



# Sup's Sounds

by Myron Schaff  
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Dear Patrons,  
I saw an old picture the other day of kids in a garage all greasy putting together a car engine.

This went straight to my heart. And was a flashback to earlier times growing up in Bismarck. When home garages sometimes had pits where people would change their own oil and work on their cars. And 'gas stations' sold gasoline and oil, and new and used tires, and batteries, and mufflers, and shock absorbers, and the fellow who came to the front to sell you a bottle of pop from the old chest cooler and a ten cent bag of sour cream and onion potato chips wore coveralls and was

wiping the grease off his hands with a red shop rag that he stuffed in his back pocket. His name would be sewn on his coveralls; 'Ed', and 'Hal', and 'Stan and Harold JR', ....

We loved to work on 'stuff' in our garages; we liked to imagine we knew what we were doing. More often than not, we'd get something torn apart and then Dad would have to figure out what to do with all the pieces. But it was incredible fun; no cell phones, no video games, no laptops ... Just old lawn mower engines and parts from baby buggies, strollers, bicycles, and scrap lumber that we were turning into gadgets. Go carts, scooters, and even a

rickshaw that could be pulled by hand or behind a bike. Stuff with little gas engines that we raced around on the parking lots at churches and elsewhere when they weren't being used.

As we learned more about cars, we'd ride our bikes to the auto parts stores downtown and get decals for Holley carbs, Hooker headers, Edelbrock manifolds, and Thrush side pipes. Cragar SS wheels, and Mickey Thompson tires, and Cherry Bomb glass pack mufflers, and Hurst shifters. We weren't old enough to drive yet but someday we would be. In the meantime, we had our projects in the garage. Fun times; simpler times; ('Dad, can I buy a car from Mike's grandpa? It runs great and it's only \$50.' 'You're in 6th grade and you want to buy a car? So you can take your girlfriend to the outdoor movie theater? (Mom laughing in the background;) Let's visit in a few years, son.')

Thanks for reading! Make it a great day... or not. The choice is yours! Visit with you next week, God willing.

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## 36,353 deer hunters took about 20,877 deer in 2025 year

A total of 36,353 North Dakota deer hunters took approximately 20,877 deer during the 2025 deer gun hunting season, according to a post-season survey conducted by the state Game and Fish Department.

Game and Fish made available 42,300 deer gun licenses last year. Overall hunter success was 57%, with each hunter spending an average of 4.9 days in the field.

Hunter success for white-tailed deer was 53% for antlered and 45% for antlerless whitetails.

Mule deer license holder success was 82% for antlered and 82% for antlerless mule deer.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities that may affect the citizens everyday lives.

Public notices have been printed in local newspapers, the trusted sources for community information, for more than 200 years.

North Dakota newspapers also post public notices on [www.ndpublicnotices.com](http://www.ndpublicnotices.com) at no charge to units of government.

## Datebook

"Dakota Datebook" is a radio series from Prairie Public in partnership with the State Historical Society of North Dakota and with funding from the North Dakota Humanities Council.

### Land of Opportunity by Carole Butcher

April 14, 2026 – The 1890s were not kind to North Dakota. The price of wheat declined by 70%, high railroad rates hurt farmers, state tax receipts decreased, and the state had difficulty paying its bills.

That changed, however, as the period from 1898 to 1915 brought North Dakota's second boom. Railroads almost doubled in size, increasing from 2,662 miles of track, to 5,226. Where the railroads went, people followed. The population of the young state increased by 135%. Towns blossomed into cities. Bismarck grew from 2,100 residents to 5,400. Minot exploded from a population of 2,100 to 6,100.

On this date in 1910, the Ward County Independent printed an editorial that highlighted the important role of newspapers in attracting people to North Dakota. The Independent announced in an editorial that the newspaper had attracted many young men by publicizing the opportunities in the state. In the spring of 1910, dozens of young men arrived, lured by the promise of good employment.

This was illustrated by a man who arrived at the office of the Independent and presented a letter of introduction from a subscriber living in Chicago. The writer of the letter stated that he believed North Dakota was a land of opportunity and had encouraged his friend to make a new start there. The writer of the letter described the man as honest and hardworking, and hoped the newspaper could help him get a job. The letter stated that anything the editor of the newspaper could do to help would be greatly appreciated.

The editorial stated that while many new people had arrived in the state looking for work, it was far from enough. The farmers still needed more help, and jobs were to be had for anyone wanting work. The editor was quickly able to arrange work for the young man with a farmer just north of Minot. The job paid \$35 a month, with all expenses paid. The editor was confident that if the new North Dakotan carefully saved his money, he would soon own a farm of his own. That was something he could not hope for had he stayed in Illinois. The editor closed by urging young men to "Come west and grow up with the country!"

Thomas Edward Whelan  
By Jayme L. Job

April 15, 2026 – Thomas Edward Whelan was born in St. Thomas, North Dakota, on this date in 1895. Whelan, a potato farmer by trade, later served as a state senator, as well as the state chairman of the Republican Party. His most surprising role, however, came in 1951, when President Harry Truman appointed Whelan to be the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua.

After finishing high school, Whelan attended the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, majoring in law. After graduation, he entered the U.S. Army at Cavalier to serve in World War I. Discharged in 1918, he returned to St. Thomas to farm with his brother. He eventually married and became active in politics. From 1932 until 1940, Whelan served as a state senator and, for eight years afterward, as the state chairman of the Republican Party.

His political work centered on the state's agricultural industry, and he was largely concerned with the plight of the family farmer. He was also active in the American Legion, serving as state commander, and later as national chairman of the American Legion Foreign Affairs Committee. But it was in 1951 that Whelan was asked to do something that no other North Dakotan had ever done.

Since the early 1940s, it was well known that North Dakota Senator William Langer had one very salient complaint during his time in Washington. He often lamented that "There's never been one ambassador from North Dakota, not in [all] the years since statehood." In response, President Harry Truman appointed Whelan to be the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua in 1951.

The North Dakota farmer soon found himself and his family relocating to the Latin American country. To Truman's delight, Whelan became one of Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza's closest friends. The two referred to each other affectionately as 'Tommy' and 'Tacho.' The men "...partied, played poker, [and] junketed around the country together."

When President Eisenhower took office in 1953, Whelan resigned, but the President quickly reappointed him to the position. In 1956, Somoza was shot and critically wounded by an assassin. Whelan rushed to his friend's side and quickly "...arranged to fly the dying dictator to a U.S. hospital in the Panama Canal Zone." Somoza was succeeded by his sons, and Whelan remained ambassador until 1961. By the time his tenure ended, Whelan was the nation's longest serving ambassador. He returned to North Dakota, where he passed away in 1977 and was interred in his hometown of St. Thomas.

**Applications Accepted**

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR LIFEGUARDS

The Hebron Memorial Swimming Pool is accepting applications for the position of junior and senior lifeguards for the 2026 pool season.

Junior lifeguards must be at least 14 years of age and senior lifeguards must be 15 years of age.

Interested persons are asked to submit a letter of interest and/or resume to Hebron Park Board, P.O. Box 106, Hebron, ND and MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN Wednesday, April 1, 2026 for consideration.

## Hebron Park Board

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**Marian Manor HealthCare Center is hosting a VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 at 1:00PM**

**Come check it out to see if you would be interested in helping the residents at various activities (ex. bingo, parties, gardening, outdoors, visiting with residents, etc.)**

**All past volunteers and anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome to attend. Bring a friend if you would like. There is no obligation to sign up after the luncheon.**

**Please RSVP by April 16, 2026 Contact Activity Director Deb Wanner 701-348-3107**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE- VOLUNTEER TODAY**

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