



Gratia A. Countryman and Family Papers.

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Minneapolis is asking a test of ~~your~~ our
real patriotism next week - to fill
her war chest.

You say you have given and given
Yes, I don't doubt that you have

But as long as there is ^{American} ~~an~~ soldier
in Europe, ~~as long as Reconstruction~~
~~exists~~ as long as there is want
and poverty and distress in our city
we will keep right on giving.

What is this war chest?

Well it is for the most part
a big national drive for the
planned big organizations that are
taking care of the American men

But you say the war is over,
we hope it is, but the boys aren't
home, and they will be more
lonely, more tempted, more restless
now that the excitement of war is
over, and more in need of the
than ever

Courage and Home Comfort which
the Y.M.C.A. the Salvation Army
and Knights of Columbus can give them.
Garrison has asked for an army of
occupation of 1,400,000. If we
have ever been interested in those
boys, we must show our interest
this year.

Let me tell you that the
largest School in the world
is being formed over there -
It expects to have 1 million
students, with classes from the
elementary grade Schools up to
the College Student. Several
thousand teachers are being engaged
and 4,000,000 textbooks will be
used. The organization is in the
hands of the Y.M.C.A. and the books
will be furnished by the American
Library Association. And the other
Y.M.C.A. organizations are co-operating.
Not a single soldier need
to return to America ~~without~~,
without his chance at an education.

Next spring the rest of the
U.S. will be having a drive for
the Red Cross. The Red Cross
hasn't stopped because the
fighting has stopped. Hospitals
in France are still packed and
running over. Pretty soon we
will have reconstruction hospitals
here. ~~Belgians, Serbian, American~~
~~refugees~~ The Red Cross isn't through.
But Mpls won't have a drive
next spring. We are having it
now. All of the money which we
might have been asked for next year
is going to be asked for all at once.
But now this War Chest isn't all
for our boys for for the stricken
little nations who have been trampled
down by this war.

~~The~~ Our own city - has poor overworked
mothers, suffering little children and
aged men & women, all to be cared
for. ~~Just as~~ An appeal
from the Associated Charities

and another from the Chedoke
Protection League and another from
this or that, there won't be any
more appeals next year. It is all
going to be made at once for
all of the organizations which have
united together - Jewish, Catholic
Lutheran or what not - all
have united to raise one fund
to take care of our obligations.

But you say, I cannot afford to
give just now. But that is
the good thing about it. You don't
have to pay it all at once.

Can you afford to give 5.00, well
it might be easier to give 1.00 each
month, and that would be much
more in the War Chest. You think
you couldn't possibly afford 10.00 in
cash. But you might be able to make
2.00 a month in cash.

Oh let us be generous in this test

By G. A. Countryman
Broadcast/over W. C. C. O. on Wed., Jan. 23, 1929 at 6:15 P. M.
under the auspices of the Mpls. C. & C. (Introduced by Mr.
MacPhail.)

The spirit of a city is not in her skyscrapers.
It is not in her industries nor banks which proclaim
her material prosperity: Not even in her parks and
drives and handsome residences, however beautiful.

But the spirit of the people shows itself in her
church spires and cathedral domes, and in her many
schools, colleges, and other institutions for self-
development. If one were seeking for a place in
which to establish a home, the business opportunities
would not be the only attraction; one would surely
want to know what kind of schools and libraries and
opportunities for individual development the city
offered.

Minneapolis has long been noted for her splendid
institutions. The city itself and private benefactors
have been generous. One of the chiefest attractions
of the city as a place to live lies in her educational
advantages, not least of which is her Public Library
System.

But I am sure that the main influence of
We are privileged tonight to speak briefly of the
Public Library whose wide influence on the city life
is not always realized. From the children starting in
for their first term of school and getting their first

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library cards as soon as they can write their names, through their High School and college days and on through their life careers to their advancing years, the Library with its books and magazines, its pictures, maps, music, and helpful personal assistance is the one institution which carries on life-long educational influences.

What is a public library? I think I hear you answer,-- "It is a collection of books housed in an orderly fashion, with reading rooms for the convenience of readers." That is only a partial answer, for a collection of books in a building may be a mausoleum for the royal race of authors. A real public library is much more than that. It is a dynamic organization founded on the strong belief that good books widely read will produce an intelligent people.

It is something far more vital than just a collection of material waiting for some one to come and use it. The modern library is a great live working school for the education of all the people. But it is not only a great democratic free school; it is a propagandist for education. It pushes itself into notice; it offers its services continually; it constitutes

itself a large bureau of information; it welcomes every new avenue of approach to its community. It is thoroughly alive to the great need of the present day, widespread, accessible, and free educational facilities.

Perhaps with this partial definition of the functions of a library, the figures of this past year's work may be realized when I tell you that there have been more than 3 million books borrowed for home use. If these were piled up on each other they would reach 48 miles high,-- a tower of knowledge. In addition, more than 5 million books have been consulted in the library in an eager search for information. If a modern Job should ask, "Where shall wisdom be found, or where is the place of understanding," some grateful library patron, I am sure, would direct him to the public library. Does the enquirer want to learn more about automobiles, or to take a Civil Service examination for policeman or to find a chemical formula, he comes to the Technical Department. He wants to find an old song, or to borrow a sheet of music he comes to the Music Department. He is an artist or architect, he finds his way to the finest collection of art books in the Northwest.

And it is not because the library has a half million books, and thousands of clippings, and thousands of pictures and sheet music, but because there is a trained and educated staff of people who will give the most willing personal service to find the answers to the multitude of questions that come every day to a library.

Students of the University who go out over the Northwest to live can testify to the hours of service that have been theirs for the asking at the public library.

While the reading rooms and the services of the staff are primarily for Minneapolis citizens, the students from outside who are attending any of the colleges or special schools have the same free service as residents. Transients are found daily in the reading rooms sharing our newspapers and magazines, and looking up questions.

There are now more than 163,000 people registered as borrowers, drawn from all over the city. All groups and classes are represented, - workmen, foreigners, business men, nurses, children, - rich and poor, young and old. To accommodate all of these groups, 21 branch libraries have been established, scattered through the city. One is in the Jewish region, one is on lower Washington in a foreign neighborhood, one contains a large Scandinavian library. Five of these branches

are in Junior High Schools for community and school use. In addition to these, there are fourteen branches in elementary school buildings. The children are especially cared for, because they must learn early to love reading. There are children's reading rooms in every large branch, besides the school branches, and there are classroom libraries in 39 other school buildings.

One of these branch libraries is downtown in the heart of the office district. It contains books on business and municipal matters. It has trade and city directories, atlases and maps, books and magazines on banking, finance, insurance, city planning, city charters, and everything which business men want. Another special branch, located in a building devoted to social agencies, has a very fine collection on social, religious, health, and other welfare subjects.

But not all of the people are reached by these organized branch libraries. A large group of people employed in factories and business houses are reached by another more informal service. In the engine houses, in street car club rooms, in the telephone exchanges, in department stores, factories, Soo Shops, Western Union, and similar places, we shelve collections

of books suitable for the employees, and through a trained and sympathetic library assistant, many special subjects are called for and studied. This week, one of the girls in a factory remarked to this library assistant, "I didn't get much reading done this noon; I had to write down so many words that I didn't know, to look up in the dictionary." Not long ago at an engine house, the firemen had asked for a dozen or more books on science. When the time came to return their books, they phoned, "You can have all of the other books, but can't we keep those science books a week longer; we are all reading them." This service to the busy group of employees has now fifty points of contact with a circulation of more than 88,000 books per year, which doesn't begin to count the number of times the books were read.

Then there is our hospital service. If there is ever a time when a person needs cheering up, it is when he is compelled to stay for days in a hospital, especially if he is a stranger away from his family or friends. Our hospital service is established in fifteen hospitals of the city, including the great University Hospital and the large General Hospital where we must serve many people who are not residents

of Minneapolis. Our service consists in a visit to every bed in every hospital where the patient is able to read, with a truck full of books which is wheeled up to the bedside. The patient is helped to choose interesting books, and often the doctors direct what kind of books their patients shall have.

One pathetic incident illustrates this service. A man who was paralyzed from his neck down and had been so for six years looked longingly at the book wagon as it came through the wards. The librarian could not think of a way, but finally fixed up a sloping table in front of him, then the book was opened by the nurse, and as he could not use his arms the nurse came in occasionally and turned a leaf. Finally our librarian hit upon a plan. He was given a pencil with a rubber end, and holding this in his teeth, he could use the rubber end to turn the leaves. He read with eagerness many books by Dickens and Scott and other classics which he had long wanted to read, and the days and months could be endured with the help of pleasant book companions.

Nurses also and the whole hospital population are included in this service. This service is not

intended to be educational, but they say that it is curative, and often convalescents over long periods do much fine serious reading. Over 192,000 books were read last year through the hospital service.

Another service has just been opened along the line of adult education. It is a very individual service for people who want to take a course of reading,-- to really read to a purpose along some line. Our assistant, after a personal interview, makes out a reading course of books to be read in order which is fitted to the ability of the particular reader. Thirty-two courses have been made out in the last two months, and these people are really going to school by themselves with the help of the library. Some of the people have not been beyond the eighth grade and want to learn more. Some are housekeepers who want to keep up with their children. Some are even college graduates who have grown rusty and want to read to some purpose. This service to individuals who cannot go to school or join classes or clubs promises to be very valuable. Lowell says "that the better part of every man's education is that which he gives

himself and it is for this that a good library should furnish the opportunity and the means."

We librarians have reason to believe that, and to us the field of usefulness before any public library is limitless. At any rate, it is limited only by the money at its disposal.

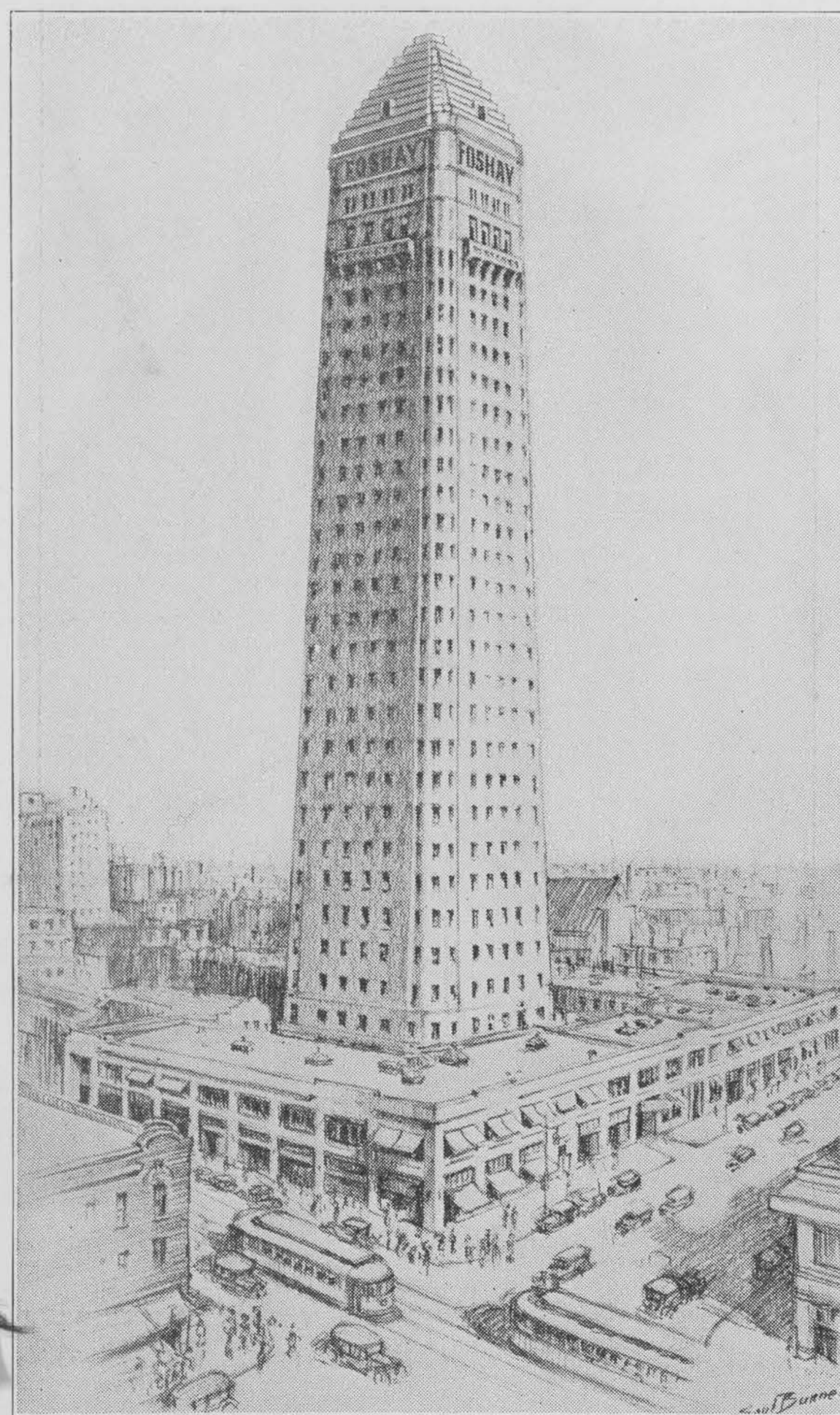
Here make plea for trust funds for bequests

I have not time to emphasize the service throughout Hennepin County, to 82 schools and to 19 villages, to speak nor of our Americanization work, nor time to tell of our parcel post service, nor other accommodations which make our library easy to use.

Out through the towns are many smaller libraries waiting to do the same service for the smaller communities. It is always a wonder that the people do not see and prepare to maintain the splendid work which their libraries could perform for them and for their children in the same whole-hearted way in which they support the schools which start their children on the educational highway. The libraries take them the rest of the way. I want to plead the need of library development. The State University has opened a new Library School for the training of librarians, and is preparing for a large program in library development.

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"MINNEAPOLIS—MY HOME TOWN" NIGHT



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Friday, February 22, 1929



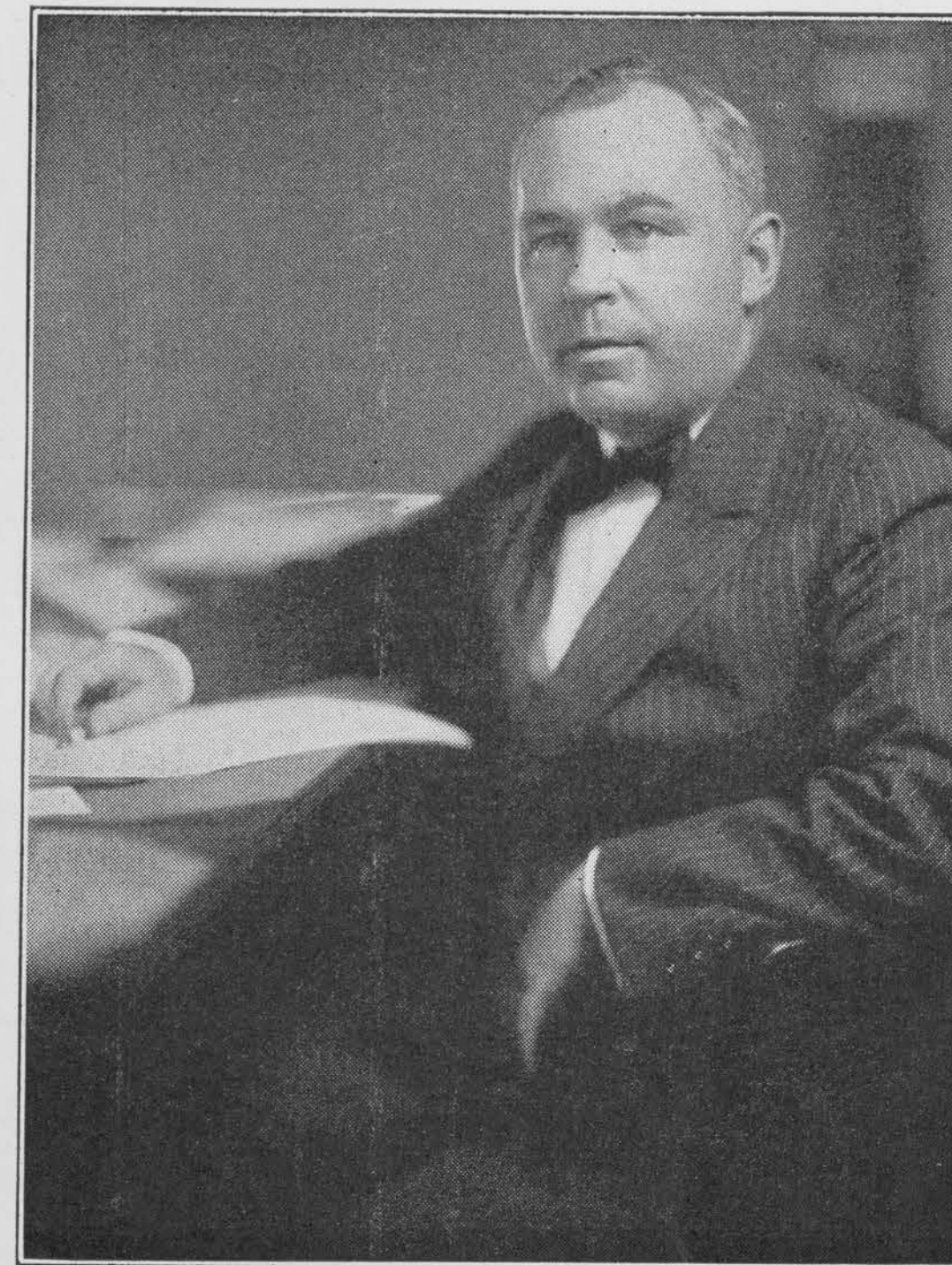
MERRILL BARTLETT
President, Minneapolis Real Estate Board

THE OCCASION

The one hundred and ninety-seventh anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the Father of his Country — — —

Fittingly observed by members and guests of The Minneapolis Real Estate Board in a structure which typifies that great spire in our Nation's Capitol — —

Expressing greater patriotism through better appreciation of opportunities which here abound.



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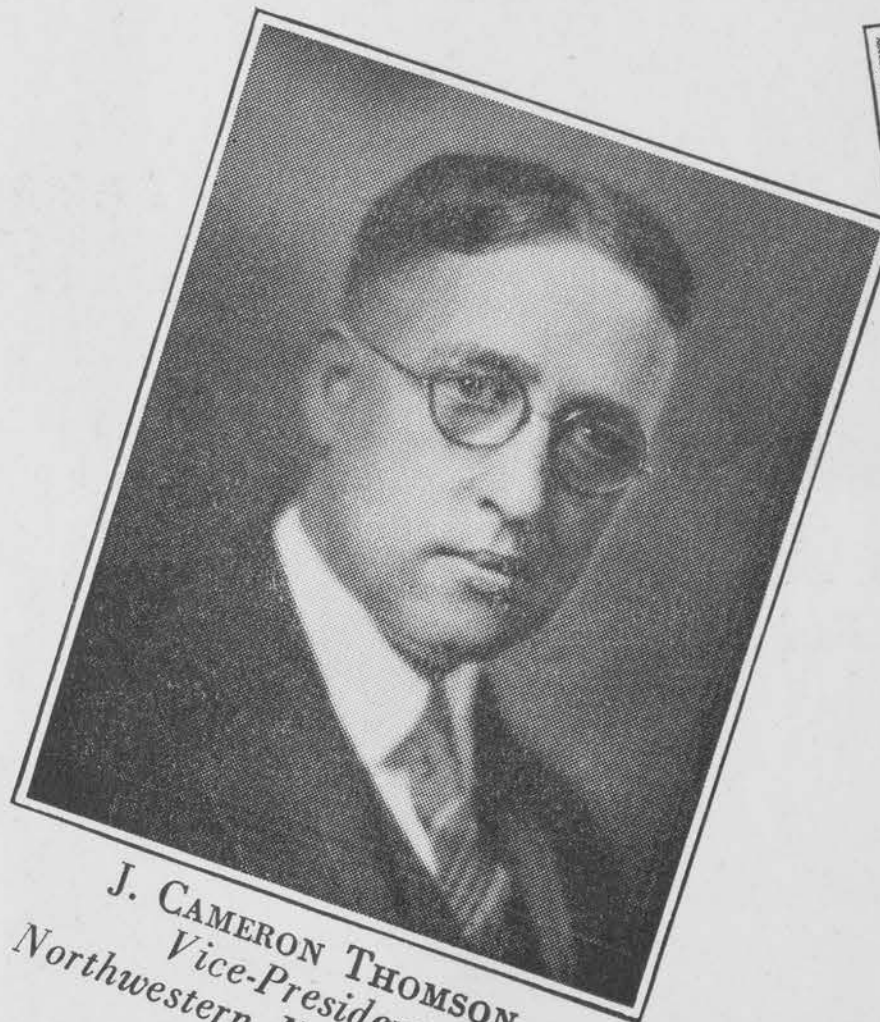
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MISS GRACIA A. COUNTRYMAN
Chief Librarian
Minneapolis Public Library

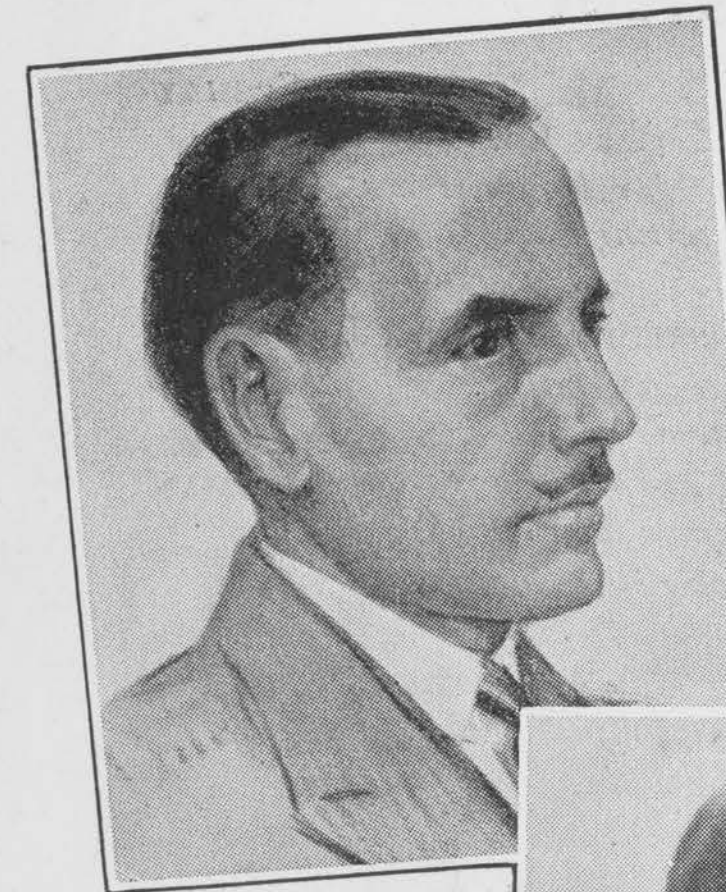


J. CAMERON THOMSON
Vice-President
Northwestern National Bank



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President
Minneapolis Steel & Machinery
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THE EVENING



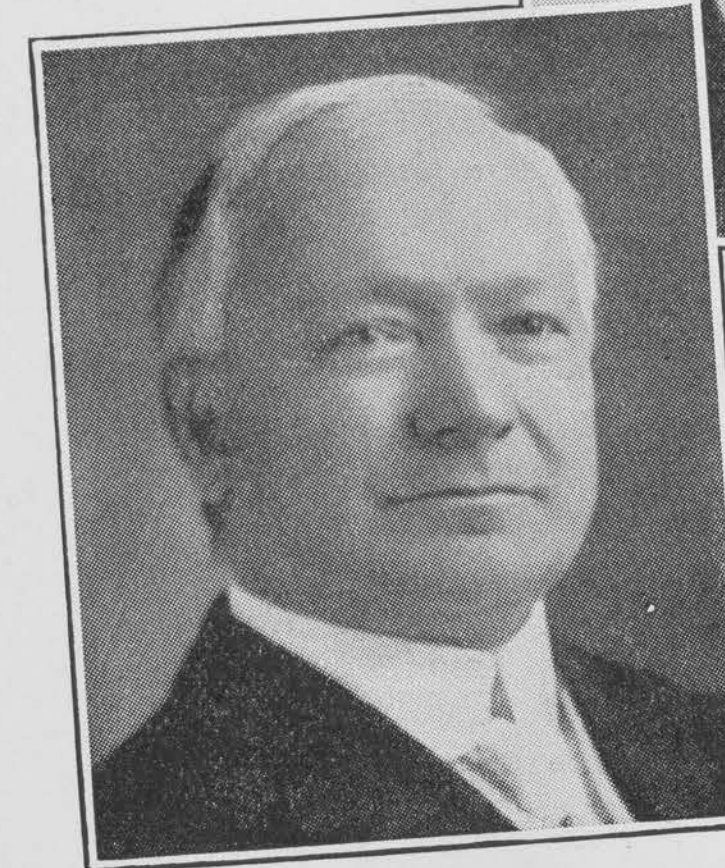
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Director
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SILAS M. BRYAN
Lawyer
Minneapolis



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Supt.
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Pastor
Church of the Redeemer



MRS. FRANK M. WARREN
Chairman
Water and Waterways Committee
General Federation of
Women's Clubs

PROGRAM

Salutatory - - - - - MR. WILBUR B. FOSHAY
President, W. B. Foshay Co.

*"True friendship's laws are by this rule express
Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest."*

Commercial - - - - - MR. CHARLES L. HARRIS
President, New England Furniture & Carpet Co.

*"If exportation will not balance importation,
away must your silver go again,—"*

Educational - - - - - MISS GRACIA A. COUNTRYMAN
Chief Librarian, Minneapolis Public Library

*"To prepare us for complete living is the function
which education has to discharge."*

Financial - - - - - MR. J. CAMERON THOMSON
Vice President, Northwestern National Bank

*"Habit also gives promptness, and the
soul of dispatch is decision."*

Industrial - - - - - MR. W. C. MACFARLANE
President, Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Co.

*"But they, while their companions slept,
were toiling upward in the night."*

Music and the Arts - - - - - MR. RICHARDSON PHELPS
Director, The Symphony Orchestral Association of
Minneapolis, Inc., Trustee, The Minneapolis
Society of Fine Arts

*"Groups of ideas and acquisitions of skill that exist only
in the minds, muscles, and nerves of living men."*

Professional - - - - - MR. SILAS M. BRYAN
Lawyer, Minneapolis

*"A singular craft of our nature links the most theoretical sorts
of inquiry by unexpected ties with men's daily business."*

Recreational - - - - - MR. THEODORE WIRTH
Superintendent of the Minneapolis Park Board

"Hither, come hither, and frolic and play."

Religious - - - - - DR. MARION D. SHUTTER
Pastor, Church of the Redeemer

*"Now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three,
but the greatest of these is Charity."*

Social - - - - - MRS. FRANK M. WARREN
Chairman of Water and Waterways Committee of
General Federation of Women's Clubs

"Cheerful human sociality and friendliness."

Valedictory - - - - - MR. MERRILL BARTLETT
President, Minneapolis Real Estate Board

*"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for
thereby some have entertained angels unawares."*

MENU

Seafood Cocktail Epicure

Fruit Punch Spiced Crab Apples

Ripe and Queen Olives

Baby Pike

or

Roast Turkey

Cranberry Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Hot Rolls

Select Young Spring Carrots in Butter

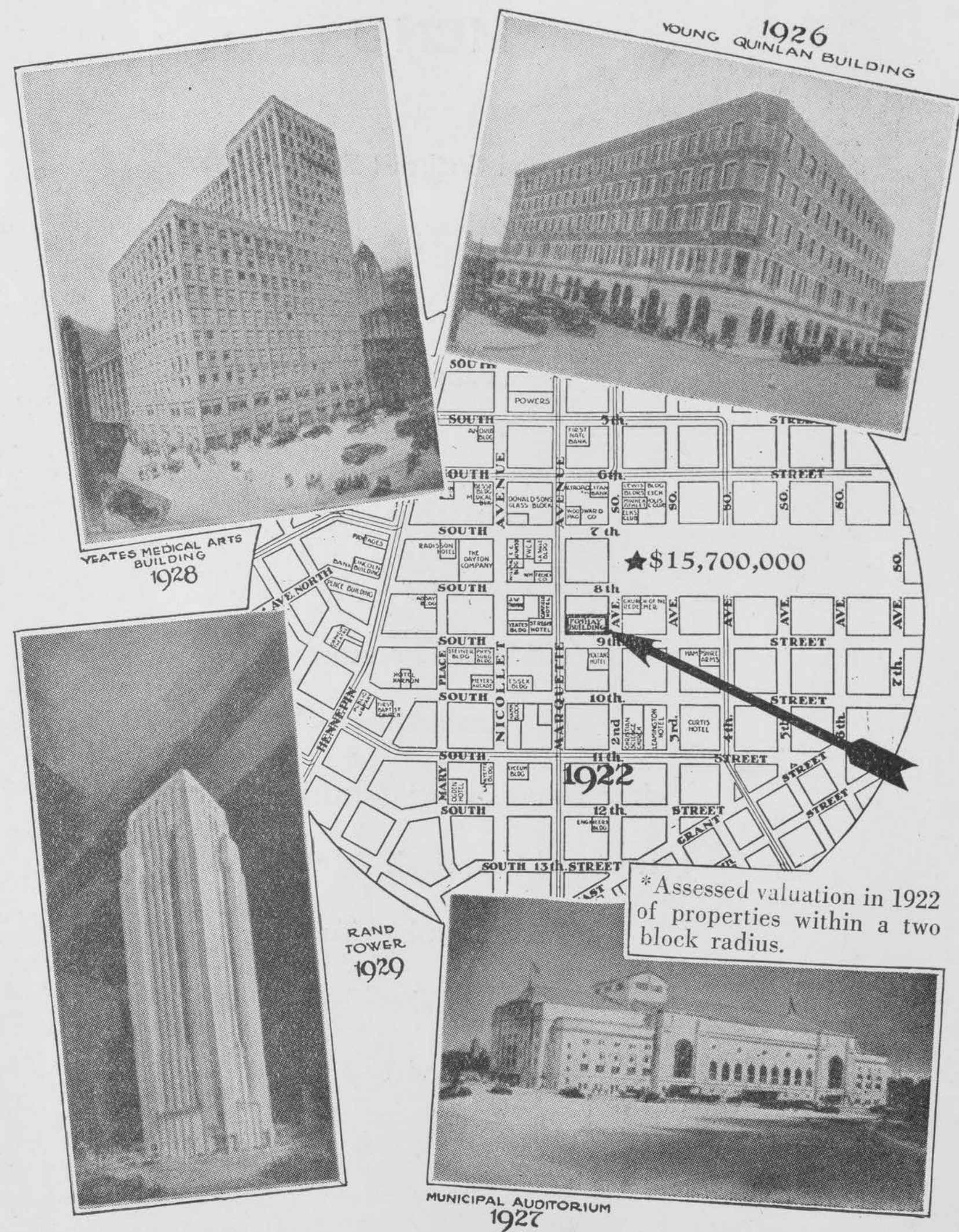
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Frozen Foshay Tower

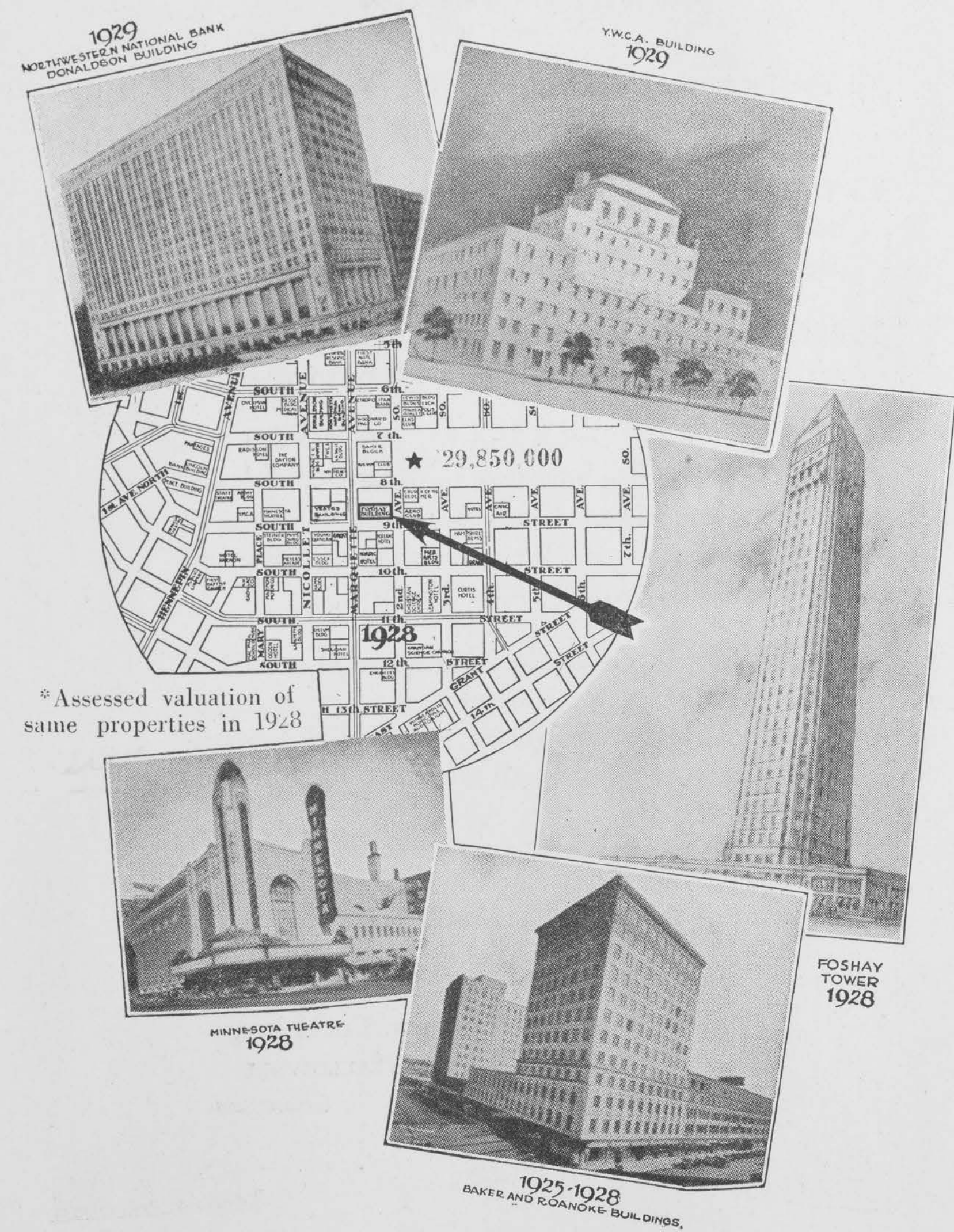
Cakes

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In Appreciation

To The Press of Minneapolis for liberal publicity and cordial co-operation,

To The General Outdoor Advertising Company for thoughtfulness and generosity in poster announcements of tonight's meeting,

To WCCO for contribution of valuable time over the air, enabling others to share with us some of the evening's pleasures,

To Our Speakers for unselfish willingness to take precious time from a busy work-a-day world of varied activities to give to us a better vision of MINNEAPOLIS, MY HOME TOWN,

To Mr. Wilbur B. Foshay and his splendid coterie of capable workers for unstinted aid and material donations, many and varied, assuring the success of this occasion, in which we all so happily participate,

To All of you—To each of you, we say, in the fullest meaning of the term, "THANK YOU"

The Minneapolis Real Estate Board
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Our home city is a matter of great pride to all of her citizens, and there are many reasons why we should hold out an inviting hand to others and say "Choose Minneapolis; it is a good place to live in." One of the strongest reasons we could offer is her varied educational and cultural advantages. [↑] We may have fine skyscrapers and enormous bank deposits and great wholesale and retail establishments, where men can make fortunes.

But in the city foursquare, man does not live by bread alone. The things that minister to the mind and spirit, the opportunities to develop the best there is in every man and woman, the chance to grow in stature,--these are the things that distinguish a city, which must needs rest its future upon the integrity, intelligence, and training of its citizens. These are the things, rather than our wealth, that are important in shaping the coming generation.

And Minneapolis is rich in such opportunities. The spirit of her people shows itself in her church spires, cathedral domes, and her many schools, colleges and institutions for self development. The city itself and private benefactors have been generous. The city is committed to the cause of education.

In the time allotted to this most attractive feature of our home city, there would scarcely be time to call the roll of her schools. But if I should call the roll, and I wish I could mention them all, of our public schools, our private schools, trade schools, business colleges, our music and art schools, and even aviation schools; well, it might be monotonous but it would be illuminating to many of us who have never stopped to enumerate them. We would be convinced that Minneapolis offers opportunities unexcelled and of the greatest variety.

Beginning with the greatest of all, our State University, we must congratulate ourselves that our forefathers located here a wonderful magnet which draws young people from all over the State into its various colleges of law and medicine, architecture and music, engineering and science.

But no less fine is our system of public schools which has been developed under wise and far seeing men and women. Every child, normal, crippled, blind, or backward, has a chance to take his place in the ranks. We are rich in fine private schools and a system of parochial schools of a high grade. We have one of the finest Kindergarten Training Schools in the country and at least fourteen business schools. In Dunwoody Institute, we have the largest trade school in the United States and perhaps in the world, with its endowment of five millions giving free instruction in over sixty-five occupations.

Perhaps the most noticeable thing in education today is the growing belief that education is life long. It is not simply for children and young people; it may be continued throughout life. We are making plans everywhere for this adult education. The University Extension classes enroll thousands of busy men and women. The Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Knights of Columbus, and the public night schools enroll many more thousands.

We haven't yet mentioned the Public Library which is also a great free, democratic school open every day in the year for twelve hours a day. It lends its help and co-operation to all of the others but it also runs many classes of its own,- classes of one,- people who are educating themselves through books,- for all knowledge is gathered into books.

And so in the network of opportunity, Minneapolis provides for every one from kindergarten to old age, a chance to grow.