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A Canal at Old Indian Agency.

Knutson Starts Program Which Will Affect Water Levels at Leech and Cass Lakes.

A number of businessmen visited Cass Lake recently by the invitation of the Cass Lake businessmen for an interview with Congressman Harold Knutson relative to proposed legislation affecting matters pertaining to the interests of Cass county residents.

There has been an agitation for some time relative to the advisability of opening up the forest reserve north of the lake. Several at the meeting took a decided stand in favor of such action claiming that reforestation had not up to date been sufficiently successful in warranting and retaining all the territory now included in the forest reserve. It was contended that a part of this land is better suited for agricultural purposes and is the best soil in Cass county. The opening of this reserve would be of inestimable benefit to the growth of such villages as Bena, Federal Dam and Cass Lake.

The proposed plan would be to open such land in the forest reserve as is situated south of the Soo Line but would not include Star Island, the Ten Sections or Pine Point. The Forestry department had speakers present who advocated against the opening of the land in question. Senator McGarry gave a splendid address and was not sure the time was ripe for the opening of this land considering the vast amount of land still unsettled in that section of the state. He believed the forest reserve was a very valuable asset to the state in view of the fact that it harbors wild life and it is the wild and untamed conditions that attract thousands of tourists to the state every season who in turn leave an immense amount of money among the residents of that section. There are many angles to consider in the opening of the forest reserve which must be taken in consideration. It continues to be a live question but will be brought to a finish by the forestry department which has a powerful organization back of it and it is their business to hang onto every foot of land in their power as it is a paying proposition for them.

The big question affecting residents in that section was pertaining to the regulation of the water in the lakes and streams which is known as the upper reservoir of the Mississippi. As near as any one can tell it is about the biggest joke in history. At the present time the water at this point is a foot and a quarter below water mark and the boats of any size cannot get into the big lake. It proposed to bring pressure upon the Government to have a canal opened up into the big lake at

Onigum and the Leech River straightened. Congressman Knutson saw the necessity and importance of this plan and was in complete sympathy with it. He went on record as assuring those present that the matter would have his attention and he would at this session of Congress endeavor to secure the necessary appropriation to have the preliminary surveys made the coming year. This survey will definitely clear the situation and establish actions that will be necessary for the betterment of conditions pertaining to lake routes and water levels affecting Leech and Cass lakes.

The Chippewa Indians were well represented at this meeting. Geo. Clond told of the berry and wild rice crop failure and others in the councils of the tribe portrayed in heart touching phrases the deplorable conditions that existed among their people and the suffering that was inevitable during the winter unless they were given a portion of their tribal funds which is carefully guarded by the Indian department in Washington. There is a move on foot to distribute \$100 per capita among them and under the circumstances all conditions considered, it seems right and human that they be given this money. Dr. Wooster was present at the meeting and graciously told how he had made a canvass of the wards under his jurisdiction and had perfected arrangements to see that all sick and helpless Indians would be given the necessary rations to keep soul and body together during the winter. It developed that there are only a small amount of funds to cover this work but the Dr.'s attitude was in keeping with the policy of the Indian department to keep under cover all possible funds of the Redmen. It is a nest egg that gives employment to an army of clerical forces as long as they can prevent the Indians' funds from being distributed among the owners. However we believe the wishes of the Indians will be recognized and that a hundred dollars per capita will be allotted to them during the winter.—Walker Pilot.

Trapping Regulations.

Several inquiries have been received at this office relative to the legal trapping season, especially as to muskrats. For the benefit of our readers we quote the following:

The legal trapping season for the taking of raccoon opened on October 15th and closes on March 1st. They may be taken in any manner. Mink, fisher and marten may be taken in any manner from December 1st to April 1st following, both dates inclusive. Muskrat may be taken only by trapping from December 1st to April 1st following, both dates inclusive.

It is unlawful to hunt or pursue mink or muskrat with a dog and it is also unlawful for any person to molest, injure or destroy any muskrat or mink house, den or other abiding place.

Skunks, hares or rabbits (other than the snow shoe rabbit) weasels, wildcat, lynx, wolves, foxes and all other quadrupeds for which a closed season is not provided by law may be taken either in the daytime or at night and in any manner.

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White Earth Local Council Holds Meeting.

Pursuant to call of the Secretary the White Earth Local Council held a meeting in the Strand Theater building last Saturday afternoon. Much of importance to the Chippewas was brought up for discussion, especially in regard to legislation now pending before Congress affecting the Minnesota Chippewas. A resolution was read and adopted which proposes to pay Edward L. Rogers \$6 per day during the time he is occupied with the work as a member of the commission recently selected at the council held at Cass Lake for that purpose, at which council Mr. Rogers was selected by the Indians to represent them and to look after their interests in the disposition of the Chippewa National Forest Reserve. It was contended at the council that as the work on the commission would require considerable of Mr. Rogers' time and attention, and probably some expense it was no more than right and just that he should receive compensation, the same to be paid from the tribal funds of the Chippewas.

Another resolution, designating Edward L. Rogers as a representative of the Chippewas to proceed to Washington at once and there urge the passage of the King Resolution, which calls for a thorough and complete investigation of all Minnesota Chippewa matters, and to also do his utmost to secure the \$100 per capita payment at an early date. The council was unanimous in this as well as regards the first resolution.

In anticipation of a delegate's departure for Washington this winter to keep an eye on Chippewa matters a petition was gotten up some time ago and sent to all points on the reservation and one was also sent to Detroit, Minn., requesting donations from those interested to help pay the expenses of such delegate. Up to the present time about \$100 has been collected. Mr. E. J. Warren, one of those who was instrumental in sending out the petition, was present at the council and read a copy of a letter which was mailed to the points to which the petition had previously been sent, the letter urged all to contribute in order that the Chippewa people may have an able representative in Washington this winter. Mr. Warren stated that up to Satur-

Citation For Hearing on Petition to Sell Mortgage or Lease Land. Nov. 30—Dec. 21.

State of Minnesota, County of Becker, In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Peter Riewer.

The State of Minnesota to Margaret Riewer, Bernard Riewer, Katharina Neitzke, Nicholas Riewer, Mary Eldenschink, Mathias Riewer, Henry Riewer, Theodora Riewer, Edward Riewer, John Riewer, George Riewer, Frances Riewer, and all persons interested in the mortgaging of certain lands belonging to said decedent, The petition of Margaret Riewer as representative of the above named decedent, being duly filed in this court, representing that it is necessary and for the best interests of said estate and all interested therein that certain lands of said decedent described therein be mortgaged and praying that a license be to her granted to mortgage the same:

THEREFORE, You, and Each of You, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House, in the City of Detroit in the County of Becker, State of Minnesota, on the second day of January 1923, at ten o'clock A. M., why said petition should not be granted.

Witness, the Judge of said Court and the seal of said Court, this 21st day of November 1922.

E. O. Hanson, Judge of Probate.
[COURT SEAL]
P. F. Schroeder, Attorney for Petitioner, Detroit, Minnesota.

day, the 16th inst., Naytahwaush was the only outside point heard from in this regard, he stated also that word from Callaway was to effect that that place had sent their contributions to John G. Morrison at Red Lake, in that case they will no doubt reach Mr. Rogers promptly.

We take this occasion to urge the Chippewa people at the different points to which the petition was sent to get busy and collect all the funds possible, in order that a competent representative may be kept in Washington during the present session of Congress. Minnesota Chippewa affairs are at a very critical stage just at the present time and never before has there such pressing need of an able representative at Washington to safeguard their interests and see that they get a square deal.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. B. S. Fairbanks at White Earth, Minn., in order that they may reach Mr. Rogers at an early date.

An Historical Question Box.

Are you curious about some event of long ago in Minnesota? Are you interested in some special phase of local history? Almost every mail brings to the Minnesota Historical Society requests for historical information and many of these can be answered only after careful research. Frequently a baffling problem remains un-

solved until the society's old diaries or manuscript letters or pioneer newspapers have been consulted. Among numerous subjects recently investigated are: slavery in Minnesota, the Vermillion trail, the career of Lieutenant Albert Lea, fur trading at Lac qui Parle, early dramatic entertainment in Minneapolis, the Red River trail, early Indian missions and pioneer schools.

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Citation for Hearing on Petition to Sell Mortgage or Lease Land. Dec. 14—Jan. 4

State of Minnesota, County of Becker, In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Fred Machenthun.

The State of Minnesota to Bertha Machenthun, Augusta Machenthun, Ida Machenthun, Emma Machenthun, Edward Machenthun, Mathilda Machenthun, Anna Machenthun, and all persons interested in the mortgaging of certain lands belonging to said decedent, The petition of Bertha Machenthun, as representative of the above named decedent, being duly filed in this court, representing that it is necessary and for the best interests of said estate and of all interested therein that certain lands of said decedent described therein be mortgaged and praying that a license be to her granted to mortgage the same.

Now Therefore, you and each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have before this court, at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House, in the City of Detroit, County of Becker, State of Minnesota, on the 8th day of January, 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M., why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Witness the Judge of said Court, and the seal of said court, this ninth day of December, 1922.

E. O. Hanson, Judge of Probate.
[COURT SEAL]
P. F. Schroeder, Attorney for Petitioner, Detroit, Minn.

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Citation for Hearing on Final Account and for Distribution. Dec. 14—Jan. 4

State of Minnesota, County of Becker, In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of Clara Carlon, Decedent.

The State of Minnesota To George Carlon, Vernon Carlon, Willet Carlon, Vivian Carlon, Irene Carlon and Elizabeth Carlon, and all persons interested in the final account and distribution of the estate of said decedent: The representative of the above named decedent, having filed in this court his final account of the administration of the estate of said decedent, together with his petition praying for the adjustment and allowance of said final account and for distribution of the residue of said estate to the persons thereunto entitled:

THEREFORE, You, and Each of You, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House, in the City of Detroit, in the County of Becker, State of Minnesota, on the 8th day of January, 1923, at ten o'clock A. M., why said petition should not be granted.

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In the true spirit of the occasion we desire to thank those friends and patrons for the consideration shown us during the past year. It is impossible for us in these few lines to express our feelings of appreciation and gratitude, suffice it to say that in the future you will receive the same courteous treatment and fair dealing that has characterized our dealings with you in the past.



OUR Yuletide thoughts go out to the people of White Earth and the Reservation public in general and our thanks are due them for their loyal support and encouragement during the past year.

WITH the above few words of appreciation and thanks, we wish you one and all a

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

The B. L. FAIRBANKS Co. White Earth, Minnesota.