

On This Occasion

Just a few thoughts by the Editor on things Material and Immaterial.

The newspaper fraternity as a whole and the City of Eveleth in particular have suffered a distinct loss in the death of Conrad L. Heden. Con was a man every inch, made of material that attracts, filled with life and ambition and a feeling for his fellow man. He was a hard fighter for the right with no sore spots for the world. He was foremost in civic and fraternal activities in his home city and a worker in anything he undertook. He was fair minded and consistent and square in his dealings with his competitors and all with whom he came in contact. Con will be missed.

To further complicate the already mixed Collector of Customs situation at the Head of the Lakes, comes Peter J. Skamser of Superior into the picture along with several dozen other candidates for the place. Skamser's claim is being pushed by George Vils, national committeeman of Wisconsin who makes the argument that Superior never has had the collectorship although Superior had been promised the post at the time the last appointment was made.

Superior is behind their candidate to a man and Skamser is the only candidate from that city in the field who so far has declared himself. Duluth has several avowed candidates and donors who have their rods up hoping the appointive lightening will hit them with the job. Then we have several on the ranges, all worthy, who are candidates. Don McIntyre of Eveleth, Wm. Hoehal and D. D. McCachin of Hibbing are the range aspirants. Each of these men have been a power in the Republican party for years besides Mr. Hoehal has the added distinction of being a war veteran.

Senator Tom Schall, who has the appointive power, or more properly speaking the power to name the man for the position, says he will confer with President Hoover on the several names on the list after which conference he will make the recommendation. There is no doubt the senator has a hard row to hoe in this matter. He is in a tight place but with his accustomed aptitude of disentangling himself from tight places, will come through with colors flying. We have made several suggestions along the line of good advice but so far our suggestions have not been considered. We are going to make just one more and that is: Give the position to a range man or name someone not now on the list of receptive candidates.

A Duluth man sued another for \$8,500 damages in an automobile injury case and a jury in district court awarded him \$18,000. The action of the generous jury will in all probability not stand in the eyes of the court. The man against whom the verdict was rendered was an employee of a company who were left out of the case. Juries sometimes cut some funny dices with other people's money.

Governor Christianson in speaking to the National Association of Letter Carriers, made the statement that the abolition of the franking privileges would materially improve the financial condition of the postal department. In the words of an illustrious candidate for office last fall, "You said a mouthful, Governor." The consensus of senators fail to see this as they are the direct beneficiaries of the franking privileges, especially during campaign years when millions upon millions of speeches (never spoken) are printed at the expense of the government and franked to voters all over the nation at further expense to the government. Not only does the postal department have to stand the cost of transporting all the speeches and documents sent out by members of congress, but it is the pack horse for all the other departments of government. The letter carriers are the pack horses.

With a yearly deficit in the postal department of \$85,000,000 starting them in the face up to 1935, exclusive of new post office buildings which will increase the red figures on the postal ledger to \$128,000,000 yearly, it is time that something be done about it more than giving the postmasters instructions to have their constituents order more envelopes at the expense of the printers of the country. This item alone causes a deficit of several millions yearly. Then to the printing losses are added to the cost of franking these same envelopes to the patron.

A fine idea would be to have the several departments pay the cost of their use of the mails. This would alleviate the deficit each year and put the postal department on a paying basis. However, congress cares little for this as the losses come out of the public treasury. The postal department is the victim and stands the brunt of a yearly deficit. The postal department is not the only victim. Some of these alleged speeches are inflicted on the public, free through the mails. In private life, when a man wants to make a speech, he hires a hall, like the congressional life, when a man wants to make a speech, he gives it to the public printer and millions of copies are printed and franked through the mails. We cheerfully furnish a little advice. This is also free. Have the printed pamphlets perforated for convenient handling at their destination. Also, cut out such funny cracks as (laughter), (applause) and (much applause) to save on paper and postage.

Mrs. Vera Newport, of Chicago, shot her husband to death recently while her brother and 7-year-old son looked on says J. Adam Bede in his Budget. It has always seemed proper when a wife plans to shoot her husband that she should make a family party for the occasion and have witnesses of the event. A boy of seven is pretty

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DRY SEASON BAD FOR POWER CO.

The exceedingly long period of drought in northern Minnesota has finally produced a rather serious situation for the Minnesota Power & Light Co., says Skillings Mining Review.

There has been greatly reduced rainfall since the first week in July. The Minnesota Power & Light Co. is prepared for such situations, however, having auxiliary steam units at many points. The first of these was started up at Chisholm, Aug. 29. All of the rivers upon which the power the light company relies are affected by this remarkable period of drought. The company does not wait until forced to start up steam units, but begins starting them at such times as it seems wise to help carry the hydro-electric load. The Minnesota Power & Light is prepared for any emergency such as now confronts it. The years 1922 and 1923 were periods of low water in this region. The present low water situation has developed since July 1. Prior to that water reserves were in ample supply.

425 AUTO DEATHS IN STATE IN YEAR

Four hundred and twenty-five persons lost their lives through automobile accidents in Minnesota in 1928, according to figures compiled by the State Board of Health. This is far in excess of any previous year, the number being 361 in 1924, 350 in 1925, 328 in 1926 and 369 in 1927. This does not include grade crossing deaths, which also increased.

These figures clearly show that the new State Highway patrol has a big job ahead. Says C. M. Babcock, commissioner of highways, "If the traffic patrol can encourage careful driving and thereby effect a reduction in the number of deaths and injuries, it will be worth many times the cost of the patrol. Even if we can only stop the number from increasing, it will be worth while."

"The figures show that the regulation of traffic is a more important matter than the crime problem, although the latter is a serious matter which cannot be neglected. Regulating traffic is less spectacular than pursuing criminals, but is a real public service nevertheless."

"The results of the patrolman's work are not always immediately apparent. Many of the common violations of the traffic rules, such as failing to stop at 'thru' roads, driving on the left side, hogging the road, passing on curves or hill crests, failing to signal for left turns, driving on wrong side of proper lights, or parking on the traveled portion of the road, do not cause accidents every time they are committed, but they are certain to cause accidents sooner or later. If the patrolmen through their visible presence on the highways, talks with drivers, warnings to violators of the traffic rules and promote careful driving, they will ultimately reduce the number of accidents. Yet those who have been instructed never know what accidents they might have had if their driving habits had not been corrected."

"The State Highway patrol, however, cannot alone solve the accident problem. Their work is confined by law to the trunk highways, and there are not enough men to cover all the routes all the time. There is need of general cooperation between state officers, local officers, motorists, pedestrians, parents, teachers, civic organizations, and the press. We are fortunate in having men in the patrol who are heart and soul in their work, and with the cooperation of the public, Minnesota ought to show a reduced number of automobile deaths and injuries each year in the future."

NOTED PRODUCTION APPEARS AT DULUTH ORPHEUM.

After all there is something new under the sun, despite the age-old belief to the contrary. And this something new will soon be on view in this section of the country. It is the latest drama that won for Eugene O'Neill its author the coveted Pulitzer Prize for the second time in his brilliant career as a playwright. "Strange Interlude" is its name. It carried off the laurels as "the best play of the year" in 1928. And in 1929 this same playwright ran away from all his competitors with his "Beyond the Horizon."

Beginning Thursday, September 19, at the Orpheum Theatre, Duluth, the New York Theatre Guild will introduce this widely-published play to the playground. An engagement of only 3 days is announced.

The first claim that "Strange Interlude" can make for being something new under the sun lies in the fact that it is composed of nine acts, which take from 6:30 in the afternoon until 11 o'clock at night to run their course. An intermission for dinner between the fifth and sixth acts of one hour and twenty minutes is declared at 7:40, so that at 9 p.m. the audience is again back in its seats literally crying, like Oliver Twist, for more. Reports from other cities where this unusual play has been presented justify this statement. Many from this city have signified their intention of attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mesker who have been the guests of Mrs. Mesker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rapson, are leaving today for their home in Florida.

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Rating Healthy**

CHRISTMAS TREE LAW EXPLAINED

Few people think of Christmas preparations when vacations, camping, fishing and warm weather pushes the winter holiday into the remote future. The manufacture of toys, Christmas tinsel and decorations for the 1929 season, has been underway for some time and soon the harvest of trees will start.

The cutting starts far up in the north woods late in September or early in October and extends southward as the fall season sets in. The trees are cut, stacked in piles, and are actually as if in cold storage. The long distance shipping in freight cars lots starts during November and continues through the first week of December.

Minnesota trees are shipped as far east as Ohio and south to Nebraska, Kansas and Georgia. Trees for Minnesota homes are cut later and shipping starts the late part of November and continues until a few days before the sale starts in the cities. Trucks are used to transport the late harvest.

About a million and a quarter trees were cut in this state last year. Minnesota citizens used approximately 400,000 and 800,000 trees were shipped out of the state. Several large companies handle the bulk of the harvest. One concern shipped 70 carloads of trees out of the state, about 250,000 trees.

The business of cutting and selling Christmas trees has become an industry of considerable size and importance. As the northern part of the state has been opened up with good roads, the modern transportation by trucks has been introduced. The "fly-by-night" trucker has been able to drive into a woods, cut a load of trees and be on his way to a city market without the formality of buying the trees. This practice became so general that laws were passed to prevent trespass and theft of trees.

The first laws to control this business were passed in 1897 and amended during 1929 to make them more stringent.

The operator, if cutting on another's land, must secure a written permit, which gives the legal description of the land and is signed by the legal owner. He must carry this permit when cutting or transporting trees. If it is registered with the Register of Deeds or Register of Titles, a certified copy must be carried.

The railroad or trucking companies must require the shipper to show such a permit before accepting a shipment of trees. All officers of the law, forestry, fish and game wardens and con-

VIRGINIA CIVIC EXPOSITION NEXT

Preparations to make the second annual Farmers Fair and Civic Exposition to be held September 19, 20 and 21 the biggest affair of its kind ever to have been held in Virginia were set in motion last week when a meeting of the chairman of all committees was held for that purpose.

The exposition will be held in the recreation building as usual and an added feature is in prospect when automobile dealers will place on display in the curling rink all makes of cars handled by them. Chairman Irwin, of the poultry exhibit, promises to have a larger number of high-class birds on display than ever before. This exhibit will consist of poultry that have won prizes at the St. Louis county, Tri-State and State fairs, in addition to many from local fanciers.

On the main floor will be arranged 20 booths running the full length of the arena in which the civic exhibits will be on display. Down the center the agricultural, horticultural and flower exhibits will be displayed with the park board's lovely potted plants and flowers occupying a central position.

Entertainment will be lavishly provided for every day of the exposition beginning with the opening of the doors at 7 p. m. on Thursday, the opening day. The city band will furnish music and a dance is to be held each evening. Entertainers of merit from Chicago have been engaged to perform from the main stage, while Bill Ball's Virginia purveyors of fun will also hold forth in their intimate, side-splitting features.

Friday, the second day of the show, will be farmers' day, when the Chamber of Commerce will be hosts to visiting agriculturists.

On Saturday afternoon school children will be the guests of the chamber and the grand finale in the evening will be a dance and elaborate entertainment from the stage.

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WHITE IRON FARMS LIGHT AND POWER

A meeting was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Starkman at White Iron which was attended by a large number of the farmers in that neighborhood. At the meeting arrangements were perfected for supplying the several farms with electricity for lighting and power purposes. A representative of the Graybar Electric Co. of Duluth was present and gave expert opinion as to the probable cost of installation.

That evening, 24 signed the application for electricity. At only 20 is it expected that at another meeting held for this evening, the balance will sign and arrangements fully completed. The city will construct the line to the city limits and the signers will furnish the main line besides connecting their individual lines. The White Iron Farmers Club is sponsoring the installation and this fact assures the speedy completion.

City Attorney Carvey spent Tuesday on the Mesaba Range on business.

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NELSON WINS LAING TROPHY

Clifford J. Nelson was declared winner of the Laing Hardware Company golf trophy Sunday after defeating Dr. McCarthy 3 and 2.

The final rounds in the tournament were played that day at the Shagawa Country Club for the driver and mullick put up by Jim Laing of the Laing Hardware Company. Nelson was awarded the driver while Dr. McCarthy became the possessor of the mullick.

In the first round of the Oliver Iron Mining company employees' tournament, "Scotty" Dekker defeated George Coad 3 and 2. Art Solem defeated Charles Gallagher 3 and 1. E. C. Jones, A. C. Prisk, W. P. Wolf, C. J. Nelson and H. J. Fattland all reached the second round by drawing byes.

Qualifying rounds are now being played for the club championship tournament. All qualifying rounds must be played by Wednesday and the 16 turning in the lowest scores will enter medal play tournament. The champion will be awarded a silver loving cup donated by Charles Trezona, president of the club.

PROPAGATION OF FOWL LAUNCHED

Without ceremony Minnesota this week is embarking on a comprehensive program for the propagation of wild fowl to return to the state some of its past hunting glories, with the opening of the new state game farm at St. James.

The first birds, all pheasants, began feeding and roosting in the first pens completed here and Madella, which the state bought July 1 and where George W. McCullough, state game and fish commissioner, plans to raise 5,000 fowl annually for distribution over the state.

The department is purchasing 700 pheasants to be used as brood stock of which 400 will be Mongolian pheasants which are similar in habits and nature with those of the ringneck. The other 300 birds will be the ringneck pheasants such as are now at large in the state. These birds are being shipped from Oregon, all direct descendants of foreign stock.

Mr. McCullough said his department later anticipates the purchase of quail for propagation purposes and some Hungarian partridge. The latter is very much in the experimental stage so far as propagation in captivity is concerned, but with the experience had by the Oregon state game farms, Mr. McCullough feels that some progress can be made.

The commissioner announced the employment of George E. Packer, as business manager of the farm. Mr. Packer now is in Oregon doing some research work relative to the propagation of game birds. He left August 1 and will continue his research work until the latter part of September when he will go east to attend the institution for game breeders. This is a rather extensive course.

"It is anticipated that we will be raising 5,000 ringneck pheasants," Mr. McCullough said. "This will be many times in excess of the number of birds raised at our old farm which was located at Mound, Minn. The cost of production should be approximately \$2.00 per bird, in addition to the number of game birds available for distribution throughout the state."

"I find, after going over our records that we have distributed 12,000 eggs this year which were purchased from the various game bird producers. Without doubt we will be in position to furnish a like number of eggs from our own game farm in addition to the number of birds which will be liberated."

The department is preparing plans and specifications for the erection of new buildings which will house employees and furnish equipment for operations. At the present, fencing which will surround the farm is only partially completed. When it is finished, it will consist of steel posts being wired with fine woven, galvanized, vermin-proof wire inserted in the ground about two feet and extending nine feet above the earth.

Brood stock will be housed in a covered yard built of like material. This yard will be completely covered with wire netting to keep out the vermin. These covered yards are constructed to permit cultivation of the ground, preventing the ground soil which is the greatest source of infection which causes a tremendous loss. The department will stress the elimination of worm infection which occurs among game birds and one which like that of the fouling of ground makes a heavy loss in both the young and matured birds.

STATE HAS 250 MILES OF NEW OIL-TAR ROAD.

The Minnesota Highway department has nearly completed its bituminous treatment work for the 1929 season. During the summer about 179 miles of trunk highway have been given new treatment with tar, according to Commissioner C. M. Babcock, making a total of 254 miles of new water-proof and dustless highway. Of the 521 miles treated in former years, 300 miles have been retreated, making a total of 5,082,000 gallons of material have been used this year for treatment of roads carrying medium heavy traffic and not slated for paving in the immediate future. The continued

warm and dry weather has been unusually favorable to bituminous treatment work and better results have been obtained. In 1928, 3,114,000 gallons were used and 445 miles treated.

One short stretch of old road where tar treatment has been unsuccessful, due to soil conditions, was reconstructed to a gravel road. With this deduction, the total bituminous mileage in the state system is now about 770.

Although bituminous roads are not considered permanent like pavement, they are not affected by wet or dry weather like untreated gravel. They are affected less by traffic than plain gravel and they are free from the dust hazard.

CAR ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

Mrs. John Lilja of Soudan, who with her son, Clarence, were in the city on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Martin Handberg, Wednesday, while on the return trip to their home met with an accident that cost the life of Mrs. Lilja.

Mrs. Lilja and son were driving their coupe. A short distance this side of Soudan, the driver lost control of the car. Mrs. Lilja was thrown from the vehicle and sustained injuries from the effects of which she died a short time after being taken to the Soudan Hospital.

She was born in Sweden 59 years ago. She came to Tower 38 years ago and has resided there since. Her husband, John Lilja, preceded her in death 13 years. Surviving are her sons, Arthur, William, Edward and Clarence, of Soudan and daughters, Edith and Anna, of Minneapolis and Mrs. Martin Handberg of his city.

The funeral will take place from the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Arthur Benson will officiate.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Handberg are at Soudan to attend the funeral.

SCOUT COUNCIL ANNOUNCES DRIVE

The My Girl Scout Council is putting on a drive for the benefit of Scouting in Ely.

A house to house canvass will be conducted. The entire city is asked to help generously in this community project.

Look for them—meet them—in the spirit in which they come.

RAILROAD VS. TRUCK BEING HEARD TODAY

State Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner Frank W. Malson, of St. Paul, is hearing the pro and con of the question of Railroad vs. Truck Freight Service, at the City Hall today.

The hearing was begun at 10 o'clock this morning and up to noon, as we go to press, several witnesses had been heard. Attorneys Donovan for the Duluth & Iron Range and Messrs. Moore and Goldish for the Bellwood-Goldish Truck Line for the establishment of which an order is sought from the commission to freight from Duluth to Ely and Winton and points along the North Shore on Highway No. 1, saw the existing situation. Up to noon Fred Kaiser, in the name of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce, Chas. Haig, P. J. Welch and Jas. Watkinson of the Duluth & Iron Range at Duluth, Gus Carlson, Mayor Olson of Tower, Jas. Mooney and Chas. Trezona had been heard. T. E. Miller was on the stand when hearing adjourned for lunch. Many other witnesses are to be heard this afternoon.

The consensus of opinion expressed by the witnesses so far heard is that freight trucks are not the heaviest and that the service furnished by the Duluth & Iron Range is satisfactory to the Ely business men who have occasion to receive shipments from Duluth and points south, both winter and summer.

Testimony adduced showed that shipments loaded in Duluth today would be received here ready for delivery at about 5:30 in the morning and that special equipment was furnished for perishable and other freight. Capt. Chas. Trezona, superintendent of the Oliver Mining Co., the heaviest freight receiver and shipper over the railroad, stated that, in his opinion, the present service could not be improved upon and that the heavy items transported by the railroad for his company could not be satisfactorily handled by truck.

The hearing will be continued this afternoon and it is expected that before the end, about all the business people of the city will have an opportunity to express their opinion.

Vermilion Past Nobles Grand's Club resumed their regular monthly meeting on Saturday. The meeting was held at the Burley Cottage on White Iron Lake. Hostesses for the afternoon were Minnie Hodge, Beale Burley and Edith Verner who served a delicious chicken dinner. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Ruth Nankervis; Vice President, Mrs. Beale Burley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Olive Dunstan.