

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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From the Plain Talk

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The first grade honor roll students at Meckling were, John Gill, Carl Berglund, Phyllis Gunderson, Robert Johnson, Edgar Turner, Ella June Whittaker, Melva Peterson and Ruby Peterson.

Try on a Nelly Don dress at The Jo Ellen Shop. \$1.95.

Joe Garvis, member of the local fire department, saved a dog from burning to death. Joe was assisting other firemen in removing household articles from the blazing home of Chris Putman when he spied something in the corner. He grabbed it and threw it out the window. It proved to be the shivering pup that would have been burned to death. When Joe got out of the window himself, bystanders called his attention to the fact the seat of his trousers were on

fire. Burning debris had landed in his pocket. This fire was extinguished in a hurry.

Dr. Herbert Schell, Professor of American History at the university, when speaking to a group had as his topic, "Cornbread and Catfish Days". The period of the 1860's was a trying one for the early settlers of this area. He explained that the people were dependent on the humble catfish for their main diet.

There was some real excitement at the court house on Tuesday when the contents of a tin wastebasket caught fire.

Stuffed in a hole in the ceiling in the county jail, three hacksaw blades were discovered Monday by Mike Perdue, local electrician. There are several federal prisoners in the county jail, but it is doubtful if they have anything to do with the blades. Who secreted them is a mystery.

Ex Mayor George Kemper was the ring leader at the Tuesday evening meeting to "start the ball rolling" to devise means, if possible, to secure a reduction in city taxes to conform to the restricted incomes of taxpayers under present conditions. A committee was appointed to investigate the tax situation and bring a report at another mass meeting next Monday evening in

the courtroom.

A reduction of 25% in city, school expenditures is recommended at tax meeting. Some 200 taxpayers were in attendance of the mass meeting. A local resident stirred a listless audience to attention. He is often the center of stormy public meetings. He told the listeners they were the kind who would say what they think out on the streets, but don a cloak of disinterest at a gathering where their ideas are needed. Much discussion followed and a member of the university faculty said he approved a "reasonable cut" but Vermillion is an education center and should not make a ridiculous attack on the teachers' salaries. His talk precipitated a number of remarks in which the general theme seemed to be: Prestige cannot be upheld when taxpayer's ability to pay has been undermined. The committee recommended that \$11,500 be severed from the annual school budget of \$46,000, leaving a budget of \$34,500. The committee suggests that Supt. Hartman's salary be cut from \$3,600 to \$2,200 and teacher's salaries be reduced as follows: 25% over \$1,500; 15% less over \$1,500; none below \$1200. There are 17 teachers at the high school and junior high

school at a total salary of \$28,700, of which \$1,650 is paid by the government, under the Smith Hughes Act, and \$1,000 by the city. There are 12 teachers employed in the grade schools at a total salary of \$16,150 per year and 1 kindergarten teacher earning \$1,100.

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According to information received at the court house, a new state ruling cuts the salaries of county officials around 15%. It is understood this regulation becomes effective July 1, 1933.

Mrs. D. M. Inman has been elected treasurer of the Vermillion Cemetery Association for the 37th consecutive year.

During the week of March 16, 1933, almost every bank in the state was reopened without restrictions. A number of new accounts have been

opened and sizeable deposits made when the two local banks opened for business on Wednesday when the national bank holiday shut them down.

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If you are easily shocked, run for shelter! Here comes that torrential down pour of passionate drama with the lighting star of Stars! Joan Crawford stars in RAIN. Mickey Mouse Cartoon and Fox Movietone News included on this show on Sunday and Monday at the March Theatre.

\$2,300. Damage was done to the entrance of the Coyote

Theatre on Saturday. Fire Chief Pierce said that a gas-line pressure heater apparently was not generated properly, resulting in long tongues of flame which quickly spread and ignited the composition walls.

Fire Chief Pierce is asking the city council for 500 feet of new double strength hose. Three lengths of hose were lost in a fire 2 weeks ago and another length burst at the theatre fire. The Chief says a hose break might be the cause of letting a fire get out of control; we can't afford to take the chance.

The burglars have been busy this past week in local businesses. A "burglar proof" window was opened at the Brownell Oil Station on Plum Street and this business continues to be first choice for the break-in artists. An ordinary window had to be smashed, then the burglar had to reach in, pry off a board and pull out nails driven into the sash. The second break-in was at the dental office of Collins & Collins. This is the second time for the dental office to be robbed. The first time they made away with \$150.00 in gold leaf and fillings. This time nothing was touched. The gold was locked in the safe.

H1N1 e-mails pose potential identity theft risk

Do not respond to e-mails that ask for personal information related to receiving vaccinations for H1N1 influenza.

Reports of identity-theft "phishing scam" e-mails have increased this week. According to Kim Cassel, a South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service specialist who serves as the leader of the National Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) H1N1 response team, the e-mails seek to trick people who have received vaccinations into sharing their personal information.

"The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) has received several e-mail alerts about phishing scams related to H1N1, and they do pose a potential ID-theft risk. We want people to be aware of these scams," said Cassel. "E-mails have been sent that request additional information, and while they mention the Centers for Disease Control-sponsored State Vaccination Program, they are illegitimate."

Cassel reminded anyone who has received an H1N1 vaccination and who may have received e-mails of this nature of what to do.

"Don't click on the embedded link in a message like this, as it may pose a risk, and do not visit Web sites you do not trust," Cassel said. "Neither the CDC nor the South Dakota Department of Health will send you any message asking for more information. If you receive a message that asks for this sort of thing, delete it."

For more information H1N1 flu preparedness, and on this potential identity theft threat, visit the BeReady Brookings Web site at this link: <http://www.bereadybrookings.com>.

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H1N1 vaccination is completely voluntary, and there is no charge for the vaccination. The CDC recommends that an individual who previously suffered from a suspected case of H1N1 without a lab confirmation should still receive the H1N1 vaccine.

There is currently a limited supply of vaccine, and vaccine is currently only available to those who are at the highest risk for contracting H1N1. As more H1N1 vaccination clinics are scheduled, they will be posted on the South Dakota Department of Health web site, <http://h1n1.sd.gov>.

To speed up the vaccination process, parents and participants are encouraged to go online to www.vermillion.k12.sd.us and print out the "Flu Vaccination Clinic Information Form" necessary to get the shots and bring the completed form to Wednesday's clinic. Blank

forms will also be available at the event.

The vaccine is being provided by the federal government and vaccination clinics are being administered statewide by the South Dakota Department of Health in partnership with Avera Health, Sanford Health and Regional Health.



Christmas festival

The W.H. Over Museum was filled with brightly decorated Christmas trees and tables filled with crafts, food, art and refreshments at the annual Christmas festival, held at the museum Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6. (Photo by David Lias)

South Dakota joins effort to boost college access

National data confirm that too few low-income and minority students enroll in college, and fewer still persist to graduation. The South Dakota Board of Regents' system has joined in a national Access to Success initiative to improve student outcomes on its six public university campuses.

South Dakota is one of 24 public college and university systems participating in Access to Success (A2S) by pledging to narrow the gap in college-going and degree completion rates that now separate low-income and minority students from others. The initiative is a project of the National Association of System Heads and The Education Trust.

"This is an important effort, because higher education is all about improving our state's quality of life by producing a highly-skilled and educated

workforce," said Jack R. Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO. "For South Dakota to prosper, we must increase college participation rates and improve completions for all students, while paying close attention to closing achievement gaps for minority, low-income, and first-generation college students."

Baseline data released for South Dakota as part of the A2S initiative generally mirrored national indicators. Among graduates (both asso-

ciate- and bachelor-degree holders) who entered the South Dakota system as freshmen, there were fewer under-represented minorities and fewer low-income students than would have been expected if such students had entered and completed at the same rates as other students in the state.

Systems participating in the A2S initiative have agreed on a common set of metrics to evaluate progress in meeting an aggressive goal to signif-

cantly increase the number of low-income and minority college graduates by 2015.

"This effort fits well with the regents' strategic goals to improve all students' preparation for college, increase their rates of participation and completion, and keep our graduates in South Dakota," Warner said. "Our challenge is to educate more South Dakotans and position this state to be competitive both academically and economically with the rest of the world."

Christmas Holiday Break Schedule for the Vermillion Public Schools:

Friday, Dec. 18th early dismissal
Austin & Jolley School at
1:50 p.m.

Middle & High School at 2 p.m.
No School: Monday, Dec. 21st thru
Friday, Jan. 1st

Classes for all schools
will resume on Monday, Jan. 4th

The W.H. Over would like to thank the following for making the Burr Broom exhibit a success:
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