The Brickell Construction company of Watertown has been awarded the general contract for the erection of the new $60,000 Methodist church in Watertown to be completed this fall on the site occupied by the present structure, Oak street and Second avenue S. The successful bid on the general contract was $47,404 which was accepted by the building committee last evening. The contract as awarded does not include anything but the general construction of the building. Fixtures, pews, lighting and heating plants, the organ, etc., are yet to be ordered and according to estimates made by the committee the final cost of the new structure will exceed slightly the $60,000 raised in the campaign last winter. The contract was also awarded to the Brickell company for wrecking the present structure.

Storm News- Wilmot- While Wilmot was receiving only a sprinkle of rain here yesterday morning, a sudden cloudburst brought an estimated four inches of rain to a small area between here and Big Stone Lake. S.J. Souser of Wilmot, who was fishing at the lake, said the rain came so suddenly and in so great an amount that it put out his fire, on which he was cooking some fish, and washed the fish back into the lake.

Jess Gorley, 124 First street S.W., slept through last night's storm—that is, until about 3 o'clock. He awakened with a start to find the wind raging through a broken window. He got up to do something about it, and found blood streaming from a severed artery in a finger of his right hand, cut by the flying glass. He was treated at a hospital and released. Tent campers at the YMCA 4-H club camp were soaked with their canvas shelters blown down during the storm.

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News- Florence Bruhn, Watertown High School art teacher and president of the Watertown Area Arts Council, will conduct a sketching trip throughout northeastern South Dakota Friday, June 21. Participants will take a bus from the west side of the senior high school concourse at 9 a.m. and return about 4 p.m. that day. Everyone should bring his own lunch and sketching supplies, she said. Many of Miss Bruhn's former art students have requested this kind of excursion. - Watertown debaters Mark Roby and Roger Heidenreich, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Donus Roberts, coaches, are in Dallas, Tex., this week to participate in the National Forensic League speech contests. In addition to debating, the boys will enter competition in extemp. A "hot line" from Dallas to Watertown will keep the city informed about their progress through the tournament, Roberts said.

The numbers were low but enough to sweep two new members into seats on the Watertown City Council. Brad Johnson and Myron Maass both easily won two-year terms on the council Tuesday night as incumbents Mike Davis and Milt Engels were defeated. Johnson won in Ward E polling 455 votes to 138 for Davis who is in his first term on the council. In Ward D, Maass earned 125 votes to 80 for Engels who is finishing his second term. The Johnson-Davis race gave voters the clearest choice between candidates. Ward E encompasses Lake Kampeska and parts of west Watertown, areas that were hit heavily in the flood of 1997. While Johnson had backed the defeated Mahoney Creek Dam proposal for flood control, Davis opposed it and opted instead to side with opponents who supported a series of smaller dams.