

an outburst of anger from Dan. I know another man whose land he farmed and Dan's threatening attitude towards him caused him great fear. I tried a case in District Court before a jury in which Dan McDonnell sought to recover from a neighbor, charging the neighbor with the shooting and mutilating one of his mules. The jury found against McDonnell and the prevailing opinion and reason was that Dan himself was guilty of the maiming and shooting. Before the Board of Experts parole Dan McDonnell, I hope they will ponder these things well.

Another phase in this case: There is now pending for hearing, the disposition of the McDonnell children which still survive. This matter was to have been heard in June but Mr. McDonnell through his attorney requested a postponement of the case which was temporarily granted. It is apparent that he desires this parole practically to enable him to take possession of such children as he has not heretofore killed or who have not died from mistreatment, and have them under his control. He thinks he is a proper father to raise up these surviving children.

It has taken a lot of my time and energy to keep Dan McDonnell in the penitentiary for the most heinous crime in the annals of criminal law. If go free he must, I shall feel that I have discharged my duty and I am going to ask that you file this letter as my view of the case. I shall write no further letters in connection with this case and as a final protest against the release of Jan McDonnell and for the information of anyone who has not so far received a letter of protest against such action, I am sending a copy of this letter to the Governor of this State who knows nothing of this case, and also handing a copy of it to the public press. Let the responsibility for further action in this matter rest where it belongs.

Respectfully, J. A. Coffey.

NEW ROCKFORD YOUNGSTERS ENJOYED OUTING AT LAKE

New Rockford Transcript: On Saturday evening the boys' party numbering nineteen returned from their vacation at Red Willow lake, and a similar number of girls took their places. The camp proved most successful, full advantage being taken of the facilities for enjoyment on land and water.

July 4th sports were arranged by the park committee, and two of the New Rockford boys, Glenn O'Connor and Herbert Wilson, secured second and fourth prizes respectively. On the baseball diamond the New Rockford boys met a team selected from all the boys around the lake, and although their opponents were older boys, they were beaten only by a narrow margin of 9 to 6. The cooking was performed by the members of camp under the supervision of the leaders, and proved successful, the appetites of the boys making serious demand upon the supplies available in the locality. On Friday morning the camp was overtaken by a famine,

neither bread, eggs nor meat being available. Other supplies also were nearing the zero point, and in desperation a good Samaritan was sought. He was discovered in the person of the Park Superintendent, who secured a Ford truck for the use of the leader. The chariot lacked a little in appearance. The body was home made, whilst the hood over the engine had disappeared. But the Ford had lots of pep, so that in less than half an hour the leader had reached the town of Binford. The butcher and the grocer received him gladly, and treated him squarely. Bread is not baked locally, but the jitney pulled up in front of an attractive store which imported excellent bread from Valley City. Seventeen cents a loaf seemed a little high, but five loaves were stowed away in the "Lizzie" and this being the entire stock, the firm must have gone temporarily out of business.

But Binford was good to the campers and the returning "Elizabeth" with her load of oats, received an ovation from the camp boys.

At eleven o'clock Saturday morning approaching sounds of revelry announced the approach of newcomers, and in a few minutes Mr. Benschoof brought in the first contingent of the

girls' party. The cars of Earl Mullen and Mont Biggs left town at 2 o'clock and punctually at 4:30 drew into camp. The changes were soon made and at 7:00 p. m. the girls were in full possession.

The Congregational Camp was conceived and organized by Mr. and Mrs. Shelley, the minister giving his lecture on the Mediterranean to provide the funds necessary for equipment, and loaning his large tent for the accommodation of the campers. The selection of a camping ground was difficult but the experience at Red Willow fully justified the choice and the camp will probably become a permanent institution.

In the management of the camp Mr. Shelley had the fine co-operation of Mr. R. Dorway, who worked with splendid zeal, whilst Mrs. Dorway, who camped nearby, rendered valuable help both in the 'kitchen' and in the 'hospital' where the casualties fortunately came under the heading, 'slightly wounded.' Mrs. Shelley in the direction of the girls' camp has the happy association of Mrs. Huysson. Before returning the girls will take part in the Sunday school convention of the three neighborhood nannies, to be held at the lake on Saturday afternoon.

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