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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume IV, Number 24 [Saturday, June 14, 1884], page 1, column 6

Metropolitan Musings.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

J.W. Smith returned on Monday.

Patrick Dunn was in town during the week on very pressing business.

Capt. Day's deer were increased by five fawns this week.

Wm. Thompson returned on Saturday from Milwaukee, where he has been visiting.

Magnes [sic - Magnus] Erickson left for Minnesota on Tuesday, where he is going to take up a farm.

James McGillan returned from a trip through southern Missouri Friday. Everybody welcomes him back.

Capt. Broad, formerly captain of the Calumet mine, has taken the position of captain of the North-Western mine.

James McGillan has received a beautiful present of a cruising coat with pockets capable of holding four bushels.

At the **Calumet [Mine]** mining has almost ceased, owing to an almost wholesale stoppage of the men. The cause is failure to get pay.

Irwin Pendleton gave a dance and strawberry and ice-cream supper at the **Ludlow House** on Wednesday evening. A splendid time was had.

L.B. Johnson departed on Monday on receiving a dispatch that his mother was dangerously ill. **Oscar Morris, of Escanaba,** takes his place.

Russell Willson [sic], the accommodating and gentlemanly clerk in

the **Metropolitan Union Store**[,] left for a visit to his home at **Florence**, on Friday.

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 24 [Saturday, July 18, 1891], page 8, column 4

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

Metropolitan Lumber Co's Mill, Warehouse, Boarding House and Lumber.

On Friday last the Forest [sic] fire swept down upon the location of the **Metropolitan Lumber Co.** near Sec. 21, on the Metropolitan branch, and wiped it off the ground, completely, Mill [sic], all the building about and connected with it, the stock of sawed lumber, even the logs (down to the water) were burned. The loss is estimated at \$150,000 and we hear of insurance to the extent of half that sum.

Besides this, **Fred. Skog** and **Andy Blomquist** lost their camps and outfit for getting out cedar and a quantity of poles, ties and posts; in all not less than \$2,000, on which they had no insurance. Where the fire crossed the track of the railway it took out two bridges -- one of fifty and one of 150 feet in length -- section houses and tool houses, and damaged the track by burning the ties.

No loss of life is reported, but it was a close thing for many. At the lumber company's location there was no time to save, no chance to fight; the only thing was to get out of the range of the fire, and prompt work was necessary to that.

It is not probable that the mill will be rebuilt. --Iron Port.

NOTE: Beginning in 1904 the Iron Mountain Press began running columns

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from the various settlements in and around Dickinson County, Michigan. There is a great amount of detailed information contained in these columns on smaller settlements which is of great interest to historians and genealogists.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 38 [Thursday, February 11, 1904], page 8, column 2

METROPOLITAN MENTION.

Man Spending Winter in Tent – Saved by a Dog

Isaac Hill, a local Finnish carpenter, owes his life to **Mrs. Jacob Isaacson's** dog. While Hill was rolling in the snow in front of the residence of Mrs. Isaacson last Sunday night, this faithful watch-dog kept up a continuous barking until help arrived. Mrs. Isaacson, who found the man, called her neighbor, **John Isaacson**, who identified Hill and carried him to his boardinghouse, when it was discovered that both hands and feet were frozen. **Drs. Mott**, of **Foster City**, and **Dockery**, of **Sagola**, were called in consultation and they report that Hill will undoubtedly have to have two or three fingers amputated. Hill swears that hereafter he will not drink anything stronger than tea or coffee.

If living continuously in a tent is a preventative for consumption, Metropolitan has a man who will never become a consumptive. He is **Mr. McCartney**, an expert **trapper** and **cow-boy** from the Rocky Mountains. McCartney is encamped about six miles south of the old **Calumet**

mine and his only shelter is a small tent with a bush shelter to keep the snow off. He has a small camp-stove, which heats his tent, and on which he also does his cooking, and he claims that with only a small fire his tent was very comfortable even the coldest night of the winter. Mr. McCartney reports that wild cat and lynx are numerous in his neighborhood.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 50 [Thursday, May 5, 1904], page 8, column 5

METROPOLITAN NEWS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rian are rejoicing over the advent of a baby girl.

Olaf Rian, who recently graduated from the **Hoffman Business College of Milwaukee**, returned home last Thursday.

There are numerous **forest fires** in the vicinity of the town and unless it rains soon, much damage to the timber will occur.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 13 [Thursday, August 18, 1904], page 5, column 5

LOGGING LACONICS.

Cedar Operations.

The **Pittsburg** [*sic* – **Pittsburg**] & **Lake Superior company** is preparing for a busy season in the woods in the vicinity of **Metropolitan**. The company has leased the boarding house and other buildings of the **Metropolitan Lumber company** and is having them repaired. Three or four camps will be operated and several hundred men will be employed. The input for the winter will be banked on the east branch of the

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Sturgeon river and the poles and posts will be shipped from Metropolitan station.

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Will Erect Building.

The Press learns that Andrew Rian, the pioneer citizen of the Felch district, is having the plans prepared for a handsome business block which he intends erecting at Metropolitan. The building will be constructed of brick and stone and the estimated cost is \$15,000. Mr. Rian has abundant faith in the future prosperity of Northern [*sic* – *Northern*] Dickinson County.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 28 [Thursday, December 2, 1909], page 3, column 1

A LAMP EXPLODED

Mrs. Matt Johnson, West Metropolitan, May Die from Burns.

One of the saddest accidents that has ever happened in this village took place last

Wednesday evening at the home of **Matt Johnson**, at **West Metropolitan**. **Mrs. Johnson** was preparing to retire for the evening, and was going to extinguish a hanging lamp in the dining room, and as she was in the act of pulling it down, it exploded above her head, setting her clothing on fire. She screamed for help and her oldest daughter, **Esther**, who was upstairs [*sic* – *upstairs*] in bed, ran to her mother's assistance and wrapped her in a carpet and extinguished the flames. Mrs. Johnson, however, was badly burned about the chest, face and head and she is in a precarious condition at this writing and her recovery is doubtful.

Quite a number of our young people attended the **dance at Foster City** last Saturday evening.

Miss Massie returned on Monday, after spending Thanksgiving at her home in **Crystal Falls**.

Rev. K.M. Holmberg conducted religious services in the local **Temperance Hall** last Sunday afternoon.

Misses [*sic* – *Miss*] **Minnie Rian** journeyed to **Channing** last Wednesday afternoon, returning the same evening.

John Backlund journeyed to **Escanaba** last Wednesday and returned on Thursday with a new team of horses.

Mrs. Peter Rian and family of **Menominee**, [*sic*] arrived last Saturday and expect to make their future home in **Felch**.

The **Hon. Maurice Powers**, **Will Naslund** and **Frank Race** were the guests of **Donald Gordon**, of **Six Mile Lake**, on Thanksgiving day.

Oscar Carlson, of **Groveland**, had quite an **exciting runaway** on Thanksgiving day. Oscar escaped injury, but his **cutter** was badly used up.

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Miss **Marie Donahue**[,] who taught here last year, spent Thanksgiving at the **Rian** home. Miss Donahue is located at **Channing** this year.

Mrs. Ed. Utz, of **Rapid River**, arrived last Saturday and is visiting with her husband, who is in charge of the **Rian meat market**. Mr. and Mrs. Utz many [sic – may] decide to locate here permanently.

The **party of lower peninsula hunters**, from Grand Haven, headed by **E. Plummer**, who have been hunting out of town, broke camp last Thursday and journeyed back home, taking with them five nice deer.

A number of our young men have made arrangements for a **masquerade ball** to be given next Saturday evening, Dec. 4th. Music for the occasion will be furnished by **Robt. Tatrou** [sic – **Tatrow**], the **one-man orchestra** from **Stephenson**.

Arthur Bruckhardt received a **barber chair and outfit** last week and has opened up a first class **tonsonial parlor at the depot** and he is now ready to turn out clean shaves and up-to-date hair trims. When in need of his services he will be glad to accommodate you.

Wm. Kasin returned to Chicago on Monday so as to be near his wife, who is at the Augustana Hospital undergoing treatment for a tumor on the brain, which has caused her to lose her sight and her speech. Two operations has [sic – have] been performed to date, and the physicians look for a complete recovery.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 12 [Thursday, August 11, 1910], page 4, column 1

FACTS FROM FELCH.

The **Felch creamery** has closed for the season after a run of two months' [sic – months] which was quite satisfactory to the stockholders considering the adverse season.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 14 [Thursday, August 25, 1910], page 6, column 3

FACTS FROM FELCH.

The **Felch Township Hall** is no more. On last Wednesday, about midnight, fire was discovered issuing from the annex, which is known as the library, and in less than one hour the entire structure was in ashes. The loss is about \$1,000 with no insurance.

Doctor Whiteshield, of Detroit, has decided to locate in this village and has **leased the Rian building** for a residence. The Doctor also **contemplates installing a drug store in the basement** of the building. Dr. Whiteshield is a **dentist as well as an M.D.** and any one [sic – anyone] in need of his services will find him at the Rian residence, where he is staying for the present.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 5, column 4

FACTS FROM FELCH.

A. Rian has begun the erection of a **building 30x70 feet in size**. The lower

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floor will be used as a **store room** while the second floor will be fitted out as a **hall**.

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A Progressive Farmer.

During what he termed his "dull season," **William H. Lehmann**, the progressive Felch township farmer, has freed from stumps seventy-five acres of land. The land is now in condition for high-grade farming and Mr. Lehmann can operate it with modern, labor-saving machinery. Mr. Lehmann has one of the largest and best farms in the county. He tells The Press that, during his stumping campaign, he employed over five hundred pounds of dynamite. Mr. Lehmann also tells The Press that he is now preparing for his **logging operations**. He will operate one or more camps and expects to bank about 1,000,000 feet of mixed timber.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1910], page 6, column 2

Enlarged His Holdings.

William Lehman, the Felch farmer and lumberman, has concluded a deal for the purchase of four hundred acres of timber and farming lands on the east branch of the Sturgeon river. The lands were purchased from **D.M. Hyde**, of Appleton, son of the late **Welcome Hyde**, and the deal includes the mineral fee. The lands adjoin Mr. Lehman's original holdings and he is now the happy possessor of more than two sections. Much of the Hyde land is

timbered and Mr. Lehman estimates the amount at 2,000,000 feet of band-saw logs in addition to the cedar, pulp and cordwood.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1910], page 4, column 1

FELCH NEWS.

Work on the **Finnish Aid Society Hall** is progressing very rapidly and they expect to have it completed by Dec. 1st.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 11 [Thursday, August 1, 1912], page 1, column 4

Large Store Building.

At the village of Felch, Andrew Rian is now engaged in erecting one of the largest and most modern store buildings in the county. The building will have a frontage of forty-five feet and a depth of ninety-five feet with a large and roomy basement. It will be two stories in height and of stone and brick construction. The estimated cost of the building is about \$10,000. The expenditure indicates that Mr. Rian has great faith in the agricultural future of our northern tier of townships.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES.

Five German alien enemies were registered by the local postmaster.

Mrs. John Anderson, of **Foster City**, visited relatives here last Monday.

Olaf Rian called on the income tax man at **Iron Mountain** last Saturday.

Messrs. **Matt Kivi** and **Victor Stenfors** were business callers last Wednesday.

Gilbert Rian, who is attending school at **Iron Mountain**, spent the week-end [*sic* – *weekend*] at his home.

R.S. Cooley made a business trip to **Escanaba** last Thursday and returned on Saturday.

A very jolly bunch of our younger set enjoyed a sleigh-ride party to **Rian's camp** last Sunday.

L.J. Peshek, of **Foster City**, is our **new station agent**. We welcome him as a new neighbor.

F.F. Davis, representing the **Ericson & Bissell Co.**, of **Escanaba**, was a business caller on Tuesday.

Miss **Bessie Haltug**, of **Menominee**, is teaching at the **new school two and a half miles north of our village**.

Messrs. **J.O. Gingrass** and **Annius Sagvold**, of the old **Marble Quarry**, spent last Sunday in the village.

Misses **Hazel Pesheck** and **Laura Bouchard**, of **Foster City**, were last Sunday visitors at the **Rian** home.

Buy **war saving stamps** and get the saving habit and at the same time help your country. The stamps can be had at both the **Felch and Metropolitan post-offices**.

Our township should go over the top by contributing to the **War Relief association** of our county, and show our neighboring townships that we are real patriots.

Another party of joy riders had a sleigh-ride to **Bloomquist Brothers['] camp** last Sunday evening. This seems to be quite a pastime in our vicinity at present.

Most of our **jobbers** are late in getting their products out this season on account of the several drawbacks caused by snow storms and other unfavorable weather.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson returned last Monday, after several weeks' visit with relatives at Chicago and **Stephenson**. Mr. Anderson met his wife at **Stephenson**, where they spent Sunday.

L.N. LaLonde, who has been our **station agent** for several years, has resigned to accept a position as book keeper [*sic* – *bookkeeper*] with his brother-in-law, **John O'Connor**, of **Deer River, Minn.**

Michael Kintgen and daughter **Blanche** left for **Marlette, Mich.**, on Tuesday to visit **Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Hobson**. Mr. Hobson was formerly principal of our school and Mrs. Hobson is a daughter of Mr. Kintgen.

Shipments of stone from the **quarry** have been very much delayed through shortage of cars. Not a car has been shipped during the past month. This same condition applies to logs, as all **jobbers** are decking logs at the landing.

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Miss **Helen Rian** is substituting in the intermediate room until a new teacher can be secured. This room was formerly in charge of Miss **Mary Reucker**, who has taken up the duties in the advanced room of whom **Mr. Vierling** was in charge. Mr. Vierling left on short notice, which was an injustice to the school board as well as the children. Last reports are that he has accepted a position in Ashland in a school, but not in the capacity of a teacher.

The **local creamery**, operated by **Andrew Rian**[,] has for the first time in its history been in operation all winter, which is to be credited to our **farmers of Felch and Breen townships** for their loyal support. It goes to show what organization can do when all pull together. We are proud of our creamery, and wish to express our thanks to our **R.S. Cooley**, who has taken a keen interest in our welfare.

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FELCH NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Nyman have received word of the death of their son **Joel**, who was in a sanitarium in Arizona. His remains were taken to the home of his wife in Arkansas for burial.

Edward Blomquist died recently at the **Morgan Heights Sanitorium** [*sic* – *Sanitarium*] and the remains were brought here for burial. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

The only articles saved from the home of **Herman Stephan**, recently destroyed by fire, was [*sic* – *were*] the cream separator and a sewing machine rescued by **Donald McDonald**. Mr. Stephan had no insurance,

although he had planned on having the property covered.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES.

Miss **Ina Forsman** has accepted a position at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian**.

Miss **Mary Reucker**, the intermediate teacher, has been on the sick list for a few days.

Henry Carlson and **John Mars** left for Seattle and Portland last Tuesday. They expect to remain permanently.

The Misses **Marion Johnson** and **Mary Reucker**, and **Lawrence Peshek** were **Foster City** callers last Sunday.

Andrew Skog, Jr.[,] broke up camp on Wednesday, after having finished a very successful **logging season**.

Hugo Jacobson, son of **Victor Johnson** [*sic*], was taken to Green Bay, where he was operated upon by **Dr. Minahan**.

Mr. Robinson, of Green Bay, representing the **Menasha Wooden company**, of Menasha, Wis., was a business caller last Thursday.

William Willman has been suffering with an abcess [*sic* – *abscess*] on his neck and was forced to take a few days off, but at this writing is recuperating [*sic* – *recuperating*].

Mrs. Carl A. Carlson and son **Elmer** and Miss **Tillie Carlson** have left for **Marinette**, where the [*sic* – *they*] will visit friends and relatives for a few weeks.

The **Red Cross workers** have been faithfully knitting this winter, and have sent

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quite a number of pieces to the headquarters at **Iron Mountain**.

W.J. Fuller, of Lenawee county, Mich., arrived on Wednesday to accept the **principalship of the Felch school**, which was vacated by the resignation of **M.J. Vierling**.

Mrs. Sigfred Ecklof entertained the **Ladies' Sewing Circle** last week, and Miss **Minnie Rian** entertains this week. This society seems to be very popular with our young ladies.

Last Thursday evening, we were very much surprised by a very **beautiful display of northern lights**. The sight was worth seeing, as the entire heavens were of a crimson hue.

John Romar, who has been a resident of our town for several years, has departed for Elizabeth, N.J., where he has taken up work that he likes very much from reports received.

Andrew Rian finished **logging operations** on Tuesday and enjoyed a very good season considering the hardships experienced in getting labor as well as unfavorable weather conditions.

E.J. Johnson, Eric Johnson and **Andrew F. Skog** have **finished logging operations** for the season and from all reports were very successful in getting all material out before the roads broke.

Earl Cady, of South Boardman, Mich., is taking care of the barn stock of **Andrew Rian**. Mr. Cady is of the original Irish type and keeps the boys around the neighborhood laughing at his jokes.

Miss **Julia Gronmark**, who has been teaching at the **Calumet Mine school**, was married to **Isador Veek**, of **Marinette**. They had a short honeymoon trip to **Escanaba** and returned Monday. They have the best wishes of the community for a long and happy wedded life.

Our annual spring election promises to be as interesting as in the past and it is

hoped that our township will elect such men as are fully capable of discharging the duties for which they are elected and that they will not allow any funds to be spent unless good results be derived therefrom.

Oscar Rian left for **Menominee** last Friday morning via **Randville**, to visit his brother **Edward**, who **enlisted in the coast defense artillery** and left for training quarters Saturday evening. **Ed. Rian** served for sometime [*sic - some time*] in Co. L. in Menominee, but received an honorable discharge while his company was guarding the ore docks at **Escanaba** last spring, but civil life did not appeal to him and he re-enlisted and hopes to continue while the war lasts [*sic - lasts*].

The **Township Ticket** party held a caucus last Monday evening at the **Felch township office in the basement of the school-house** and the following nominations were made:

Supervisor – **John J. Ovist**.

Clerk – **John J. Skog**.

Treasurer – **Carl A. Carlson**.

Highway Commissioner – **John Isaacson**.

Highway Overseer – **Erick Wickman**.

Justice of Peace – **Jack Isaacson**.

Member Board of Review – **Matt Johnson**.

Constables – **John E. Wickman, John Ohman, Jack E. Wickman, Matt Ovist**.

The **Labor party** held its caucus at **Rian's Hall** last Saturday evening and the following nominations were made:

Supervisor – **Edward Skog**.

Clerk – **Fred E. Dixon**.

Treasurer – **William Trimmer**.

Highway Commissioner – **Edward Branback**.

Highway Overseer – **Erick Vinqvist**.

Justice of Peace – **Edward Wickman**.

Member Board of Review – **Martin Rian**.

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Constables – **Conrad Ecklof, Joseph Ostrom, R.S. Cooley, Theodore Kintgen.**

Martin Rian refused to accept the nomination for member of board of review and expects to run on slips for treasurer.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Clara Bouchard was up between trains last Friday.

Olga Johnson was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Saturday.

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian**, on Friday, a bouncing baby girl.

Attend the spring opening sale at the **Sackim Store, Iron Mountain.**

Patsey Mulligan, of **Foster City**, called on his friends here last Sunday.

John Judson, representing the **Escanaba Mfg. Co.**, was a business caller on Monday.

Mrs. Lawrence LaLonde entertained the **Ladies' Sewing Circle** last Tuesday evening.

B.L. King, of the **Delta Hardware Co.**, called on trade here on Monday and Tuesday.

Blomquist Bros. finished logging operations on Friday, after having a very successful season.

Messrs. **Iver Willman** and **George Maples** left for **Escanaba**, Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay last Thursday.

Game Wardens John Andrews, Jr., of **Iron Mountain**, and **Herman Leisner**, of **Escanaba**, were visitors here on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gill, who have been cooking at the **Andrew Rian camp**, left for their home in **Deer River, Minn.**, on Friday.

Misses **Hilda Sundquist** and **Sandra Sandstorm**, who have been cooking at the **Bloomquist [sic – Blomquist] Bros.' camp**, came to our village last Friday.

Martin Rian and daughter **Helena** called on the county treasurer at **Iron Mountain** on Monday to make a settlement for taxes collected.

We take it for granted that spring surely must be here on account of **small flocks of boys playing marbles** on every bare spot available.

A **broken heart social** was given at the **Temperance Hall** last Saturday evening. A large attendance was present and all report a very pleasant time.

Messrs. **Jerry and Ed. Fenion**, who have been employed by **Matt Blomquist** during the **logging season**, departed for their home at **Ford River Switch** last Monday.

Our local **band** has put in an appearance again, like the spring birds, and the music was very welcome last Sunday. We hope that the good work will continue so that we may look forward to many pleasant concerts.

A **parcels post social** will be given at the **Felch school** next Saturday evening for the benefit of the **Junior Red Cross Workers**. It is hoped that everyone who is able to attend will put in an appearance and do all they can for this good cause.

Miss **Anna Holm** and **William Isaacson** stole a march on their friends last Saturday when they quietly slipped out of our village to all on the clergyman at **Iron Mountain** to perform a marriage ceremony. The [sic – They] have the best wishes of the community for a long and prosperous married life.

Simon Nyman passed away at his home last Wednesday evening. Mr. Nyman has been a resident of our village for the past twenty-five years and was considered a very reliable citizen. He leaves to [sic] a

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wife and two sons to mourn his loss. His son **Victor** was unable to be present at the funeral on account of being in the army at some western camp. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

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LETTER FROM A VETERAN

Charles Solberg Tells of His Life in the English Army.

Under date of Longtown, Cumberland, England, February 10th, 1918, The Press has received a letter from **Charles Solberg**, a former well-known resident of **Felch**, who is now in the **English military service**. Charles states that he was sitting on a log and using a soap box for a table when he wrote the letter. He says that, upon leaving **Felch**, he went to **Prince George, British Columbia**, where he filed on a homestead. The land was located near a large lake containing plenty of fish and there was all kinds of game – moose, caribou [*sic – caribou*], deer and lots of partridges. He says, in part:

“I had a big clearing when the war broke out. All my neighbors were either Scotch or English – some married and some single. They all enlisted when war was declared and so did I. I wanted to do my bit for the country I had adopted as well as the other fellows. I enlisted in the **238 Battallion [*sic – Battalion*]** and landed in **England** two years ago. I fought at **Viemy**.

[“]As a saper [*sic*] I helped blow the top off the Ridge to give the boys a chance to go at the Huns. I guess you have heard all about that battle. After that battle I got

leave to go to London. According to the new army regulations I was too old to go to the front again. When I enlisted I gave my age as forty-four, but I guess my grey hairs made me look my real age. I was then sent to Scotland as corporal and logging and lumbering instructor, and will probably not see the trenches again, and I don't care. I have seen hell to the fullest extent. I could fill a book with the horrors that I have seen. You may remember me to **Udderberg, Gordon Murray, Miller** and **ex-sheriff Anderson** and others and tell them if they can spare it to send him some smoking tobacco. It costs 10d [*10 pounds*] an ounce here and is poor at that. It takes nearly all my money to buy extra grub. I suppose you understand what restricted war rations means. I am still hale and hearty. I have never lost a day since I enlisted. I am now doing my bit by putting blockheads wise to lumbering. **I cannot tell you how glad I felt when I saw the Flag of Freedom – Old Glory, the flag I love above all – and Uncle Sam's boys marching in London. I cried like a baby. I know we are now going to win the war.** Give my regards to all my old friends.”

Mr. Solberg's family still reside at Felch and are held in high esteem by their neighbors.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Ed. Peterson called on trade last Monday.

Annius Sagvold, of **Quarry Camp**, is spending a few days in town.

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kintgen**, on Monday morning, a baby girl.

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Edwin Branstrom and **Edwin Willman** were Escanaba visitors over Sunday.

William Willman left on Thursday for **Iron Mountain**, where he was called by the **board of examiners**.

Andrew F. Skog is to hold a **public auction** at his farm on Tuesday, April 2nd. Time set is 10 o'clock a.m.

Services will be held at the **Swedish Lutheran church** at 10:30 Good Friday morning, as well as in the evening.

Services were held by the **Rev. B.E. Walters**, of the **Swedish Lutheran church**, at the **Felch school-house** [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] last Sunday afternoon.

The **Ladies' Aid society of the Swedish Lutheran church** will hold their coffee social at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rian** on election day.

A **parcel post social** was given by the young folks of the **Swedish Lutheran church** last evening. A very neat sum was realized from the sale of packages.

Edward Copp [*sic* – *Copps*] and son **Joe**, of Milwaukee, spent last Saturday and Sunday at the **Quarry Camp**. Mr. Copps is **secretary and treasurer of the Metro-Nite Co.**

The **parcel post social** held at the **Felch school-house** [*sic* – *schoolhouse*] by the **Junior Red Cross Workers** was a great success. More than \$50.00 was realized after all expenses were paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pierce, of **Foster City**, passed through our village last Sunday afternoon in their **Buick roadster**. This is the first car to put in its appearance this season.

A **wedding dance and supper** was given by the newlyweds, **Mr. and Mrs. Willie Isaacson**, Saturday evening. All reported a very nice time. The bride was formerly Miss **Anna K. Holm**, of this village.

Mr. Copps, of the **Metro-Nite company**, advises that, if he could secure sufficient cars to carry their products from

the **Marble Quarry**, he could handle an enormous quantity, as he has found a ready market for all that they can manufacture.

Matt Willman has announced his candidacy for **highway commissioner** and will make a run on slips. **Matt Sandstrom** has also made the announcement that he is a candidate for **overseer of highways** and will make a run on slips. This adds more to the excitement connected with our annual spring election.

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John Helander was an Escanaba visitor on Monday.

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. Gust Gustafson**, last Friday, a **son**.

Gilbert Rian, of **Iron Mountain**, spent his Easter vacation at home.

Hilda Anderson spent the Easter vacation at her home in Carney.

Olaf Rian has been summoned as U.S. juror to Marquette on April 9th.

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. John Simonson**, Saturday, March 23rd, a **daughter**.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson entertained the **Ladies' Sewing Circle** last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Christ Hanson, of **Hardwood**, spent last Sunday at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rian**.

Gunder Nelson, **inspector for the North-Western road**, is inspecting ties for the several local jobbers.

Several of our young men are being called for examination by the board of examiners at Iron Mountain.

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Mrs. Ernest Burkardt and children, of Spalding, are visiting with her mother, **Mrs. Charles Solberg**.

Warner Carlson, of the **Calumet mine**, went to **Iron Mountain** on Wednesday to consult a physician.

Mr. Harrison, auditor for the **American Express company**, audited the records for the local office on Friday.

Henry Stephan came home on Saturday for a few days' visit. Henry is now **assistant station agent at Maple Ridge**.

Charles Solberg left last Tuesday for the following cities: **Escanaba, Spaulding, Green Bay, Cliftonville [sic - Clintonville], Appleton and Milwaukee** for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Lawrence LaLonde and children expect to leave for their new home at **Loretto**, where they will join Mr. LaLonde, who is **station agent** at that point.

Carl A. Carlson and **Sidney Leeman** left last Monday evening for **Iron Mountain**, where they were summoned to act as juror in the circuit court on Tuesday.

The following **teachers** departed for their respective homes to spend Easter vacation, returning on Monday: **Bessie Haltug, Marion Johnson** and **Mary Reucker**.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigfred Ecklof departed for **Escanaba** on Thursday to consult a dentist. Mr. Ecklof also called at **Iron Mountain** to be **examined by the board of examiners**.

The **ladies' coffee social** was held at the house of **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rian** on Monday, and it was a complete success financially, as \$20.00 was realized from serving lunch.

John Peterson and family have returned to **Calumet mine**, after having been absent for more than a year. Mr. Peterson has purchased some farm land near the Calumet mine from **S.J. Peterson**, of **Foster City**.

Little Norman D. Rian had an accident last Wednesday, falling from the sidewalk and striking his forehead on a sharp rock, cutting quite a deep gash, making it necessary to take him to **Dr. Moll**, of **Foster City**, but at this writing is very much improved.

A farewell party was given in honor of **Eric L. Backlund**, who left on Friday for **Camp Custer**, where he had been called for service. We wish to correct The Press in mentioning that Mr. Backlund as being from **Foster City**, as he is a resident of **Felch township**.

A special meeting of the **Felch Creamery company** was held last Monday afternoon at the creamery. It was decided by a majority of the stockholders to sell their stock at 100 per cent of amount invested. **Andrew Rian** was considered a probable buyer and was given twenty days['] time to consider same.

The **annual spring election** held on Monday was unusually interesting as well as exciting. These are the results after quite a little time was spent in checking off returns:

Supervisor – **Edward Skog 77, John J. Ovist 57.**

Clerk – **Fred E. Dixon, Jr., 93, John J. Skog 39.**

Treasurer – **Carl A. Carlson 56, Martin Rian 41, Wm. Timmer 33.**

Highway Commssioner – **Edward Branback 62, John Isaacson 53, Matt Willman 17.**

Justice of the Peace (full term) – **Edward Wickman 85, Jacob Isaacson 42.**

Member Board of Review (2 years) – **Matt Johnson 66**, no opposition.

Constable No. 1 – **Conrad Ecklof 73, John E. Wickman 46.**

Constable No. 2 – **Joseph Ostrom 69, John Oman 44.**

Constable No. 3 – **R.S. Cooley 72, Jack E. Wickman 43.**

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Constable No. 4 – **Theodore Kintgen**
66, **Matt Ovist**. [sic]

Overseer of Highways – **Eric Vinquist**
53, **Matt Sandstrom** 47, **Erick Wickman**
24.

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NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

Olaf A. Rian, the hustling young
business man [sic – *businessman*] of
Felch, has taken the **county agency for**
the Viking cream separator. This is said
to be the best and most economical
separator on the market and Mr. Rian only
accepted the agency after he carefully
investigated and tested the merits of the
machine. The many good qualities of the
Viking are enumerated in an advertisement
in another column. Look it up.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

W.J. Fuller spent the week-end [sic –
weekend] at **Iron Mountain**.

Born, a son, to **Mr. and Mrs. Victor**
Jacobson, on Monday.

D.E. Glaven, of the **C. & N.W. road** [,]
was in our village on Tuesday.

Ivar Willman left for **Escanaba** on
Tuesday to consult a **dentist**.

Rev. Henestein, the **German Lutheran**
minister of Escanaba, held services here
last Monday evening.

W.J. Stromwall, representing the **John**
Pritzlaff Hardware company, called on
trade last Tuesday.

Mr. Sackerson, representing the
Kalamazoo Silo & Tank company, passed
through our village last Friday.

Mrs. L.N. LaLonde and children left last
Saturday for **Loretto**, where they will make
their future home. **Mr. LaLonde** is **station**
agent at that point.

Andrew Rian has **purchased a new**
Ford truck through the local agency.

Oscar Rian has **purchased a Ford**
through the local agency, **John V.**
Sundstrom.

Axel Peterson, of **Iron Mountain**,
visited with relatives here and at the
Calumet Mine.

The **Ladies' Sewing Circle** was
entertained by **Mrs. John Bauerman** last
Tuesday evening.

Ole Johnson, a former resident of this
village, passed away at **Iron Mountain** last
Monday afternoon.

The **Misses Johnson and Reucker**
spent the week-end [sic – *weekend*] with
Miss **Hazel Pesheck**, of **Foster City**.

Mrs. N. Morgan, nee [born] **Marie**
Persch, of **Iron River**, called on friends and
old acquaintances here last Monday.

Miss **Georgina Rian** and brother
Gilbert spent last Saturday at the home of
Miss **Hazel Pesheck**, of **Foster City**.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigfred Ecklof have
moved to the **Quarry Farm**, belonging to
Andrew Rian, and will have charge of [the]
same.

Jonas Sundholm has **sold his**
residence in town to **Victor Johnson** and
moved out on his farm, which is a short
distance from town.

Emil Nyman has **purchased a new**
Ford and called for same at the **Kingsford**
Garage in company with **J.V. Sundstrom**.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Klefstad and little
daughter **Alphild** [sic] left on Wednesday

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for Escanaba, where they will visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson have returned from Arthur Bay, where they spent several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

The **new Delco lights** recently installed at the **Swedish Lutheran church** is *[sic – are]* a great improvement over the old gas lights. Everybody seems well pleased with the change.

Carl A. Carlson and **Olaf Rian** have been **appointed collectors for Felch township for the War Relief association**. It is hoped that members will not neglect their payments, but make them in due time, as this means a great deal at the present time.

Quite a few of our young folks attended the **Young People's meeting** at *[sic]* the **Swedish Lutheran church** last Saturday evening. A very nice program was rendered, after which a dainty luncheon was served by the young men of our community.

Lawrence Pesheck spent the week-end *[sic – weekend]* at his *[sic – his]* home in **Foster City**.

Gilbert Rian, who is attending school at **Iron Mountain**, spent the week-end *[sic – weekend]* at home.

Dr. Moll and family, of **Foster City**, were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian** last Sunday.

Mrs. Sigfred Ecklof left last Monday for **Escanaba**, where she is having some **dental work** done.

Andrew E. Mattson, of this village, left last Monday noon for eastern points to remain for an indefinite length *[sic – length]* of time.

We wish to extend our hearty thanks for the lovely music furnished by the **Metropolitan and Felch band** last Sunday morning.

The **infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Gustafson** passed away last Monday

morning. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Messrs. **Olaf Rian** and **A.P. Farrell**, of **Hardwood**, motored to **Iron Mountain** last Monday, en route to **Marquette**, where they have been summoned as United States jurymen.

The **school children of Felch** played a **game of ball against Metropolitan** last Thursday. The score was 17 to 4 in favor of **Felch**. A very enthusiastic crowd of base ball *[sic – baseball]* fans gathered to watch the game. This is the first of a series of contests to be held between the schools.

From the outlook of things, there is a possibility of our township going "over the top" on the **Third Liberty Loan**, as several nice subscriptions have been received already. In case we receive subscriptions to fill our quota, we will be given a **service flag**, which certainly will be a credit to our community. Let us all pull together for this good cause.

At the afternoon session of the food show, seventy women listened to **Miss Simonson's** lecture on substitutes and war breads, and about forty men heard **Mr. Ballard** at the farmer's institute held at the **Felch school** on Monday. The **patriotic rally** in the evening was a great success. The members of the community and the school children gave a very pleasing and patriotic program. **Rev. Otto A. Johnson**, of Iron Mountain, gave a very interesting talk on patriotism, and **Mr. O'Hara** lectured on food conservation.

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FELCH NEWS.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Willman, on Sunday, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Isaacson, on Thursday, a son.

Mrs. Jack Blomquist entertained the **Ladies' Aid society** last Wednesday.

Several of our young folks attended the lecture at **Foster City** last Tuesday evening.

Ed and Matt Wickman have purchased a **Ford** from **E.J. [sic - E.G.] Kingsford**, of **Iron Mountain**.

Dr. G.W. Moll, of **Foster City**, passed through out city last Monday evening in his **classy new limousine**.

Mrs. Oscar Rian left on Wednesday for **Menominee**, where she will visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

Forest fires are quite numerous in our vicinity again, and it is hoped that no great damage will be done, as they are being watched closely.

Mrs. Earl Cady, of South Boardman, Mich., arrived here on Saturday to join her husband, who has been employed by **Andrew Rian** for some time.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Willman, on Sunday, on [sic - a] son.

Lawrence Peshek was a last Sunday visitor at **LaBranche**.

The **Misses Johnson and Reucker** entertained the **Ladies' Sewing club** last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Sigfred Ecklof returned last Monday from **Escanaba**, where she spent a few days with friends.

Andrew Rian has decided to purchase the creamery from the stockholders [sic - stockholders] of the **Felch Creamery company**.

The **Misses Sandra Sandstrom [sic - Sundstrom - ?]** and **Hilda Sundquist** left for **Escanaba** on Tuesday to consult the dentist.

Miss Minnie Dixon, who has been in **Palatka** during the winter months, is home for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leeman, of the **Leeman Farm**, are spending a few days in the village with Mrs. L's. parents.

Services were held at the **Felch schoolhouse [sic - schoolhouse]** last Sunday afternoon by **Rev. B.E. Walters**, of the **Swedish Lutheran congregation**.

Gilbert Rian has re-opened his **candy kitchen and ice cream parlor**, which, no doubt, will keep him busy during the summer months.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Isaacson, on Thursday, a son. Mr. Isaacson is quite a proud dad these days, this being the sixth son in the family.

Miss Hazel Peshek, of **Foster City**, was in charge of the local railroad station for a couple of days, while her brother **Lawrence** was out of town.

Rev. B.E. Walters left for **Norway** on Monday and will be absent for the remainder of the week while attending a conference meeting of the Green Bay district Lutheran churches.

Mrs. Henning Lantz and children, of **Stambaugh**, returned to their home last Tuesday after visiting with the **Fred Dixon, Jr.**, family during the past week. Mrs. Lantz is a sister of Mrs. Dixon.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

William Leeman was down from his farm on Thursday.

Carl Lund has gone to **Crystal Falls** to consult a dentist.

County Agent C.V. Ballard, of **Iron Mountain**, was in town on Friday.

Dr. Oliver, veterinary surgeon of **Iron Mountain**, was in town last Monday.

John D. Mattson has purchased the second-hand Reo from **John V. Sundstorm**.

Matt Willman has let a contract for the erection of a new barn, 66 x 40 feet in size.

Victor Timmer and **John Hendrickson** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Saturday evening.

Matt Willman has purchased a Dodge car through **DeGayner & Johnson**, of **Iron Mountain**.

Drs. Dockery and **Newkirk**, of **Iron Mountain**, made professional calls here last Wednesday.

Mr. Stegath, of the **Stegath Lumber company**, of **Escanaba**, made a business call on Saturday.

Sheriff Lundgren and **J.F. Cowling**, of **Iron Mountain**, passed through our village on Saturday.

Arthur Anderson is improving his residence by having a concrete foundation put under same.

Mrs. Matt Carlson has torn down her house and will re-build same in the form of a bungalow.

Jonas Blomquist purchased a new Ford car through the **J.V. Sundstrom Ford agency** of **Felch**.

Pauline Stephan, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stephan**, of the **Groveland mine**, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kintgen and infant daughter left Tuesday for **Palatka**, where they expect to reside permanently.

Mrs. Nyholm, of **Arthur Bay**, arrived on Monday, having been called here on account of the illness of her daughter, **Mrs. Victor Johnson**.

M. Londo, of **Green Bay**, is inspecting poles here for the various jobbers in the interest of the **Naugle Pole & Tie company**, of **Chicago**.

W.S. Fuller, principal of the **Felch school**, has purchased a new "Oliver" machine [brand of typewriter] for the benefit of his assistants, who are rapidly learning to run same.

Miss **Esther Skoog** left on Friday for **Battle Creek**, where she will visit her sister **Bertha**, who is graduating from the **Battle Creek Sanitarium** as a trained nurse the first of May.

The Misses **Bessie Haltug**, **Mary Reucker**, **Hilda Anderson** and **Hazel Peshek** and the Messrs. **Charles Solberg**, **Lyman Peshek**, **William Willman** and **Gilbert Rian** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Saturday.

A **Junior Red Cross club** has been organized and holds weekly meetings every Tuesday in the basement of the **Felch school-house**. Anyone that feels like assisting in the good work are [sic - is] more than welcome.

Those who have not already made their payment for the month of May as members of the **War Relief association** will do a favor by giving the same their immediate attention, as this money is greatly needed for war purposes.

Messrs. **Oscar Rian** and **Willie Willman** motored to **Menominee** last Sunday, returning the following day in company with **Mrs. Oscar Rian** and daughter, who have been visiting in **Menominee** during the past ten days.

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John Anderson and family have moved out to his farm, which is about seven miles northwest of town. Mr. Anderson has 120 acres with a good share of it cleared, and no doubt, will have some good crops the coming season.

Edwin Branstrom came very near being seriously injured last Saturday when he lost his footing and was **thrown under the gasoline car operated by the section crew**. He was taken immediately to **Dr. Moll's office at Foster City**, but it is thought that he was not hurt seriously.

Mrs. Olaf Rian has been appointed **chairman of Felch township for the Women's National Council of Defence [sic - Defense]** and with assistant registrars will reach all woman [sic - women] who are willing to register. Time set is until May 11th, and it is hoped that all of our women will feel it their patriotic duty to register.

The **Sewing club of the Felch school** is now **working for the Red Cross**. They are making clothes for the Belgian babies. The club meets every Wednesday and Friday afternoons and they are working hard to complete two outfits before the school closes for the summer vacation. A few of the women of the community are also making two layettes for the babies.

The **school board held their monthly meeting** last Monday evening at the **school-house** and employed the two lady teachers at an advanced salary for the ensuing year. The principalship was left over until the next meeting. **Miss Starrine** was elected to **principalship at the Metropolitan school**. **Miss Haltug** was employed to fill the **vacancy in the grammar room at Metropolitan**.

The following **Red Cross work has been turned out by the Felch township branch**: **West Metropolitan** - Five sweaters, 6 scarfs, 6 pairs wristlets, 14 pairs socks; **Felch** - Thirteen sweaters, 4

scarfs, 4 pairs wristlets; **Groveland** - four sweaters, 2 pairs wristlets. This makes a total of 58 pieces, which is considered a very good showing for the number of workers, and we are still keeping up the good work.

Mrs. Jonas Blomquist passed away on Wednesday, and her **infant son**, for whom she gave her life, died the following day. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, and seven children, consisting of four girls and three boys. The funeral was held on Sunday from the **Swedish Lutheran church** with **Rev. B.E. Walters** officiating. The bereaved husband and children have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

A **patriotic farewell party** was given at the **Aid Society Hall** for one of our honored men, **August Branback**, who left with other boys of the county for **Camp Custer** on Monday evening. **Mr. Fuller**, principal of the **Felch school**, was speaker of the evening and gave a very good talk. A collection was taken up for the honored man, which amounted to more than \$30.00. Coffee and refreshments were served after the entertainment, which was enjoyed by all.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Carl A. Carlson was an **Iron Mountain** caller on Tuesday.

Peter Peterson, of **Iron River**, spent last Sunday with relatives here.

Olaf and Minnie Rian were business callers in **Iron Mountain** on Friday.

A few of our young people attended the **dance at Hylas** last Saturday evening.

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R.T. Miller and **R.S. Powell**, of **Iron Mountain**, were business callers here on Monday.

Hugh Campbell and son, of **Ralph**, were in our village on Saturday, coming through by auto.

Lillie Rian, of **Granite Bluff**, spent the week-end [*sic* – *weekend*] with her brother and sister-in-law, **Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian**.

A **dance** will be given at **Rian's Hall** next Saturday night. **Bouchard's orchestra**. Come and have a good time.

The weekly gathering of the **Ladies' Aid society** was held at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. John Bloomquist** [*sic* – *Blomquist*] on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Isaacson, **Lilly Johnson** and **Victor Timmer** motored to **Iron River** in the **Timmer** car last Sunday.

Eric and Matt Anderson and **Edward Wickman** motored last Sunday to **Iron River**, where they attended the funeral of **Mrs. Wm. Anderson**.

Gilbert Rian rushed the bathing season this year by plunging into the **Sturgeon river** last Sunday afternoon. Kind a' cold, 'eh Gil?

The **state food and drug inspector**, **Anton Bushek**, called at the local stores on Friday and from reports made found that we are living up to the law.

Edward Copps, of the **Metro-Nite company of Milwaukee**, spent a few days here in the interest of his **marble quarry**, returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson were called to **Iron River** on Wednesday to attend the funeral of **Mrs. William Anderson**, who was buried on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cady, who have been employed by **Andrew Rian** during the past three months looking after his barn-yard [*sic* – *barnyard*] stock, left for their home at South Boardman, Michigan, on Wednesday.

Olaf Rian and family and **Dr. Moll** and family, of **Foster City**, motored to **Iron Mountain** and **Norway**, where they were guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Donald O'Hara** and **Dr. and Mrs. T.M. Moll**. The trip was made in **Dr. Moll's sedan**.

James, the little son of **John E. Wickman**, was taken seriously ill with an attack of appendicitis last Monday, and was rushed to the **Scandinavian Hospital at Iron Mountain** to be operated on. It is hoped that he may have a speedy recovery.

John J. Ovist and family left last Wednesday for Duluth, where they expect to locate permanently. Mr. Ovist has been a very good citizen. We regret to see him leave our community, but wish him the best of success in his new home.

Misses **Bessie Haltug**, **Marion Johnson**, **Mary Reucker**, **Hilda Anderson**, **Lillian Rian**, of **Granite Bluff**, **Hazel Peshek** and **Laura Bouchard**, of **Foster City**, and Messrs. **Chas. Solberg**, **Gilbert Rian**, **William and Edwin Willman**, **Patsy Mulligan**, of **Foster City**, and **Llewellyn Farrell**, of **Hardwood**, spent last Sunday at **Rock River Dam**. All reported a good time.

The **child's welfare and food demonstration** given at **Rian's Hall** last Wednesday afternoon was a complete success. A large crowd was in attendance. Miss **Helen Simonson**, **county agent**, who was in charge of this demonstration, proved to be very capable, and no doubt this will do a great deal of good in the near future. **Dr. Moll**, of **Foster**, [*sic*] **City**, gave a very interesting talk on the care of infants, which was also greatly appreciated.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Michael Kintgen and son **Theodore** were visitors at **Palatka** on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Auditors of the **C. & N.-W. road** were here checking up the local station agent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

A.J. Scott and family, of **Palatka**, spent last Sunday with his parents at the **Calumet mine**, coming through in their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Klefstad and Misses **Minnie, Georgie and Helene Rian** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Monday evening to see "The Crisis."

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scott, of the **Calumet mine**, were absent for a week, while visiting with friends and relatives at **Norway and Iron Mountain**.

The **dance held at Rian's Hall** last Saturday night was well attended. A great many young people from the neighboring towns were present.

The **stick pin and ring social** given by the **Metropolitan school** at the **Temperance Hall** for the benefit of the **Red Cross** was a complete success.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian, Bessie Haltug, Hilda Anderson, Chas. Solberg, Jr., and Willie Willman motored to **Iron Mountain** last Sunday in the Rian car.

The **Metro-Nite company** has installed some new machinery at their **marble quarry** which will enable them to handle a greater quantity of rock.

Matt Backlund left for Chicago on Thursday to consult a specialist regarding a cancerous growth at the arm-pit. It is hoped that Mr. Backlund will find a permanent cure, as it is yet in the early stages.

The **prospects for crops in this locality looks very good** providing weather conditions prove favorable, as an unusual quantity of seed has been planted.

This especially is true with wheat, as fully 250 bushels have been sown.

Don't forget to buy all the **war saving stamps and thrift stamps** that you possible [*sic - possibly*] can, as this is starting a savings account that cannot be excelled. They can be bought at the **Metropolitan and Felch post-offices** and at the **Felch Supply Co.'s store**. Do your bit!

The following young folks of our village attended "**The Crisis**" at **Iron Mountain** last Monday evening: Misses **Ida Forsman, Bessie Haltug, Hilda Anderson, Irene Willman, Ida Anderson, Sandra Sandstrom** and Messrs. **Victor Timmer, William Willman, Charles Solberg, Ed. Forsman** and **Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian**.

F.A. Eastwood, of **Escanaba**, who was **scaling logs at the Calumet mine**, had the misfortune of being hurt. The log jammer was released by the breaking of the guy-line and falling struck Mr. Eastwood on the head. He was given immediate attention by **Dr. G.W. Moll**, of **Foster City**, who dressed his wounds so that he was able to proceed to his home at **Escanaba**.

Our **local jobbers have been very badly handicapped** this season on account of the great **shortage of cars**. As yet fully one-half of the forest products are still on the landings. We feel that we have complaint to make on account of the poor service received from the transportation company, as there is no excuse for same now, as weather conditions are very favorable.

A very pleasant surprise was given **John J. Ovist** and family at the **Temperance Hall** last Wednesday evening, but on account of the stormy weather the gathering was not very large. Those present gave Mr. Ovist a very nice gift. **Rev. B.K. Walters** gave a very nice farewell talk. Mr. Ovist and family left the

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following day for West Duluth, Minn., where the [*sic* – *they*] expect to make their future home.

There were **sixty-one of our local women who registered**, which is a fairly good showing, but the local registrars were rather disappointed in some of [*the*] women whom they surely expected to register. Some of our women were under the impression that they would have to serve their government if called upon, but such is not the case. It is merely a matter of showing the woman strength of our country, and it is considered a patriotic duty that all our women register.

William Willman and [*a*] party of friends motored to **Iron Mountain** last Monday evening to attend “**The Crisis**” and while there **left the Ford car near the curbing of the high school**. Upon returning to prepare for the homeward trip, it was found that the **cushion in the back seat was missing**. The matter was reported at once to the officers in charge of the police station and it is hoped that the guilty party will be located and be made to either return the stolen goods or pay for same. We might add that Iron Mountain would receive more patronage from out of town people, but from **time to time reports come that it is not safe to leave automobiles on the streets of that city as they do not receive proper protection**. It is hoped that this condition may be improved for the benefit of all concerned.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

County School Commissioner Donald O’Hara, of **Iron Mountain**, visited our schools last week.

Rev. Axel Edwards and family, of **Menominee**, are spending the week here with friends.

Mrs. Christ Hansen, of **Hardwood**, spent Sunday at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rian**.

Mrs. L.N. LaLonde and children, of **Loretto**, are visiting with her mother, **Mrs. Chas. Solberg**.

Born, on Sunday, the 12th instant [*of this month*], a son, to **Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stephan**, of the **Groveland mine**.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Carlson and family left last Sunday for **Iron River**, where they expect to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rian and **Mrs. Sigfred Ecklof** were visitors at the **Andrew Holm farm** on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian and the Misses **Helene and Georgia Rian** and **Ivar Willman** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J.O. Gingrass, of **Marquette**, spent a few days with her husband at the **Metro-Nite company’s quarry**, returning home on Saturday.

Mrs. Marie Nygren, who has spent the winter with her daughter, **Mrs. Peter Flensburg**, of **Norway**, returned to her hold home here on Sunday.

Game Warden [*sic* – *Wardens*] Andrews, of **Iron Mountain**, **Leisner**, of **Escanaba**, and **Rough**, of **Marquette**, spent some time in the vicinity last week **in search of violators**.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian and family motored last Sunday to **Norway**, where they were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flensburg** and **Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burns**.

William Anderson and family, of **Stambaugh**, have moved here and expects [*sic* – *expect*] to make this their home. Mr.

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Anderson was formerly a resident of our town, about five years ago.

Chas. A. Hademan, of **Iron Mountain**, was here last Thursday with his **new demonstrator Oldsmobile auto**. His car sure is a classy looking machine and Mr. Hademan should have no trouble finding ready buyers.

Carl and Arne Haltug, of Indiana Harbor, Ind., spent last Monday and Tuesday with their sisters, Miss **Bessie Haltug** and Mrs. **Olaf Rian**. They have **both been called in the draft** and will be **leaving for cantonments** on May 25th.

A class of nineteen was confirmed at the **Swedish Lutheran church** on Sunday. This was one of the best classes had in this congregation for some time, as each and every one were very prompt with their replies when being asked any question.

The local merchants expect to have **flour and sugar cards issued for the benefit of the country**, as it is found that some consumers are getting more than they are entitled to, by trying to get sugar in whatever quantities they are able at the different stores. By having these cards this practice can be eliminated.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Mr. McNelly, of the **I. Stephenson Co.**, of **Escanaba**, made a business call here on Wednesday.

Carl A. Carlson, **Arthur Anderson** and **Olaf Rian** were business callers at **Iron Mountain** on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Isaacson, **Lillian Johnson** and **Victor Timmer** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Sunday.

Mrs. E.F. Ryan and infant daughter, **Dorothy**, of Chicago, are visiting with her sister, **Mrs. Arthur Anderson**.

Miss **Esther Skog**, who has been visiting with her sister **Bertha** at Battle Creek for several weeks, returned to her home here last Saturday.

The Felch post-office boasts of selling twelve War Savings stamps to Arthur J. Bracklund last Saturday. This is a [sic] setting a good example and should be followed by others.

An **ice cream social** was given by the **Willing Workers**, on the evening of Decoration day, at the **Swedish Lutheran church**. A very interesting program was given, which was appreciated by all.

The registration of German alien women, who are fourteen years or over, takes place all through the country, beginning June 17th and continuing until June 23rd. The local postmaster has been appointed assistant registrar for this district.

Iver J. Willman and **John L. Carlson** left for Escanaba on Monday to call on the recruiting officer with the expectation of **enlisting in the navy**. Our locality is going to make good in the way of enlistments and other war work as is shown by latest developments.

Edwin M. Bloomquist [sic - Blomquist] left last Friday for Escanaba, where he enlisted with the U.S. recruiting officer for **service in the navy**. Mr. Bloomquist [*sic - Blomquist*] left on short notice and his many friends were surprised, but wish to congratulate him for volunteering his services for the good old U.S.A.

Fred Dixon, Jr., shot a red fox within the village limits, on the farm of **Andrew Rian**. Mr. Dixon discovered a flock [*sic*] of six and became rather confused, missing some rather good shots, but landed one out of the bunch. **Hjalmer Branstrom** and

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Oliver Rian set traps and the following day found three animals in captivity.

An **auto party** consisting of **Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian, Helene, Norman, Lucille and Eleanor Rian, Marion Johnson, Hilda Anderson, Bessie Haltug and William and Iver Willman** made a circuit by way of **Crystal Falls and Florence** on Sunday. A picnic lunch was served along the highway, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A **farewell party** was given in honor of **Iver Willman** last Sunday evening at **Rian's Hall**. A very large crowd was present considering the short notice. A short program was rendered consisting of patriotic songs and talks, after which a collection was taken up which amounted to \$20.03. Iver is to be presented with a wrist watch out of the fund. If any is left, he wishes same to be turned over to the **Red Cross**, and in case he is rejected the entire proceeds will be given to the **Red Cross**.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Miss **Lillie Kintgen** has left for **Foster City**, where she is employed.

Quite a few of our young folks attended the **dance at Foster City**.

Sheriff Lundgren passed through our town on **Wednesday** in search of "wet" goods.

Ed. Lantz has gone to **Iron River**, where he is employed at one of the mines.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson has left for **Stephenson**, where she is visiting her parents.

Dr. McPhail, veterinary surgeon of Manistique, made a professional visit here recently.

Leander Anderson and daughter **Hilda** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Thursday afternoon.

Leander Anderson, of Carney, has taken a contract for **drilling a well on a farm of Jacob E. Wickman**.

Miss **Hazel Peshek, of Foster City**, has been transferred to the local station to succeed her brother as agent.

From reports of fishermen returning from the various lakes and streams there is quite an abundance of fish.

The Misses **Hilda Sundquist and Sandra Sandrom** visited with friends and relatives in **Escanaba** during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Isaacson, Miss Lillian Johnson and William Timmer motored to **Iron Mountain** last Saturday evening.

E.A. Segerstein, music dealer of Gladstone, spent several days in our village and locally disposing of different makes of instruments.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian and the Misses **Bessie Haltug and Hilda M. Anderson** motored recently to **Foster City**, where they were the guests of the **Swan Peterson** family.

Lawrence J. Peshek, who has been our station agent, has enlisted in the navy and left for Chicago, where he expects to be transferred to some part of the service.

John J. Isaacson left with the drafted men of our county. A farewell party was given in his honor at the **Aid Society Hall** and refreshments were served at the **Temperance Hall**. We are positive that John will make a first-class soldier, as he is a well developed [sic - well-developed] young man.

Edward Copps, of the Metro-Nite company, arrived here recently from

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Milwaukee, and is looking after his interests at the quarry. Mr. Copps advises that he has to turn down a great deal of business on account of not being able to deliver sufficient products. He is looking for several men to work at the local quarry and is offering \$3.25 per day.

John V. Sundstrom, local agent for the Ford, has delivered touring cars to the following parties during the past week: John Blomquist, Matt Ovist. It will only be a matter of a short time when nearly all of our farmers will own an auto of some kind, which goes to show that they are realizing that a car is no longer a luxury, but a necessity in their work.

The Sewing Club of the Felch school held their exhibit on May 24th. The girls exhibited garments made during the year. Each girl has completed two garments for herself in addition to those made for the Red Cross. Three of the club members demonstrated the drafting of a pattern for a kimono nightgown. Miss Simmonson, county demonstration agent, and Miss DeBoth, girl's [sic - girls'] club leader of the upper peninsula, were present and judged the work.

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that John Blomquist, Iver Blomquist, Carl A. Carlson and John J. Ovist, doing business as the Felch Supply Company, have dissolved partnership, the last-named partner retiring. The business will be continued by the first three named

partners, who will pay all bills and to whom all debts are payable.

JOHN BLOOMQUIST [sic],
IVER BLOOMQUIST [sic],
CARL A. CARLSON.

Dated May 29th, 1918.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Richard Skog left for Clintonville last Tuesday.

Ed. Branback has purchased Oscar Rian's car.

Ole Klefstad has purchased a new Ford through the local agency.

Mrs. John McKee, of Foster City, visited friends here last Tuesday.

John Skog purchased a Ford car from Victor Sundstrom, the local agent.

Mary Reucker spent last Monday afternoon and evening at Foster City.

The Misses Johnson and Starrine, of Metropolitan, spent Sunday with friends here.

Dolphis LaLonde, blacksmith, is enjoying two weeks' vacation at Marinette.

Miss Ethel Carlson, of Stephenson, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

F.F. Davis, of Ericson & Bissell Co., Escanaba, spent several days here loading posts.

Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Hoffman, of Escanaba, were visitors in our village on Wednesday.

Messrs. Meinch [sic - Miench] and Brockington, of Iron Mountain, spent Sunday with friends here.

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B.L. King, representing the **Delta Hardware Co.**, of **Escanaba**, called on trade Tuesday.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell and several friends, of **Ralph**, were visitors in our town on Wednesday.

A few of our young folks attended the **Red Cross dance at Foster City** last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian and daughter **Lucile [sic]** motored to **Menominee** on Sunday, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian were the guests of **Dr. and Mrs. Moll**, of **Foster City**, last Thursday evening.

Miss **Helen Simonson** and **C.V. Ballard**, county agents, were callers in our township on Wednesday.

Olaf Rian and family and **Signe Willman** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Monday to consult the dentist.

Messrs. **Charles Solberg, Jr.**, and **Bill Willman** left last Tuesday for **Clintonville**, where they expect to be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian celebrated their **sixth wedding anniversary** by giving a dinner party last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Starrine, of **Escanaba**, spent Sunday with their daughter **Ruth**, who is one of the **Metropolitan school teachers**.

Approximately forty-five people from this locality attended the class play given by the **Iron Mountain high school** last Friday evening.

Mrs. E.C. Thayer, of **Jamestown, N.Y.**, and **Mrs. Robert Ducet**, of **Escanaba**, were guests of their sister, **Mrs. Mike Negblom**, for several days last week.

Lyman Peshek called for his sister **Hazel**, **Hilda Anderson**, **Bessie Haltug** and **William Willman** last Monday evening to attend the **eighth grade graduation exercises at Foster City**.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian, **William and Edwin Willman**, and **Charles Solberg**,

Jr.[,] were in **Escanaba** on Monday to see **Iver Willman**, who had **enlisted in the navy**. Iver has written to his friends advising that he is very much pleased with navy life, and that conditions could not be any better than he found them.

John L. Carlson has **enlisted in the navy** and left Friday morning for **Milwaukee**. A farewell party was given in his honor by the **Aid society and Temperance [sic - Temperance] lodge**. A very interesting program was held at the **Aid Society Hall** while refreshments were being served at the **Temperance [sic - Temperance] Hall**. We wish to congratulate John for volunteering his services to our country.

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Violated Food Rules.

At **Escanaba**, last **Wednesday**, **Andrew Rian**, the well-known **Felch merchant and farmer**, was **arraigned before George W. McCormick**, of **Menominee**, upper peninsula food administrator. Rian was **charged with eighteen separate violations of the food conservation rules**. Rian admitted that he was guilty as charged and also that he had not purchased **Liberty bonds** or contributed to any patriotic funds. He was given a severe lecture by **Mr. McCormick** and sentences to subscribe \$250 to the **Dickinson County Red Cross** and to purchase \$1,000 worth of bonds. In case he does not do so he will be denied the right to sell the foods controlled by the administration.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Ed. Fenlon, of **Ford River**, was a visitor here on Saturday.

Carl A. Carlson made a business call at **Iron Mountain** last Monday.

Miss **Hilda Anderson** visited relatives at **Iron Mountain** last Sunday.

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dixon, Jr.**, on Monday, the 17th, a son.

Axel Hedlund has gone to **Norway**, where he expects to be employed.

Ed. Asplund came home from **Iron River** to spend Sunday with his family.

Andrew Rian is having a refrigerating plant installed in connection with his store.

Carl Lund, who is now employed at **Crystal Falls**, spent last Sunday with his family.

Andrew Rian and his son **Olaf** made a business call to **Esanaba** on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian, and **Mrs. Fred Dixon, Sr.**, called on friends at **Norway** last Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Rian and daughter **Lucille** spent last Monday afternoon with friends at **Foster City**.

Our local schools closed on Friday and the different teachers have left for their respective homes.

County Clerk Cudlip and **School Commissioner Donald O'Hara** were visitors in our village on Friday.

James Lahay, of **Marinette**, representing **Lauerman Bros. Co.**, called on trade here last Wednesday.

Matt Carlson, who has been confined to his home for several months, is at the present writing seriously ill.

Ernest Johnson, who is employed at the **First National Bank of Niagara**, spent Sunday with his parents.

Willis McDonald returned last Tuesday from **Palatka**, where he has been visiting his parents for several days.

Claude Parmelee, of **Iron Mountain**, representing the **Winchester Repeating Arms Co.**, called on trade last Tuesday.

Andrew Kasen had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow, which fell into one of the shafts at the **Northwestern** mine.

Mrs. John Peshek, **Lyman** and **Hazel Peshek**, **Hilda Anderson**, and **Jake Willman** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Saturday evening.

Carl Lindahl, of **Norway**, and **Adolph Anderson**, of **Iron Mountain**, representing the **Scandinavian Hospital company**, were business visitors on Friday.

Adolphus LaLonde, who spent the last two weeks with friends and relatives at **Marinette**, returned on Sunday to take up his usual duties as **blacksmith**.

Miss **Bessie Haltug** and Master **Norman Rian** left last Saturday for **Menominee**, where they will spend part of the summer with Miss Haltug's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian, in company with **Mrs. T.M. Moll**, of **Norway**, motored to **Niagara** to call on **Dr. T.M. Moll**, who is at the present time assisting the doctor of that place.

John V. Sundstrom has delivered **Ford** touring cars to the following during the past week: **John Skog**, **John Davidson**, **Thomas Bouchard**, of **Foster City**, **E.J. Johnson** and **Olaf Rian**.

Leander Anderson, of **Carney**, arrived here on Sunday, and expects to commence drilling a well for **Jack E. Wickman**, of **Metropolitan**. Mr. Anderson has also been engaged to drill a well for **Andrew Rian** to be used in connection with his refrigerating plant.

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Don't forget the **war relief payments** which you promised to pay on or before the 20th of each and every month. **Olaf Rian** and **Carl A. Carlson** are **collectors for Felch township**, with whom you may leave your payments. At the present time there is a majority of delinquencies for the month of June, and now is the time July payments should be made. This is for a worthy cause and not one should neglect their duty.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Carlson were **Iron Mountain** visitors on Tuesday.

John V. Sundstrom made a business trip to **Iron Mountain** on Tuesday.

An **auction sale** was held at the **Baptist church** last Wednesday evening.

P.J. Carlson and son **Oliver**, of **Foster City**, were visitors here on Thursday.

Rev. Axel Edwards and family, of **Menominee**, visited friends here last week.

Jacob Stern, of **Marinette**, spent several days in our village purchasing cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanberg, of **Escanaba**, are visiting here with friends and relatives.

Dr. Oliver, veteran [*sic* – *veterinary*] **surgeon**, of **Iron Mountain**, made a professional visit here on Thursday.

Several of our younger folks attended the **junior prom at the Iron Mountain high school** last Thursday.

Carl A. Carlson and **Sidney Leeman** spent several days in **Iron Mountain** last week serving as **circuit court jurors**.

J.V. Sundstrom has delivered another **Ford car** to **J.E. Isaacson**. This makes

thirteen Fords delivered in this locality this season.

G.T. Werline, of **Escanaba**, representing the **government farm loan bureau**, visited many of our farmers closing deals.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kintgen, of **Palatka**, spent last Wednesday with **Mike Kintgen** and family, coming through in their new **Ford**.

Miss Rose Wiggins, of **Pequot, Minn.**, arrived here on Monday evening to visit with the **Andrew Rian** family, who are her relatives.

Mrs. Olaf Rian and infant daughter left last Friday for **Menominee**, where they are visiting Mrs. Rian's father for a couple of weeks.

Sergt. George Nygord [*sic* – *Nygaard*], who has been at **Camp Custer** since last fall, has been granted a **ten-day furlough** and is here visiting friends and relatives.

Picnics were given by the **Swedish Lutheran and Baptist congregations** last **Thursday afternoon**. They were largely attended and financially successful.

A shower was given for **Miss Mary Blomquist** last Monday evening by her many young friends. She was presented with a beautiful set of silverware.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bedard, and **Mrs. William Bedard**, of **Amasa**, and **George and Earl Bedard**, of **Alpha**, were guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Dixon, Jr.**, on Sunday.

Olaf Rian, accompanied by **Peter Peterson**, of **Quinnesec**, motored to **Menominee** on Sunday and visited with the family of **Olaf Rian** and their friends and relatives.

Mrs. Frank Smith, and son **Max**, of **Stambaugh**, were visitors at the **Ronald McDonald** home at the **Groveland Mine** last week. **Max** has been drafted and goes with the next quota.

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Matt Backlund, who has been at the **Augustana Hospital**, of Chicago, during the past month, returned on Wednesday. He has improved and it is hoped that he will fully recovered [*sic* – *recover*] before very long.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of **Sergeant George Nygord** [*sic* – *Nygaard*] and **Mary Blomquist**, who were united in marriage at the **Swedish Lutheran church** last – Wednesday – evening [*sic*] at 7:00 o'clock.

Edwin Blomquist, who enlisted a short time ago, is now **stationed at Jacksonville**, Florida, and writes that it is the only life for a young man. He wishes to inform his friends that any reports condemning the food and general conditions at camps are false. He says that such [*a*] system he has never seen equaled in his days.

Edwin Willman, who had **Andrew Rian's touring car to Iron Mountain** last Thursday evening, left the car at the curbing near the high school. When returning it was found that two new auto casings were missing. They had been stolen from the tire-holders, which were pad-locked [*sic* – *padlocked*]. The theft was reported immediately to the police, but to date nothing has been heard of same.

Revs. Johnson and Swanson, of **Iron Mountain**, have been engaged as speakers at the **Metropolitan and Felch school-houses** next Friday afternoon to talk on the present **war savings stamp drive**. It is expected that each and every one in our locality will do all in his power to buy stamps. Attendance at these meetings is expected to be of the very best. Anything not understood in connection with this drive will be thoroughly explained. Do not be a slacker, but show that you are made of the right stuff.

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Bond for Roads.

Supervisor Skoog, of **Felch township**, was in the city last Tuesday in consultation with **Prosecuting Attorney Brackett**. **Felch township will soon hold a special election for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing bonds for highway improvements. It is planned to issue \$10,000 worth of bonds for the purpose and the money will be expended upon three highways.** Felch township people are enterprising in the matter of building roads.

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Andrew Crane, of **Hylas**, was a caller here on Thursday.

Rober [*sic* – *Robert*] **Gerstner**, of **Carey's Spur**, was in town on Friday.

Olaf Rian was a business caller in **Iron Mountain** on Monday.

Dr. O.F. Brauns and **County Agent Ballard**, of **Iron Mountain**, were here on Friday.

Several automobile parties motored to Iron Mountain last Thursday evening to see the boys off for Camp Custer.

County Poor Supt. Frank Franck, of **Iron Mountain**, and **Undertaker MacDonald** were visitors here on Friday.

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Mrs. Edward Lantz and children have gone to **Palatka** to join her husband, who is employed therein one of the mines.

Miss **Ellen Anderson**, of Buhl, Minn., came home for a short visit on account of the **marriage of her friend, Miss Mary Blomquist.**

Hazel Hallinger left last Thursday for Ashland, where she expects to spend the summer, and when the school term opens, to attend school.

Mrs. L.N. LaLonde and children, of **Loretto**, and **Mrs. E.R. Bruckardt** and children, of **Spaulding**, are visiting with their mother, **Mrs. Chas. Solberg, Sr.**

Three of our boys -- **William Kintgen**, **Axel Branback** and **Carl Mattson** -- left with the county boys for **Camp Custer** on Thursday evening. Their many friends wish them Godspeed and good luck on their journey.

Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Gensch, of **Iron Mountain**, were visitors in our town on Wednesday. **Mrs. Gensch is county chairman for the woman suffrage campaign and is asking for pledges with names of all women over twenty-one years of age.** **Mrs. Olaf Rian** has been left in charge of this work for **Felch township** and will begin this work upon her return from **Menominee**, where she is at the present time visiting her father.

Rev. Jos. Oatey, Iron Mountain, gave an excellent talk at the **war savings stamp meeting** held at the **Felch school-house** last Friday evening. The attendance was very small, which was a bitter disappointment to the parties in charge. There was no excuse for anything like this, as everybody was notified by individual cards through the mail. **Rev. D.V. Swanson**, also of **Iron Mountain**, talked at the **Metropolitan school.** A poor attendance was reported from there also. **We are sorry that these conditions exist in our locality, and it is hoped that our**

people will realize at an early date that we are actually at war.

Sergeant George Nygord [sic -- **Nygaard/Nygaard**] and Miss **Mary Blomquist** were united in marriage at the **Swedish Lutheran church** last Wednesday evening at 7:00, the **Rev. B.E. Walters** officiating. The bridesmaids were here [sic -- *her*] sister, Miss **Ellen Blomquist**, and Miss **Ida Johnson**, and Miss **Ellen Anderson**,[,] the maid of honor. The honor men in attendance were **Arthur Anderson** and the bride's brothers **Iver and William Blomquist.** The bride wore a beautiful gown of white georgette and carried a bouquet of piuk [sic -- *pink*] and white sweet peas. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served in the old church. The newly-weds [sic -- *newlyweds*] have the best wishes of the entire community for a long and happy wedded life. **Sergeant Nygord** [sic -- **Nygaard/Nygaard**] had to depart for **Camp Custer** on Friday, as he was home on a **ten-day furlough** only.

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FELCH NEWS NOTES

Olaf Rian spent the Fourth with his family at **Menominee**, returning on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor and son, of Deer River, Minn., were visitors here on Sunday.

Chas. Solberg, Jr., returned on Saturday from Clintonville, Wis., where he was employed.

Leander Anderson and daughter **Hilda** motored to their home at Carney to spend the Fourth.

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Axel Branback returned on Monday from **Camp Custer**, being rejected on account of poor hearing.

John V. Sundstrom has delivered another Ford car to **Carl Lund**, this making the 15th car sold this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rian have located on their farm near the **Marble Quarry**, where they expect to remain during the summer months. They report that they enjoy the new life very much.

Prosecuting Attorney Brackett, of **Norway**, was a business caller here on Wednesday to consult the township board.

Olaf Rian and **Martin Rian** motored last Sunday to **Norway**, where they were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flensburg**.

Misses **Minnie, Helene and Alvide Rian** and **Signe Willman** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Saturday evening to visit with friends.

Edwin Willman and **Edwin Branstrom** left for **Clintonville, Wis.**, where they expect to be employed at the **Four-Wheel Drive Auto factory**.

Miss **Ethel Carlson**, who has been visiting with her sister, **Mrs. Arthur Anderson**, for the past two weeks left for her home in **Stephenson** last Tuesday.

Mrs. Oscar Rian, Mrs. Geo. Nygord [*sic – Nygard/Nygaard*] and Misses [*sic – Miss*] **Ida Johnson** and Miss **Ellen Anderson** left last Friday for **Champion**, where they are visiting at the home of Miss **Ida Johnson**.

Misses **Minnie and Georgina Rian** leave next Saturday for **Chicago**, where they go to attend the **Retailer's Commercial Union at the Palmer House**, for the purpose of making fall purchases.

Mrs. Peter Flensburg and **Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burns**, of **Norway**, were called here on Sunday, due to the illness of

Maria Nygren, who was quite ill, but at the present writing is somewhat improved.

A dance is to be held at **Rian's Hall** on Saturday evening, the 13th, by the local boys. **Roell's Orchestra**, of **Iron Mountain**, has been engaged for the occasion, and a grand time is assured for all who attend.

County Agent Ballard, of **Iron Mountain**, and **A.P. Farrell**, of **Hardwood**, in company with several sheep men from the west, were looking over some cut-over lands in this vicinity this week with a view of interesting these men in the purchase of land for ranching sheep.

A base ball [*sic – baseball*] game was played the 4th on the local grounds between **Foster City** and **Felch**, the final score being 7 to 25 in favor of the local team. The game was called off the first half of the eighth inning on account of the rain. A return game was played at **Foster City** on Sunday, when the **Felch** boys were defeated by a score of 16 to 5, so the boys can call it a horse apiece.

The results of the school election on Monday were as follows: **Martin Rian** was elected for one year to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of **John J. Ovist**. **Olaf Rian** and **Alfred Anderson** were elected for a term of three years to fill vacancies by the expiration of terms of **Alfred Anderson** and **J.J. Skog**. The new board will hold their first meeting on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Martin Rian is thinking seriously of purchasing a Ford, but somehow cannot fully decide whether it is a good investment or not. We appreciate **Martin** being very careful before making a move of this kind, as it shows that he has a very conservative disposition. His many friends keep asking him daily where his Ford is, and he advises that he has no intention of buying one. Now that **Martin** has been elected as an honorable member of the

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school board here, he may really make up his mind to close the deal.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dixon, on July 2nd, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Branstrom, on Saturday, July 6th, a daughter.

R.S. Cooley and family visited relatives and friends at **Henderson** on Sunday.

Leander Anderson, of **Carney**, has finished drilling a well on the farm of **John D. Mattson**.

Martin Rian has purchased a Ford auto touring car through **John V. Sundstrom**, the local agent.

Uno Hedlund was called to **Iron Mountain** on Monday to prepare to leave for **Camp Custer** to fill [a] vacancy caused by a rejected member.

John Peshek, of **Foster City**, lost his license tag for his touring car. The number of same is 181784. Finder will kindly return same and receive reward.

The hay crop in this vicinity will hardly be more than half the normal harvest. This is due to the unusually dry spell and the heavy frost we had in June.

Chester Knight, of **Norway**, was a visitor in our community last Sunday and was making the rounds, visiting our voters with a view of getting their support at the primaries, when he will be a candidate for prosecuting attorney.

Olaf Rian and family and **Daniel Haltug**, of **Menominee**, motored on Sunday to **Ishpeming**, where they were the guests of **Mrs. Lars Jernsted**. Her

daughter, **Eleanor**, accompanied the party on their return trip and will visit friends for some time.

The dedication of a service flag was held at the Swedish Lutheran church last Saturday evening, there being seven boys who have left as members of the congregation. A very nice program was given as well as a patriotic talk by **Mr. Silversten**, of **Gladstone**, after which refreshments were served. The proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross.

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A surprise party was given in honor of **Rev. B.E. Walters**[,] pastor of the Lutheran Church, and a purse of \$92.65 was presented to him, due to the misfortune he had by injuring a cow belonging to **Andrew Skog**. This accident was unavoidable. Rev. Walters has the name of being a careful driver of his auto, but coming along the highway there were a number of cattle in the way and in some manner one cow was crowded into the road by another hooking. Mr. Skog demanded \$90.00 for the injury of his cow, claiming that it's [sic - its] leg was broken. We feel that there isn't a cow in the entire township that has such a value, but rather than have any trouble Rev. Walters paid the demanded sum.

Matt Carlson[,] who has been ill for the past three years with tuberculosis[,], passed away at the Morgan Heights Sanitarium last Thursday morning. He had been at this institution about a month. The remains were buried at **Negaunee cemetery** on account of not being permitted to ship. Mr.

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Carlson leaves a wife and son, **Oscar**. His son is at a sanitarium at Nopeming, Minn., and was unable to attend [the] funeral. Those being present from the local village besides his wife were **Mrs. Matt Carlson, Sr., Mrs. Matt Sundstrom** and **Olaf Rian**, the journey being made in **Mr. Rian's Ford**. Mrs. Carlson has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in her sad bereavement.

A **special meeting of the school board** was held Monday evening for the purpose of hiring additional teachers as follows: Miss **Bertha Forsman** was hired to teach at the **Sturgeon River school** for an eight-month term; Miss **Lillian Anderson**, of **Hardwood**, was hired to teach at the **Groveland school**; Miss **Agnes Morrow**, of **Champion**, was hired for the **Princeton school**. A principal for the **Felch school** has, as yet, not been hired, but expect to do so very soon as the secretary is now corresponding with the **Lewis Teacher's [sic] agency**, of **Muskegon**, with a view of getting a capable party to accept the position.

A petition has been circulated for the **building of a school at Graysville**, better known as **Ader & Gray's farm**. A very suitable location has been chosen and as soon as a contract is made with **J.M. Longyear**, who has possession of the ground where [the] building is proposed to be built, bids will be advertised for erection of [the] building. There are several families in this new locality and the future promises a bigger settlement, as the farming land in this district looks very promising.

We were visited by a very **severe electrical storm** Monday morning and several buildings had narrow escapes from lightning. A window in the residence of **Joseph Ostrom** was shattered from a shock but outside of this, no damage was done. The rain was very welcome in this district as the crops were looking very bad,

but it is hoped that much damage was not done through the dry spell experienced.

Mrs. Marie Nygren[,] who has been ill for the past three weeks, recovered sufficiently to go to **Norway** in company with her daughter, **Mrs. Peter Flensburg**, where she expects to make her permanent home, as she feels that she is unable to be alone due to her advanced age. It is hoped that our old friend will recover fully and continue to enjoy good health for some years to come.

During the present week Gilbert Rian is keeping his confectionary store open every evening for the benefit of the Red Cross. The net proceeds will be given to the County Chapter of the Red Cross at Iron Mountain.

J.V. Sundstrom, Alfred Anderson and Olaf Rian of the **Felch township school board** made an **inspection of the schools throughout the township** on Wednesday in order that necessary repairs may be made before the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Rian and family were the guests of **Dr. and Mrs. T.M. Moll** at **Spread Eagle** last Sunday, where the doctor and his wife are spending a week.

County Sheriff Charles E. Lundgren was in our locality on Saturday calling on his friends and acquaintances in the interest of his coming re-election.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowis [sic] Allard and family, of **Menominee**, arrived here on Monday and are the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rian** for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Carlson and family motored to **Marquette** on Wednesday where Mr. Carlson went on business.

Mr. O.M. Olson, of **Amasa**, called here on Monday in the interest of his insurance business.

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Logging in Felch.

In the Felch district, despite adverse logging conditions, the input of timber has been the largest in many years. At the **Calumet mine** landing, according to an estimate made for The Press, 1,500,000 feet of mixed logs have been banked by several operators in that vicinity, and at **Metropolitan** about 2,000,000 [*feet of*] logs have been stored. This timber has been sold to the **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** and will be cut at the **Foster City** mills. In addition to the logs the following forest products have been landed at the places named: Thirty thousand railroad ties, 125,000 posts, 2,500 cords of pulpwood, 5,000 cedar poles and 1,000 cords of excelsior bolts. The above does not include all the timber cut during the winter in the Felch district.

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Federal Loan Association.

The **Felch Federal Loan association**, which now includes all of Dickinson county in its territory, is at present officered as follows:

President – **Herman Gustafson.**

Vice-President – **John Isaacson.**

Secretary and Treasurer – **Carl A. Carlson.**

Directors – **Herman Gustafson, John Isaacson, Matt. Johnson, Andrew Gustafson, Jacob Blomquist.**

Sixty-three loans, totalling [*sic – totaling*] about \$75,000, have been granted by the association. The mineral reservation clauses in many of the land transfers have been a handicap to the association. However, in many instances, Secretary Carlson has been successful in having the reservations modified so that the requirements of the federal association could be complied with. The **Keweenaw association**, in particular, has been very accommodating in making the required concessions, but several of the lumbering concerns have been very obstinant [*sic – obstinate*] in the premises.

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Bought Marble Quarry.

The **Metro-Nite company**, a Milwaukee corporation, **Edward Cops**, president and manager, which has been **operating the marble quarry in Felch township**, under a lease from Houghton county, has purchased the property. The property includes eighty acres. We did not learn the purchase price. It is understood, however, that the company intends building a mill this season for the grinding of the marble at the quarry and will greatly enlarge operations. Several other buildings, including a boarding-house, are also to be erected. The stone is employed in the manufacture of talcum powder and other preparations of that nature and also to a considerable extent in statuary work.

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Build Watch Tower.

The **steel for the fire tower**, to be erected by the public domain commission, about one and [a] half miles from Felch, has been received and it is expected that erection work will commence soon. The tower will have a height of forty feet and will be located on a high hill affording the watchman a clear view for many miles in all directions. The tower will have **telephone connection** with the outside world and it will be the duty of the watchman to report all fires to the warden stationed in the endangered district. The service should prove helpful in fighting forest fires.

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Bonding Election.

Next Monday, the electors of Felch township will vote upon the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$15,000, the money to be employed in the **construction of improvement of highways**. The prime movers in the proposition are confident that the vote will be a favorable one. Felch has more farmers than any township in the county and has much good land as yet uncultivated. Good roads will certainly bring in new settlers.

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FELCH FIRST IN CLUB CONTESTS

Sewing Exhibits Will Also Be Entered at Chat- ham Round-up

Felch took first honors in the county club contests held at the annual county round up at **Norway, Elvera Sandstrom** and **Alice Johnson** being awarded high honors in the third year sewing club work, it was announced today. The work of the girls will also be displayed at the round up at **Chatham** in August. The winner of this will receive a free trip to Detroit where the best work of the upper peninsula will be displayed at the state fair.

Mera Wickman and **Mildred William** were awarded high honors as the best judges of sewing. Both are from **Metropolitan** and their work received special comment from **Mrs. Ruth Kettunen**, club leader for the upper peninsula.

Members of the **Felch sewing club** are planning a large display at the county fair this year in first, second the third year work. There are five members enrolled in first year sewing, seven in second year sewing

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and eight members in the third year sewing class. Each class completed three garments which will be placed on display. The work of the third year class is exceptionally good. Some of the garments to be featured are wool dresses which have been made over by the students.