

NEWS of the RANGES

Older Boys' Conference Arranged for Dec. 8-10

Eveleth, Nov. 16. — (Special).—A Northern Minnesota Older boys' conference has been arranged for Dec. 9 and 10 in the civic auditorium here. More than 200 boys from this section of the state are expected to attend.

An address of welcome will be given by Mayor Victor E. Essling. Charles A. Grabowsky has been named toastmaster at a banquet set for Friday afternoon, Dec. 8. The Eveleth Womaps' club committee will be in charge of details working in conjunction with a committee including W. A. Kingston, I. G. Brownell, W. T. Guenter and Timothy Shea.

During the three-day session recreational features will be in charge of A. W. Lewis at the school gymnasiums. Enrollment of school children and others between the ages of 16 and 21 not attending school, will be in charge of V. E. Boardman, Claude Mather and W. J. Kaiser.

Contests in leadership will be conducted during the conference with a pilot in charge of groups each having 10 boys.

Members of the executive committee arranging the reception plans are: W. A. Kingston, W. J. Kaiser, W. E. Pellens Jr., J. V. Voorhees, Rev. L. C. Smith, Rev. E. A. Lindgren, Rev. J. Baumhofer, Harry Rabinowitz and Grove Willis.

RANGE SPEAKER RAPS 'LAZINESS' IN CIVIC ACTIVITY

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Official Urges Co-Operation in Pushing Community Work.

Virginia, Nov. 16.—(Special).—The lack of organized effort on the part of business men in developing their communities was stressed by John Van der Vries at the Virginia Chamber of Commerce luncheon today in the Fay hotel.

The speaker, secretary of the central division of the United States Chamber of Commerce declared, that the efforts that have been made in community development have been remarkable but in most instances a number of the people taking part in the accomplishments have not been as great as it should be. This is a natural working out when it is to be considered that business for the first time during the war got together and really determined a definite program of co-operation, he said.

Mr. Van der Vries pointed out that the average Chamber of Commerce is spending 75 per cent of its time or more doing civic work, and that while this work is necessary for encouraging development in any community the fact should not be lost sight of that the other 25 per cent of the work of the chamber should not be neglected.

Urged Business Development.
"The business development of a community should be pushed very hard and the business men should be brought to realize that the working out of their particular problems, the problems that are mutual in all business can very easily be solved by co-operative action," he stated.

Mr. Van der Vries explained the function of the United States Chamber of Commerce that has an organization membership of 14,000 and a combined individual membership of over 800,000 representing business in the entire nation.

The manner of referendum system of the United States Chamber of Commerce was explained in Virginia for the first time.