

# THE PINE POKER.

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## ITALIAN PRAISES REFUSAL OF U.S.

Former Premier Nitti Says America's Flinty Heart Is Best  
In End.

Berlin.—With more than two thirds of the countries of Europe stretching out like palm trees toward the United States seem to have been won over to American treasury and American products, former Premier Nitti of Italy, in the Berlin Tagblatt praises American "courage." The Italian statesman points out that the present flinty heart of America is really for the good of Europe in the end.

Among the baleful "lend me money" Nitti is one statesman whose "don't" is heard above the din of those ap-

The antagonism, amounting almost to war, with which every suggestion of "lend me money" is received in the United States and not only in America but全世界! Nitti writes: "To lend money" to the victim nations would be equivalent to upholding, and even aiding, the present conditions of disorder that are leading Europe more and more toward destruction.

## FARM BUREAU WANTS ACTION

Campaign Launched for Acceptance of Muscle Shoals Bill.

Washington.—A campaign for acceptance of Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals offer at this session of Congress was begun by the American Farm Bureau Federation, whose Washington representative, G. R. Stover, forwarded to state secretaries of the organization a circular suggesting that members of Congress be informed "in unmistakable terms" the sentiment of the farmers toward the Ford plan.

"There is no assurance," said the letter, "that the proposal will be \$100 profit to the farmer after deduction for equipment. The offer was made one year ago and the time has come to 'yes' or 'no.' This cause is worthy of your most active support. Members of Congress can well afford your dollars unless you tell them in what terms that you want a vote on the Ford proposal and that you want it accepted at this session."

## DROP IN WHEAT LOSS SIGHTED

Common Barber 90 Per Cent. Reduced in Western Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn.—Material reduction in wheat losses from black stem rust in the western part of this year was predicted by C. P. Holt, state grain inspector and commander-in-chief of the 200 deputies cleaning up the barley rust throughout the state, on his return from a tour of inspection of the work being done by his deputies in various localities.

Mr. Holt said his men had accomplished large amounts in cleaning up the common barley rust in the western half of the state, and the major part of Minnesota's cereal crop is grown.

The rust has been a 90 per cent. eastern of common barley in the western part of the state, said Mr. Holt. "As it has been proved beyond question that the barley safety is to be found in the rust stem and the necessity of making more use than towns people familiar with what the barley bush looks like as they may assist in stamping it out wherever found."

## PRINCE SHIPS STOCK TO FARM

Stocks His Farm With Thoroughbred Horses.

Calgary, Alta.—Four thoroughbred race stallions and five mares have been shipped from England by the Prince of Wales to his farm on the Bow River, Alta., which he purchased when he visited Canada in 1919. One of the stallions was purchased in England recently for \$10,000, and the others for \$2,500. The other animals are said to represent some of the best racing lines in the British Isles. The management of the farm will be in charge of a special staff sent over from England to handle English farms. The animals will be used for breeding purposes.

Two years ago Prince Edward sent over a team of thoroughbred horses and stock which were to form the foundation of the herds of his Alberta farm.

H. G. Gibson was chosen to manage the farm, and he has been a part of the farm ever since.

These animals have been exhibited at fairs in Western Canada and have carried off many blue ribbons.

**Farmer on Reserve Board.**

Washington.—Early announcement of President Harding's choice of the new secretary of agriculture of the Federal Reserve board under the new increase in its personnel to eight, was received in official circles.

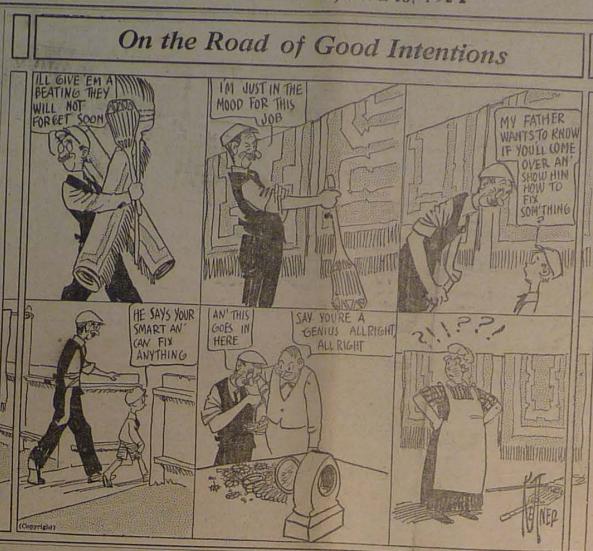
**Increased Production.**

Chicago.—Increased bituminous coal production, which according to figures of the United States Geological Survey, has increased so markedly in the five million tons which have been sold on wholesale prices,

## MANY CASES DISPOSED OF

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## George Carlson Withdraws

### Diamond Squibs

The Chicago Nationals released infielder Joe Klingman to the Atlanta club, under option of recall.

The big disappointments of the several portion of the big league season are the Senators and Braves.

Somehow Babe Ruth does not seem to be ringing up home runs with the old-time frequency and regularity.

The statement that Walter Johnson was slipping referred no doubt to the way he slips the ball past the batter.

Some big league seasons don't produce more than three triple plays. This season already has turned up four.

You'll notice in the score of nearly every game Yale plays that Captain Alstrich at shortstop accepts a lot of chances.

Billy Lush, coach of the baseball and basketball teams at the Naval academy for several seasons has resigned.

Manley Llewellyn, a tall right-handed pitcher from North Carolina university, has reported to the New York Americans.

Pitcher Walsh, who was given a tryout with the Detroit Tigers last year, has been signed by the Rockford club of the Triple A league.

Japan may soon boast professional baseball. Major league teams may go to the Flower Kingdom for a visit at the end of the present year.

Early indications are that the road is going to be rough for some umptimes this year. In both major and the minors there is a general satisfaction with the grand jury on a charge of manufacturing in toxicating liquor.

Wm. Syrus entered a plea of guilty to the charge of manufacturing liquor and was given a sentence of \$150. The sentence was suspended by the court until the next term of court.

Members of the State's Martin and Perry Roach and Noble Anderson charged with having arsenicals in their possession for the manufacture of liquor, took the witness stand yesterday and the balance of the sentences were suspended.

The case was given to the jury just before noon, and they were still out at the time of going to press.

A jury was drawn this afternoon to try Mr. and Mrs. Nichols of Saint Cloud, charged with the assault of the marshal, W. Percy.

**Hoot Gibson in 'Step On It'**

When Hoot Gibson was thirteen his father gave him a pony.

When he was thirteen and four days old, the pony was taken away from him.

For Hoot had some work to do around the Nebraska ranch his father owned, and he was given a pony to help him.

He worked hard, but he didn't particularly care school.

When he studied he learned fast.

He was a good boy, but he was not a good student.

Hoot Gibson won championship supremacy over the riders of the entire world in the Pendleton, Ore., rodeo a few years ago, and no rider good enough to beat the best army from him has appeared since then.

Riding and cowboy stunts lost their place in the death bowl he won honors as a speed demon and a rep' for nerve.

Other hazardous sports lost their place in the death bowl.

They kept themselves busy every day of his life, he went into pictures at Universal City.

Such pictures as "Step On It," "The Devil and Miss Jones," and "The Thin Man" were the hits.

The "Devil and Miss Jones" was directed by Courtney Rylee Cooper and Jack Conway directed the filming.

Barbara Bedford is the leading woman.

## Start Work on New Temple

The board of equalization for the Village of Pine City, will meet at the village hall Monday evening at 9 p.m. and will be in session all day.

**Pine City News**

E. R. Duxbury, his brother, A. E. of Minneapolis, and their sister, Anna, have first laid and constructed Monday morning the foundation of a new house in Pine City.

It will be a fine improvement, but instead of it not being placed where it could be seen, it will be hidden in the thousands of tourists who are passing through the town every week.

The exercise of laying the corner stone will be held in the near future,

This is her first visit here for 18 years.

READ THE AD.

## COUNTY BOARD IN SESSION

### RULES SIMPLIFY TRAVEL ABROAD

Americans May Travel in Unrecognized Lands at Their Own Risk.

Washington—Revised passport regulations announced by Secretary Hughes, simplify arrangements for Americans desiring to go abroad. A new section of the passport application requesting to be set off from section 46, on the application, to appear before the board, now appears below the board. It is to advise the holder of the passport issued since Jan. 1, 1924, under the new regulations, to apply for a passport to any part of the world the traveler may desire. The requirements of documents necessary to go abroad are withdrawn and Americans seeking passes need only state their business in general terms in marking application.

The town of Dosey was given \$400 for road repair and the convenience of travelers and they will be leased for travel in Russia or elsewhere, even when the United States government does not have diplomatic or consular representation. A pass issued in countries where the United States has no representatives, it was explained, carries with it no assurance of protection as traveler moves in such countries at his own risk.

## PUT INTO SERVICE AT ONCE

Gages to Take One Down, Coal Back for Northwest Distribution.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Northwest will realize this year the first time that the loading of the old river steam boats on the Missouri river traffic on the Mississippi in considerable volume.

Assurance that towboats and barges will operate a really commercial basis on the river this year was received in an announcement by Col. Edwin F. Gorham, owner of a fleet of 100 towboats and 19 barges.

Col. Gorham's fleet will purchase from the government a river boat. Restrictions as to the commodities he could handle on the Mississippi have been removed, which makes more candidates than ever before have been able to register, in which the element of apparent interest to men who have had experience in the river traffic, and who have no fixed port of call, will be greatly increased.

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A delegation from the Farm Bureau was present, and asked for an appropriation of \$1,000 for the Bureau. Their request was denied.

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**St. James.**—Z. Dasey, age 77, of this city, was elected Minnesota state commander of the G. A. R. at the annual encampment in Minneapolis. He enlisted at 17 years old in the Thirty-second Wisconsin regiment.

**Minnesota.**—Three women from England, France and Germany conducted a series of addresses given in Minneapolis to urge the state to send Minneapolis women to join the movement to prevent war in the future.

**St. Paul.**—The 17th annual meeting of the State Potato Growers' Association of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, took place at the Hotel St. Francis, H. B. Brown of Clark, S. D., president of the association, presided.

**Wixons.**—Crop conditions in southern Minnesota have not been better in several years, according to the weekly report issued here by H. J. Wagner, state field representative agent of the Chicago & North Western railroad.

**St. Paul.**—The last written address prepared by Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president emeritus of the University of Minnesota, written especially for the MacMaster senior class of 1922, will be read at the exercises by George D. Dayton, president of the college board of trustees.

**Virginia.**—The Linseed oil near here, owned by the Interstate Iron company, is the first in the country to be hit by the strike of oil miners.

In laying of a number of its oil wells, the company said they cannot get oil which they need in their works.

**St. Cloud.**—At a meeting here of the special deputy sheriffs of the Auto accident club, who were sworn into office to act in the interests of traffic laws, it was decided to take drastic measures for the prevention of automobile accidents caused by carelessness.

**Wixons.**—At a meeting here the wool growers of Cottonwood county decided to again pool their wool this year.

**St. Paul.**—The board of education has decided to proceed with the erection of a large addition to the public school building.

**Adams.**—The village council has practically decided to sell the electric light plant to the Consumers' Light company of Oregon, Iowa.

**Minneapolis.**—The Management committee of the city was unable to reach an agreement for the continuation of the contract for the construction of the city hall to be placed in the new high school here, at their bid of \$16,345.

**Mankato.**—The annual convention of the Butter, Poultry and Egg Shippers' association was held here.

**Fairview.**—Voters entered the high school building here and broke open the door to the superintendent's office. A kodak and a small amount of cash was taken.

**Arden Lake.**—The annual picnic of the Freedon County Farm Bureau club was held here at the fair grounds.

**Pine City.**—Six counties in southwestern Minnesota—Rock, Nobles, Jackson, Cottonwood, Pipestone and Murray—have taken the initiative in starting a larger farm bureau paper to go along with the state federation.

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**Wixons.**—Crop conditions in southern Minnesota have not been better in several years, according to the weekly report issued here by H. J. Wagner, state field representative agent of the Chicago & North Western railroad.

**St. Paul.**—The last written address prepared by Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president emeritus of the University of Minnesota, written especially for the MacMaster senior class of 1922, will be read at the exercises by George D. Dayton, president of the college board of trustees.

**Virginia.**—The village council has decided to again pool their wool this year.

**St. Paul.**—The Management committee of the city was unable to reach an agreement for the continuation of the contract for the construction of the city hall to be placed in the new high school here, at their bid of \$16,345.

## Some Aspects of the Farmers' Problems

By BERNARD M. BARUCH

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The whole rural world is in ferment of unrest, and there is an unbroken volume and intensity of demand, if not angry, protest and an ominous swarming of occupational controversies, interest groupings, political movements and propaganda. Such a tumultuous condition, however, must indeed, demand our most careful study and examination. It is not likely that six million stout and ruggedly independent men have come together and banded themselves into active unions, societies, farm bureaus, and so forth, for no sufficient cause.

Investigation of the subject conclusively proves that there is much more involved than mere discontent and dissatisfaction with the existing economic system.

Production and distribution of

farm products are in the hands of

farmers, and the market for

them is controlled by the

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## About a Detective

By R. RAY BAKER

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This is a detective story, but it's not the regular kind. On second thought, perhaps it had better be termed a story about a detective.

The detective was Willard Holmes. He may be surprised at something to do with him showing that profession; perhaps not; anyhow, he maintained a private office where people came for their mysteries to be solved. He had caught bank robbers, "in absentia" kidnappers, housebreakers and various kidnappers, and he had disguised, so you see, he was a regular detective.

Holmes was seated in his office, smoking his pipe, when a fastidious young man entered. Holmes ought to have carried a jolly expression, but instead was furrowed with wrinkles of worry, was ushered in. His name was Jerome Witticomb, and he had something to tell him. Holmes was not dressed in his shirt and trousers in currency, raw estate and candle gardens.

Miss Jeppeline Witticomb had disappeared only last night and no trace of her had been found. She had left her father's home in the afternoon on a walk, early in the evening, with the announcement that she was going to spend a few hours with Hattie Haskell, a chum, who lived seven blocks distant. No, the family chumfests did not account here for the disappearance.

She had failed to return home that night and still was absent at noon the next day. Her father and mother were in bed, so there was no investigation to start and it was learned that Miss Haskell had seen nothing of Miss Witticomb. Mr. Witticomb was convinced kidnappers had got in their fine work, for the newspapers



"What Was the Quarrel About?"

of late had been carrying some sensational stories concerning the disappearance. No, the police had not been notified, because it was not desirable that the Witticombs be dragged through the courtly public prints.

"What does it mean?" he inquired sharply.

"It was inconsequential," he de-  
poured, looking out of the window.

"How do you know the quarrel is not important?" demanded Willard, shooting a piercing glance at the fat hulking detective. "Better let me be the judge of that."

Another shrug of the shoulders, and:

"Well, to tell the truth, I forgot just  
one trivial thing, I forgot just  
one tiny little detail."

"So, you see this is not a particular  
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kind the hero is not permitted to fall  
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"Advanced English," he de-  
poured, looking out of the window.

"With pleasure, sir," said Willard, dryly,  
handing up the record. "But before  
you phone me back, will you give me  
a picture of that little girl down at the hotel took form in his mind. With  
an idea, he can make himself bounces from those girls and him search that  
whisked him to the hotel. In four  
seconds he knocked at Minnie Flinton's door,  
and that pleasant, twinkling little voice told him, 'Come in, Willard.'

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"And others do," replied Senator Sorgum.

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Then came elevator service and times  
the stairways all the way down the  
six flights to the street. The first  
girl to apply had yellow hair and blue  
eyes. The second had freckles, red  
hair and eyes of a particular shade.  
And so they went on and on fast as they  
entered one door. Willard politely en-  
tered them to another and let them  
out without ceremony.

The thirteenth applicant put a differ-  
ent aspect on matters. As near as  
Willard could determine she fitted the  
bill.

"My name is Minnie Flinton," she said  
in a voice that was so pleasant  
it started a thumping in Willard's  
chest. He stopped to consider that  
there was a certain inside him that  
pulsated regularly and could be af-  
fected by shocks. Willard was shocked,  
there was no question. Possessing a nature with only a void where  
there should be a heart, he had to have a  
place and with a mind that was anal-  
ogical almost to the extent of method-  
ical, he had not dreamed that a  
perfect pair of eyes and an equally  
great voice could bring him to such a  
blood-drumming device of his that he  
had come to believe was no more  
animated than the ones found on valen-  
tines.

Minnie Flinton, from con-  
versation she said and she was seeking  
a position back of the front doors only  
because every other thing she had at-  
tempted as a means of providing food  
and shelter had failed. She was des-  
perately in need of some kind of a job,  
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tines.

"She certainly has the making of an  
actress," Willard thought. "Her story, too,  
is true. I am almost inclined to believe it  
in spite of my contrary knowledge."

Then he added: "I almost wish it was  
true. I believe I could learn—but  
not, not a rich man's daughter. Impos-  
sible."

"I'll try you out for the play," he  
told her, and he obtained a room for her  
in a nearby hotel and started a  
campaign to break down her story so  
comb and earn his fee, which he was not  
going to be frugal with what officer  
newspaper advertisements, etc.

All his traps failed, however. She  
clung to the Sparksburg out-of-a-job  
man, the one over whom she was  
able and during those performances,  
but all without result except  
that some strange spell which  
she seemed to work upon him tight-  
ened his jaws.

At last the detective gave it up and  
decided the only plan was to bring  
Papa Witticomb to his daughter. He  
would rather have delivered the miss-  
ing member of her party made in  
a basket.

"One day, Mr. Holmes, is 17," said  
the voice on the other end of the wire.  
"Well, that reminds me. I intended  
calling you up to tell you about it, but  
it slipped my mind. My daughter came  
home the same evening I employed you  
on the case. You see, she was to go to  
Hattie Haskell's to meet Jean Sprague's home. She tried to get us to  
the phone, tell us she was going to  
stay with us, but we wouldn't have  
her, so she decided to stay anyhow.

I hope I didn't put you to any incon-  
venience, Mr. Holmes. If I did I want  
to thank you for your trouble."

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## ROCK CREEK NEWS DE'T

Roger Pearson, Ben Cudd and Tate, until Wednesday of this week  
when they left for International Falls where they will make their new home. On Monday evening of  
this week they were accorded to the tune of cow bell signals saws  
etc., which all young married couples are detailed to receive.

The Chicago county Guernsey Breeders Association will hold their annual picnic at the George Schmid farm, south of town, on Thursday June 21st. L. V. Wilson, Sec. of the State Guernsey Breeders Associa-  
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|                                  |               |                |     |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----|
| 10-lb. sack Beat Corn Meal       | 40c           | value per sack | 29c |
| Fancy Winesap Apples             | 12c           | per lb.        | 8c  |
| Monarch Steel Cut Coffee         | 40c           | per lb.        | 30c |
| Syrup, 10 lb. pail               | 50c           | per gal        | 42c |
| Two Minute Breakfast Wheat       | 3 1/4 oz pkgs | 10c            |     |
| Very Fancy Comb Honey, full lbs. | 25c           | per lb.        | 18c |
| Fancy Blue Rose Rice             | 08c           | per lb.        | 06c |
| Potatoes, round white stock      | 08c           | per bu.        | 75c |
| Strawberries, while they last    |               | per quart      | 15c |

### MEATS

|                              |     |                 |     |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Fancy Bacon                  | 30c | value per pound | 23c |
| Boiled Salt Side Pork        | 20c | " "             | 14c |
| Beef Roasts                  | 20c | " "             | 15c |
| Round Steak                  | 18c | " "             | 15c |
| Dressed Hens, strictly fancy | "   | "               | 18c |

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## JUNE WEEK-END SPECIALS

Every Friday and Saturday

|                            |           |     |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Root Beer                  | per glass | 1c  |
| Chocolate Ice Cream Soda   |           | 5c  |
| 15c Diamond Dyes           |           | 8c  |
| 50c Gillette Razor Blades  |           | 39c |
| 80c Peppermint 2d Paste    |           | 39c |
| 25c Colgate's 2d Paste     |           | 19c |
| 25c Peroxide               |           | 19c |
| 50c Menken's Shaving Cream |           | 39c |
| 10c Duke of Parma          |           | 8c  |
| or Roi Tan Cigar           |           |     |
| Chas. Denby, or            |           |     |
| Sight Draft Cigar          |           | 6c  |

### EVERY DAY PRICES

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Cocoanut Malted Milk                       | 10c                |
| Camel Cigarettes                           | 15c; carton \$1.44 |
| One Eleven Cigarette                       | 8c, 2 for 15c      |
| 20c Lucky Strikes                          | 15c                |
| 10c Lucky Strikes                          | 8c, 2 for 15c      |
| P. A., Velvet and Tuxedo Tobacco.          | 13c, 2 for 25c     |
| Geo. Washington, Lucky strike, Old English | 2 for 25c          |
| 1 lb. bars Glycerin & Almond Cocos soap    | 8c 2 for 15c       |

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## Local News

Mrs. Jack Duffy is visiting the Youngbauer home in Pokagon town. Mrs. Frank Cassidy and daughter, Mrs. Tuesday, were visitors in town, last

Mrs. Julia Marlow of Moose Lake, Minn., spent the weekend at the Jos. Thuerien home at the Jos. Thuerien home, last Friday end at the Jos. Thuerien home.

Fred Lawrence was up from the cities and spent the week end with his family here.

Miss Julia Marlow came up from the Twin cities and spent the week end with her family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holzelt and Mrs. Korbell drove to the Twin cities and spent the week end with their mother and brother here.

Lorenzo Gray arrived the first of the week for a visit with his mother and brother here.

Bernard Wenzel was up from the cities last weekend to visit at the James Hurley home.

Miss Portia Huber returned home last Thursday, from a two week vacation in Florida.

Miss Clara Nease left for Minneapolis last Sunday, where she expects to be employed.

Mr. Clarence Anderson spent a few days in the Twin cities, returning home last Thursday.

Mrs. R. J. Hawley and Mrs. P. Engle were passengers to the Twin cities the first of the week.

Mr. C. E. Johnson and son Fred of North Branch were business callers in town, last Thursday.

Mrs. J. P. Miller left with friends from Askaon last week, for an auto trip to the Twin cities, returning home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Polin of Atkin visited friends and relatives here last week.

Many tourists have already made use of the tourist camping grounds and the J. Adam Bede property on Cross lake.

Mr. Sobota attended the 20th anniversary of the graduation of his law class in the Twin cities last Tuesday evening.

Miss Herbert Schulz and Miss Minnie Dreher returned to St. Paul last week after attending the St. Paul-Tischberg wedding.

Miss Pearl Hagen, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hagen, leaves for the St. Paul branch today, where she will visit relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perkins left for Forest Lake, the first of the week, where they have rented a cottage for a long time.

Miss Hilda of Denver arrived last Sunday afternoon, and visited until the following day at the home of her sister, Mrs. Buckton of Forest Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ruby, Mrs. Ruby's sister, Mrs. Mary and Billie and his father, L. W. Ruby, arrived from Iowa Tuesday and will spend the summer here, and may decide to locate here permanently.

Miss Orrock arrived home a few days ago from Hibbing, U. S. and will spend the vacation with her parents, Ray and Mrs. Orrock.

Miss Marie Vaughn, who taught the post term at Beaudette, is visiting the James Hurley home.

Miss Rosamond Barnum and Miss Amelia Benda came up from the Twin cities last Thursday and visited with relatives until the next day.

Mrs. Buckton was accompanied by Warren Mausell to Stillwater, last Monday evening, where she will visit with her niece, Mrs. Mausell.

The Modeste ladies and Mr. Christopher, next Wednesday afternoon, are cordially invited.

Edward A. and Arthur McKibbin, of Forestville, came up from St. Paul Saturday, a week ago, at the home of the former's uncle, John Tate.

Miss Carrie Boyle and Miss Luella Gottschall returned home from Hurley last week and will spend the summer vacation at the homes of their parents here.

Mrs. Jos. O'Brien spent from last Thursday to Friday in Pine City.

The O'Briens expect to move to Minneapolis next week, where they will make their home.

Frank Hurley, Andy and Jack Connicker left by automobile last Monday for Hibbing, where they will spend a week or two, visiting with Tom Connicker and friends there.

Mrs. A. J. Murphy and son of Cambridge, N. H. arrived last Monday for a visit at the Fred Wenzel home. Mrs. Murphy is a native of Myron.

Miss Doris Allen arrived from the State on Sunday, and will spend the summer with her father here.

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Little Leon Tallom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Tallom, left for Minneapolis last Sunday, where she will spend her vacation at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Reveling.

Miss Viola Taft left for International Falls last Tuesday, where she expects to be around for a week, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wenner, who made the trip by auto.

Ole Bække drove to the Twin cities last Saturday and returned the following day with Mrs. Bække and the children, who have visited relatives there the past couple of weeks.

The annual picnic of the Methodist Sunday school was held at Frazee's grove on Pokagon lake yesterday afternoon. A fine time was had playing games, and a fine picnic luncheon enjoyed.

Mrs. Harold Jorgenson entertained in his home of Miss Billie Birchoff of Houston, Texas, last Monday evening.

Mrs. Jorgenson accompanied him to the cities Monday returning home yesterday.

Miss Mary Prochaska, who has taught the first term at the Pine City public school is home and will spend the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Prochaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlson, accompanied him the contractor who will build their new home, drove to Moose Lake, last Tuesday, to consult the architect. They expect to commence construction about July 1st.

Mr. Ernest and Bob Morrow, who

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Prepared by the Agricultural Department, University of Minnesota

**FARM COSTS IN STATE OF MINNESOTA SUMMARIZED**

Results Compiled by Experts Now Available for Publicity—Figures Cover 21 Farms

Union coal miners in the United States are striking for a working week of only 30 hours. Minnesota farmers are working at least 65 hours a week and are right on the job producing food for the people even though they can hardly make both ends meet for themselves.

Staff men of the division of farm management, University of Minnesota, have just submitted the results of cost studies for the year ended June 1, 1922, on 21 farms in southwestern Minnesota. These farms average 178 acres each. Corn and small grain were the principal crops. The average crop yields in 1921 were: Corn, 51 bushels; oats, 23 bushels; silage, 8



Prof. G. A. Pond in charge of crop cost studies for University of Minnesota.

tons; tame hay, 1½ tons; wild hay, 1½ tons and alfalfa, 2½ tons. Total working capital was invested in working capital was invested (including horses), \$2,190; machinery, \$3,671; and feeds and supplies, \$653.

Prof. G. A. Pond of the farm management division, who is in charge of the cost studies, says: "It may be said that it is evident that the average farm in southwestern Minnesota yielded last year little more than a bare living for the farmer. The excess of business expenses over net farm income was only \$772 each. Farmers who owned their land and capital goods were able to meet expenses, but that is not so. Professor Pond says:

"Principles of marketing the farm's products have steadily improved through the year 1922. Prices of farm products on the other hand have strengthened materially in the last few months. Prices for the farm are therefore brighter than they were a year ago. The farmer who has had the courage and financial support to weather the depression of the last two years will come out clearly ahead about his business with his eyes open every opportunity to increase his receipts and curtail his expenses, and when he markets his livestock through which he makes his best available crops, seems in a fair way to enjoy a confirmation of the increase in financial return that the year 1921 registered for him. The recovery may be slow but it will start."

The university's cost accounts for the group of 21 farms show that some money was made on all livestock except on beef cattle. Crop prices were invariably below the cost of production. The average return per acre operating expense for land in crops on the basis of December 1, 1921, price was \$1.71. This was little more than the cost of raising. However, the farmer who marketed his crops through livestock, was able to get a better return than if the crop had been sold direct.

Club leaders report increased interest in home canning this year. Canning schools of one or two days have been arranged for Freeborn, Dodge, Goodhue, Kenaike, Mille Lacs, Watonwan, Douglas, Fillmore, Mower, Lyon, Carleton and Cottonwood counties. These schools are held for the purpose of organizing the clubs and getting them started in canning. In the cold pack there is each county having canning clubs can send a demonstration team to the state fair. Thirty counties have already signified their intention of sending such teams.

After each rain, the garden should be carefully cultivated. This breaks up the soil crust which wastes water through excessive evaporation, and makes a dust storm, which checks evaporation and saves moisture for later use.

For the amount of work required house production is one of the best and safest. Although the per capita consumption of houses is extremely low, there is little or no danger of an overproduction.

All junior clubs in the counties of Kandiyohi, Todd, Milleka, Waseca, St. Louis and Fillmore have been federated into what is known as a county boys' and girls' club. The state bureau in St. Louis county an annual convention was held to which each club sent regularly elected delegates. The county club leaders seem to be an excellent one and is well worth fostering, says T. A. Erickson, state director.

Gas.

Mr. Brown (in chemistry class)—You may recite either gas or chloroform.

Student—May I take either?

**BEROUN NEWS DEPART.**

Andrew Pangrac was a caller in Hinckley, last Tuesday.

Tom Havel and Fred Ausmus spent Sunday fishing at Pine lake.

Anchored arrived from Chisago last week, for a visit with friends here.

Tom Planck is driving an new Overland automobile, which he recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Havel returned to St. Paul last Sunday returning home Morday.

Farmers have started haying, and it is reported there will be a good crop in this community.

Miss Mary Caback arrived from the Twin cities last Tuesday for a visit with her folks north of town.

John Runa visited in the Twin cities and at Hopkins over the weekend. He drove down with Joe Kubush.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson returned to their home at St. Paul after visiting with her mother, Mrs. Kopacek.

Commissioner Cap Hancock was in attendance at the county board meeting at Pine City the forepart of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Derr spent the week end with their daughter who is staying with the John Pulkrabs.

Leonard and Joe Machart and Ernest Kub went to Rush Lake last Sunday, where they spent the day fishing. The boys returned

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The morning program will be devoted to the feeding of the cattle and discussion of the results obtained in the afternoon to address on subjects pertaining to market beef production. Packers buyers and commission men will examine the several lots of cattle and a committee will be appointed showing the cost of the cattle, the amount and costs of feed consumed, selling price of cattle and resultant price of beef will be made available during the meeting. The entire program will be just as interesting and full of information as it will be possible to make it.

**CATTLE FEEDERS' DAY SET FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH**

Beef Stock Experimentally Fed During Winter to be Displayed at University Farm

Friday, June 20, has been selected by the animal husbandry division at the University as "Cattle Feeding Day." This will be the second annual one-day program offered by the division for persons interested in the feeding of cattle and the market for market. The program last year was given the stamp of approval by about 150 cattle feeders who attended the first annual cattle feeders' day program offered again this year.

The purpose of Cattle Feeders' Day is to give all persons interested an opportunity to come to University Farm to inspect the beef cattle that have been fed experimentally during winter and spring months, to get the results that have been secured first hand and to talk over some of the problems of feeding cattle, the growth and fattening of beef cattle in market. This year the day will be a "Baby Beef" day. The feeding trials being conducted is a baby beef breeding trial. Six lots of two month old cattle were fed since early last December.

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A. J. Johnson, living about 3 miles northeast of town, has taken a position in the local bank and will be in the permanent to assist George Marshall in the books.

Kris Wm. Dotin, living south of town, passed away this morning at his home. Full particulars will be given next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Topitz and son, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shanks of Hopkins visited at the George Kubush home last week. They were on their way to Duluth and had a fine time.

Government and the universities are uniting in a campaign drive against the common barberry which will be launched in Minnesota on July 1. Headquarters, as usual, will be maintained at University Farm L. W. Melhus, state leader of barberry eradication, and A. C. Harrold, campaign for the general government in this state. A. G. Ruggles, state entomologist, will direct the scouts and guides by the state department of agriculture.

The federal government forces will operate in southeastern counties, while the state's forces will try to clean up the barberry in the counties of McLeod, Nicollet, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, Rice, Goodhue, Hennepin, Wright, Mille Lacs, Sherburne, Kanabec, Itasca and Chicago.

Both crews will work as one in hunting down and destroying the barberry. Large amounts of lime will be distributed, and thousands of posters displayed in conspicuous places.

Already the barberry in Minnesota is spreading fast, according to Mr. Melhus. The first rust on barberry was found early in Minnesota in Ramsey and Rice counties.

Co-operative marketing of eggs will be the leading marketing project of the Dodge County Farm Bureau. Because the Minnesota Cooperative Marketing Association, Inc. has voted to take up co-operative egg marketing as a side line, and to assist as far as possible in the handling of eggs in carload lots as well as in eastern office is established, special attention will be paid to this project in Dodge county. C. L. McNelly, county agent, has arranged for special meetings at various cheese factories which are affiliated with the State Cheese Producers association.

Alfalfa leaves, which compose about 45 per cent of the hay crop and contain about 65 per cent of the protein content in the hay, require careful handling if they are to be retained with the stalks in the harvesting of the hay, says farm crops division men of the University of Minnesota.

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Farmers have started haying, and it is reported there will be a good crop in this community.

Miss Mary Caback arrived from the Twin cities last Tuesday for a visit with her folks north of town.

John Runa visited in the Twin cities and at Hopkins over the weekend. He drove down with Joe Kubush.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson returned to their home at St. Paul after visiting with her mother, Mrs. Kopacek.

Commissioner Cap Hancock was in attendance at the county board meeting at Pine City the forepart of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Derr spent the week end with their daughter who is staying with the John Pulkrabs.

Leonard and Joe Machart and Ernest Kub went to Rush Lake last Sunday, where they spent the day fishing. The boys returned

feeling early last December. The objects have been primarily to determine the effects of various amounts of silage in the ration under given feeding conditions, and to compare barley with corn as a grain for baby beef cattle. To determine the relative merits of purebred beef cattle, we grade beef calves and calves of mixed breeding for baby beef production.

The morning program will be devoted to the feeding of the cattle and discussion of the results obtained in the afternoon to address on subjects pertaining to market beef production. Packers buyers and commission men will examine the several lots of cattle and a committee will be appointed showing the cost of the cattle, the amount and costs of feed consumed, selling price of cattle and resultant price of beef will be made available during the meeting. The entire program will be just as interesting and full of information as it will be possible to make it.

A. J. Johnson, living about 3 miles northeast of town, has taken a position in the local bank and will be in the permanent to assist George Marshall in the books.

Kris Wm. Dotin, living south of town, passed away this morning at his home. Full particulars will be given next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Topitz and son, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shanks of Hopkins visited at the George Kubush home last week. They were on their way to Duluth and had a fine time.

Government and the universities are uniting in a campaign drive against the common barberry which will be launched in Minnesota on July 1. Headquarters, as usual, will be maintained at University Farm L. W. Melhus, state leader of barberry eradication, and A. C. Harrold, campaign for the general government in this state. A. G. Ruggles, state entomologist, will direct the scouts and guides by the state department of agriculture.

The federal government forces will operate in southeastern counties, while the state's forces will try to clean up the barberry in the counties of McLeod, Nicollet, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, Rice, Goodhue, Hennepin, Wright, Mille Lacs, Sherburne, Kanabec, Itasca and Chicago.

Both crews will work as one in hunting down and destroying the barberry. Large amounts of lime will be distributed, and thousands of posters displayed in conspicuous places.

Already the barberry in Minnesota is spreading fast, according to Mr. Melhus. The first rust on barberry was found early in Minnesota in Ramsey and Rice counties.

Co-operative marketing of eggs will be the leading marketing project of the Dodge County Farm Bureau. Because the Minnesota Cooperative Marketing Association, Inc. has voted to take up co-operative egg marketing as a side line, and to assist as far as possible in the handling of eggs in carload lots as well as in eastern office is established, special attention will be paid to this project in Dodge county. C. L. McNelly, county agent, has arranged for special meetings at various cheese factories which are affiliated with the State Cheese Producers association.

Alfalfa leaves, which compose about 45 per cent of the hay crop and contain about 65 per cent of the protein content in the hay, require careful handling if they are to be retained with the stalks in the harvesting of the hay, says farm crops division men of the University of Minnesota.

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# Storm Country Polly

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"Good bunch of squatters," said Polly, tensely, rolling her hands in her arms. "An' she yelled so hard you could hear her near to Ithaca, Polly," moaned Larry. "Me an' Lye gagged 'er."

"Holy smut!" fell from Polly's mouth as she went to pull her hand burned

"Her man's been gone all day to Cerriland," continued the squatter in a monotone. "I lay round out the old Miss Johnson's been trying to reach hold of him."

"Hope she don't!" interjected Polly.

"Not till we get done with her woman. Are you going to take her over here?"

"Don't you think it'll inter, when the squatters is in bed?" he answered, slapping on his cap. "If—if you change your mind, Polly, come along over; I'll cut 'er loose and let 'er go."

A harsh sound, something like a chuckle of malicious satisfaction, slipped through Polly's lips and stopped the man at the door.

"They're all up there lively, Larry," she said huskily. "Bring 'er here, an' when I'm done with her, she'll have to be took."

She caught Bishop by the arm, whirling him around.

"An' Batton, Larry," she continued with crust emphasis, "an' all the time keep rememberin' how Betty waltzed her life into the grave, an—an' that Old Mare's done for her."

Overcome by the words she had thrown at him so deliberately, Bishop lunged away, and the girl, quaking at what was about to happen, heard him running along the shore toward his shack.

It seemed to Polly Hopkins that every minute was a hour long and every second filled with intolerable anxiety. Would the soft-hearted Larry return to get her? She clutched the prize he offered to her hands on his shirt.

In extreme nervousness she went from one thing to another, never finishing what she began. She panted the floor until she was dripping wet with perspiration. She had no means of knowing where Jim and Larry would come; so she dared not stir from the shack.

"This," Was All She Said, Tapping the Handle.

brought it forward, and smiling it the same sinister smile, showed it to the panting girl.

"Well," was all she said, tapping the Evelyn.

Evelyn struggled; and Polly laughed, a wicked laugh, no more like the rattle which Daddy Hopkins had loved to hear than the bark of a wolf is like a dog's.

Tears rose into Evelyn's eyes and faded slowly from Polly's face. Ever

a moment she gently touched her;

then again, a ring in a storm cloud, the old pollywood used to feed her need of head.

This feeling she crushed down; but she put the ax on the floor and squatted beside the Evelyn.

Sorely had she done this before a loud knock came on the door. She threw the blankets over Evelyn and went swiftly forward and lifted the door.

"Old Mar'e! his' gang are in the Old City lookin' for his' woman," he whispered hoarsely.

"Lye! Lye!" came in a hiss from the squatting girl.

"Off up the road watchin'," returned Bishop.

"What you do to 'er, bat?"

"Come in," said Polly, in an undertone, as the end of his scarf was pulling his through doorway.

"An' if MacKenzie comes home for his' woman, laugh at him—laugh, an' laugh till your sides split, Larry."

She closed the door, pushed Bishop aside, and then deliberately crawled into bed beside Evelyn. Upon the inner figure of the bound girl she placed two pillows.

Then she and Larry waited, scarcely breathing, until voices seemed to come through the clapboards from every direction.

A rush of feet brought Bishop bolt upright.

"I'm comin' to arrest you, Polly," he growled.

"They're stoppin' here fast enough."

Of a sudden the door burst open and Marcus MacKenzie, covered with snow, entered. With him went two of his neighbors and several squatters.

Polly enjoyed a glimpse of Old MacKenzie's agonized face; then she grimmed at him.

"What's the matter, mister?" she asked, showing an expanse of even white teeth.

"My wife's gone," he cried in desperation.

"What's she doin' in bed?" broke in Polly, smirking wider. "You don't say! What's got me! That's too bad. Some other fellow run off with 'er—mebed."

And when she saw him trying to master his emotion, forcing back the heavy groans that interfered with his efforts to speak, she laughed. Never again did she look back upon his presence. She knew this was the end. Marcus MacKenzie did not want to fight. He needed the help of the squatters to search the Storm country for his wife; his bride, the very apple of his eye.

"Scoot out, you!" she ordered, waving her hand at them. "An' keep a watch about till I get out."

Bishop sat by the door as if anxious to go home, but Larry Bishop held to the spot where he stood.

"She's a woman, Polly Hopkins," he muttered, his eyes turning from the cot to the right girl. "She is Old Mar'e's wife. He's too old, so he says."

"What do I care where the pup is?" she thrust in vehemently. "You're a woman! So be it, an' we're your dead brat."

Then she stamped her foot tempestuously.

"Get out of here an' watch for Mac-

Kenzie an' his' folks!" she snapped. "He's about time in was startin' the Silky City, I thinkin'."

Roughly she shoved the men out. Then she stood with her back to it, deep sofa rocks behind her.

Now as she had almost died, and Wee Jerry too, so would Marcus MacKenzie. The vicious hope that she might see him written in his grief took possession of her.

Draughtily she plucked the bar across the door, making sure it was locked. Then, creeping to the cot, she gazed down on the wet bundle. There, when she had hidden Oscar Bennett over dark robes, had the light of Eternity, lay the deepest dear of her bitter enemies.

She uttered an exclamation when she saw the man who had come into the room. He was lying on the bed. A smile lit across her face, and her hands came together convulsively.

"I know you're squatters do to children like us, save you rich folks?" she asked huskily.

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Poly was witnessing just the picture that she had been holding in her mind's eye for many days.

"I know you're buying, mister," she jeered at him. "Mobile your woman's in the snow. Tomorrow's Thanksgiving day. Mebbe you'll miss 'er if she ain't with you. Scout her house, her fam'ly going drabbin' in the ditchin' cold, but the sound the wavy flies few again."

Eddy had stepped to the wood-burner and was plucking up the ash. She

knew her voice quivered from the rich children who did not know her.

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