

In Rural Williams County

Buford News Letter

Mrs. Bert Gressley was in from the farm Saturday.

Wm. Dishon and son Russell autoed to Williston Thursday.

George Gressley made a business trip to Mondak Thursday.

Mrs. M. C. Wilkerson, of Marley, was shopping here Saturday.

George Nichols was down from Mondak the last of the week.

Miss Nellie Dishon returned home the first of last week from Minot.

J. S. Penson returned to Buford Thursday from a trip to Alexander.

P. F. Elmore was a passenger to Williston Friday returning home Saturday.

Mrs. O. T. Ryan and daughters were down from Mondak Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Moses and Master Isa were visitors in town Saturday afternoon.

Cornelius Le Roy made a trip to Williston the first of the week to consult an optician.

Luella Moore, of Dore, N. Dak., spent last week here visiting her cousin Lola Smithwick.

The Ladies Aid will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Wm. Dishon Saturday afternoon, August 19.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beisel and family spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Evans at Hill Top.

Mrs. D. MacMaster and daughter Lu Belle returned to Williston Thursday after a visit of several days with friends here.

Messrs. George Le Roy, A. F. Young, James Beisel and William Dishon were business visitors in Williston Monday.

Mrs. S. Rogers and baby and Miss Kline, from east of Buford were callers at the home of Mrs. C. M. Smithwick Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid sold ice cream Saturday afternoon in the St. Elmo Hotel. The affair netted them a neat little sum which will be used for repair work on the interior of the M. E. church.

Mrs. R. F. Holloway and daughter from out north of town and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Holloway from near the Sioux Crossing were visitors at the H. W. Holloway home Saturday afternoon.

Thieves broke into the Buford Mercantile store Tuesday night of last week, worked the combination of the safe and made away with about \$30 of the company's money as well as \$50 belonging to C. M. Smithwick. As yet the robber or robbers have not been apprehended.

MISSOURI RIDGE

R. Blankenship is suffering with a lame back.

Mrs. Sam Clark of Great Falls, Montana, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Clark and family a few days.

Mrs. L. L. Lampan of Williston came out Friday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gromatka returning home Monday evening.

Archie Addyman made a short call with his Ford at B. C. Keihl's Saturday night. Better get around sooner Archie, ten o'clock is rather late.

Several of the young folks on the Ridge attended the dance at Martin Jensen's and Rudolph Reader's Saturday night. They all report a splendid good time at each place.

The rural bible school rally which was held at Gromatka's Grove Sunday was well attended and all present enjoyed the excellent program which had been prepared for the occasion.

The lightning Sunday evening put several of the phones on line eighteen out of commission, and run in on the wire at A. C. Wagenman's and set their house on fire. Fortunately they were in the house and put the fire out before any damage was done.

Two Fords and a Hup were seen moving around on the Ridge very much over the speed limit prescribed by law Saturday evening shortly before the schedule time for the dances at Jensen's and Deader's but owing to the Hup being a somewhat faster car than the little Fords the girls were comfortably seated and were well on their way when the Fords and



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their drivers arrived at the center of attraction.

Mrs. S. M. Clark and daughters Misses Pearl, Myrtle and Berdie and Mrs. Sam Clark were guests at H. J. Poe's for dinner Monday, and for supper they were entertained by Mrs. G. W. Ford when the following other persons were present: Grandma Reader, Mrs. R. A. Reader, Willie Reader, Lyndon Hamelton, Miss Viola Hall, Alberta and Doris Francis. Mrs. Ford had a supper prepared to a queen's taste and all present ate to their hearts content.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. How entertained the farmers club Thursday afternoon of last week. A large attendance was present and the meeting proved to be one of the best the club has had for some time. Arrangements were made and a committee appointed to look after the club's exhibit at the Williams County Fair. The Club extended a vote of thanks to the Williston Commercial Club for the interest they took in the club by helping to secure automobiles and also some of its members going with them on the farm and crop inspection trip to the Nesson Valley country. They also extended their thanks to the auto owners for furnishing cars to a queen's taste. This being the first time the club has ever met with Mr. and Mrs. How. They all pronounced them good entertainers and will look forward to the time in the near future when they will have the privilege of meeting at their place again. Their next meeting will be September 14th, with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poe.

PHERRIN TOWNSHIP

Axel Carlson has purchased a new Ford.

Miss Dollie Penman is herding cattle for E. W. Jeffrey.

Mr. Albert Haney will soon make proof on his homestead.

Evert Hanna and family and Vernie Fagen visited at Frank Frederick's Sunday.

Jess Hill and wife of Williston visited Sunday afternoon at F. P. Siewert's.

Mrs. Damon and daughter Mrs. Roy Simmons visited Mrs. J. W. Brown Wednesday.

Miss Gladys Frederick returned from the Minot Normal Summer School last week.

Miss Inez Jeffrey is spending this month in Williston, with her sister Mrs. W. W. Jeffrey.

Miss Ethyl Reibsam of Titonka, Iowa arrived Wednesday to visit her sister Mrs. Larkin Hart.

Mr. Ed Phillips and family visited Thursday and Friday with friends at Culbertson and Froid, Montana.

Thomas Stenehem is having a barn erected on his Pherrin farm, among his improvements this summer.

Clarence Beard and Ed Phillips and families, and Irwin, Fanny and Lyman Brokaw spent Sunday at Plum Coulee, enjoying a picnic dinner.

W. A. Palmer and Albert Hefflinger and families, enjoying a picnic dinner and sight seeing trip, over on the Montana line near Bainville, Thursday.

The Helping Hand Club were entertained by Mrs. Lizzie Schierbeck Wednesday afternoon, very pleasantly spending the time crocheting and sewing for the hostess.

Among the number attending the Sunday School Picnic from this vicinity at Gromatka's Grove were John Wagenmans, M. H. Jeffreys, W. A. Palmers, E. H. Mellors, M. H. Poseys, W. Smeltzers, H. D. Brokaw.

Mrs. E. C. Hennigar, Mrs. E. E. Ryal and Mrs. Arthur Hennigar were guests, the hostess served a delicious lunch, assisted by Misses Lottie Sutherland and Zethra Ryal. The next meeting will be August 23, with Mrs. C. O. Hanna.

EDEN VALLEY

Harvest is now getting in full swing.

Earnest Touts is working for O. A. Myers.

Noah Touts is working for Abram Miller.

Little Irene Kauffman was on the sick list last week.

Omer Colley of Missouri is working for Ben Frank.

Miss Goldia Joyce spent Tuesday with Grandma McCoy.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Abram Miller last Thursday.

Mrs. W. W. Keltner was a caller on Mrs. Rigdon McCoy Monday evening.

Mrs. Horace Sporeline and children were guests of Mrs. Ben Frank Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar Carlson and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Keltner Sunday.

Rev. Abram Miller and family were callers on Mr. and Mrs. Hans Frederickson Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Burns who has been visiting her sister left Sunday to visit her daughter Mrs. Hartsock of Ray.

Mrs. G. W. Burns, Mrs. Ben Frank and daughter and Mrs. Jack Adams were callers on Mrs. Rigdon McCoy Friday.

Mrs. Will Marsh and daughter Iva and Mrs. Roy Marsh and Mrs. Ben Frank and daughter were looking for choke cherries Monday.

Rev. O. A. Myers, wife, and daughter and Mrs. G. W. Burns and Miss Irena B. Frank autoed to Ray N. D., Sunday, returning the same day.

Stanley and Allen Keltner autoed to Ray, N. D., Sunday afternoon, returned Sunday evening. Ray Burns returned with them and is now working for I. M. Kauffman.

LONE TREE HEIGHTS

Harvesting has started in this section.

Haying is almost finished in this section.

Andrew Hoff was in Springbrook Saturday.

Miss Laura Bestrom spent Sunday with Miss Irene Carr.

J. W. Jacobs and family were in Springbrook Saturday.

Andrew Honsen spent Sunday at the G. W. Jacob's home.

Mrs. Johnson spent the past week at Henry Johnson's home.

Louis Bestrom's brother arrived from Minnesota last week.

The young people's society was well attended at the Johnson home Sunday.

Louis Bestrom has spent considerable time at the schoolhouse the past week.

SPRING COULEE

Williams County Bible School rally and picnic at Gromatka's Grove last Sunday was well attended. Baskets were well filled with delicacies which were much enjoyed—the crowd were attentive listeners to the fine music, both vocal and instrumental, and the well pointed addresses of the Bible School Workers and ministers—a profitable gathering. The seed was sown and moisture fell from the overhanging clouds—but the spiritual moisture is most needed to germinate that kind of seed.

The Williams family returned from their McKenzie county visit. They report a good visit. While there, two weeks ago last Tuesday evening, a hail storm 5 miles wide swept through that vicinity and destroyed all their crops and broke the window glass on the windward side of houses. Stock was driven from their pastures breaking through barbed wire fences seeking coulees for protection. People were frightened fearing that the storm might be more disastrous than it was.

There is one thing this year that is as disastrous to the farmer as rust and that is wild oats. In some fields sown to wheat wild oats run the wheat out and the farmers sow it in time and there have been thousands of acres cut while the oats were green for fodder—perhaps getting entirely rid of the oats. Some farmers that would lose too heavily on wheat will disk the stubble as soon as they can get the bundles off the field—giving the oats a chance to sprout and winter kill—Never were such trying times the world over.

A suggestion in time is valuable, if found correct. Experienced farmers already know that if they count the kernels of oats on a stem each year in succession they will find them to vary in number, running from 27 to 33 double kernels on a stem, one large, one small—some years the small one has no meat in it,—the yield per acre running from 40 to 65 bushels to the acre. This year our oats average 22 single kernels to the stem or 20 bushels to the acre. Wheat should be examined and a record made of it—some kinds of wheat have four rows of kernels on the head, some have six generally the kind with four rows is somewhat longer than the six row kind. Note—some years there are two to three blank kernels on top and some on the bottom of the head like this year. Wheat will vary in its yield owing to time of sowing. Early sowing and cool weather wheat will stool sending out 4 to 9 stems from one kernel. One bushel per acre is plenty of seed but the later you sow the more you should increase the amount of seed by quarts, up to 1 1/2 bushels to the acre.

KINGBIRD

(Tyrannus tyrannus)



Length, about eight and one-half inches. The white lower surface and white-tipped tail distinguish this flycatcher.

Range: Breeds throughout the United States (except the southwestern part) and southern Canada; winters from Mexico to South America.

Habits and economic status: The Kingbird is a pronounced enemy of hawks and crows, which it vigorously attacks at every opportunity, thereby affording efficient protection to nearby poultry yards and young chickens at large. It loves the open country and is especially fond of orchards and trees about farm buildings. No less than 85 per cent of its food consists of insects, mostly of a harmful nature. It eats the common rose chafer or rose bug, and more remarkable still it devours blister beetles freely. The bird has been accused of eating honeybees to an injurious extent, but there is little ground for the accusation, as appears from the fact that examination of 634 stomachs showed only 61 bees in 22 stomachs. Of these 51 were useless drones. On the other hand, it devours robber flies, which catch and destroy honeybees. Grasshoppers and crickets, with a few bugs and some cutworms, and a few other insects, make up the rest of the animal food. The vegetable food consists of fruit and a few seeds. The Kingbird deserves full protection.

THE NATION IS SHOCKINGLY UNPREPARED.

It is apparent that we are shockingly unprepared. There is no room for controversy on this point since the object lesson on the Mexican border. All our available regular troops (less, I believe, than 40,000) are there or in Mexico, and as these have been deemed insufficient the entire National Guard has been ordered out; that is, we are summoning practically all our movable military forces in order to prevent bandit incursions. In view of the warnings of the past three years, it is inexcusable that we should find ourselves in this plight. For our faithful guardsmen, who with a fine patriotism responded to this call and are bearing this burden, I have nothing but praise. But I think it little short of absurd that we should be compelled to call men from their shops, their factories, their offices and their professions for such a purpose. This, however, is not all. The units of the National Guard were at peace strength, which was only about one-half the required strength. It was necessary to bring in recruits, for the most part raw and untrained. Only a small percentage of the regiments recruited up to war strength will have had even a year's training in the National Guard, which at the maximum means one hundred hours of military drill, and, on the average, means much less. Men fresh from their peaceful employments and physically unprepared have been hurried to the border for actual service. They were without proper equipment; without necessary supplies; suitable conditions of transportation were not provided. Men with dependent families were sent; and conditions which should have been well known were discovered after the event. And yet the exigency, comparatively speaking, was not a very grave one. It involved nothing that could not readily have been foreseen during the past three years of disturbance, and required only a modest talent for organization. That this Administration while pursuing its course in Mexico should have permitted such conditions to exist is almost incredible.—From Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance.

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The milk produced by this cow has been selling in Moorhead and Fargo for ten cents per quart. Her record for 30,230 pounds of milk annually, is equal to 15,000 quarts. At ten cents per quart, this amounts to \$1,500. It is quite hard to imagine such an income from one cow but that is the case with this one. Sons of world's champions are in great demand as herd sires and this heifer has two that have sold for almost unbelievable prices. Ex-Gov. Stubbs of Kansas owns one son and Elliott Bros. of Woodward, Iowa, own the other.

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