

AGENCY ITEMS.

It is hoped that the Cross Lake school girls may have a good home in the near future. Their kitchen and dining room looks clean and neat, but is very crowded.

Ephraim Budrow and family have "gotten the habit."

Peculiar to the Cross Lake school employee force as well as the pupils of that school, "No place like Cross Lake" but "Eph" adds, "We certainly have lots of work here."

Old Chief, "Show Me Land" voiced a little symptom of pessimism during our recent trip to Cross Lake. But we all get "low down" in spirit once in a while. Optimism like corn stalks grows to talk sometimes, and gets the better of sound judgment. Still it is always best to hope for good things. Persistent effort and belief in the result is sure to win.

Dr. L. L. Culp "turns a trick" now and then that causes depression among the membership. He certainly put one over on the boys recently. We hope the sand scorched his feet.

Paul Beaulieu has been employed by the Chippewa Trading Company at Ponemah for the past few weeks.

Beonce was among those to get his check Friday, and after paying his store bill bought a supply to last him for summer's work. Among his purchases was 500 pounds of flour, 125 pounds sugar, 50 pounds of lard, some clothing, bedding, etc.

Gah kah gwence bought five hundred pounds of flour, 100 pounds of sugar, and fifty pounds of lard.

Bay shaun ah quod also stocked up the larder with 500 pounds of flour and other supplies.

Ed. King, Agency Carpenter, has quite a crew of carpenters at work finishing the new dairy barn and erecting the Physician's new cottage at Cross Lake.

Frank Pogue still holds the record as Champ. fisherman, though King says he will be in the lead at the end of the season.

Get Rich Quick crossed the lake on foot on the 15th of April, and only escaped wading ashore at Ponemah through the heroism of John Morrison Jr. and Frank Pogue. Pogue says he will surely wade next time.

Ricebird, Chief of Police, and Lieut. Lawrence accompanied the pay party around the lake to Ponemah.

Chief Pay she ge shig represented the Fair Association at the payment at this time. About \$60 has been contributed towards the liquidation of the Fair debt.

The ice still fills the lake, but it certainly cannot last much longer.

We have been having regular spring weather. Birds of all descriptions including ducks have returned for the open season; and all Red Lake is busy again after the dormant winter season.

A. C. Goddard and crew are putting the steamboat and barge rapidly into commission and the pick up crew is getting anxious to don the spikes, peavies, cant hooks, and log chains. The head works and wanigan are being overhauled. The planing mill starts Monday the 18th on a \$900 order, and the saw mill will soon be in full operation. Piles for the new bridge at Blackduck are all cut and will soon be delivered at the site. Material is on the ground for the bridge at Battle River. A crew of road workers will soon report to complete the long bridge at She mah gun creek.

The telephone crew is already at work in the western portion of the reservation, and everybody busy and boosting. More

clearing of ground is in evidence than ever before and early in the spring.

Frank Defoe bought 700 pounds of flour from the Chippewa Trading Company during payment.

John Spears assisted as Interpreter at the Agency office during payment. John has at last become a settler at the Farm Station.

Louis Gurneau has ordered a telephone instrument, which will be installed at his home at the Farm Station.

A. Barrett of Clearwater has ordered a telephone instrument.

Father Thomas will soon be on the telephone circuit.

The National Contracting Company has two hundred barrels of cement at Redby with which to construct the foundation for the new hospital.

Baptiste Thunder is working at the Red Lake School building fence.

John Mountain is cutting some fence posts for the Red Lake school fence.

George Williams has been on the scik list recently.

INDIAN Y. M. C. A'S.

Of the 330,000 Indians in the United States only one-third can be truly termed Christians. It is evident that American Christianity is not effectively reaching its Indian population. This neglect of the Indian's need of an anchorage—when he has lost faith in his old gods and has been carried from old moorings by the wave of our frontier civilization—accounts largely for what we now term our "Indian problem."

We have today a hundred reservation Young Men's Christian Associations, with a membership of over 2500 young men. These associations are largely supervised by a native board of directors. The Associations support their own field secretary, and are paying the salary of a native secretary in India—the first foreign missionary supported by our American Indians.

This movement has spread over the border into Canada, carried there by Indian young men, and today there are some two hundred members in a half-dozen Associations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Already the impact of this Christian Association movement in the Indian student-bodies is being felt. Student Christian Associations are increasingly becoming great recruiting centers for native leadership for the evangelization of the race.

Robert D. Hall in the *Southern Workman*.

"If you would know the value of money, go and try to borrow some; for he that goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing."

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