



Minneota Memory

This photo taken in 1904 shows the Globe Land and Loan Company and the W.B. Gislason Hardware Store in downtown Minneota. The building was constructed in 1898 by J.B. Gislason.

From the Mascot Files

100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 Years Ago (Feb. 24, 1922)

Time is now to make investments

B.B. Gislason returned from Canby where he was on Monday for business connected with some land deals. Gislason reports that the land business will soon begin to pick up and that this is the time to make profitable investments. Gislason also said that you can find all kinds of investments now that they are very desirable. The only problem is finding enough money.

Modern Woodmen camp holds meeting in Legion

The Modern Woodmen camp held its first social meeting in its new quarters, the old Legion Hall, on Tuesday evening. The Legion Hall had been papered and fixed up and now presents a very inviting appearance. Cards, chess and checkers were the games that occupied the attention of the members. There was also a very fine lunch served. About 40 members were present.

75 Years Ago (Feb. 28, 1947)

Red Cross drive goal in Minneota is \$700

Mrs. Harold Friend, chairman of the Red Cross drive for the Minneota branch of the American Red Cross, said this week that the drive for funds in Minneota will be held Saturday, March 8. The quota for this branch, which includes Nordland and Westerheim Townships, has been set at \$700. The Lyon County goal has been set at \$5,537. Frank Josephson is the chairman in Nordland Township, Julian Gislason is chairman of Westerheim Township. In Taunton, the goal is set at \$135, with Mrs. John Bertemes the chairman, and in Ghent, the goal is \$225 with Mrs. Robert

DeRoode the chairman.

Hospital donations hit \$28,400; drive continues

Donations for erection of a hospital in Minneota hit \$28,400 Thursday morning, members of the Minneota Businessmen's Association reported. Included in this amount were some donations in the rural areas. The drive for funds in townships and villages have not officially started, although some work has been done. Precinct chairmen and their assistants have been busy the past few days completing their organizations and making plans for the campaign.

Creamery here had best year in history

Stockholders of the Minneota Cooperative Creamery Company, meeting the Legion Hall on Wednesday afternoon, learned that a total of \$8,342.88 will be distributed as patrons' equity reserve for last year, the best year in the creamery's history. Orval Orsen and Ed Traen were re-elected to the board of directors at the meeting, which was attended by a good crowd. Speakers at the meeting were Otto Christensen, Land O'Lakes fieldman; Frank White, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau; and Ben Zachariason of the Land O'Lakes field service.

50 Years Ago (Feb. 24, 1972)

Callens qualifies for state wrestling

Richard Callens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Callens of Minneota, will be wrestling in the state tournament on Thursday after winning the 98-pound division in the section tournament last Saturday in Montevideo. After holding his first three opponents scoreless, Callens, a junior, defeated Pat Botsford of Marshall 11-8 in the championship. The state meet

will be held at Williams Arena in Minneapolis.

Borson re-named to M-G-T board

Albert Borson was re-named to the board of directors of the Minneota, Ghent and Taunton Cooperative Oil Company when stockholders of that firm met for their annual meeting in the Legion building here Tuesday afternoon. Borson, a veteran of the board, was elected to a three-year term. Donald Boerboom was re-elected president of the board. Borson was re-elected vice president and Norbert Lanners was re-named secretary/treasurer. Other members of the board are Walter Gillund and Paul Myrvik.

25 Years Ago (Feb. 26, 1997)

Five wrestlers to compete at state

Kris Fier, Peter Janiszewski, Kurt Fier, John Myhre and Scott Fiers all qualified for the Class A individual state wrestling tournament. Kris Fier, the defending state champion, will take a 20-1 record into state at 112 pounds; Janiszewski (21-11), who did not wrestle last year, qualified at 125 pounds; Kurt Fier (31-2), Kris's brother, will compete at 130 pounds; Myhre (22-9) qualified at 145 pounds; and Scott Fier (26-5), fourth at state a year ago, will wrestle at 160 pounds.

School gets \$50,000 grant from US WEST

The Minneota Public School has received a check for \$50,000 from US WEST Communications to help fund a program to build a telecommunications network linking 35 classrooms, a multimedia lab and two computer labs. The grant will also include the purchase of 16 computers for the multimedia lab and four portable computers for a pilot mini-lab program. If the mini-lab concept is successful, the school district

will fund three additional mini-labs.

This Day in History February 24

1582 - Pope Gregory XIII issues an edict outlining his calendar reforms. The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.

1868 - The U.S. House of Representatives impeach President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson would be later acquitted by the Senate.

1961 - The Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Conn.

1983 - A congressional commission releases a report condemning the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

1989 - A state funeral is held in Japan for Emperor Hirohito, who had died the month before at age 87.

2008 - Cuba's parliament names Raul Castro president, officially ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel.

2009 - In the first prime-time speech of his term, President Obama appears before Congress to sketch an agenda that begins with jobs, then broadens quickly to include a stable credit system, better schools, health care reform, reliable domestic sources of energy and an end to the war in Iraq.

2018 - At the Winter Olympics in South Korea, American men win the gold medal in curling in a decisive upset of Sweden; it is only the second curling medal in U.S. history.

Outside Looking In



By Scott Thoma

Humidity check

I rarely get nosebleeds unless something accidentally hits my nose with force. The last few days, however, my nose starting bleeding whenever I blew it.

I happened to have a checkup with my doctor last week and informed him about my nosebleeds.

"Is your house dry?" he asked.

I've always heard that dry air causes your nose to bleed, but my nose has never bled in the winter months before.

My doctor said the dryness affects us more as we age and suggested I purchase a humidifier and try that for a few days to see if it solved the problem. Sure enough, my nose stopped bleeding, and my lips and skin didn't feel as dry.

In the winter months, running your furnace make the dry wintertime air even drier. When the air in your house is too dry, you will have frequent nosebleeds, chapped lips, sinus infections, and sore throats. Anyone with allergies and asthma will also be affected by dry air.

Lack of moisture inside the house during the winter can also cause damage to anything made of wood, such as your doors, window frames, wood floors and furniture by drying out the wood so much that they splinter and crack.

Another way to tell if it's too dry in your house is if you have excess static electricity and get a "shock" when you touch something.

Too much moisture inside your home can cause problems with rotting wood, mold and allergies.

A humidity level around 30-40 percent is ideal indoor humidity in the winter. But the indoor humidity also must be adjusted according to the outdoor temperature.

For instance, when outdoor temperatures are between 20-50 degrees, indoor humidity levels should be less than 40 percent. If outdoor temperatures are between 10-20 degrees, indoor humidity should be less than 35 percent. Outdoor temperatures at 0-10 degrees, humidity inside should be less than 25 percent.

The chart was listed on the humidifier that I purchased. I have a portable weather station that lists temperatures and humidity levels outdoors and indoors. They can be purchased for around \$30-\$40.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter as an alarm clock to our lives and how disappointing our culture has become. It seems as though we are living in a time when there are no consequences.

Our lack of respect to others, property and ourselves is just for self-gain. Why is it most important (at any cost) to be better than someone else, have more wealth, farm more land, get a better score? Why are we judging ourselves by the material things we have and not by the character we show? For instance, someone using illegal drugs to better themselves above others. Are they not considerate of others by taking for granted the time their competitors have invested in themselves? Lack of respect, no consequences for doing wrong, cheating - we ask ourselves why? How can this happen?

My answer is this: Parenting. Parents are not disciplining their children anymore because they're afraid their children will not love them back or stop loving them.

Wrong. Your children will look back and love you more for teaching them right from wrong and showing them there are consequences for doing wrong and for not respecting others. Build character in your children and you will be paid back hundredfold with respect from them and everyone around them. I pray this letter finds your homes and let's start making small differences now so our children have the character to make big differences.

**John Engels
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To the Editor:

No one ever thinks they could be a victim, until it happens to them. People who take advantage of others are often very savvy. They pay attention to what is happening in people's lives that they can exploit. Scammers know that at age 65, people become eligible for Medicare, which makes them perfect targets. These scammers also know that people understand little about Medicare. Medicare is complicated and most people don't know whether they need to enroll or who to go to with their questions.

It is important to know that scammers will typically contact you by phone. They may call claiming to be a representative from Medicare. They may tell you they need to verify your information to enroll you in Medicare or they may tell you your Medicare information was compromised. They intend to gather your personal information and use it to commit fraud. This simply isn't true. Medicare will only call you requesting personal information in these situations:

A Medicare health or drug plan can call you if you're already a member of the plan. The agent who helped you join can also call you.

A customer service representative from 1-800-MEDICARE can call you if you've called and left a message or a representative said that someone would call you back.

If someone calls claiming they are from Medicare and asks for personal information, hang up the phone and call 1-800-MEDICARE. For information about how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud, see Protecting Yourself & Medicare Fraud, a Center for Medicare & Medicaid publication.

If you believe you are a victim of Medicare fraud, call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 800-333-2433 to get help. This free, statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging is a partnership with Minnesota's Area Agencies on Aging. The Senior LinkAge Line is Minnesota's federally designated State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the place to call for questions and information on Medicare and much more.

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