Boys and girls of Watertown met with C. C. Ferguson and Miss McCormick who are organizing public playgrounds here for the first time today and so enthusiastically did the young folks listen to the plans outlined to them and enter into the few games that were introduced today, that both Mr. Ferguson and Miss McCormick said they felt sure the movement is going to be a big success in this city. A meeting was held at the central school this morning at 9 o'clock and another this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Folk dancing was introduced in the class of girls and everyone spent a very enjoyable day. As the movement progresses, baseball teams will be organized, volleyball will be played, basketball will have a part in the program later, and running and jumping contest and many games will be new to boys and girls of Watertown. Mr. Ferguson said he is planning to have district playgrounds for the children in all parts of the city.

Music lovers of the city will be interested in the announcement recently made of the concert to be presented at the Methodist church next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Two of the most promising young artists that northeastern South Dakota has produced, will be offered to the community and a wide circle of friends in this section at that time. Both are well known through the Watertown territory for their achievements in their respective fields. Miss Ethel Wagner of Garden City, having won widespread recognition as a soprano soloist during her high school days, is pursuing her musical career through studies in Minneapolis. Dwayne Knight, a graduate of Watertown high school, and an outstanding pianist, is also following his musical education further. They will be presented in a joint concert by the Esther Guild of the Methodist church of which Mr. Floyd P. Creaser is chairman.

A thunderstorm late Thursday evening and early Friday morning, produced some heavy rain and a lot of wind and noise, but fortunately little damage in area towns. In Watertown, the wind caused power outages in at least four areas as branches fell on power lines. Rick Berg, electric superintendent for the Municipal Utilities Department, said the first outage was a 4-hour outage from the filtration plant to the Prop caused by trees snapping lines. Another outage lasted approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes on North Lake Drive near 450 N. Lake Drive where lightning hit some wires. Power was lost near Dr. Robert Arnold’s residence when a pole was downed and power was out 2 hours and 40 minutes. "It looks like there was a swath from about 450 N. Lake Drive across the lake to the Spurrel farm, a mile-and-a-half west of 21st street on 4th Avenue," Berg said. Also at Lake Kampeska, at least one dock was blown over.

Did today’s DIH spur a memory? Do you know where the people mentioned today are and what they are doing? If yes, please email our newsroom at news@thepublicopinion.com and let us know. To read previous columns, go to our website at thepublicopinion.com and click on the “This Date In History” box under Extras.