

Topics of a Week

Logger Murphy left for Superior yesterday.

Ed. Tofte has been putting in about twelve hours a day overhauling his auto the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott, Jr., walked in from Kimball creek last night to attend the social doings.

Geo. Hughes left for Duluth last Thursday taking sixteen horses to Cramer where they were loaded on cars. He returned to the village last night.

Don't forget Friday evening, April 7th. It doesn't cost much, only a little loose change, and think of the fun you can have. Lunch also will be served.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet next Wednesday afternoon, April 5th, at the home of Mrs. Lien. Everybody welcome.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Chris Nelson, of Maple Hill, was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends at her home, the occasion being her birthday anniversary.

The food sale will be held as usual in the post office building. Boston brown bread and baked beans are our specialty. To be sure of some, telephone your order in ahead to any member of the Congregational Ladies Aid.

On Monday afternoon the Willing Workers met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Blackwell. "Five Hundred" was played, Mrs. A. M. Anderson receiving head prize and Mrs. Geo. Bayle consolation prize. The party was a surprise on Mrs. Blackwell in honor of her birthday.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Scott entertained the Willing Workers and their husbands at their home. "Five Hundred" was played at nine tables. Mrs. A. V. Johnson received the head prize for the ladies and J. A. Kirkwood, F. R. Paine and Ed. Tofte tied for the gentlemen. Mrs. Sam Bally and Mr. J. S. Woods received consolation prizes. An elaborate lunch was served and the evening was enjoyed by all.

The Maple Hill Community Club met at the town hall on the 18th and was well attended. A musical program was rendered, consisting of several selections by the Maple Hill Orchestra and vocal numbers. Christina Clinch, Mildred Hedstrom and Ella Gilbertson were appointed as entertainment committee for next meeting. A debate on the question "resolved that it is better to live in the country than in the city" was proposed for the next meeting.

Murphy & Hughes have completed this season's operations in Colvill and they broke camp last week.

Chairman Engelson left for his home on the Sunday stage, having attended the County Board of Audit Friday and Saturday.

The retiring council will meet next Monday night for their last meeting, and the new council will assemble on Tuesday evening.

The Congregational Ladies Aid will hold a business meeting tonight at the home of Mrs. Ripon. All members are requested to be present.

The subject at the Congregational church next Sunday evening will be "Travail of the Universe". The quartette will render some special selections. All are welcome.

Arnold Nelson, Olof Olson, Albert Bally, Hartley Holte and Lawrence Kluck took the patrolmen's examination conducted by Ranger Bayle last Saturday at the court house.

We are pleased to note in the Sioux Fall "Argus" that Winnie Carhart, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carhart, won second prize at a baby show held recently at Sioux Falls.

Mr. J. D. Reynolds entertained a few gentlemen friends last Saturday evening. They arrived home in the wee hours of the morning. Everybody reported an enjoyable time, and an excellent lunch was served at midnight.

A meeting was held recently and it was unanimously decided to hold regular meetings of the commercial club during the next few months. Ed. Tofte, J. A. Blackwell and F. R. Paine were appointed a committee to make plans for the first meeting.

The cooperage plant started sawing headings on Tuesday morning, employing about ten men. Heading bolts and staves are being hauled in daily using three teams at the present time. The whole mill will be in operation by the 10th of April.

The ladies of the Catholic Altar Society wish to thank those who so kindly brought baskets to the social last Saturday evening. On account of the supply of ice-cream being much too small for the demand they will serve ice-cream Friday, April 14th.

Following is the program at the Princess Theatre for Saturday evening: "Olaf Erickson" 2 reel drama of the pine woods, "The Man Who Came Back" a western drama, "Smallpox on the Circle U" comedy. Also several good local views. Come and see this program.

DAILY MAIL SERVICE

From Cramer to Hovland to Commence May 1st.

Notices for posting have been received by the Postmaster at Cramer calling for bids on a daily mail service from Cramer to Hovland, using auto trucks during summer and sleighs or wagons during the winter. The bids will have to be submitted before April 12th and the service is to commence May 1st.

This is the result of petitions which were sent out the first of the year and is welcome news to the whole county. Notices for posting have not been received by the local post office yet but are expected on today's mail.

According to the report which we received by telephone from the postmaster at Cramer, the mail will leave there at one o'clock and arrive in Grand Marais some time in the afternoon continuing to Hovland the same afternoon, and returning to Cramer the next noon.

The completion of the North Shore road has been a big factor in getting the Post Office Department to decide to give us daily mail service and this is another evidence of the wisdom and foresight of our county board in building the North Shore Automobile Road.

BOOSTING FOR COOK COUNTY

Local Scenes to be Shown in Moving Pictures This Summer.

F. R. Paine has received a letter from E. J. Filiatrault of the Mutual Auto Co., of Duluth, which is of interest, as follows:

"The writer has finally succeeded in making arrangements with the Ford Motor Co. to have them send their complete moving picture outfit to Duluth with a view to driving from here to Grand Marais to take views of the roads and the scenic beauties of Lake Superior between Duluth and Grand Marais.

"The writer, in presenting to them logical arguments, advised that as a climax to wind up their moving pictures, undoubtedly arrangements could be made with you and Mr. McDonald, the taxidermist, to take some views of some of the beautiful moose heads you have and other animals of the wilds of Cook county.

"At your convenience, would you advise if the writer can expect your co-operation in this regard, in having these pictures taken? Please bear in mind that they will be shown in almost every town or city in the United States, as there are hundreds of films made and they are furnished gratis to moving picture companies who will run them. It will be a most splendid opportunity to advertise Cook county and the highway connecting Duluth and Port Arthur.

"If you have any further suggestions that you could make along this line, the writer would be pleased to have such suggestions.

"Do you think it would be possible to take a view some time the latter part of June or July of fishing industry? As an illustration—a moving picture of the fishermen bringing in their catch, the cleaning and packing of fish, etc. anything that would be interesting. Again, perhaps by spending a day or two back of Grand Marais on some of the lakes, moving pictures could be made of moose or deer along the lake shore.

"With kindest regards, beg to remain, Very truly yours, E. J. FILIATRAULT."

Mr. Filiatrault is a good booster for this county having driven the first car through from Duluth to this point and he will find that our citizens will co-operate with him in getting the best results for his films.

The Catholic Ladies' Altar Society will meet with Mrs. Fred Paine Friday afternoon, April 7th.

Peter Anderson has returned to his homestead after spending the winter in Hedstrom's camp on Maple Hill.

Tom McCormick is making preparations to haul in the lumber at the Mayhew mill which is owned by Ed Nunstedt.

F. R. Paine is making a hot-bed, preparing for a prize-winner garden for the Cook county fair which will be held next fall.

BUBBLES PUNCTURED.

Fallacies of Opposition to the Highway Commission.

This county has seen much of the practical results of the present road laws of the state and is in a pretty good position to judge the merits of the present agitation in other parts for the abolition of the State Highway Commission. We are glad to see that a Cook county citizen offers his views on the situation, and we reprint below a letter by County Commissioner Engelson to the Duluth Evening Herald answering a communication by one of the anti-Mr. Engelson's letter is as follows:

"I did not read George W. Cooley's statement in the Herald concerning the Highway Commission which stirred your Bruno correspondent, C. A. Swanson, with the 'various emotions' that he so copiously poured into the 'Open Court' column of a recent edition of your paper. Apparently Mr. Swanson is amusing himself blowing bubbles from a 'Home Rule League' pipe. Such emotional contributions may interest some readers as literary productions, but to those who understand anything of the real merits of the controversy they should seem ridiculous. If he were a 'Me' or an 'O', the emotions of this 'Home Ruler' would be more understandable.

"This 'Home Rule League' is an organization of township officials now waging an aggressive campaign for the abolishment of the State Highway Commission; and as the reason (?) for its activity are pretty fully stated by Mr. Swanson, let us see whether or not they are, as I have suggested, simply blowing bubbles.

"I live in a county in which there is not a mile of railway, and one whose prosperity, therefore, more than any other county in the state depends on good roads. I am most emphatically for good roads. I am for the system of road building that promises the maximum of service for the minimum of cost; and I am convinced that to abolish the Highway Commission and hand its powers over to the several town boards of the state would be a long step backward and little short of a crime.

"What do those 'Home Rulers' want, anyway? Town Boards still have entire supervision over the building and maintenance of all town roads, and with this authority neither the Highway Commission nor the county board can interfere.

"The State Highway Commission is given supervision (in co-operation with the county board) only over those state roads for which state aid is given. All other state roads and all county roads are constructed by the county; all state roads being maintained by the county and all county roads being maintained by the towns through which they pass. The Commission has nothing to do with the designation of state roads, that being a power vested solely in the county boards and the prime purpose of making a county road a state road is to secure state aid.

"Towns are permitted a maximum tax levy of 21 mills for road purposes; the maximum for counties being 3 mills, and the maximum for the State only one mill. Is it any infringement on the right of home rule for the State, through its Highway Commission, to supervise the expenditure of this comparatively small state allotment for road purposes? If so, then the same objection lies against the powers of the county boards in the matter, and the controversy virtually resolves itself into a proposition to turn over absolutely and entirely the work of road building to the town boards.

"Towns are relieved of the duty of maintenance and upkeep of county roads as soon as the same are designated as state roads. This duty, as stated above, then devolves on the county, the expense of which maintenance is shared by the State.

"The Highway Commission has no strings on the towns, but towns may command the services of the Commission. Under the law it is the duty of state engineers, upon the request of a town board, 'to advise and consult with such board in the construction or improvement of town roads; to make plans and specifications when so required; to exercise supervision over such construction or improvement, and lend every possible assistance to the local road authorities in bettering the public highways.'

"If we don't appreciate the State Highway Commission it is because we do not avail ourselves of the help offered the local authorities by our present splendid system of road building. Let us be fair. With the towns of the State banding at least fifteen times as much

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Haakon Sandvick made up his logging camp on Temperance River last Saturday.

Reinert Reinartson, of Caribou Point, was in the village the first of the week, on business.

John Jacobson and sons, Ralph and Edward, drove up from Hovland Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Two Island River are the proud parents of a baby girl, born yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Mayhew will return on today's stage. As to their present plans we do not know, but we are glad to see them back.

On March 8th, Jennie L. Champagne was married to Mr. Wm. Legacy, of East Tawas, Mich. Mrs. Legacy is well known here, having made her home in this village for about ten years, and we join her friends in wishing the new couple happiness.

Gunner Olson left Cramer yesterday noon and was unable to go beyond Silver until midnight, and he reached Lutsen at seven-thirty this morning. He will probably reach Grand Marais late this afternoon. On the last trip Gunner had a load of over a ton and a half and upset three times between here and Cramer. Unless weather conditions change the stage will have to travel entirely by night. Hartvik Sather on the east stage route has been making part of the journey on foot as the depth of the snow slush makes it impossible to drive through.

AIRMEN RAID ENGLISH COAST

Nine Persons Are Killed and Over Thirty Injured.

London, March 20.—Nine persons were killed and thirty-one injured in a raid of four German seaplanes over the east coast of Kent, it was announced officially.

A British airman brought down one raider over the sea, the German observer being killed.

The total casualties so far reported are—killed, three men, one woman and five children; injured, seventeen men, five women, nineteen children. As far as ascertained forty-eight bombs were dropped altogether.

Legislative Bill Passes.

Washington, March 18.—The annual legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill, carrying appropriations aggregating \$37,000,000, was passed by the house.

Potato Disease Threaten State

Under no conditions should potatoes from unknown sources be bought for planting, says E. C. Stakman of the Minnesota College of Agriculture. There is a great danger of introducing powdery scab of potatoes into the potato-growing sections of Minnesota. But for the intervention of state authorities, a shipment of potatoes infected with powdery scab would have been unloaded on the Minneapolis market recently. Had these potatoes been planted, one of the most dangerous diseases would probably have been introduced into this section.

Powdery scab occurs in Maine, New York, Florida, Oregon, Washington, as well as in Canada and other foreign countries. It is found in the extreme northeastern part of Minnesota. Importation of potatoes from infected districts was forbidden until recently. Maine was quarantined when it was thought that the disease existed in no other state.

Powdery scab is carried on the tubers and may live in the soil six or seven years. It can be distinguished by small, purplish blisters, which break open and rupture the skin of the potato, forming pustules about an eighth of an inch in diameter. Any potatoes suspected of carrying the disease should be sent to Plant Disease Section, University Farm, St. Paul, for examination.

To avoid danger of introducing this or other diseases, all seed potatoes should be soaked an hour and a half in a solution of 4 ounces of corrosive sublimate to 30 gallons of water.

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