housed in their own building, a two story, size 25x60, fitted up with sanitary show cases and other furnishings and fixtures to match, making it in a class all by itself. The proprietors of this model drug store are Donald Robertson, who has served with distinction as representative of the 67th district and as county superintendent of schools, in fact, is one of the leaders among men in the affairs of his party. The other member is W. S. Robertson, president of the Argyle Commercial Club and secretary of the school board, one of the live wires.

DeMERS' STUDIO.

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HON. N. S. HEGNES, ARGYLE.

One of the leaders in the great influential law-making body of Minnesota, was Hon. N. S. Hegnes, one of the sixty-seven senators that comprised that body, representing as he did the sixty-seventh senatorial district, including Kittson, Roseau and Marshall counties. Mr. Hegnes is a native of Minnesota, born in Rice county some thirty-seven years ago, of Norwegian parents. He was educated in the common schools, and is a graduate of the Dixon Business College. After finishing his education he devoted his attention to the banking business, and today is president of the First National Bank of Argyle, Marshall county, one of the leading banks of the Minnesota Red River Valley, having a capital of \$25,000, surplus and profits of \$27,500 and deposits of \$225,000, stamping him as a man of affairs in this favored section of the Valley and Northern Minnesota. In politics, Mr. Hegnes is a republican and as such has always been a leader and freely consulted in matters pertaining to party politics. He has been a member of the Republican State central committee, chairman of the Marshall County Republican committee, and has served his adopted city, Argyle, as mayor. In all of these positions, including that of State Senator, he has proven a zealous worker, displaying tact and ability, which has given him a state-wide reputation. Those who have studied the career of the Hon. N. S. Hegnes believe that his political career has just commenced.

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest. Proverbs 20:4

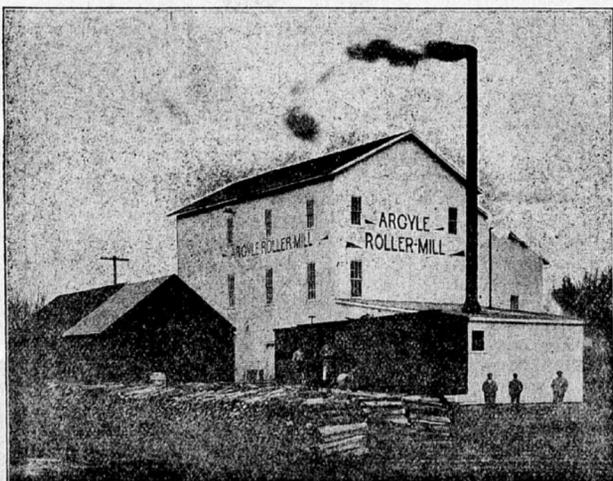


HON. DONALD ROBERTSON

Donald Robertson came to Argyle and Marshall county in 1883, carrying the hod, a large amount of natural ability, and a supply of nerve, that never forsakes him. He was born in Hillsburg, Ontario, in 1859. Soon after his arrival he began to teach school, learn the druggists trade, and dabble in village and county politics, in addition to his regular trade as a hod carrier. His abilities were recognized and offices and honors were thrust upon him in rapid succession. He has served as postmaster, on the village council, member of the school board, and also as county superintendent of schools of Marshall county. Served as a member of the house of the Minnesota legislature for three sessions, 1907, 1909 and 1911, and was one of its most influential members.



Hotel Argyle, Argyle, Minn.



ARGYLE'S
100 BARREL
FLOUR MILL