

# SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC INVENTORY

Historic Name Alex Johnson Hotel

Location 523 6th Street

Historic

Function Hotel, offices, retail shops

Historic Context(s)

Topic V. Depression and Rebuilding

Study Unit 1 A. Changing Urban Patterns

Study Unit 2 2. Rebuilding Commercial Centers in Larger Towns

Owner's Name Hotel Management Co.

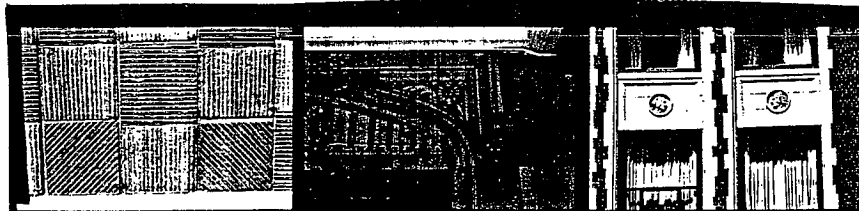
Owner's Address 523 6th St.  
RC. 57701

Owner's Phone # 342 1210

Dates of Construction and Founding  
1927-28

Roll # 1; 4; 3 Frame # 32-35; 7; 12A

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Site Number

PN		RC		37
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County

Township Name

City (Urban)

Neighborhood (Urban)

Number

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name

Lots 30-32, Block 84, Original Townsite

Legal Description

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Surveyors Michael Koop

Date June 1990

NR Eligible

Historic Significance

Local

Architect. Sign

State

Archaeological Sign

Nat'l

Urban only





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The Alex Johnson Hotel is an eleven-story concrete and steel building covered with brick and accented with stone. Stylistically, the uppermost floors exhibit elements of Tudor Revival, but it is difficult to characterize the entire building in this way.

CONTEXT

Site Number/Code PN-RC-37

Statement of Significance As It Relates to the Context Topics & Study Units.

The Alex Johnson Hotel is historically significant in the context of Depression and Rebuilding,  
1893-1929 because it represents the zenith of pre-Depression construction in downtown Rapid City.  
No other building in the business district constructed prior to the Alex <sup>Johnson</sup> was as monumental, and no  
earlier structures had such an important visual impact on the district.

Sources of Information

Oral Interview (name & dates) Rapid City Daily Journal 17 May 1927; 18 May 1927; 23 May 1927; 27 May 1927;  
28 May 1927; 27 June 1927; 28 June 1927; 1 July 1927; 2 July 1927; 5 July  
1927; 6 July 1927; 7 May 1928; 12 June 1928 pp 1, 5; 16 June 1928; 19 June 1928;

Atlas (date & publisher) 30 June 1928 p. 4; 5 July 1928; 7 July 1928 p. 4; 12 July 1928; 19 July 1928 pp 1, 3;  
30 July 1928; 9 August 1928 special section

County History (name & pages) \_\_\_\_\_

Deed Abstract Building permit

Tax Records Assessment in Equalization Office

Sanborn-Ferris Maps (dates) 1923, 1930

Census Records \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Photos (description & date) In Miller, Black Hills Hay Camp, p. 195

Manuscripts (name & date) \_\_\_\_\_

Preservation Strengths of Site

- In use and not threatened
- In good structural condition
- Owners protecting site
- Appreciated by public
- Valuable to research

Preservation Threats

- Abandonment
- Deterioration through lack of resources
- Vandalism or looting
- Inappropriate alterations
- Inappropriate or poor maintenance
- Fragile or deteriorating construction materials
- Unsound fragile condition
- Lack of support (specify by whom)

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Environmental situation(s) effecting site (specify what; may include mining, flooding erosion, pollution, acid rain, weather, isolation, settlement, etc.)

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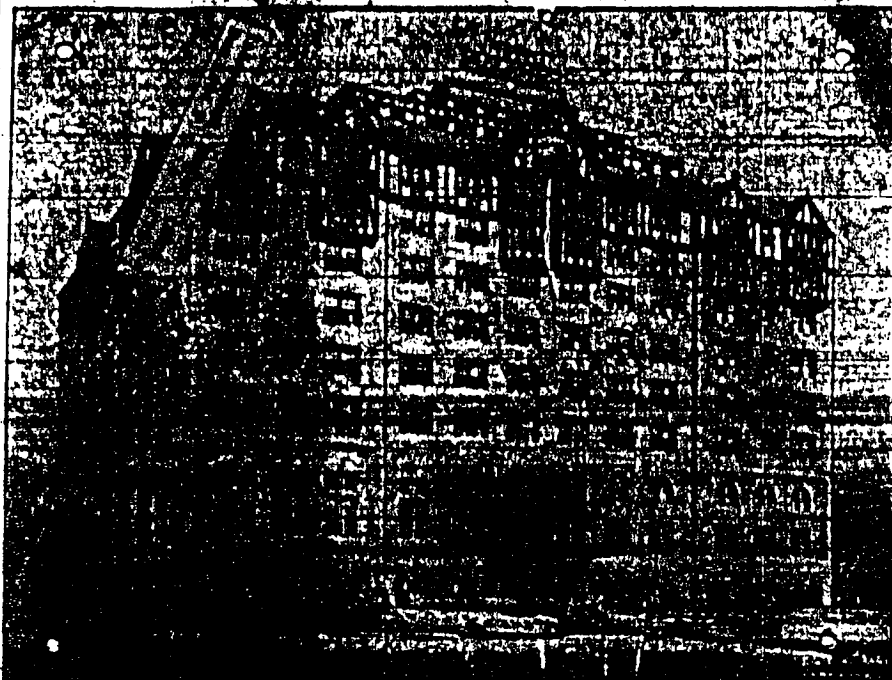
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Materials	FOUNDATION	concrete							
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Condition		deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____					
Materials	WALLS	brick and tile; stone detailing							
Method of Construction		steel & concrete frame with 12" curtain walls; brick veneer							
Design Details		stone insets; false hist. timbering							
Condition		deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____					
Materials	ROOF	tar and gravel							
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Shape		flat							
Condition	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____						
Interior Features - Moldings, Fireplaces, Org. cabinets, Wall decoration	INTERIOR	Massive quartzite stone fireplace in lobby. Lobby ceiling retains multi-colored paintings between exposed timbers.							
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## ies Indian, Black Hills Theme

### ne Strength East Of River

#### BLACK HILLS HAS STATE'S BIGGEST HOTEL



Hotel Alex Johnson, 200-room, 10-story, \$200,000 Rapid City hotel, the largest in the state, is in operation. Formal ceremonies marking the launching of this enterprise will be held August 11.

#### LATE BULLETINS

Calcutta, India.—Newspaper advice says that 28 persons have been killed and 20 seriously wounded by religious rioting at Kharagpur.

Pierre.—The 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nathan, south of Ft. Pierre, was dragged to death yesterday when she became entangled in the wire rope of a horse on her father's farm.

Alto.—Francis Avery Hopwood, American playwright, was drowned within sight of life buoys and while the crowd in the beach watched last night at Jumbo-Is-Plan, on the French Riviera.

New York.—The death of a motorist from a bomb attached to the side-starter of his car was reported today. The victim was a 35-year-old man who was killed when he tried to start his car.

Washington.—Secretary Hoover began today what is expected to be his last full week at head of the commerce department. Under present plans, he will leave the capital about July 16 for his home in California, stopping on the way to present his resignation to President Coolidge at the Summer White House in Wisconsin.

Horta, Island of Fayal, Azores.—With the radio of his plane functioning perfectly, Captain Frank T. Courtney today was awaiting only favorable weather to continue his transatlantic flight to Halifax. He said that in the meantime he was glad of having an opportunity to remain a few days at the Azores. He is spending the time making a survey of possible landing places and air currents for a regular air service in the future.

London, July 2.—(A)—With two airplane rescue expeditions missing criticism of General Umberto Nobile's leadership and the conduct of relief operations was being voiced today. Two weeks ago Roald Amundsen and five other men started out in a French seaplane to join in the rescue work and disappeared. On Friday the Russian airman Babushkin hopped off from the soviet icebreaker Kalliga in the Polar seas only to be swallowed up by the Arctic.

#### Big Airship Expected To Reach Home Today

The "Wambles Quaker", trimotored ship of the Rapid Air Lines, Inc., is scheduled to arrive here at 6 o'clock this evening. Walter Halley, president of the company, was informed today in a telegram from Minneapolis. A crew of men and boys has been working on the landing field here for several days, preparing it for the arrival of the ship.

#### ALEX JOHNSON HOTEL HERE IS PART OF DREAM

Notes Biggest Hotel Open Part of Big Program, Planned December August 11.

A dream of Black Hills development, with adequate hotel facilities behind the vision, met reality Sunday for President Fred W. Sargent of the Chicago and North Western Railway company, business men of Rapid City who cooperated with him, and the personnel of a large force which has worked with consistency and expeditiousness since the plan was formulated over a year ago.

The Alex Johnson hotel, named for Alex Johnson, vice president of the Chicago and North Western Railway, was opened Saturday. Its cost is placed at \$200,000. It has over 200 rooms.

The dining room was full nearly all the time dinner was served Sunday afternoon and evening; and rooms are being taken as fast as they are ready. C. E. Porte, manager, said. The ball room will be the scene of an informal opening dance Tuesday evening, and another party probably will see the Indian Grill room or coffee shop open for business.

A formal opening will be held August 11 when it is expected President Sargent, and many of his personal friends; Governor W. J. Bulow and other men of prominence in this state will take part in the dedicatory program.

Of Tudor design, the eleven-story structure, the finest in South Dakota, and described by competent authorities as being "as fine as will be found in any city in the United States" the Alex Johnson hotel is to serve "the modern traveler who seeks hotel accommodations as he finds them at home."

Tell of Design. Speaking of the style of interior and exterior, a statement of the firm of O'Connell, Inc., William Chicago architects who designed the building, said: "The interior

#### Rapid City To Close Up For The Fourth

Attention is called to the all-day closing of business places here Wednesday, by L. E. Rossum, secretary of the Associated Retailers organization. Most of the business places, Mr. Rossum says, will not open Wednesday. The Journal will not publish. County and city offices and the post office will not be opened July 3. Distribution of mail to the bars will be made, Postmaster H. D. Mathies states.

#### Pair From Wall Hurt When Car Turns Over

Lionel and Homer Jensen.

#### TREASURY SHOWS SURPLUS AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

Nearly Four Hundred Million On Hand; Mellon Says Improved Conditions.

Washington, July 2.—(A)—The Federal government today announced that it has a surplus of \$322,292,292.

Summarizing the nation's financial condition at the close of the old year, which came at midnight of June 30, Secretary Mellon declared late yesterday that the period "witnessed a further improvement" in the country's position.

"There was a substantial surplus of receipts over expenditures," he said. "The national debt was reduced by over \$900,000,000, accompanied by a material out-of-interest charge. The vast retrenching operations begun in 1917 were continued and have been well right brought to a successful conclusion. Taxes were again cut by over \$220,000,000."

The total of ordinary receipts for the fiscal year was \$4,942,000,000. Mr. Mellon announced with expenditures of \$4,619,707,707, one chargeable against this amount. The two figures for the previous fiscal year were respectively \$4,120,000,000 and \$3,360,000,000.

Tax receipts totaled \$2,394,000,000 or \$111,000,000 less

#### BUSINESS GOOD.

Kimball, July 2.—(A)—Receipts in the freight depot of the Milwaukee railway here shows that during the year ending April 1 of this year, grain and other products were shipped from Kimball which brought the farmers approximately \$500,000.

#### OREGON ELECTED PRESIDENT AGAIN

Mexico City, July 2.—(A)—Press dispatches today indicated only one election disturbance with two fatalities had occurred during Sunday's voting when General Alvaro Obregon was chosen president.

Supporters of two candidates for federal congress clashed at Panuco, state of Vera Cruz. Guns, knives, sticks and stones were used in the affray and two persons were killed and ten wounded.

His election will be announced officially in September when the new congress convenes.

#### WALTHER LEAGUE

#### CHARGE LACK OF COOPERATION IN NOBIL RESCUE

Criticism of Flight and Rescue Work Develops as Second Crew Drops From Sight.

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A Moscow dispatch to the Daily Express today quoted Sergi Kamensk, inspector general of the Red Army, as charging that Nobile's base ship, the Citta di Milano, had failed to cooperate in the rescue work. He said the base ship had neglected to inform the Maligna that the position of the five callaways of the Italia and the Swedish airman, lieutenant

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#### Plenty Of Seats Left Yet For Belle Fourche Roundup, Officials Say: Runs 3 Days

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**ANTED FEMALE**  
 If waitress wanted at Cafe  
**IONS WANTED**  
 For work on ranch Phone 211M. 294  
 Work in private home of housekeeper. In Journal. 24-5  
 Washings, bundle wash- ing and see work a spe- cial for and delivery 24-2  
 Home Work sustain- 24-2  
 hour. Phone 241 24-2

**or Rent**  
**XT ROOMS**  
 For keeping rooms, fur- nish except bath. 211 24-2  
 Phone 241R. 24-2  
 Finished apartment with children. 210 South St. 24-2  
 2 comfortable sleep- ing 11th St. 24-2  
 Modern sleeping rooms. 11 212M. 24-2  
 Room, 11th per month. 1228 Columbia. 24-2  
 For rent. 100 St. Joe. 24-2  
 Sleeping rooms, close by. Phone 237. 24-2  
 For lodging. Phone 24-2

**T ROOMS**  
 Modern cottage and garage. 400. 24-2  
**APARTMENTS**  
 Six room apartment. Main street. Phone 24-2  
 Finished apt. with bath. 24-2  
**REAL ESTATE**  
 Five room modern. 11th southwest of city. Phone 40323. 24-2

**Automobiles**  
**STALLED**  
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 for  
**Tow-In Service**  
**AUTOMOBILES**  
 One 1918 car. Ford motor. 1224 Chevrolet. 1st & Franklin. 24-2

Karla Davis, Kadoka.  
**MANNY NOTE**  
 Minnie Fehling, Howard; Anna C. Zimmer, Sioux Falls; Jeanette Farland; Woodstock; G. Potters- son, Aberdeen; J. M. Anna, Mur- ron; R. P. Tschke and wife, Mur- ron; E. A. Tjader and wife, Pierre; Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Hol- berg, Mitchell; A. G. Furch, Til- ron; Emil Kayser, Kimball; Leon Streets, Kimball; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walls, Sioux Falls; P. T. Hanson and wife, Harrold; Martha Hagood, Harrold; W. H. Horton, DeSair; Marie Engelland, Mabel Cole, Opal Cole and Laurita Rock- man, Armour; J. M. Hampton, Mellette; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Van- der Muslen, Kimball; A. Bryson, Phillip; Oscar Latso, Buffalo; Hal Patterson, Dakota.

**Plenty Seats Left For Belle Fourche Round-up**

(From page one)  
 The bucking horse contest last year is scheduled to appear at the contest.  
 The bucking horses will come from the tops of the strings of Russ Madison, Rapid City; Frank Carter, Wasta; Mackey Brothers, Harding and William McCracken of Alzada, Montana.  
 Plenty of Music  
 The Rapid City drum and bugle corps, the Chicago and North Western railroad band and the 4th Cavalry band of Fort Meade are the musical organizations which will play for the crowds.  
 Chief Crazy Horse and his band of Indians of the Pine Ridge Reservation will put on a regular old-time demonstration of the Indian attacks.  
 The Black Horse troop of the Fourth Cavalry stationed at Fort Meade, will be at the round-up with its feats of horsemanship, intricate drills and maneuvers. A feature of this part of the program is the well-known "Musical Drill" under the direction of Lieut. A. K. Hammond. The troop is now commanded by Capt. J. A. Blankenship.  
 The new 15-passenger tri-motored plane of the Rapid Air Lines, Inc., will appear at the round-up Wednesday and Thursday. It was announced by Walter Halley, director of the Air Lines, today.  
 Several smaller ships will probably accompany it. Mr. Halley

Indian grill/room, retains the In- dian design. Rehillling explained that the Indians never built any- thing to give us an idea, so we are presenting our conception of what he would have used had it been a characteristic of his in- build".  
**Frontier Touch**  
 Into the large banquet hall comes the preserving touch of frontier days—days of '76. High overhead the rough, unfinished appearing beams recall the elab- orate design of the early days. Even to the smallest detail is the pattern of that time duplicated. The lighting fixtures resemble the oil lamps of the period, electric bulbs hidden within small chim- neys on the clustered chandelier. The Indian method of lighting is duplicated in the lobby through imitation pine knots and torch- es.

How harmony of such a build- ing where no precedent of archi- tecture has been set, was effected with the scenery is explained by Theodore S. Williams, one of the architects. Being one of the first investigators of the hotel possi- bilities in Rapid City, Mr. Wil- liams conceived the idea of build- ing a structure which would blend with the rugged beauty of the Black Hills. Through careful study and observation of the scenery of the Black Hills, Mr. Wil- liams worked out the design with Oldfeldt.

Charles Porte, the "pioneer" of the hotel plan, recalled this after- noon many of the events which led to an accomplishment which was needed for several years. Early in April 1927, Porte, as a representative of Mr. Sargent, visited the Black Hills and made a survey of its possibilities.  
 Porte Pioneer in Idea  
 Finding the Black Hills offered unlimited tourist attractions, Porte returned to Chicago. Later he and Mr. Williams returned, accompanied by L. Whitson. This trip convinced them that a hotel was needed and Rapid City was chosen as the logical site.  
 A meeting was called with local business men and the plan was explained to them. Coopera- tion and the extent desired, was also explained. Speaking today of the cooperation received, Porte said: "Rapid City's business men helped us in every way possible. Cooperation was exhibited from everyone came support."

June 20, 1928  
 Mitchell Heard to Joe E. McFarland, W. Deed, \$2640.00, Lots 3, 4, S 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 1, Lots 1, 2, S 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 2, T. 3 No., Rk. 17 E., NW 1/4 Sec. 35, T. 2 No., Rk. 17 E.  
 Sheriff of Penn. Co. to Kloux Fallar Coffee & Spice Co., Sher- ide, \$188.75, S 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, T. 1 So., Rk. 17 E.  
 Sheriff of Penn. Co. to The Scottish American Mortgage Co., Sher. Deed, \$1154.00, S 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 11, T. 4 N., Rk. 18 E.  
 J. W. Moody et al to W. W. Keyser, Q. C. Deed, \$1.00, 1/4 inter- est in Tiger Lodge.

June 21 1928  
 Jay F. Shepard et al to State Highway Commission, W. Deed, \$228.00, 5.84 acres in S 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 2, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 3, T. 2 No., Rk. 5 E.  
 Jay F. Shepard et al to Gun- der State Park Board, W. Deed, \$228.00, .57 acre in S 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 2, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 3, T. 2 No., Rk. 5 E.  
 O. E. Snyder to Pennington County, Q. C. Deed, \$51.00, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 21, T. 3 N., Rk. 17 E.  
 Fred Dickinson to William M. Mills, Q. C. Deed, \$1.00, Lots 23 and 24, in Block 39, O. T.  
 June 22, 1928  
 Sarah Belle Sawvell to Loda Sawvell, W. Deed, \$800.00, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 11, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 14, T. 2 N., Rk.

W 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 1, S 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 11, W 1/4 NW 1/4, S 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 12, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 13, T. 4 No., Rk. 18 E., Lots 1, 2, 4, Sec. 7, T. 4 No., Rk. 14 E.  
 Nettle C. Lynch to Tory L. E. Swanson, W. Deed, \$4240.00, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 31, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 2 N., Rk. 11 E.

E. Hay to State Park Board, Q. C. Deed, \$1., NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 8, T. 3 No., Rk. 5 E.  
 County Treasurer to E. Hay, Treas. Deed, \$48.54, S 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 8, T. 2 No., Rk. 6 E.

June 19, 1928  
 Geo. E. Miller to Alice E. My- ers, Q. C. Deed, \$1.00, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 5, West Boulevard Addition.

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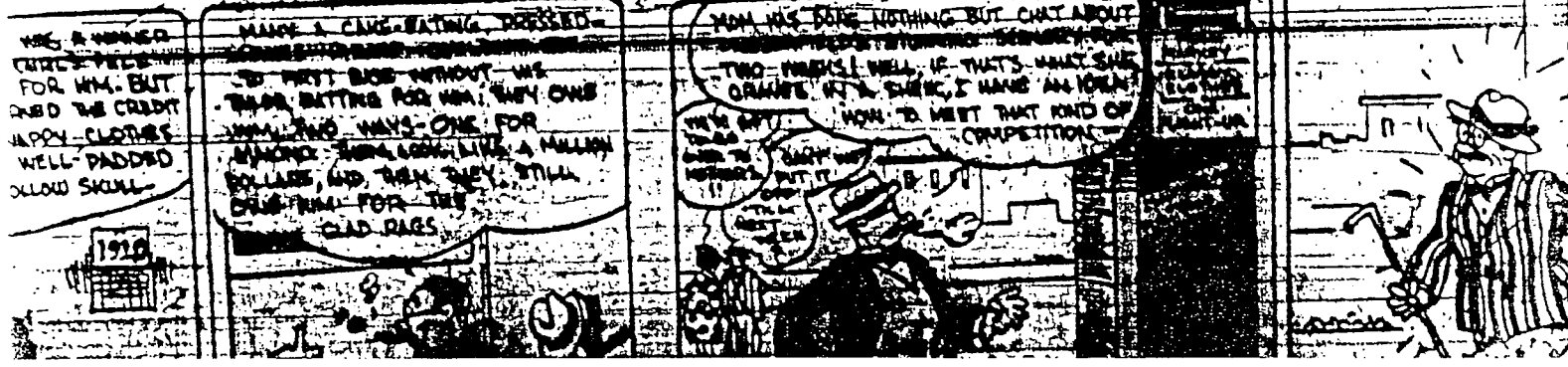
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**Pop Takes the Offensive**



# Dedication of Hotel Here

## Open Again August 22

### ALEX JOHNSON HOTEL DEDICATED TODAY



Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Omaha, representatives of cities all over the northwest, and other officials gathered here today to join with people of the Black Hills in the formal dedication of the new Alex Johnson hotel here, described by experienced traveler as the finest between Chicago and Seattle.

### LATE BULLETINS

(By The Associated Press)

**Geneva**—The Kellogg treaty outlawing war is likely to be discussed by the league of nations assembly in September. The pact was officially brought to the attention of the league by Great Britain as a "matter which is evidently one of general interest to all league members."

**Pierre**—Creditors of the closed Bank of Dallas, Dallas, are receiving a 10 percent dividend, the state banking department announced today.

**Pierre**—Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state today for the Hison Publishing company, which the articles indicated will publish the *Blount Courier* and *Blount News*. The incorporators were E. N. Fern, B. and Belle Hinkle, and the capital stock was given as \$10,000.

**Ottawa**—The yield of fall wheat was estimated at 21,441,000 bushels as against 22,200,000 last year in a report issued today by the bureau of statistics.

### SARGENT SAYS IS ONLY BEGINNING OF DEVELOPMENT

Delegations and Representatives Here From Many Cities Over Wide Territory

Rapid City was thronged today with delegations of Chicago, Omaha, Sioux City and Sioux Falls business men who will be on hand tonight at the formal dedication of the new Alex Johnson hotel which Fred W. Sargent, president of the Chicago and North Western railway, explained to them, while standing in the lobby of the new hotel, "marks only the beginning of Black Hills development."

Sargent's statement was added to by members of the delegations. J. W. Thackberry, general secretary of the Sioux City chamber of commerce, in a statement made after inspecting the hotel, said that "Sioux City is vitally interested in the development of Western South Dakota, especially the Black Hills. Through its geographical location, Sioux City is as much attached to South Dakota as it is to Iowa, he said.

"We receive many inquiries concerning accommodations in Rapid City," said Thackberry. "Now after inspecting Rapid City's finest hotel, I can assure our people and tourists that Rapid City has adequate and exceptionally modern facilities."

"Omaha's interest in the Black Hills of South Dakota dates back to the days when stage coaches were operated, connecting Deadwood, Lead and later Rapid City with the then struggling frontier city of Omaha. W. A. Ellis of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce explained.

"The Omaha delegation came to Rapid City and the Black Hills because Omaha still maintains a deep interest in the development of the region," Ellis continued. "Thousands of tourists pass through Omaha each season enroute to the Black Hills, together with many of our own people who consider the region as an ideal playground. This alone should be sufficient reason for our visit here today."

Like Novel Decoration Both Ellis and Thackberry described the Alex Johnson hotel "as one of Rapid City's greatest assets." "The Indian design which

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### GAS PIPE LAYERS OFFICE HERE NOW

New evidence of the approach of natural gas to Rapid City, was presented today when the general office of the Hope Engineering company, which is laying the pipe, was moved to Rapid City. It has been at Belle Fourche, during the early stages of construction. Edward F. Moore, general superintendent of construction, is at the head of the company's force here, while R. E. Newlin, accountant, is in charge of the office. The office force of 16 people is located in the Wood building on St. Joe street.

The company expects to have gas in Belle Fourche, Spearfish and Rapid City latter part of August, and from that way work is moving along the supply should be available in Rapid City in October, Mr. Moore said. The original promise was gas here by December 1.

There will be an entirely new distribution system in Rapid City the construction head said. None of the old pipes will be used.

Construction is not only being pushed at this end of the line, but in the gas fields in Montana. Lines are now being put into the Cabin creek field. The company is connecting the various "domes" from which the supply is available, that it may be taken from any of them as it is needed.

### Y OF RED PAIGN IN SEEMS TRUE

Mersey of West leading toward spectacular. BY PRICE Staff Writer Aug. 11—(AP)—The prophecy of a fiery-making, political in 1928 now leading toward some very democratic and republican quelled the Hoover emotions at which campaign is to be foot late, today. All of the high-controversial that unusual battle for have been brought

### FLORIDANS STILL FEAR HIGH WATER

Ingalls, Fla., Aug. 11—(AP)—Flood gates of the huge hydro-electric dam of the Florida Dam or corporation, near here, were opened today to relieve the strain of swollen waters from the Withlacoochee river and a swirling torrent was sweeping down the valley to the Gulf of Mexico, 20 miles away, at the rate of 2,000,000 gallons a minute. Approximately two hundred families, living in the path of the flood waters were warned to move to higher ground and no loss of life was expected, officials of the corporation said.

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 11—(AP)—Several scores of families were removed from homes in the suburban mill village of Beaumont by police squads and firemen early today as the waters of Chitquepin creek inundated about

### ELK POINT WINS APOLO CONTEST AT PRESS MEET

Anderson Had Wall-Fitting Bathing Suit, Straight Legs, And (an Turn Homersault)

Madison, Aug. 11—(AP)—O. F. Anderson, Elk Point, scored 95 points out of a possible 100 to win the "male" bathing beauty contest, the first of its kind in the state, held last night in connection with the summer meeting of the South Dakota Press association. The meeting closed here at noon today.

G. E. Oddy, Woonsocket, with a total of 90 points, was awarded second place by the three women

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### HOLD \$100,000 SALE OF CATTLE

A \$100,000 cattle sale, believed to have been the largest ever conducted in Rapid City, took place here Friday. One thousand head of cattle were sold to stock buyers from Chicago and points in Iowa and Nebraska to be shipped

was named, remained here accompanied by several representatives of each party who chose to spend the day in Rapid City, he visited the state cement plant and other places of interest.

The Rapid City American Legion drum and bugle corps marched to the depot this morning, meeting the delegations which arrived at 8 o'clock. The Omaha and Pierre trains brought in 18 coaches loaded with visitors. Shortly afterwards the Sioux Falls contingent arrived from Deadwood where it spent yesterday attending the Day's of '78 celebration. The Chicago and North Western band also arrived this morning, and marched through the business section. The Sioux Falls delegation fell in back of the drum and bugle corps, marching to the Alex Johnson hotel.

**Given Reception**

A large reception committee was on hand, both at the depot and at the Alex Johnson hotel, making the new arrivals acquainted with one another and also with Rapid City business men.

Members of Mr. Sargent's party included: Alex C. Johnson, vice president of the Chicago and North Western railway company; Chicago; W. H. Dalton, assistant to President Sargent, Chicago; Ira Belden, member of the Chicago and North Western legal department, Chicago; A. K. Gardner, railway attorney, Huron; D. M. Davis, assistant general freight and passenger agent, Omaha; George M. Davidson, president of the Superior Coal company, Chicago; A. M. Foster, general freight agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railway company, St. Paul; E. L. Pardee, general passenger agent, Chicago; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railway, St. Paul; H. E. Dickenson, general superintendent, Chicago and North Western railway, Omaha; Roy A. Miller, tax commissioner of the Chicago and North Western, Chicago; and manager of the railway band; H. J. Wagen, Wisconsin, division superintendent, Chadron, Neb.; M. E. Benjamin, general agent, Rapid City, and R. W. Carlton, Chicago, secretary to President Sargent.

Other Omaha party were: Ray Kiddoo, vice president of the Omaha National bank; H. E. Kim-

berly, secretary of the Patton-Celastrol company, Merriam; Smith, McCord-Grady company, N. O. Hoerner, vice president of the Itow-Bloch company; David Martindale, Byrne-Hammer company; G. E. Carpenter, Carpenter paper company; G. W. Snyder, Otis Elevator company; E. Orinwald, B. Orinwald Plumbing company; Ray Bernard, Union Stockyards company; J. K. Barnes, general manager of the U. S. Rubber company's Omaha office; Perry Hendricks, U. S. National Bank; C. M. Heaney, Nebraska Hotel managers association, and W. A. Ellis, Omaha chamber of commerce.

Sioux City visitors were: O. C. Scherer, general agent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railway company; J. C. Mullaney, Mullaney grain company; W. H. Bonn, Sioux City Stockyards; William Johnson, of Hanford Produce company; E. W. Long, Hansen Glass and Paint company; N. Felt, Rosebaum Commission company; J. L. Mitchell, president of the First National bank; George Sillkatter, president of the Sioux City Stockyards company; L. G. Everist, Building Material company; I. F. Lionberger, John Clay Commission company, and R. W. Thacker, general secretary of the Sioux City chamber of commerce.

**Too Much Sunlight Harmful to Health**

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of ultra-violet light.

The W. P. Kettering Hotel Foundation, Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, stated that science, while it can follow life's movements after they are started, understands nothing about its start.

"After the human machine gets started, we know we can see how its parts work. We understand digestion—and you even repeat the chemical processes in the laboratory, but we cannot understand how the process starts—and why the stomach doesn't digest itself. We have pushed the mystery of life back a bit, but we still have a long way to go in getting to an understanding of what starts it all."

Dr. M. X. Sullivan of the Unit-

of being healthy, however, shows that many foods go wrong. "Normally," he said, "our foods serve two main purposes—they give energy and they rebuild the worn out parts of the body. In the first group come the sugars and starches and fats, and in the second come the proteins—meat, milk and eggs.

He explained that the molecules in the protein group are broken down by the digestive process into groups of atoms called amino acids. They are used by the body to build up tissues and to form

the materials required by various glands to carry on the work of the body.

Part of this protein, he said, goes into poisonous waste materials which must be eliminated. Toxic wastes have been found in the blood of patients suffering from asthma, arteria and epilepsy, yet we still know little about these poisonous materials to help the body combat them, Dr. Sullivan said.

He stated that these poisonous materials have a very close relationship to various forms of insanity.

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HISTORY

Date of founding of institution or of settlement \_\_\_\_\_

Previous owners of the site \_\_\_\_\_

First owners \_\_\_\_\_  
and dates \_\_\_\_\_  
of ownership \_\_\_\_\_

Place of origin of owners \_\_\_\_\_

Date owners came to SD (& USA) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of owners \_\_\_\_\_

Historic owners: religious affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Historic owners: social (fraternal) affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

Historic uses of the site (& buildings) Hotel, offices, retail shops

Builder's name \_\_\_\_\_ Henry Carlson Co. (Sioux Falls)

Architect's name Olderick and Williams, Chicago (Edward G. Olderick); Elmer H. Schilling; interior design (Theodore S. Williams)

Date of commission \_\_\_\_\_ Date of construction 1927-28

History (attach research materials to file)

In addition to hotel rooms, the building had office space and retail shops on the first floor. It was  
completed in July 1928 at a cost of \$1,800,000. It originally contained 200 rooms and  
was the largest hotel in the state. The entire building  
carried a design theme based on the "Sioux Indian." Thus, walls and ceilings were painted with various  
colors, lighting fixtures and rugs portrayed Native American designs.