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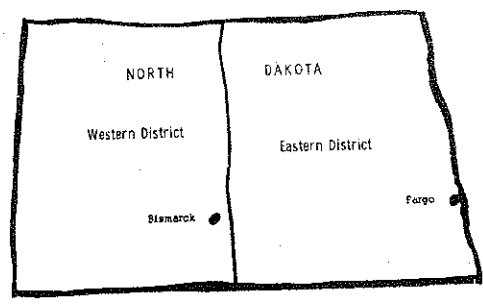
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**EIGHTY SECOND SESSION
MAY 17 - 21, 1967**

**HELD IN
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA**

Wilson Johnstone was a leader in scouting and established one of the earliest troops to be organized in North Dakota. Active in fraternal affairs, he was a member of the I.O.O.F. and a 32nd Degree Mason.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are a daughter, Lorna, (Mrs. Bernard Bever) Sutherland, Oregon; three sons, Lyle M., Wheatridge, Colorado; Kenneth W. of Seattle, and Tom A. of Edmonds, Washington; eight grand children and two great grand children. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Seattle..



DAVID W. NANKIVEL

Dr. David W. Nankivel was born at Becker, Minnesota on March 11, 1888. He married Amanda Halvorson on May 21, 1913 at Elk River, Minnesota. After attending Valley City Normal School for a short period of time he entered the teaching profession. He taught rural schools for a period of six years in the state of North Dakota. In the fall of 1919 he enrolled in school at Asbury College at Wilmore, Ky. He graduated with honors in June 1923. After graduation he served one year as Superintendent of schools at Corinth, Ky. In the fall of 1924 he became head of the biology department at Asbury College. He held this position for a period of ten years. While teaching at Asbury College he attended the University of Kentucky where he graduated with the highest of honors receiving his Masters Degree in May, 1926. He was superintendent of schools at Oddville, Ky., for one year and then entered the ministry full time serving various churches in Kentucky until 1940 at which time he transferred to the South Dakota Methodist Conference. He served the Colome Church for three years before transferring to Winner, S. Dak., where he served as pastor for four and one half years. He became District Superintendent of the South Dakota Churches serving the Western District for a period of four years. During the four years he was District Superintendent he was a member of the Board of Directors at Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell, S. D. After serving as District Superintendent he served various churches in South Dakota and in North Dakota. He accepted the pastorate at Ellendale, North Dakota in 1956 where he served the Ellendale and Guelph Churches until 1961. He passed away on Thursday, August 18, 1966.

Survivors include his wife and seven children, Reynold of Chamberlain, S. Dak., Joe of Wmteland, Ind., Mrs. Marie (Pat) Hale of New Port Richy, Fla., David, Jr., of Winner, S. Dak., Wayne of Preshe, S. Dak., Gerald of Wyndmere, N. Dak. and Richard of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Also eighteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He also leaves many many friends throughout the state's of North and South Dakota.

GEORGIA EDNA SNYDER GRESS

Georgia Edna Snyder Gress, widow of the late Rev. Franklin W. Gress, left this earthly life in San Francisco, California, January 21, 1967. Since 1961, she had made her home in that city with her daughter, Ruth, former missionary to China.

Mrs. Gress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Snyder, was born in Ursina, Pa., February 22, 1882, and at an early age came with her parents to North Dakota, where they made their home at Merricourt, in Dickey County. As a young woman, she attended the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale, and

while a student there she met the young pastor of the Methodist Church in that city, Franklin Gress, to whom she was married January 24, 1905, in Dickinson, N. D., he having been transferred to the pastorate in that city.

For the thirty-eight years of their life together, she was his faithful companion and helper as they served pastorates in Dickinson; Washburn; McClusky; Beach; Mandan; Mott; Steele, Driscoll and Sherman; Underwood and Turtle Lake; Dickey and Willow Grove; and Crystal, Hoople and Hensel. Following her husband's death in 1943, she made her home for several years with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gress, at Ellendale, later going to California to live.

Her church, particularly the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, were among the activities in which she took special delight during the last years of her life. She also shared in the work of the project, "Work with Non-English Speaking People", which her daughter directed as a deaconness.

Surviving are one daughter, Miss Ruth Allean Gress of San Francisco; two sons, Paul Franklin Gress of Moorhead, Minn; and the Rev. Mark Wesley Gress of Long Beach, California; seven grand children and nine great grandchildren.

Interment was made in the Snyder family plot at Selma, California, January 25th., with a simple grave-side service conducted by her minister son, and a memorial service was held in Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco, Sunday, January 29th.

"Death is not extinguishing the light;

It is putting out the lamp

Because the dawn has come." Tagore

"For our Mother - the Dawn has come and we would not ask her return. Your words made a circle of love and warmth about us." Ruth Gress and brothers, Paul and Mark.

IN MEMORIAM

"They rest from their labor; and their works do follow them."

Name	Where Died	When	Age	Active Yrs.
Wm. A. Chevront	Columbus	May 3, 1891	40	16
Chas. H. Treglawney	Valley City	Jan 7, 1893	31	10
Geo. Everett Bailey	Oakes	Mar 18, 1896	35	2
Pleasant E. Royce	Fargo	Nov. 5, 1898	84	49
Winnifred Baldwin	Jamestown	May 1904	53	49
James Strachan	Sharon, Vt.	Sept. 16, 1904	39	10
Stephen Whitford	Cavalier	Jan. 4, 1907	43	19
Austin L. Wooley	Velva	Mar. 3, 1907	35	7
S. C. Stanhope		1907	--	16
Henry Witham	Minot	Jan. 26, 1909	58	27
Henry C. Jephcott	Texas	Feb. 21, 1910	40	10
Adelbert A. Hayes	Canada	1910	40	10
Thomas E. Turner	Ireland	Sept. 24, 1910	41	16
E. G. Price	Enderlin	July 19, 1912	--	6
A.A. Graves	Hubart Mills, Cal.	July 7, 1912	54	16
Morton R. Wickard	Williston	Aug. 4, 1913	34	5
David J. Lane	Mandan	Mar. 13, 1914	28	3
James B. Monroe	Algona, Wash.	Nov. 1914	71	16
Go. G. White	Orlando, Fla.	Jan 1916	84	44
Samuel Newlove	Bathgate	Oct. 1, 1917	57	28
John G. Dingle	Devils Lake	Oct. 7, 1917	56	21
C. F. Stinson	Williston	June 12, 1918	48	17