

Memory Lane

100 years ago

Notices have been sent out to all holders of poolhalls, confectionery, tobacco, and other licenses that punch boards, slot machines, and similar gambling devices are being shipped into the state and warning the holders if found using them, their license will be revoked.

Attention is called in the notice to the North Dakota laws, making it unlawful to keep or exhibit any gambling device or apparatus, and that a violation of this law is not only punishable as a crime, but also constitutes a ground upon which the license may be revoked.

North Dakota has set a good example of how to fight illiteracy. The last census showed nearly 10,000 illiterates in this state. The people went to work and in a short time one county after another were listed and offered instruction, particularly thru night schools. The result is that the number of illiterates up there is estimated to have been cut in half.

It would be well if every state in the country would adopt similar methods until illiteracy ceased to be one of the blots upon the nation.

The Gazette in the future is going to refrain from publishing discussions of a religious nature. Church notices will be published free, and they are welcomed, but criticism from contributors will not appear.

Few people there are who have no religion and that is their private affair. People who subscribe for a newspaper want the current news, unless the paper be a church publication. They do not care to read scathing articles against other denominations, as a general thing.

This week we received two communications, which we have declined to insert. Both contributors are perfectly honest in their beliefs, but the articles would offend many of our readers because of the fact that they contain rather strong inferences.

This world has enough grief and misery as it is and we believe it the duty of every newspaper to bring a message of cheer and encouragement to its readers and to avoid teaching bitterness, class-hatred, or to criticize those with whom it may differ.

75 years ago

Eleven members of McClusky high school's basketball squad, their coach and three drivers on route to Harvey via Turtle Lake, Underwood and Minot, were halted by deep snow on Highway 7 west of Turtle Lake and are snowbound at the Vaughn Hanson farm. "The basketball team was scheduled to meet Fessenden at Harvey Monday evening in a playoff game for a berth in the Central North Dakota conference tourney scheduled to be held at Harvey this weekend. However, because roads between here and Harvey were blocked it was decided to go by way of Minot, taking US 52 from there to Harvey.

The basketball players making the trip include Ervin Grossz, Arnold Lasher, Walter Hausauer, Robert Neff,

Wesley Kessler, Norman Gehring, Curtis Jorgenson, Lloyd Lauer, Jack Thorson, Harold Schielke, and Alvin Herr, and coach Carl Elston. Drivers are Clinton Neff, Chrls Nichols, and Ken Sparrow.

Dan (Skipper) Mayer, World War II veteran, was elected chief of the McClusky Volunteer Fire Department at the annual election meeting held Wednesday evening, January 18 at the city hall.

He succeeds Theo Schaeffer, who has headed the Volunteer firemen for the last three years and who is a life member of the North Dakota Firemen's association.

Willis Britton was elected assistant fire chief, a position which Mayer held for three years. Paul C. Peterson was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Schaeffer and Peterson were each given a rising vote of thanks for their service to the fire department. Andrew Beck was elected trustee, succeeding I. A. Boling. Alvin Berg and Emil C. Wahl are holdover trustees.

Mr. Peterson gave the annual secretary-treasurers report at this meeting.

Skipper Mayer, the new fire chief, held a position with Independent Oil Company for 16 years, until he resigned early this month to enter into a partnership with Raymond Sease in the blacksmith and welding business. The shop, which continues to operate under the name Sease Blacksmith, is located on Highway 7 at the east edge of town.

50 years ago

The Goodrich Panthers have won a game and lost one since the last report. On January 7, they over-powered the Sykeston Wildcats, 70-38 on their home court and on January 13, at the Central Dakota Conference Tournament they were defeated in the opening round by the Fessenden Orioles, 65-54.

The McClusky Dragons had a busy week in Central North Dakota Conference Tournament play last week in New Rockford, splitting the four games. The local squad finished in fourth place. The Esmond Eagles won the championship, downing Minnewaukan 62-48 in the title game.

Becky Wahl, McClusky, was awarded first place in the After Dinner Speaking Category at the UND Speech Contest, Friday, January 10.

Over 600 students from over 35 schools in North Dakota and Minnesota participated.

Twenty-seven trophies were awarded in the seven categories and on a sweepstakes basis, McClusky was in sixth place. Fargo North High School was first, Grand Forks Central and Grand Forks Red River tied at a distant record, International Falls, Minnesota was fourth and Mt. St. Benedict of Crookston, Minnesota came in fifth. McClusky was followed by Roseau and Fortville, Minnesota to complete the eight schools receiving awards.

25 years ago

Member of Aid Association for Lutherans was awarded God Star ratings by the Fraternal Benefit Society in recognition of extemporary volunteer service to the community.

Through the Helping Hands Program, \$1,740 was given to the Camp of the Cross, \$300 to the Shepherd Hills retreat, \$2,417 to the Ambulance Service, and \$2,383 was raised to help buy an electric wheelchair for Lori Stein.

Through the Youth Service, the youth from St. John's built benches which were placed along Main Street. The Youth from Grace Lutheran used 4500 to purchase items for farmers in distress. The branch is ranked in several categories to achieve Gold Stars and these were all met.

Officers of the branch are Lynn Helm, president; Delores Helm, vice-president; Betty Kurle, secretary; and Connie Pfennig, treasurer. The branch is supported by AAL District representative Norbert Mayer of Bismarck.

The Goodrich Lions Club held their anniversary Ladies night on January 10 at Grandma's Place. Special guests were from the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, Inc., from Jud. Michael Goehring, executive program director and Babara Haarman, who is the head dog trainer, talked and demonstrated with the two dogs named Shotgun who is an Irish Setter and Sugar, who is a yellow Lab to the elementary and high school students and in the evening to the Lions Club and wives.

Since 1989 Great Plains has been a project of the Jud Lions Club. They are a small non-profit organization. It is their mission to acquire, train, place, and certify assistance dogs for people with various disabilities.

They satisfied more than 50 cases in 19 states and in two Canadian Provinces. They just recently completed three assistance dog placements and certification in North Dakota.

They are NOT in competition with the Leader Dog Program, and they are not affiliated or funded by the Leader Dog Program. They are a separate entity providing a very different kind of service and distribute information about their services.

They offer an informative program appropriate for school assemblies as well as Lions clubs and they do a pet therapy visit to local nursing homes. They always give credit to the Lion Club at their presentations to the schools and nursing homes.

Legals

Goodrich Rural Fire Protection District Annual Meeting.

Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 4:00 pm
Location: the Goodrich Firehall
Lunch will be served following the meeting
Timothy Erdmann, Secretary, Treasurer
(Jan. 23 & Feb. 6, 2025)

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Anamoose Fire Protection Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Anamoose Fire Protection District will be held at the Anamoose Fire Hall on Saturday, February 1, 2025, for the purpose of electing officers and directors and to take care of any other regular and new business that may come before the meeting.

The volunteer department will hold its annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a meal after. District meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Past directors and retired firemen are invited to the meal. All district patrons are welcome to attend the meeting.

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