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## Topics of a Week

Mrs. J. W. Schoen made a short visit to Duluth the first of the week. Miss May Carter left Monday to enter the State Normal School at Duluth.

N. J. Bray came up from Hovland Saturday, returning Sunday on the America.

Ed. Tofte and Oscar Backlund left for Duluth Monday in Mr. Tofte's automobile. They returned last evening.

F. R. Paine left Saturday for his annual duck hunt in the western part of the state.

Miss Merle Lien left Monday evening for Duluth, where she will continue her studies in the State Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Tofte and Johannes Tofte drove down from Tofte last Tuesday for a visit with friends and relatives.

Miss Sadie Johnson, who was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Samskar for several weeks, returned to her home in Duluth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Godin, Hans Engelson and Miss Lizzie Engelson left for the state fair Monday. They drove in Mr. Godin's automobile.

Gilbert Gilbertson left Sunday in his automobile for Minneapolis, where he will take in the state fair. He was accompanied by several of his friends.

Miss Selma Eide, of Tofte, accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Sandeno on their return home from Tofte Monday. She will attend high school here this winter.

O. L. Johnson of Hovland, was in town last Sunday. He came up to attend the meeting of the committee on arrangements for the county fair which was held Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Sandeno and Miss Fennie Sather attended a picnic given by the Tofte people at the Tofte-Schroeder ball park last Sunday afternoon. An impromptu program was rendered.

Sheriff I. H. Lien took Mrs. Flatt of Grand Portage, an Indian woman about 85 years old, to the state hospital for insane at Fergus Falls last Saturday evening. He was assisted by Mrs. Frank LeSage.

Miss Esther Juberg, who was visiting at the home of Sam Zimmerman, Jr., received word by telephone last Thursday that her young brother had been accidentally killed at their home in LaMoore, N. D. She left on the America that evening to attend the funeral. Miss Pearl Berg accompanied her.

GIRL WANTED—for general housework.—Inquire George Hughes.

## School Opened Tuesday.

The public school opened Tuesday. The arrangement of the work in the grades has been changed, one more teacher being added to the staff. The assignment of the grades are as follows:

Primary—Hazel Morterud.  
Second and Third—Elizabeth Cavanaugh.

Fourth and Fifth—Harriet Abrams.  
Sixth, Seventh and Eight—Mrs. Tofte and Edna Brophy.

High School and special departments—Anna Smith, Principal; Gail Dykeman, High school assistant and home economics.

E. L. Rube, Superintendent.  
Department work is being done in the grammar grades, two teachers taking care of the work in the three upper grades, besides having daily periods set aside for supervising music and penmanship. Phebie Whipp, of River Falls, Wis., resigned just previous to the opening of the school and Mrs. Tofte is filling the position in the meantime.

During the summer the stage has been rebuilt, and furnished with shelving, so that it can be used interchangeably as a stage and library room. The auditorium is now the high school assembly, but movable chair desks will be installed, so that it can serve a dual purpose in the future, its value as an auditorium not being impaired.

Two closed-in transportation wagons have been purchased, for carrying children from the west end and the east end to this school. A third rig will be used at the Good Harbor Hill school.

Playground apparatus has been installed on the grounds, including four swings and five teeter-totter boards; also two volley ball courts, and an open air basket ball court.

A warm lunch, consisting of one or two warm dishes, will be served to all transported children.

The Norwegian Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Mathias Johnson next Thursday afternoon.

The Murphy party, who have been camping at West Bareskin lake for two weeks, returned home last Saturday.

Albert Rindahl, who has been working for the Booth Company at Duluth all summer, accompanied Ed. Tofte on his return home yesterday.

Nearly all the male Indian population of this vicinity went to Grand Portage Tuesday, returning home yesterday afternoon. They went there by invitation of the new Indian agent for the purpose of holding a conference on matters of importance to the Indians of Grand Portage reservation.

## Coroner's Report.

On the 3rd inst. I was called to Hovland, Minn., to view the body of a man named John N. Hansen. He was about 38 years of age and his occupation was laborer, but was employed as a fisherman at Horseshoe Bay, Hovland, Minn. His birthplace was Fredrickstad, Norway. His father is John E. Hanson of the same place.

Mr. John N. Hanson was working as a helper at Horseshoe Bay for a short time. He left for Duluth the last part of August and came back in a short time from there. His employers were also in Duluth, but Mr. Hanson came back alone, and in a day or so after he got back he commenced to worry somewhat and his friends asked him what was the matter with him and he said his head was troubling him. His friends said that when he was at his sister's house in Duluth he seemed to be in perfect condition. Sept. 2nd he became worse so neighbors suspected that insanity was setting in, and in the afternoon of that day he took off all his clothes except his underwear and went out on the rocks near the water apparently as if he was going to take a bath and a party of four men tried to get him back to the house but could not do so, so early in the evening the deputy sheriff and others came to take care of him but he could not be found. Likely he fell from the rocks into the water, or he may have committed suicide. It is difficult for the coroner to say whether he committed suicide or fell from the rocks into the water and was drowned. Mr. Martin Augenson, under oath before the coroner, testified to that effect.

Mr. Hansen's brother, G. C. Hansen of 425-41st Ave. East, Duluth, Minn., was notified of the accident and came up on the boat and took his body to Duluth for burial.

I decided that an inquest was not necessary as I got all the facts in the case and it was either an accident or suicide.

Dated at Grand Marais, Minn., this 8th day of Sept. 1915.

AUG. J. JOHNSON,  
Coroner of Cook County, Minn.

Miss Signild Soderberg left Monday evening for Duluth, where she will attend the State Normal School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wibel and their son Merle, who visited here for several weeks with Dr. and Mrs. Robertson, left last Thursday night for their home in Coffeyville, Kan.

P. O. Wahlstrom moved his camp at the Devilstrack last Thursday, having finished the concrete bridge across that river. He will now build a concrete culvert across Spruce creek, near Carribou Point.

The Farmer's Community Club of Hovland, will hold their next meeting next Saturday evening, September 11th, in the new Hovland town hall. Supt. Clinch will be present and deliver an address.

Coroner Johnson was called to Hovland last Friday to investigate a case of drowning at that place. His report of the matter appears in another column, from which it appears that the circumstances were not such as to necessitate the holding of an inquest.

Miss Ruth Soderberg left Monday night for a visit to mineral springs near Minneapolis, in hopes that a course of treatment there will bring her relief from rheumatic trouble from which she has suffered for several months. She will remain at the springs three or four weeks.

Foreigners Riot at Boston.  
Boston, Aug. 16.—The assembling of 1,300 Italian reservists, who were to sail on the steamer Canopic and their friends were marked by demonstrations against the interned German steamships America and Cincinnati, as a result of which several policemen were severely injured. Sailors on the German vessels were struck by stones and sticks. Revolver shots were exchanged between the crowd and the police, but it could not be learned that any took effect.

## Labor Day Picnic.

The Maple Hill community observed Labor Day by holding a community picnic in the grounds adjoining the new town hall. Families from all parts of the settlement arrived in the forenoon and passed the time pleasantly in visiting with neighbors and acquaintances. Lunch was eaten at noon in regular picnic style in the cool shade of the trees that have given their name to the locality.

Following lunch all gathered in the town hall to enjoy the program of music and speech. Dr. F. B. Hicks, the speaker of the day, congratulated the community on the excellence of the new town hall, and commented upon the important part in the history of the country the town meeting fills. In a brief review of social progress from its original simple state to its present day complex form, the speaker showed how the attitude towards labor, of the ruling non-laboring class, effected the popular view. Tracing the progress of society in a democratic state; he pointed out clearly the evidences of a changing attitude towards labor, and that with the growing recognition of the relation of labor to the general welfare has come a corresponding recognition of the dignity inseparable from all work. In concluding, the doctor expressed in no mild form the hearty contempt of all right-minded people for that type of humanity which may be termed the professional loafer, of any social rank whatsoever.

The doctor's address was followed by a number of instrumental selections rendered by the Maple Hill Orchestra, Miss Trina Tuftey and Mr. Anderson. Little Miss Lulu Anderson, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, sang "Row Me Over the Tide" with all the winning charms of a very little child. Mr. J. A. Blackwell favored the audience with a much appreciated song.

A very pleasant feature of the gathering was the presence of a large number of visitors from Grand Marais. Such friendly interest in rural social affairs makes for the best of relations between village and countryside.

## To Extend Train Service.

The following letter in regard to the extension of the Duluth & Northern Minnesota passenger train service will be of interest to the people of the county, and is self explanatory.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 23, 1915.  
Mr. Louis Engelson,  
County Treasurer,  
Grand Marais, Minn.

Dear Sir:  
About Nov. 1st, we expect that this Company's daily train (Sundays excepted) will be running to the end of the line in SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 26, 61 5 West, and it occurs to us that possibly your county officers might want to plan their road work so that that point can be reached, or your village officials and the proprietors of the winter staff service might wish to be advised.

We shall be very much obliged if you will, without inconveniencing yourself, give this information to those interested at Grand Marais. We shall be glad to answer any inquiries concerning this train service.  
Yours Truly,  
D. & N. M. Ry. Co.  
Per T. A. Wells.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 30. — Authentic reports were received by county officers here that 47 of the Mexican bandits who participated in the attack of the Norias ranch, 65 miles north of Brownsville, August 8, have been killed by American posses and officers and that the others of the band, numbering probably fifteen, are still at large in the brush. One of these Mexicans, it was said, was killed near Sebastian while another's right arm was shot off and he was captured. A private letter received here said Mexicans were crossing the Rio Grande into Starr county and proceeding through the uninhabited portion of the country for some unknown point in the hills. Starr county is 80 miles west of Brownsville.

## Ranger Force Will be

### Increased on Forests

The United States civil service commission announces an examination for forest rangers on October 25th and 26th. The examination will be held at Ely, Minnesota.

Candidates must be able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 30, capable of enduring all the hardships of outdoor life. A medical certificate to that effect is required. The examination consists of two parts, a field test and practical questions relative to land surveying, lumbering, land laws, mining and the live-stock business. Practical experience and general intelligence, as shown by ability to write with reasonable clearness, are the main requirements. Applicants must be residents of the state in which they seek employment, and should be familiar with local industrial and topographic conditions.

Forest rangers are appointed at a yearly salary of \$1,100, and are eligible to promotion to higher grades, including vacancies in the position of deputy supervisor and supervisor. Their duties consist of transacting the business of the national forests under the direction of the supervisors, viz.: to protect and control their districts, enforce the national forest laws and regulations, build roads, trails, telephone lines and cabins, fight forest fires, estimate timber, make small sales and handle the grazing business. The ranger usually owns and maintains his own saddle and pack animals when permanently assigned to a forest, the ranger is provided with headquarters consisting of cabin, barn and sheds, and with some agricultural land to grow food for his family and domestic stock.

The government in announcing this examination calls attention to the fact that appointment in the forest service does not guarantee year-long employment, since it is necessary to furlough a number of rangers during the winter months, when their services are not needed on the forests. Preference is given, however, to furloughed employes whose services are needed in recruiting the forces at the beginning of the next field season.

Further information concerning the examination may be secured from the United States civil service commission at Washington, D. C., from the district forester at Denver, or from the Supervisor at Ely, Minnesota.

## Next Year's Corn in Grave Danger

Grave danger to the 1916 corn crop lies in the condition of corn in Minnesota this fall.

Next year's crop will depend in a large measure on the supply of good Minnesota-grown seed corn obtainable this fall, and good Minnesota-grown seed corn is going to be mighty hard to get. From careful reports received from vari-

ous parts of the state, it is certain that a general heavy frost before September 20 would easily destroy the seed value of most of Minnesota's corn. Even if frost holds off until after that date, the quantity of corn that will be available for seed will be small, for reports indicate that at best the state will not get more than a half-crop of corn this year. The same reports show that the amount of seed corn held over from last year is very small. It is well known now that it does not do to go to more southern parts of the corn belt for seed corn, for seed corn from such areas does not mature early enough to escape frosts in Minnesota.

What is to be done, then? Andrew Boss, A. D. Wilson, C. P. Bull and others at the Minnesota College of Agriculture, who have been studying the situation, suggest this:

Search out the most mature acres of corn on your farm.  
Pick a supply of seed corn from these acres the moment the corn is mature enough, picking from the standing stalks in the field.

Corn is mature enough for seed when it has reached the dent stage, though it is better to let it ripen beyond this stage if possible. But if it has reached this stage, and frost threatens, take no chances but pick seed corn.

If you have no corn far enough along for seed, and some other farmer in the vicinity has, buy the privilege of picking seed corn in his field at a fair price per bushel. It will cost less to do that than to buy seed corn—of doubtful worth—next spring.

Pick Minnesota No. 13 and Minnesota 23 if possible. Reports show that these have met the trying conditions this year in the main better than other corns.

Immediately after picking your seed corn, hang it up to cure in a place where every ear can get plenty of ventilation and be wholly safe from being frosted.

Everybody, the farmer, business man, school or other professional man, and every kind of organization, from farmers' club to commercial club, or even the church, should make the matter of getting a sufficient supply of seed corn for next year a business through the remaining weeks of September.

## New Attack on Turks Falls.

Constantinople, via London, Aug. 30. —A new attack by land and sea on the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles has resulted in heavy fighting. The Turkish war office announced that several onslaughts had been repulsed with heavy losses to the Allies. It was also said that a cruiser and a transport of the Allies had been hit repeatedly by the Turkish guns.

## Swiss Protest to Germany.

London, July 31.—The Swiss government has protested to Germany against recent violations of that country's neutrality by German airmen, according to a dispatch from Bern.

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