

Snippets from pages past: Leader describes upcoming play as likely to be a disaster (May 2 1929)

Aunt Lucia is on last legs
The die is cast; no more rehearsals;
either she's a flop or a wow

Well, if the cast of "Aunt Lucia," the home talent that is being presented by the Parent-Teacher Association isn't ready to do their stuff by this time they're sunk. The last chance has passed, because they did their dress rehearsal last night, and this evening the curtain will rise on the first performance. They will repeat tomorrow night if there are any survivors.

I was invited to see the dress rehearsal last night, and it was *terrible!* I mean, generally speaking it was; of course there were a few bright spots--there always are; but mostly it was just another one of those things. Principles forgetting lines, Chorines stepping on each other's toes, Little Willie sliding down the ropes from the flies, singers singing sour songs and such silly succotash. But they tried; oh, how they tried. Perspiration running off the ends of nose so fast they had to stop every four minutes and 30 seconds, eastern daylight saving time, to swab the deck--pardon me, I mean mop stage. Everybody working hard, fast and furious, because the honor of old P. T. A. is at stake. And who wants to fail good old *PeTeTah* in this hour of her great need?

Of course, most of the confusion was confined to the glee club, the collitch flappers, and the rest of the non-essentials. The main cast wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't for all the messy choruses and such--not if you were blind and deaf. Don't get me wrong; there's nothing worse than a home talent play, but this cast showed promise. I wish they'd promise never, never to try to act again! most of them have walked the plank--no, no trod the boards many times before Ellendale audiences and gotten away with it. Senn Slemmons heads the bill, and he's good for anytime. (He lost his skirt last night!)

I have only four columns I can fill about this play, so I can't very well go into details about the whole persona non grata, as the highbrows say, but it includes such headliners as coach Christie, A. Penn, Oscar Adams, J. W. McNary, J. T. Fuller and W. L. Briley, all of whom have practically ruined a dozen good shows in the past. Then there are some others, but they are better, collectively speaking.

(FLASH--two tickets have already been disposed of. The other is expected to be sold before evening.)

Thank goodness, they got a skirt for Aunt Lucia in time! It was rumored that she would have to appear in her underthings and everybody was up in arms about it. They couldn't find one that suited her all last week, and it's lucky there was somebody in the cast good at chasing skirts or the council probably would have refused to let the show go on.

A crew of carpenters was working last night, bracing up the stage so it would hold all this galaxy of beauty and refinement. Fortunately, the noise of the saws and hammers drowned out a good deal of it. But at that, there were no more cloudy moments in it, and some of it was even good. I hope they do some more rehearsing today, because if they work hard at it, I bet some people will even enjoy it. Particularly the relatives of those in the cast. They would. Or else get beaten up tomorrow.

I thought the director was the best part of the show, but how she stands that sort of thing and keeps her girlish figger is past me, dragging those big saps around and all. She said the other day she liked me. Which makes it unanimous. I like me too. What she wanted, of course, was to get me into the cast. But I refused again, and will continue to refuse with my dying breath. But she said this show was going to be the hottest scream that ever has been turned out for home consumption, and she's put on a lot of them and ought to know.

There is just one burning question that I'll have to settle before night, and that is whether to see the "performance" tonight or wait until to-

morrow night. Both have their advantages. The way I have it doped out, tonight it's likely to be so rotten it will be funny. But the folks may take a brace and put on a really good show tomorrow night, and I'd like to see that too. What to do? Of course, I wouldn't want you to take my word that tonight it will be rotten. I won't guarantee it. Maybe it won't be. But you can bet it will be funny, and if you want to be able to join in the general conversation hereabouts for the next 10 years, by all means by a ticket. AND, at the same time, be doing a good turn for dear old *PeTeTah*.

(FLASH!--I heard through secret underground channels this morning, that Tommy Brouillard has been looking through attics all over town for a bustle. Anybody want to loan him a bustle? If so, leave it at the sheriff's office.)

Kidding aside, good pipply, this show tonight and tomorrow night is going to be a wow. The story, which you read in these columns last week, contains every element needed for a good peppy play, and a glance at the cast is enough to show that the cream of Ellendale's talent is included. And Ellendale has just plenty talent! That alone is sufficient to seduce your reluctant dubloon, but don't forget, either, that the parent-teacher association, a thoroughly worth-while organization, is going to benefit if the cash receipts are good. Therefore, ladies and gents, by all means be among the hundreds who are going to have the time of their lives tonight and tomorrow night, witnessing "Aunt Lucia."



AREA EVENTS

- May 3 (Saturday): Track & Field Varsity meet at the Ellendale complex 11:00
- May 3 (Saturday): TBC graduation at the fieldhouse.
- May 5 (Monday): auditions for Missoula Children's Theater production of Rumpelstiltskin, 3:30-5:30
- May 8 (Thursday): Track & Field JV meet at the Ellendale complex, 3:00
- May 9 & 10 (Friday & Saturday): Missoula Children's Theater production of Rumpelstiltskin at the south gym. Friday's performance is at 7:00, Saturday's at 2:00
- May 13 (Tuesday): Fine Arts Pop Concert, south gym, 7:00
- May 18 (Sunday): EHS Graduation, 2:00
- May 28 (Wednesday): Community Blood Drive, at the Ellendale Church of the Nazarene, 12:30 to 6:00
- June 3 (Tuesday): election for EPS school board member--polls open from 8:00am to 7:00pm in the school lobby

WEATHER TALK

John Wheeler: Spring temperature milestones impacted by soil moisture

Fargo, April 23, 2025— The warmest temperature so far this spring measured in Fargo was 68 degrees on March 14. It was 64 degrees in Grand Forks that day. More recently, Grand Forks warmed to 71 degrees April 12. That day in Fargo it was only 65 degrees. The warm weather in March was due to an early melt of a rather meager winter snow pack. Temperatures at that time were consistently a bit warmer in Fargo and the southern valley area than farther north due to the snow having melted more quickly leaving the top soil a bit drier.

More recently, the Grand Forks area has received slightly less rainfall this month than the Fargo area, causing a slightly drier top soil than in the Fargo area. This subtle difference is why Grand Forks recorded their first 70-degree day of the spring a few days earlier than average while the Fargo area still waits to hit 70 degrees this year.

John Wheeler: Things you can do to reduce weather anxiety

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Fargo, April 24, 2025— Many people suffer from severe weather anxiety. It's easy for those of us who do not suffer from this to brush off, but the reality is that weather anxiety is a pattern not easily controlled and can lead to extremely stressful situations. Here are some things to try if you have weather anxiety.

Develop a severe weather plan including, a safe place both at home and work so you will know where to go and what to do when there is a bad storm. Keep up to date with the latest forecast from a trusted weather source so you stay informed without all the hype some weather sources throw out. Talk with friends or family members about what it is about storms that scares you. Finally, remind yourself that weather anxiety is more imagined than real. Although thunderstorms can sometimes be dangerous, we are many times more likely to be injured or killed in a car crash or falling in our homes than from weather.

Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DICKEY COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Court File No. 11-2025-PR-00009

In the Matter of the Estate of Jonathon W. Pahl, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to

present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kimberly Massine, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jonathon W. Pahl, c/o DeMakis Law, PLLC, P. O. Box 1748, Minot, ND 58702-1748, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2025
/s/ Kimberly Massine
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NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE CITY OF ELLENDALE

The City of Ellendale will hold a public hearing after two consecutive weekly publications of this Notice to discuss Zoning Amendments covering the City of Ellendale. The hearing shall be held the 12th day of May, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 55, 3rd Ave South, Ellendale, ND 58436.

The property involved includes the entire area of the City of Ellendale zoned in all zoned areas of all zoned categories falling within the special flood hazard areas shown in the Federal Emergency Management Agency published Flood Insurance Study for the City of Ellendale, dated June 18, 2024 as overlaid onto the zoning map of Ellendale and its additions located at City Hall, which are all available for inspection during the City's regular business hours.

The nature, scope and purposes of the proposed changes were to come into compliance with federal FEMA requirements for qualification of property owners to qualify for purchase of flood insurance. The zoning amendments (amended ordinance Section 5.0702) are available for public inspections during the City's regular business hours at the auditor's office at 55, 3rd Ave. South, Ellendale, ND 58436.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
(May 1 & 8, 2025)

YOUNG TOWNSHIP

Young Township will be holding a special meeting on May 15, 2025 @ 7:30 PM at Eric Giesler's farm. There will be a vote on zoning.
Genien Gahner
Young Township Clerk
(May 1 & 8, 2025)

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