

Water Fountain Saga Part 2

I have come into the possession of copies of the original letters and newspaper clippings about the fountain in downtown Minot ... its history and how it came to Minot.

Part 2 – Mr Lewis Seaver and the National Humane Alliance of New York decided to send the Fountain to Minot provided certain conditions were met by the city . 1. The City of Minot had to unload the fountain from the rail car – freight was pre-paid. 2. The City of Minot had to transport and locate the fountain on the designated site. 3. The City of Minot had to provide a good, continuous water supply to the fountain and 4. The City of Minot had to provide permanent, proper care and maintenance for the fountain. Minot was the smallest city in the United States to receive a fountain. Because of the rapid growth the city was experiencing at the time, Minot received a fountain.



Fine Fountain for Minot
Mrs. Alex Scarlet, who is a mem-
ber of the National Humane Society,
has put in an application for a foun-
tain for Minot for the use of man and
animals, and has received a letter
from the secretary favorable to her
application.
The donation of these fountains to
certain cities was made possible thru
the establishing and endowing of the
National Humane Alliance by the late
Herman Lee Ensign of New York
City.
The fountains are of Maine granite,
entirely polished and trimmed with
bronze. They are in five pieces, total
weight five tons. Height six feet
eight inches; diameter of large bowl,
six feet. A setting plan comes with each fountain, showing foundation
and other measurements.
The conditions on which these foun-
tains are granted are few and simple:
1st. That a fountain site shall be
granted that is acceptable to the Na-
tional Humane Alliance.
2nd. Such site must be where
there is a large passing traffic and
where the fountain can be approach- ed from all sides.
3rd. The city must take the foun-
tain from the car (freight is prepaid)
place it on a good foundation, put in
first class connections (plumbing,
etc.) and guarantee ample and con-
tinuous water supply and proper
permanent care.
Although the fountains are sub-
stantial and of handsome proportions,
they are not placed primarily for or-
namental purposes but to relieve
animal thirst.

Minot, ND to get Fountain

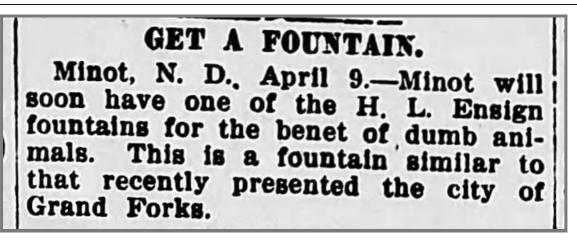
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Minot will get fountain

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The magnificent new water fountain, which was presented to Minot by the National Humane Alliance of New York, was shipped from New York city on Sept. 29, and is expected to arrive here within a few days. When the fountain is installed, it is expected that it will be done so with appropriate ceremonies.

Minot fountain shipped 1910-10-06

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Minot getting ready to turn on water 1910-10-06

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I hereby announce my candi- I hereby announce my candi-	paved street just east of the Stone-
♦ dacy for sheriff of Ward county ♦	Ordean-Wells building. The location
on the democratic ticket. I was	is one of the best that could be found
♦ born on a farm in Iowa and have ♦	in the city. The fountain was instal-
	led a number of years ago thru the ef-
♦ for the past ten years. Served ♦	forts of the late Colonel Scarlett and
◆ two years on the Minot police ◆	his good wife by the National Humane
◆ force and was then deputy sheriff ◆	
♦ of Ward county for four years ♦	
♦ during the Kelley administration. ♦	VETERAN ENGINEER HAS RE-
◆ Have filled the position of chief ◆	TIRED-43 YEAR AT THROTTLE
♦ of police of Minot for the past ◆	TIKED-40 TEAK AT THROTTEE
◆ two years. If you consider that ◆	Fred Almy, Engineer for 43 Years, is
♦ my experience qualifies me for ♦	Retired on Account of Age Limit-
♦ the position which I seek, I will ♦	Receives Pension for Life.
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	Fred Almy, the veteran engineer was
New Location for Secolate Transfer	retired on account of the age limit
New Location for Scarlett Fountain.	Sept. 16. Altho Mr. Almy will never
At last the beautiful fountain that adorned Main street for a number of	be able to pull the throttle on a rail- way engine again, he is still consider-

Minot Fountain relocated - 1916-10-05

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