

ROYALTON

Feb. 20—On Thursday February 13, occurred the death of J. D. Downs, after an illness of several months. At the time of his death he was 87 years old. He has been a resident of this county about 40 years, coming here from Wisconsin. Those who survive are: his daughter, Mrs. Walling, and son, William Downs of Bellevue, and Deck Down of Royalton. Funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 15, from the church, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery. The six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Armstrong has been very ill. Ernest Muncy of Gravelville, was a Royalton visitor the past week. Leslie Lisle of Pingal, N. D., was in town a few days the past week. Walter Lührs has recently returned home from military service in France. Max Harris of Minneapolis, was in town Friday. H. M. Logan is laid up with influenza. Mrs. A. C. Wilson returned Saturday from Wadena, where she visited her son, Byron. Mr. and Mrs. Rantz went to Minneapolis Sunday. Mrs. E. H. Lambert was a Sauk Rapids visitor Sunday. Two car loads of cattle were shipped from here Tuesday. Clem Sparrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sparrow of Sauk Rapids, is visiting at the home of his uncle, Wm. Sparrow. He recently returned from army service in France. At a meeting held Saturday of the creamery association, Louis Stueck was re-elected buttermaker for another year. Joe Fussy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fussy, returned Wednesday from France. Mrs. E. Pietsam entertained the Holy Trinity Sewing circle Thursday afternoon. At 10:30 Friday evening, a fire was discovered in the office of the Power and Light company, in the Graham block. The fire was first found in the ceiling of the room, and before the firemen reached there it had spread to the electric switchboard. The connections were burned, with the town in darkness the rest of the night. The damage was temporarily repaired next day. The building was considerably damaged by fire and water, but is insured. Mrs. Robert Jackson and daughter, were Bartell visitors Sunday. Mrs. Fitch went to Rice Friday afternoon to attend a birthday party given by Mrs. Rathbun. Members the Union aid and friends, were invited. As it was Valentine's Day, the entertainment was of that nature. Isaac Wilson returned Monday from Minneapolis. Among those who attended the auto show in Minneapolis this week, were: C. R. Rhodes, F. G. Nogle and Dr. A. M. Watson. Joe Miller is reported to be very ill at the home of his son, George.

CUSHING

Feb. 17—The Ladies' Aid of the Lutheran church will meet Friday, Feb. 14, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Kettel Olsen at St. Cloud Saturday. B. E. Nygaard attend to business matters at St. Cloud Saturday. Miss Marie Tippy of Randall, visited friends at this place Saturday and Sunday, a guest at the Frank Kastonek home. E. E. Nygaard and E. O. Nygaard were visitors at St. Cloud Monday. Mrs. A. P. Smith visited at this place Sunday and Monday. Luman Johnson came home Tuesday from Camp Dodge, having received his honorable discharge. Mrs. J. M. Brengle left Wednesday evening for Nebraska, called there by the serious illness of her daughter,

Francis, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. J. Bracke went to Wadena Tuesday for a short visit with friends at that place. There was no school in district No. 106 Wednesday, it being a legal holiday. Rumors are that another mail route will soon be established here to accommodate the settlers living west of town. The farmers are busy putting up their summer's supply of ice this week. A few of the young folks from here attended the dance at Randall Friday evening. Leonard Nordlund came home Sunday morning from Duluth, where he has been employed a few weeks. A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Carlson Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Carlson. The evening was spent in singing and playing. Lunch was served at midnight. A very enjoyable time was reported from all who were present. Mr. Carlson was presented with a letter file. R. A. and O. E. Nygaard purchased new gasoline engines Wednesday. F. G. Carlson attended to business matters at Minneapolis the first of the week. C. J. Beto was a visitor at Randall Tuesday afternoon. Those who were county seat visitors from this place Tuesday were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Hedlund, Mrs. I. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kastonek, Oscar Hedlund and Albin Anderson. Kettle Olson has purchased a silo, which he will erect as soon as the weather permits. While sawing wood Saturday with a gas saw, the fire Coeli Garrison had the misfortune of having his hand very badly sawed. He was at once taken to Randall, where he had his wound dressed, and is getting along nicely. It is blood poison does not set in, will be able to work again soon.

FLENSBURG

Feb. 19—The Farmers' Shipping association shipped a carload of cattle and hogs to South St. Paul, Tuesday. Alex Kulus accompanied the shipment. Elmer Rylander left for Minneapolis Monday, for a visit with his brother and also to take in the automobile show. There will be services in the Swedish Congregational church here next Sunday, the 23rd, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. Alb. Peterson from Vawter will speak. All are cordially invited. Misses Laura and Myrtle Adams spent the week-end with friends in Little Falls. Harold Peterson arrived from Austin Monday, for a visit at his home here. The university which he is attending there, being closed for a few weeks on account of sickness. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Olson from West Cudrum, visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Larson, Sunday.

WEST BELLEVUE

Feb. 19—David Pauley of St. Cloud, spent Sunday with his parents. F. Bosch was in Royalton Saturday. Steve Barton has an auction on his farm, two miles north of Royalton, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, beginning at one o'clock. Will Christie took a load of hogs to Bowlus Monday. G. E. Brockway was in Royalton Saturday. Mrs. Wayne Pauley and son, drove to Royalton Saturday. Mrs. P. X. Kusterman spent Tuesday at the home of her son, Frank. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kusterman were in Royalton Saturday. Mrs. P. Puchalla and three daughters, came home from Little Falls Tuesday,

where they spent several days visiting relatives. Fred Zimmerman went to Pierz, Friday, for a visit with relatives. Mrs. H. Zimmerman and Miss Stone were Royalton shoppers Saturday. W. L. Muncy and family were in Royalton Saturday. F. Puchalla drove to Little Falls Tuesday. Mrs. Will Chapman was in Royalton Saturday. Miss Naomi Chapman was a Royalton shopper Saturday. George Cash and family visited at the Joseph Mundry home Sunday.

DARLING TOWN

Feb. 17—Mrs. Martha Christine Anderson, wife of Charley E. Anderson, who died at Halls' hospital Wednesday night of last week, after an illness of two weeks with influenza, was born at Menominee, Wis., February 11, 1879. She came here about 20 years ago from Hoffman, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Knutson, who preceded her in death. Besides her husband there are four sons and two daughters to mourn her loss. Services were held at the Swedish Lutheran church Sunday morning, Rev. Eloff Peterson officiating, and the remains interred in the church cemetery. The family have the sympathy of the whole community. Wolves are heard every night around here. Where are the hunters? We hear that Fred Freeman has sold his farm. We are sorry to see the family leave Darling. Some of the spring birds are here and farmers should not forget to give them some feed. The charity party is ready to welcome Mr. and Mrs. H. Albin Hanson, when they return from their wedding trip from North Dakota. We wish the young people good luck through life. We hear there will be another wedding soon. Albert Zimmerman is cutting wood every day. Those having telephones should answer quickly and save inconvenience and time. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Nelson, Monday.

AWARDED ITALIAN WAE CROSS. Lieut. Frederick Weyerhauser, son of John Weyerhauser of Tacoma, Wash., and a nephew of C. A. Weyerhauser of this city, has been awarded the Italian Croce al Merito di Guerra for bravery displayed on the Italian front, where he has been for the past year and a half. He has been in this country for several weeks and is now at his home in Tacoma. Lieut. Weyerhauser is well known to many local people, he having visited here on several occasions. Mrs. Earl Wetzel is substituting for Mrs. Ted Longley in the Junior high school. Tom Peyton, who has been at the Ellington flying field in Texas, visited the first of the week with his sister, Mrs. E. L. Fortier, on his way home to Dumont.

Oliver Bastien, who has been operating a tractor on road grading jobs, has purchased a tractor and will take contracts for plowing as soon as the ground thaws. About ten young people were entertained by Miss Berghild Lee at her home Tuesday evening. The evening's diversion was games and music, after which refreshments were served. Fred Pulvermacher, for some time employed as mechanic by the E. A. Berg Co., has resigned his position and has gone into the auto livery business, with offices in the W. H. Muncy building.

Twenty couples were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Ledoux Sunday evening at their home on Second street, southeast. Cards were indulged in, after which excellent refreshments were served. Frank Connell, who was in the marine corps, arrived Monday from Portsmouth, N. H., on a visit with his parents. He will leave next week for Moosejaw, Can., to take up his former employment.

Mrs. P. S. Randall and Mrs. Austin Grimes as delegates and Mrs. Harry Hamm and Mrs. A. Simonet attended a meeting at St. Paul yesterday, called for the purpose of organizing a federation of the women's Catholic clubs of the state. In a letter to a local friend, Earl Esse, formerly of this city, now of El Monte, Cal., states that he has received his discharge from the service on Dec. 17. He states that he will make a visit here in a short time. Mrs. Dora Corbin has received the news of the death of her grandson, Homer D. Hilborn of Portal, N. D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer W. Hilborn, former residents of this city. He died from pneumonia, following influenza and is survived by a wife and two children. Jack Anker made a business trip to Pierz Tuesday. The trip was made by auto and Mr. Anker reports the road to be in a very bad condition. At some places the snow has drifted to such an extent that it was necessary for him to go into a plowed field to get by the drifts.

In a letter to his father, William Blake, who is playing with the 1st Battalion band, organized at Camp Dodge, which has been for the past two months, making a tour through the west, states that the band is headed for Des Moines, Ia., where it will disband the first of next week. E. A. Berg recently applied to the Secretary of State for a list of the auto owners of Morrison county. According to the license record in the office of the Secretary of State there has been, up to the first of February, 1,921 automobile licenses issued. Of this number 1,103 were Fords. Loren Roberts, who has been overseas serving as lieutenant in the aviation section of the army, has received his honorable discharge and arrived here Saturday for a short visit with his father, L. M. Roberts. He left Sunday night for Minneapolis, where he has accepted a position with an oil concern.

FARM BUREAU NOTES

Wm. Zieman of Cushing, as a delegate from the local Farm Bureau to the annual conference of Farm Bureaus and County Agents held at the University farm recently, has submitted the following report: To the people of Morrison county: Everyone interested in the past, present and future methods of agriculture in Morrison county and the betterment of conditions in the future, I, as a delegate of the Morrison County Farm Bureau and county agents' conference held at University Farm, St. Paul, Feb. 5, 6 and 7, have come to the conclusion that the welfare of the Morrison county farmer depends to a certain extent on the amount of interest taken in the Farm Bureau and Home Demonstration Department. I believe every farmer in Morrison county can be greatly benefited by joining the Farm Bureau and co-operating with the county agent and home demonstration agent. Thereby the best methods in existence can be applied in the homes and farms of the county. WM. ZIERMAN, At the approach of spring it is now time to turn our thoughts to the securing of good seed for our field and garden work next summer. The county agent is now receiving lists of seed grain, grasses, corn, potatoes, etc., for sale, and is in a position to give information along this line. This office will not buy or sell other than clover and alfalfa, but will locate seed and advise farmers where it can be obtained. On account of the scarcity of seed clover and the difficulty of securing genuine Grimm alfalfa seed, which is the only variety of alfalfa recommended for this locality, the county agent will take orders for this seed. The county agent has located some genuine Grimm alfalfa seed which he can get shipped in for about forty or forty-two cents per pound. Order your clover and alfalfa seed as soon as possible. If you put it off we may not be able to get it. Is a Silo a Paying Investment? During the winter the county agent has figured 22 balanced dairy feeding rations for different farmers and in all cases the cost of feed per pound of butterfat has been figured. The average cost of feed for producing butterfat from the 22 rations was 40 1/2 cents per pound. Fourteen of the 22 rations contained silage. The average cost of these per pound of butterfat was 38 cents. Eight rations were figured which did not contain silage. The average cost of these was 43 1/2 cents per pound. According to these figures butterfat was produced 5 1/2 cents per pound cheaper from the rations containing silage than from those without silage. On account of the unusually high prices of hay and mill feeds the difference is somewhat higher than it would be in ordinary years. It is safe to say, however, that in ordinary years there would be a difference of 3 cents per pound in favor of the ration containing silage. From this it should not be a difficult matter to figure out whether a silo would be a paying investment or not.

Last Friday, O. P. Jacobson, with J. J. Sprenger of Zumbrota Falls, Farm Institute man of the state department, and Mr. Eastgate of North Dakota, went to Hillman, where a farmers' institute was held. Mr. Jacobson reports a very successful meeting, 45 farmers being present in the morning and about 65 in attendance in the afternoon. Mr. Jacobson acted as chairman of the institute and spoke on topics of general interest to the farmer. Mr. Sprenger gave an address on concrete construction on the farm and on co-operative creameries. As the farmers of Hillman intended to organize a co-operative creamery there in a short time, Mr. Sprenger's address was of especial interest to them. Mr. Eastgate spoke on sheep raising and potato raising, telling of new systems in regard to each. The farmers of Hillman are exceptionally progressive notwithstanding the fact that that country was first opened to farmers only a few years back. Mr. Jacobson and a man from the university farm, will go to Hillman next week and will assist the farmers there in organizing a co-operative creamery. Vince Levinski has sold his residence at 711 Seventh street southeast to O. A. Wittke of Elmdale, who will move his family here in a short time. It is announced by the postoffice department that a new 13-cent stamp is to be issued, to be used on special delivery and registered letters. The new stamp has been designed in yellow and green with the head of Franklin in profile. It is to be the same size as the 1911 issue.

Little Falls Market Report (Corrected every Thursday p. m.) Northern spring 1.77-2.08 Red spring 1.72-2.03 Barley66-.74 Rye 1.12-1.17 Oats56 Hay, tame 14.00-16.00 Hay, wild 10.00-12.00 Cracked corn 6.00 Ground feed, 80 lbs. 2.50 Bran, per 100 lbs. 7.25 Shorts, per 100 lbs. 2.50 Flour, per 98 lbs. 5.00 Rye flour 4.25 Oil meal, 100 lbs. 4.25 Steers, fat 7.00-8.00 Cows 6.00-8.00 Calves, dressed 12-17 Sheep, ewes 10.00 Sheep, bucks 7.00-8.00 Lambs, alive 12.00-13.00 Hogs, alive 16.00 Pork, dressed, per lb. 12-14 Eggs, cash, per dozen, 27 Sugar, per lb. 11 1/2 Potatoes, per peck, retail. 25 Potatoes, wholesale, per bu. 60-70 Chickens 19-20 Ducks, alive 20-22 Dairy butter, wholesale. 42-45 Creamery butter, per lb. 55 Butterfat, per lb. 49

REPORT OF ELM DALE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Recently the annual meeting of the Elm Dale Telephone company was held and the annual report made. The report shows the company to be in a very good condition. Last year at the village of Upsala, the headquarters of the company, a brick veneered house was built in which the central office is located. There are two living rooms on the second floor for the two girls in charge of the office. The board of directors are as follows: J. S. Borgstrom, J. J. Jacobson, And. Martinson, Adolph Peterson and F. A. Anderson. Following is the financial statement for the year, ending Dec. 31, 1918:

Financial statement table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts: Operating expenses during year, including repair of lines \$1,181.88; New lines and equipment \$1,336.86; Long distance toll and taxes \$112.99; Miscellaneous expenses \$182.00; Lot, building and furniture \$2,127.24; Funds overdrawn Jan. 1, 1918 \$446.19. Total paid \$5,882.16. Expenditures: Assessments, 1918 \$2,436.90; Tolls \$28.08; Instruments and shares sold \$124.26; Rentals \$71.60; Transfer or shares \$35.00; Miscellaneous \$2.00; Money borrowed \$1,000.00. Total \$6,197.83. Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919 \$315.67. Assessments, tolls, etc., due company \$682.17. Assessment for 1919, \$6 per share. 340 phones held by members. 7 phones rented. 347 connected on lines.

Harry Halseh, local electrician, was called to Royalton Saturday afternoon to do some work on the switch board at that place, which had burned out, leaving a portion of that village without lights. Fred Lehberg of the southern part of the state, has purchased the farm of Fred Freeman in Darling township. At present, Mr. Freeman has made no definite plans to what he intends to take up in the future.

On the evening of February 24, Monday, the Musical Art club will give a dance in the Elks' hall. The occasion will take the place of the annual community party. All those wishing to do so, can wear "ye olde tyme" wig and ruffles to celebrate Washington's birthday. Geo. Kiewel, Alfred Molde, John Vertin and And. Johnson have been appointed by District Judges Parsons and Boser to serve as members of the Charter Commission of the city. The appointments were made to fill vacancies caused by members of the commission leaving the city or who did not qualify.

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