

TUSCANIA

**Guttry, Mike (later Guthrie, Mike)
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Sun., May 30, 1971

Retired forester keeps memories of trees alive

I found Mike Guthrie hoeing in his garden at his home in Deer River, Minn. Mike retired as state regional forester almost 10 years ago, and I had decided to involve the old man in a guessing game as to who I was. But as I got out of my car, Mike looked up and said, "Well, hello there, Jim Kimball."

At 79, Mike seems to be as sharp as he ever was and, as all who know him will testify, that's plenty sharp.



Jim Kimball

get on and off almost anywhere."

I asked Mike about the Cloquet-Moose Lake forest fire of 1918, which burned more than 20

ry. He is an analytical thinker and tells you not only of accomplishments but of serious mistakes they made because of unwise policies.

We think of the State Forest Service of Minnesota, now the Division of Lands and Forests, as being an old and respected institution. And yet here is a man who was one of this agency's first employees still out hoeing his garden.

The State Forest Service was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 1911. William T. Cox was appointed state forester and Mike Guthrie was employed as a patrolman at a salary of \$2.25 a day with no expense account and no job during the winter. His principal job was fire fighting, and his equipment consisted of one ax, one shovel, a tent and a badge.

towns and took 438 human lives. "I missed that fire," he said. "I was in the relative safety of the Army fighting in World War I."

In the Feb. 1, 1962 issue of "The Western Itasca Review," Deer River's weekly newspaper, I found that the front page covered Mike's retirement party. It described Mike as "... a man who found good in everyone." More amusing was the statement that Mike had demonstrated a love of forestry at an early age. He loved to climb trees.

The history of the Minnesota Forest Service is bound up in stories of the colorful characters who

When trees are cut in a forest, the branches and tops that are left are called "slash." Mike said that for many years state policy demanded that this slash be piled and burned. The idea was to prevent future fires.

"But it wasn't economical and it never worked," he said. "The loggers would cut out the big trees and then set the whole forest on fire so they wouldn't have to clean up the slash. As a result, this slash-disposal policy of the State Forest Service was responsible for the destruction of more forests in Minnesota than anything else."

He explained that early

Mike said, "Someone stole my shovel and ax, so that left me with nothing but a tent and a badge. I could have had a hand-operated speeder to travel the railroad, but you had to assume all responsibilities, so I didn't want one. I rode on the trains. They slowed down so much on the hills that you could

Cox, Lawson, Hubbard, Gaylord, Gannaway and many more. It was a real treat to sit and visit for hours with Guthrie, one of the first, most colorful and best-liked of them all. The entire story of this agency since its inception is fresh and clear in Mike's mind. Mike has more than a good memo-

less than a foot in diameter and that there were plenty of smaller pine trees growing that would have continued to produce good timber had it not been for the fires that killed them. The slash-disposal policy continued from 1911 until at least 1925 and was a major cause of forest fires. Mike is convinced that because

of this policy the Forest Service destroyed more timber than it ever saved.

I asked Mike about one thing that I had never been able to understand. How did we log off and apparently use all of the big timber in Minnesota in a short 20 to 30 years, and yet now, 50 years later, with a greatly expanded population and economy, find a market for the timber only about half as fast as it is growing? Mike explained this by giving me a history of logging in Minnesota.

"The only thing the early loggers wanted," he said, "was big white pine, red pine and white spruce. They would not cut anything that would produce less than two good, 16-foot logs, and many of the trees were producing four and five logs apiece. Then, when the pulpwood indus-

ed at first was black spruce. Later, they started taking jackpine and balsam. Now popple, which was formerly just a weed tree, is the most important tree species in the industry."

It was his way of explaining that early loggers wanted only three species of trees and that now we have greater production because most kinds of trees, and especially the fast-growing popple, have become valuable.

Mike said, "If we were still demanding the kind of timber they were cutting 60 years ago, we would still be waiting for it to grow.

"And yet, had it not been for our slash-disposal program that brought on all the fires, we could have had more big timber to cut now than we had in the original forest."

Another thing that stimulated the forest fires, ac-

cording to Mike, was the Homestead Act. He explained that between 1895 and 1910 many farmers, including his father, left the good soils of southern Minnesota to homestead 160 acres in the north. Their big problem was to get rid of the timber in order to open the country for farming.

"Promiscuous burning seemed to them the best way to accomplish this. You couldn't blame them. Fire was the best tool they had. But we don't have this problem any more."

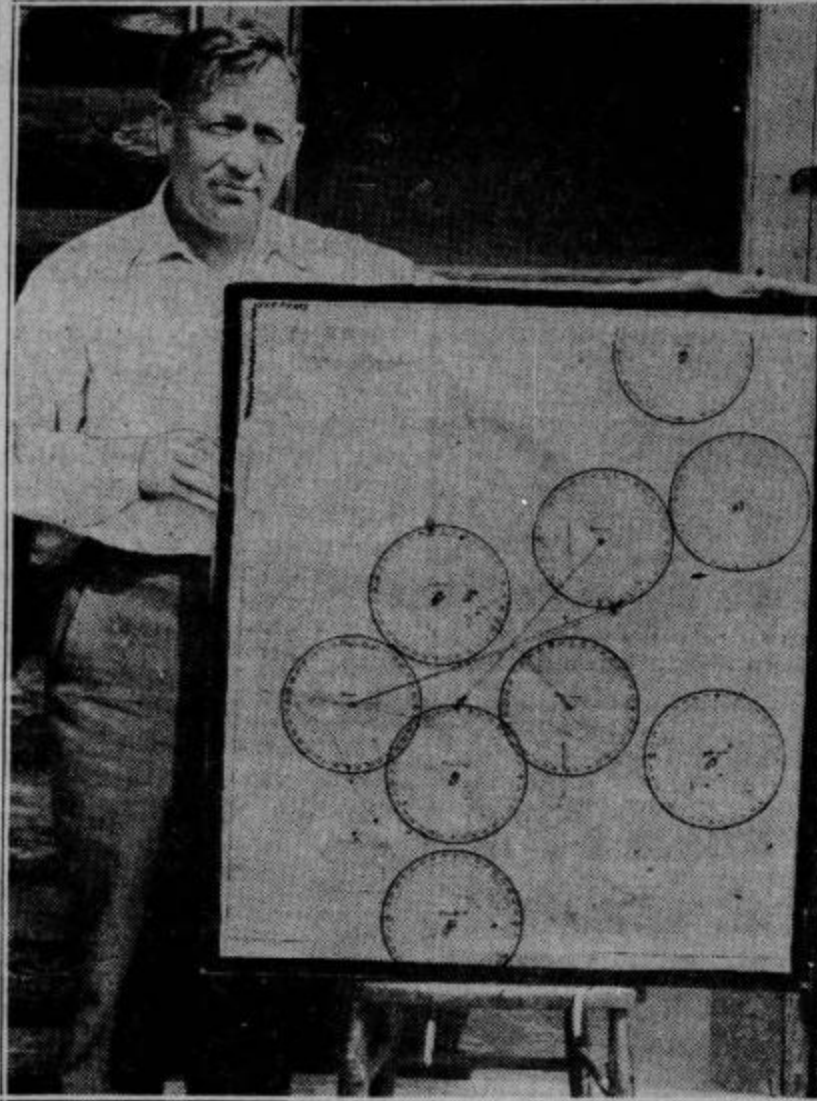
When asked what he sees in the future of northern Minnesota, Mike said, "People are coming up here to get away from the excessive taxes and the crowding of the big cities. Some are retired, some work in the woods, the mines or the towns, and many live in the rural areas in nice homes with modern conveniences and

seem to have enough money so they don't need to earn more."

One thing Mike seems to be concerned about is the population explosion. He said the north is not farming country. It could probably produce more food but it cannot support a population that is doubling in size every 40 years or so.

"To sum it up," Mike said, "it seems to me this north country has two major things to live on—timber and recreation."

Deer River Fire District Sets Record in Forest Blaze Control



MICHAEL GUTHRIE

The state forest ranger at Deer River showing the map of his district with circles about the locations of lookout towers at Busti, Link lake, Marcell, Blueberry, Cutfoot Sioux, Bena, Mud lake and Remer. They guard 78 townships besides a part of the Chippewa national forest. The picture shows threads indicating readings from three towers.

Ranger Chief Explains Reasons for State Burning Permits.

By **GEORGE W. KELLEY**

News-Tribune Farm Editor

DEER RIVER, Sept. 17.—The Deer River state forest ranger district has set a record for fewer arrests for setting fires without permits than the average of the state. Also it has a record for fewer fires than the average

"Sometimes it is hard to get the cooperation of an individual farmer," said Michael Guthrie, ranger in charge. "Sometimes we have to make an arrest to stop the setting of fires by some fellow who is stubborn. But usually an explanation of the reasons why permits must be obtained is sufficient.

EXPLAINS REGULATION

"This is my own land. I am working to clear it up. I don't see why I should have to ask permission to burn a brush pile," is not an infrequent attitude.

"When that sort of an argument comes up," said Ranger Guthrie, "we take pains to explain it all fully, because we find that many persons right in sight of watchtowers never fully understand our work."

The explanation, in brief, is something like this: "In each tower during the season of fire hazard a man is stationed. Watching in every direction for smoke, when he sees a column rising in an unusual place, he points his alidade for it. The alidade is a pointer set exactly in the center of a circle marked with the 360 degrees of a circle, with the zero at the true north. The towerman picks up his telephone, which runs directly to the office at Deer River. He reports: 'Smoke at 218 degrees from Cutfoot tower.' The man who receives the message at the office reaches out to a map hanging on the wall near the telephone. He seizes the thumb tack hanging by a black thread through a hole in the center of a circle surrounding the location of Cutfoot station on a map of the district. He pulls out the thread, which is weighted at the other end with a lead sinker. Drawing it across the figure 218, he sticks the pin into the board to which the map is pasted.

SECOND TOWER REPORTS

"In a minute or two the phone bell rings again. This time it is the Blueberry tower watchman. He says: 'Smoke at 27 degrees.' Out comes the thread from the Blueberry circle on the map. The tack holds it across the number 27. The man in charge at the office looks at the map where the threads cross. Then he knows that the smoke is rising from a point on the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 37-108-61. No greenheaded tack indicates a burning permit in that locality. It may be the start of a disastrous fire if not checked immediately. The nearest 'smoke chaser' is ordered to proceed to the spot at top speed. Meanwhile the towermen watch the smoke through their field glasses and make frequent reports.

"Now, maybe the patrolman has to make a drive of 10, 20 or 30 miles to find merely that some settler is burning brush well protected and no cause for alarm. But he has to go just the same. The smoke might mean a fire endangering a farmer's buildings or hay or a valuable growth of timber."

Ranger Guthrie reminds the brush burning farmer that the trip of the patrolman costs the state money and that the money has to come out of taxes, increasing the burden on the settler himself.

PERMITS PROVE CHEAPER

"Now, wouldn't it be easier for you to drop in at the office and get a burning permit some day when you are in town than to pay even your small share of that unnecessary expense?" Ranger Guthrie asks.

Usually the explanation is sufficient to gain the land owner's cooperation. When it is not, and violations continue, an arrest has to be made. The forest officers are empowered to make the arrests.

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Guthrie at left -

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Death Age	82
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Death Date	7 Sep 1974
Death Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1974
Mother's Maiden Name	Rahier
Certificate Number	023145
Record Number	1923289

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Name	Mike Guthrie
Social Security Number	469-44-1903
Birth Date	4 May 1892
Issue year	1956
Issue State	Minnesota
Last Residence	56636, Deer River, Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Death Date	Sep 1974

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Mike Guthrie, 82, Deer River, died Saturday in the Deer River hospital. Surviving are three sons, Donald and Stafford, Deer River, and Lyle, Townsend, Md.; two daughters, Mrs. Carl Scharfenberg, North Ridge, Calif., and Mrs. Dwayne Orde, Maui, Hawaii; a brother, Clifford, Portland, Ore.; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Olson and Mrs. Olive McCorkell, Bigfork, and Mrs. Nora Helm, Deer River, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the United Methodist Church, Deer River. Arrangements are by the Carroll Funeral Home.

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Mike Guttry

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Name	Mike Guttry
Birth Date	4 May 1892
Birthplace	Armandale, Wright, Minn
Enlistment Date	12 December 1917
Military Rank	Private
Military Service Branch	army
Military Unit	F co 20th Engr
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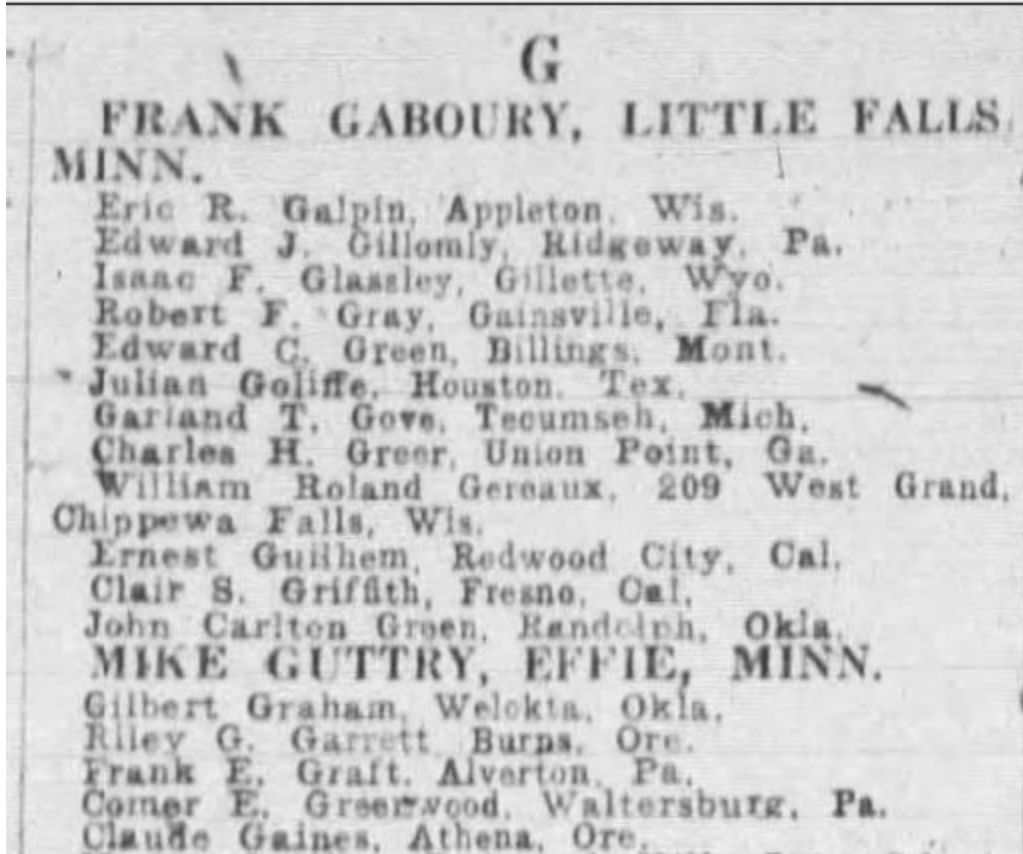
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Excerpts -

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Here Are All Names of Tuscania Survivors So Far Decoded

Clerks in the war department at Washington worked until long after midnight last night decoding the names of Tuscania survivors cabled from Great Britain. The following list, containing hundreds of names, was the result of their labors. More than half of the list remains to be decoded. There is no reason for assuming that men whose names do not appear were lost.



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PUMPS HELD AID IN FOREST FIRE FIGHTING TASK

Pumps weighing 100 pounds and that can be carried by one man are effective in smothering bog fires, Grover Conzet, assistant state forester in Minnesota, said at a meeting yesterday of rangers from three national forests at the Duluth Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Conzet added that experience has proved that the shovel and other implements are futile in comparison with water in extinguishing bog fires, and predicted that the use of the pumps would become widespread. The pump is utilized in territory where ditches or lakes are near.

The session yesterday was devoted to a discussion of the technical side of the forester's job, such as clerical work, care of equipment, planning of work and handling men. Today will be devoted to the question of the fighting of fires and their prevention. The 26 United States and state foresters will visit Cloquet on Wednesday and will conclude their sessions Thursday.

Speakers.

The speakers at yesterday's session were William Barker of Ely, assistant supervisor; Frank Carney, of Ely; B. L. Groesbeck of East Tawas, Mich.; Oscar Heikkila, Ely; M. J. Cummings, Cass Lake; R. B. Johnson, of the Michigan forest; Joseph Pluth of the Superior forest; Charles Chartrand of the Michigan forest and Grover Conzet.

George E. Marshall, of Cass Lake, supervisor of the Minnesota National forest, presided at yesterday's session. C. A. Dahlgren, of Ely, supervisor of the Superior forest, will preside at today's session.

side at today's session.

Supervisors, Rangers.

Those who are in attendance follow: R. G. Schreck, of East Tawas, Mich., supervisor of the Michigan forest; C. J. Stahl, assistant district forest of Denver; John McLaren, of Denver, fire chief of district No. 2, and the following rangers and other forestry officials: Mel Cummings, Cass Lake; H. D. Petherman, Cass Lake; Frank Kelly, Ely; E. Mulligan, Ely; R. H. Johnson, East Tawas; William Barker, Ely; M. J. Groesbeck, East Tawas; Oscar Heikkila, Ely; J. Handberg, Buyck; M. J. Valentine, Grand Marais; Frank Carney, Ely; George Farley, Cass Lake; Fred Woleben, East Tawas; Joseph Pluth, Ely; Victor Dayharsh, Mio; Charles Chartrand, East Tawas.

Guests of the federal rangers at the convention are: Matt Soderback of Cass Lake; A. E. Pinley, St. Paul, fire protection chief; John Nelson, Duluth; Michael Guthrie, Deer River; J. L. Johnson, Bemidji; P. J. Boyle, Grand Marais; C. L. Harrington, Madison, Wis., superintendent of parks and forests for the state of Wisconsin.

Rain Abates Forest Fire Danger Near Deer River

Deer River, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Rain today greatly abated the danger of forest fires east and north of here. For the last four days threatening fire has been fought a little more than a mile east of town by a large force of men under Mike Guthrie, forest ranger. North of here, near Effie, Kinney and Craig, a force of 70 men has fought serious fires for nearly a week.

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DEER RIVER MASONS INSTALL.

Deer River, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Chippewa lodge, No. 275, A. F. and A. M., of Deer River, installed the following officers who were elected for 1924 at a recent meeting: J. B. Yuill, worshipful master; Dr. C. M. Tucker, senior warden; Odin Folling, junior warden; Alva A. Baker, secretary; D. S. Zetterstrom, treasurer; N. E. Morese, senior deacon; T. H. Martin, junior deacon; Mike Guthrie, senior steward; George Mosher, junior steward; George Hastings, marshal; R. Robinson, tyler.

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FOREST RANGERS TO HEAR PREUS AT TODAY'S MEET

Methods of Gaining Public Aid in Fire Prevention Told at Opening.

Gov. J. A. O. Preus will be the principal speaker today at the last day of the two-day session of forest rangers at the Chamber of Commerce.

William Byrne, ranger in charge of railway fire prevention, Tuesday discussed the matter of fires along the railroad rights of way, showing the effect of the railroad patrol.

N. E. Bottineau, ranger in charge of the Wales Protective association, an organization of lumber owners formed to protect the district along the branch of the D. & I. R. railroad right of way reported than 700,000 acres were under watch and 29 men were patrolling them.

Douglas is Speaker.

Gen. W. B. Douglas, president of the state forestry board, reported on the work of the rangers and stated that he hoped they would get the co-operation needed to conduct their important work. He told about the personality and qualifications of the rangers and stated that they and many more like them were badly needed.

Victor Lofgren, assistant ranger at Deer River described the co-operation of the forestry office and settlers.

G. M. Conzet, acting state forester, gave a general talk on the support and organization of rangers and general co-operation and education needed for the work.

Superintendent Speaks.

G. A. Linder, general superintendent for the forestry service, told how to educate people for better fire prevention methods and how to get aid.

Crosby Hoar, federal inspector for the district, discussed federal co-operation. The state gets \$21,000 for fire prevention work from the United States government, he said.

P. W. Swedberg, forest ranger at Moose Lake, showed how residents have aided in fire prevention.

Committees Named.

Committees were named to report on the logging slash problems, fire plans and fighting, car and handling of equipment, fire claims and records and filing.

Forestry men here for the two-days conference follow: G. M. Conzet, St. Paul; Phil Hanson executive assistant, St. Paul; A. E. Pimley, inspector, St. Paul; J. A. Kent, field agent, St. Paul; Miss Esther Davis, stenographer, St. Paul; C. S. Lind, ranger, Duluth; J. E. Fritzin, patrolman, Duluth; O. M. Eckbeck, patrolman, Duluth; P. W. Swedberg,

ranger, Moose Lake; E. V. Gafvert, patrolman, Moose Lake; H. G. Leyde, patrolman, Wahkon; E. A. Rhodes, ranger, Brainerd; Dick Williams patrolman, Brainerd; Percy Vibert, ranger, Cloquet; Ed Isaackson, patrolman, Cloquet; D. L. McIntosh, ranger, Hibbing; J. A. Stenbeck, patrolman, Hibbing; Mike Guthrie, ranger, Deer River; Victor Lofgren, patrolman, Deer River; Roy Balsiger, patrolman, Deer River; John H. Nelson, ranger, Bemidji; Lars Lind, patrolman, Bemidji; H. W. Page, ranger, Park Rapids; A. W. Stone, patrolman, Park Rapids; E. A. Linder, supervisor, Warroad; O. A. Levine, ranger, Warroad; J. F. Letourneau, ranger Blackduck; L. J. Noyes, patrolman, Blackduck; A. L. Nelson, ranger, Little Fork; W. M. Starkweather, patrolman, Little Fork; L. R. Beatty, ranger, Orr; J. C. Gannaway, patrolman, Orr; L. F.

Hoaglund, patrolman, Orr; P. J. Boyle, ranger, Grand Marais; Floyd Tilden, patrolman, Grand Marais.

Representatives of lumber companies and the federal forest service also are attending the conference.



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and lake in Scandinavia.

Grand Rapids—Mike Guthrie, forest ranger for this district, is warning of danger of forest fires. There was only a very light fall of snow last winter, and unless the spring should bring generous rains, it is likely that a serious situation will soon be faced, Guthrie says.

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Deer River Man Replaces Woman on the Council

Deer River, April 12.—(Special.) —Mike Guthrie was unanimously appointed by the Deer River council, at the organization meeting, to replace Mrs. Mary G. Wallace, elected at the last election, but who failed to qualify.

Mayor F. W. Sanger announced the following committee appointments: water and light, Guthrie and Peterson; health, Reigel and Guthrie; streets, Peterson and Reigel.

Dr. D. F. Dumas was appointed health officer for the coming year. George Ruby was re-elected marshal. A. L. Bennett and Earl Cooley were named official plumbers. The Itasca News was named the official paper.

The council also decided to enforce the poll tax law this year. It is felt that every year a considerable sum is lost in taxes by failure to enforce the poll tax law. This law requiring citizens under 50 years of age to pay a tax of \$3 or give two days of labor on the streets or highways. It is believed that this will provide a fund or labor that will be adequate to take care of all street work the coming year.

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Deer River Plans July 4 Celebration

Deer River, April 23.—(Special)—Deer River will conduct a Fourth of July celebration, under auspices of the LeQuier Post No. 122, American Legion. It is expected that Stafford King, state adjutant, a former Deer River boy, will make the address of the day. Committee chairman appointed are: Publicity, C. N. Nesseth; decorations, C. A. LaLonde; sports, L. L. Crosby; parking and police, Mike Guthrie; parade, Victor Lofgren; fireworks, H. H. Herreid; boxing contests, George Mosher; bowery, J. M. Martin; dance, E. G. Williamson.

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In Deer River District.

In the Deer river district the situation has been quite serious three days, Ranger Mike Guthrie reports. There are 16 to 18 fires of importance, he said, combatted by 100 men. Two cabins near Remer were destroyed and fires have covered about 25 sections of land, little timber being burned. Two fires north of Deer river, one near Big Fork and one nearer Deer river, are still out of control, but neither threatens property now, he said.

"1,400 Fighting Flames in Four North Counties" – there are 75 fires, 16 out of control, in four northern MN counties – "Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" 18 May 1926 p 1

Forest Rangers Named as State Timber Appraisers

In furtherance of the scheme of co-operation developed between the state forestry department and the state auditor's office, Ray P. Chase, state auditor, Thursday announced the appointment of seven forest rangers as state timber appraisers, who will serve in both capacities without additional cost to the state. These forest rangers, Mr. Chase explained, will appraise timber which is to be placed on sale and make their report to the state timber board of which Grover M. Conzet, state forester, and Mr. Chase are members. Those appointed as appraisers are: L. R. Beaty, Orr; F. P. Murphy, Tower; V. B. Lofgren, Little Falls; Mike Guthrie, Deer River; J. F. Letourneau, Blackduck; P. W. Swedberg, Moose Lake, and A. C. DePuy, Bemidji.

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Minneapolis MN

Proposed Hall at Deer River Is Given Boost

American Legion As- sumes Responsibility for Campaign.

Deer River, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The American Legion post of Deer River is behind the proposed Community hall, having decided at a special meeting to assume responsibility and leadership in the campaign to put it across.

J. M. Martin, post commander, appointed a committee of six to put the proposal before the Commercial club, looking to the organization of a large representative committee to take charge of the campaign. O. N. Nesbeth, Mike Guthrie, George Mosher, Pat Meyers, J. H. Johnson, and W. A. Herreid are members of the Legion committee.

One proposal is that the building be built on the village property, west of the present village hall and facing the high school, and that with the community hall there be combined a village hall. It is argued that this would save any expense for a site.

Some objection has been offered to the idea. The location is not as desirable as some others considered. It is claimed. There is also a fear that the proposition would involve the village ultimately in the matter of maintenance and ultimately place an additional burden on the taxpayers.

President Fred Bird has called a special meeting of the Commercial club for Monday night. At that time the Legion committee will submit a plan, and it is likely that some definite work will be done in the organization of the executive committee to handle the whole matter.

The matter of co-operating with farm bureau units in the entertainment of the county organization at their annual meeting which will be held here on New Year's day, will also come before the club Monday.

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DEER RIVER PLANS COMMUNITY HALL

Legion, Commercial Club Com- mittees to Draft Plans for New Building.

Deer River, Dec. 20.—(Special).—Plans for a community hall for Deer River were indorsed by the Commercial club, which conducted a special meeting to discuss the project. The meeting followed a proposal advanced by the American Legion post, which indorsed a community building last week.

A committee from the Legion presented a report, advancing several proposals. A general agreement on two arrangements was reached. One of these calls for a one-story building, 42 by 140, with a small basement for the heating plant and fuel room. The main floor would house a stage, dressing rooms, restroom, checkroom, kitchen, and the main auditorium, which would be about 62 feet long. The second plan would provide a full basement under a building 40 by 80, with heat and fuel rooms, restroom, dressing room, checkroom, kitchen, and dining room in the basement, and the auditorium on the main floor.

Committee Named.

Each plan had its supporters, with opinion about equally divided. The costs probably will be the determining factor, it was stated.

A committee of six, divided equally between the Legion and the Commercial club, was named to draft tentative plans to be submitted to contractors for estimates. J. M. Martin, Elmer Sandgren, and Mike Guthrie will represent the Legion, and M. J. Baker, William Mesteller and H. E. Lindhe were named from the club. Work on the project will begin at once.

The question of a site was discussed. Jacob Mohr of Port Frances, Ont., former business man here, has sent a letter to the Commercial club offering four lots east of the Miller hotel at a nominal figure. It was agreed that in case the building becomes a reality Mr. Mohr's offer will be accepted.

To Assist Farm Bureau.

It was unanimously voted to cooperate with local farm bureau unit in entertaining the annual meeting of the county organization New Year's day. J. H. Johnston was appointed chairman of arrangements, with power to select his assistants.

A communication was presented, looking toward establishment of a clothes pin factory here. A representative of the company was invited to come here to present his proposition at a special meeting of the club to be conducted Monday night. Opinion was that such a factory here is desirable, as it would present a market for hardwood, which is now wasted.

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James McDaniels of Pokegama dam will fill the place of Morris O'Brien of Cohasset, and Mike Guthrie of Deer River takes the place of M. J. Baker as members of the poor and hospital commission.

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there is least chance of loss of life.

The public is most urgently requested to be extremely careful with fire whenever it is necessary to use it in land clearing, camp fires or otherwise, and to always promptly report to the nearest forest ranger every unattended fire they see. The united efforts of the entire public is necessary for prevention of fires and the conservation of our forests. To assist you in cooperating with the fire protective forces in fire prevention the following rangers' names and addresses should be kept in mind or carried with you.

RANGER	ADDRESS
P. W. Swedberg	Moose Lake
Percy Vibert	Cloquet
E. H. Rhodes	Brainerd
O. R. Levin	North Hibbing
Mike Guthrie	Deer River
John H. Nelson	Bemidji
H. W. Page	Park Rapids
Milton Rhodes	Itasca State Park
L. J. Noyes	Waskish
Dick Willers	Warroad
John R. Morris	Baudette
J. F. Letourneau	Blackduck
V. B. Lofgren	Little Fork
L. R. Beatty	Orr
F. P. Murphy	Tower
C. S. Lind	Duluth
P. J. Bayle	Grand Marais
Alex McNeil, Supt.	Itasca St. Park
E. A. Linder, Forest supervisor	Warroad
The Forester,	Old State Capitol,
	St. Paul

The Work of the Minnesota Forest Service

By G. M. Conzet, State Forester.

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Deer River Club Discusses Civic Welfare Problem

Women Prepare Well Balanced Program for Year.

Deer River, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The Woman's club of Deer River has prepared a well-balanced program of play and study for the year. Mrs. H. E. Wolfe is the president; Mrs. E. F. Stoelting, vice president; Mrs. W. R. Giberson, secretary, and Mrs. Harry Ryan, treasurer. The club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning with October and ending in May. Every meeting is an open meeting.

Three splendid rules are enforced by the club. Any member unable to attend a meeting must notify the secretary. All members are asked to take an active interest in the objects of the club and to perform such duties as are assigned to them. A fine of 50 cents shall be imposed upon any member failing to perform her part at the appointed time, or failing to provide a substitute.

The club opened its year with a Guest day on Oct. 6, with Mrs. Bet-singer and Mrs. Ogroskie as the hostesses. A tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. E. Rounds was paid by the president. Mrs. E. F. Stoelting, chairman of the program committee, outlined the year's work, and Mrs. W. A. Herried gave a report of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs convention.

On Tuesday last, village sanitation was discussed by Dr. G. A. Miners. Mrs. William Bahr was the hostess. Mike Guthrie, local councilman, spoke on "What May Be Accomplished by Co-operation Between the Village Council and the Woman's Club."

Tuesday Mrs. J. T. Fleming is to be the hostess. Supt. W. H. Hollands will give a paper on "Amusements for School Children; How, When and Where?" Rev. J. W. Schenck will talk on "Our Town."

Nov. 17, Mrs. W. R. Giberson, hostess. "Town and County Taxes," J. W. Gardner; "Team Work," D. S. Zetterstrom.

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destroying 800 acres of timber.

In the Deer River district, the situation has been "quite serious" for three days, Ranger Mike Guthrie said. There are 16 to 18 fires of importance, he said, being fought by 100 men. Two cabins near Remer were destroyed, the fires covering about 25 sections of land, though little timber was burned. Two fires north of Deer River, one near Big Fork, and one near Deer River, are still out of control, but neither threaten property at present, he said.

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BEAVER DAM ENABLED FIRE CONTROL IN NORTH WOODS

[By Associated Press]

St. Paul, July 27—Because water from a lower dam enabled desperate forest rangers to extinguish a stubborn forest fire, a new and staunch friend has been added to the beaver family's long list of Minnesota admirers.

Ranger Mike Guthrie told how after a two-day battle his crew had subdued a three-mile long fire, with the exception of a stretch along a ravine, when the blaze showed signs of again escaping control.

Noticing the dam a short distance above the burning ravine the rangers ripped a hole in the embankment and released a torrent of water that soon made history of the fire.

The frightened family of beavers witnessed destruction of the paradise which they had labored months in building. But the fire fighters had scarcely gone when the industrious little animals set to work to repair the damage.

"Now," Guthrie reported, "the beavers have patched their dam and are none the loser for having lost the supply of water. This confirms my belief that no beaver should be taken except in most extreme cases."

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Heavy Snowfall Hinders Logging in North Woods

Grand Rapids, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Loggers in northern Minnesota are finding woods operations handicapped by deep snow, according to Mike Guthrie, forest ranger stationed at Deer River. The swamps are not frozen under the snow hard enough to carry the weight of a horse, and it is almost impossible to get into many swamps without first trampling the snow so that the ground will freeze enough to carry a team, Guthrie says.

The mill of Rathbone, Hair & Ridgeway, at Deer River, faces a shortage of logs, due to the deep snow. In former years, farmers in the vicinity of Deer River have hauled in large quantities of timber by team and truck and aided greatly in keeping the mill in operation during the winter. This is hardly possible to any great extent at present, and only a small amount of timber is being landed directly at the mill. The buyers for the company are working in the Bigfork district, securing logs from the farmers and jobbers there, but not enough to avert the threatened shortage.

The International Lumber company is buying some pine and spruce on the Bigfork river this winter, but finds that the farmers are not anxious to sell where they have a long haul, owing to the cost of logging in the deep snow. In the last few years a great deal of small timber has been placed on the market, and this proves expensive when two or three feet of snow is encountered in the logging operations.

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Loggers in northern Minnesota are finding that their woods operations are hindered and made expensive by the deep snow, according to Mike Guthrie, forest ranger at Deer River.

The deep snow cover (3 feet) has its pluses & minuses in the winter of 1927. Pros: good for winter sports, employment & crop yields in 1927 due to moisture. Cons: hard on survival of game birds, hinders logging, hampers the ice harvest, flooding in spring. Mike Guthrie comments on logging in the "Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" 2 Jan 1927 p 42

Forestry Exams Slated for St. Paul March 1

St. Paul, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Youthful Minnesotans who aspire to become foresters in the big woods will have an opportunity to state their qualifications at the annual forestry examinations March 1, Grover M. Conzet, state commissioner of forestry, announces.

Tests will be held at the state headquarters in the old Capitol and at 18 ranger stations in northern Minnesota. Special patrolman for spring duty will be selected from the list of successful candidates.

Rangers giving the examinations are: Perry Swedberg, Moose Lake; Percy Vibert, Cloquet; Mike Guthrie, Deer River; Johnny Nelson, Bemidji; Dock Williams, Warroad; Pat Bayle, Grand Marais; Harold Ostegaard, Duluth; Roy Balsiger, Blackduck; John Evans, Arago (Itasca State park); E. H. Rhodes, Brainerd; O. R. Levin, Hibbing; H. W. Page, Park Rapids; E. V. Gaffert, Tower; John Morris, Baudette; Jim Gannaway, Hill City; V. B. Lofgren, Little Fork; L. R. Beatty, Orr, and L. J. Noyes, Washkish.

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Deer May Have Dread Disease

Cases of Unexplained Death Reported; Is Claimed Highly Contagious.

(Grand Rapids Herald-Review)

Persons who have learned of unexplained cases of death among deer are wondering if the deer herds in Northern Minnesota are to be afflicted with a contagious disease, and if there is a possibility of the disease having already obtained foothold.

Some weeks ago, while Mike Guthrie, forest ranger at Deer River, was out at a logging camp east of Bigfork a few miles, he was shown the carcass of a dead deer, a large buck. Mr. Guthrie was informed that the men working in the camp saw deer in the slashings very frequently, and that they noticed for two or three days that one animal did not fear the presence of the men at all. They finally saw that the buck was sick, and loaded it on a sleigh thinking to take it to camp and care for it, but it died before the camp was reached. Another carcass was reported in the woods, which did not show any indication of a violent death.

Dr. D. R. Burgess, veterinarian, when consulted, stated that there was a possibility that the deer died from hemorrhagic septicaemia, a disease that sometimes affects cud chewing animals, and which is highly contagious. This disease was identified as having killed several moose up in the vicinity of Ely, last year, when their carcasses were sent in to the state university for examination.

Residents of Walker are considering the establishment of a "white way" in that town. Before work thereon begins Walker residents might profit by taking note of the condition of the Park Rapids white way, which was put up several years ago. The "white way" is becoming a "dark way" rapidly as a result of poor material used in construction.

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GUNN NAMED ITASCA POOR BOARD MEMBER

Grand Rapids, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—D. M. Gunn has been selected to fill a vacancy on the poor and hospital board of Itasca county, caused by the recent resignation of Ed Persons. He will receive a formal appointment at the regular meeting of the county commissioners next week. The board is composed of four additional members, including P. H. Fahey, Coleraine; Mike Guthrie, Deer River; R. N. Blackburn, Keewatin; and James McDaniels, Grand Rapids.

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RANGERS BEGIN BUILDING WORK

Construction Starts on New Deer River Forestry Station.

DEER RIVER, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The new state forestry building to be erected at the junction of highways No. 8 and No. 61 has been started under direction of Jim Angel, state forest ranger at Blackduck. Those assisting Mr. Angel in erection of the structure are Harry Olson, Marcell ranger; Arnold Mikel of Nevis, Mr. Shipp of Duluth and Harry Porter and Mike Guthrie, rangers of Deer River.

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D. M. GUNN NAMED TO POOR COMMISSION OF ITASCA COUNTY

Grand Rapids, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—In accordance with the selection made last week, D. M. Gunn was appointed a member of the poor and hospital commission for a period of one year from January, 1928, to January, 1929, at a meeting of the Itasca county commissioners here today. Mr. Gunn was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Edward Persons, who resigned recently. James McDaniels, Cohasset, and Mike Guthrie, Deer River, were reappointed members of the same board for three-year periods.

A resolution was adopted apportioning state aid for maintenance of state aid roads in Itasca county for 1928. No state aid has been definitely allotted but the amount probably will be about \$34,000 it is said. The resolution says that 36 percent of this amount, or \$12,221, will be set aside for maintenance of state roads and a like amount set aside from the county road and bridge fund, the total amount to be distributed as follows: State aid road No. 1, \$10,517; No. 2, \$4,933.50; No. 3, \$2,341.62; No. 6, \$6,772.03, and No. 7, \$877.25.

The board of audit presented a report of tax collections including: Tax levy for 1926, \$2,593,270.98; taxes collected, \$2,384,023.46, leaving a balance of uncollected taxes of \$209,247.52, Dec. 1, 1927. The treasurer's report, presented to the board, of receipts from Aug. 1, 1927, to Dec. 1, 1927, shows total receipts of \$1,757,007 and total disbursements of \$749,979.10, leaving a balance at the close of business, Nov. 30, of \$1,007,027.90.

ITASCA BOARD PICKS MEMBERS OF POOR AND HOSPITAL GROUP

Grand Rapids, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Members of the poor and hospital commission of Itasca county were named at a meeting of the board of county commissioners this morning.

The following members were elected to the commission: Carl Cusciotto of Keewatin, Fifth district, three-year term; D. M. Gunn, Grand Rapids, re-elected, Fourth district, three-year term; John Forsythe, Cohasset, Second district, to fill the remaining two years of the unexpired term of James McDaniels, and P. S. Fahey, Coleraine, re-elected, Third district, three-year term.

Mike Guthrie of Deer River is a member of the commission from the First district, his term extending for two more years. Following the commission appointments, an adjournment was taken until Saturday at 10 a. m.

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LEGION ANNOUNCES SERVICE OFFICERS

Service officers of Eighth district American Legion posts were announced Monday. They, in company with all other officers of posts, will attend safety schools to be held at the Hotel Duluth tonight and at Hibbing Wednesday night. Service officers are: Aurora, William Quale; Biwabik, Philip Fjelstad; Buhl, M. E. Panyon; Chisholm, Carl M. Frisk; Cloquet, G. V. Barron; Coleraine, A. M. Peterson; Cook, L. D. Gustafson; Deer River, Mike Guthrie; Duluth, Wisted post, Harry W. Davis; West Duluth, C. M. Olafson; Shaughnessy post, Clarence Morrow; Artillery post, Leslie Gil-

bertson; Eveleth, Arthur Naslund; Gilbert, F. E. Sullivan; Grand Rapids, A. K. Seckinger; Hibbing, Martin T. Haley; International Falls, Dr. M. E. Withrow; Keewatin, A. J. Boudreau; Littlefork, J. McDonald; Marble, Floyd Buck; Moose Lake, Alder G. Carlson; Mountain Iron, J. L. Beck; Nashwauk, Lyle Kutz; Northome, Sigvart Becken; Proctor, H. M. Carr; Taconite, James Meade; Tower-Soudan, Oscar J. Korpi; Two Harbors, Axel J. Larson; and Virginia, F. J. Rosemier.

Deer River Unit Holds Trap Shooting Event

DEER RIVER, April 29.—(Special.)—H. J. DeWitt and Jake Reigel tied for high place in the 12 gauge division of the Deer River trap shoot with a score of 24 out of 25 birds. In the 20 gauge squad Dave Zetterstrom was high with 22 out of a possible 25 birds. In the doubles H. J. DeWitt and J. Reigel shot high. DeWitt with four doubles and 12 singles making a total of 16; Reigel with four doubles and 11 singles making a 15 total. Members of the Deer River Trap Shooting association shooting Sunday were:

Doctor Peterson, Elmer Grieve, Dave Zetterstrom, Byron Will, H. J. DeWitt, L. Harstad, Alva Baker, Mike Guthrie, Jake Reigel, E. F. Stoeling and Bud Robinson.

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FIRES UNDER CONTROL.

HIBBING, June 3.—(Special.) Forest fires which swept a total of nearly 1,000 acres lying within the territory of the Deer River forest ranger department Sunday and Monday, were reported well under control by Ranger Mike Guthrie this morning.

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STOCK DISPLAY FEATURES FAIR IN DEER RIVER

**Exposition Opens Friday;
State Farm Leader
to Speak.**

DEER RIVER, Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Diversified livestock displays will be a feature at the fourth annual Deer River community fair to open a two-day session here Friday.

A new cattle barn and a sheep and hog barn have been erected this year to house exhibits. The 4-H club will display projects in the building donated by the Minnesota forestry department.

Plans are being made by fair officials to house a record number of displays this season. During the two-day fair the Deer River Community band will provide music. J. H. Hay, deputy commissioner of agriculture, and Ernest Lundeen will be principal speakers.

Street sports and a livestock parade will be a feature of the Saturday program. Dancing will be held in the M. W. A. hall both evenings of the exposition and the Deer River Gun club will conduct a shoot.

Officers of the fair are: Lee Forsman, president; C. R. Mostoller, vice president; the Rev. J. W. Schenck, secretary, and M. R. Adams, treasurer. The board of directors includes: John Olson, J. W. Dysart, Claude Meritt, Michael Guthrie, Mrs. Jack Reigle, Mr. Schenck and Thomas Morse.

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Deer River Masons Pick New Slate of Officers

DEER RIVER, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of Chippewa lodge, No. 275, A. F. & A. M. Thursday night the following officers were elected: Worshipful master, Mike Guthrie; senior warden, H. P. Anderson; junior warden, M. R. Adams; secretary, Albin Nelson; treasurer, Odin Folling.

STATE FOREST HEADS CONFER ON ITASCA SITE

Conzel Discusses Proposed
Headquarters Plot With
Commerce Unit.

OUTLINES REQUISITES

Club Would Lease Land for
Nominal Fee, Envoys
Told.

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Representatives of the Minnesota state forestry department met with directors of the Grand Rapids Commercial club Monday to discuss the probable establishment of district headquarters for the state forestry department in Grand Rapids.

Grover M. Conzel, state forestry commissioner, and others from the state division, L. T. La Lone of Grand Rapids and Mike Guthrie of Deer River, district forest ranger, attended the meeting of the Commercial club. Proposed establishment of a district station in Grand Rapids has been under consideration by the state department for some time. At the meeting Monday the Commercial club passed a motion agreeing to lease to the forestry department all or such part, as the department desires, of land owned by the club immediately east of Grand Rapids, lying north of the Great Northern railway on state highway No. 8. The proposed lease is to be made for a nominal consideration for a period up to 50 years.

ITASCA TO BAN HEAVY TRAFFIC

County Board Seeks to Protect Highways During Spring Thaw.

GRAND RAPIDS, March 18.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the board of Itasca county commissioners Tuesday, a resolution was passed authorizing H. A. Le Sueur, highway engineer, to place signs on all county and state aid roads ordering traffic of a certain heavy tonnage to keep off the roads until the county board shall authorize the engineer to lift the ban.

The resignation of Mike Guthrie from the Itasca county poor and hospital commission was accepted by the board of county commissioners, and a resolution appointing John Gardner, Deer River attorney, as a member of the commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Guthrie was passed. Mr. Gardner's appointment includes a period up to January, 1924.

In response to the request of residents of Bigfork, the commissioners authorized Sheriff Elmer Madson to appoint a special deputy to be stationed at Bigfork. This village is 40 miles from the county seat, and representatives from Bigfork, appearing before the board, stated that traffic on the roads during the spring was such that supervision was necessary. The meeting was adjourned to April 7.

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Stafford King, Forest Ranger Visit Canada

DEER RIVER, Aug. 23.—(Special.) — State Auditor Stafford King and Mike Guthrie, district forest ranger of Deer River, returned from a two-week trip that took them to Fort Churchill and beyond, in Canada. They took Harold King, son of Mr. King, with them.

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Mike had named his son, born in 1930,
"Stafford Michael Guthrie"

Conservation Officer Gives Talk in Coleraine

COLERAINE, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Alfred L. Nelson, chief of the public relations division, department of conservation, state forest service, gave an address tonight in the village hall, under auspices of the Coleraine Sea Scouts. Arrangements were perfected by A. R. Inman, Scoutmaster, through Mike Guthrie, district ranger.

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12 Confess Theft Of State Timber

Grand Rapids, Minn., Feb. 6.—Astute detective work is credited with securing confessions and punishment of 12 men living in the vicinity of Leach river and Ball Club on charges of stealing timber from state forest lands, according to L. T. LaLone, local forest ranger. Brought before Mike Guthrie, state forest ranger at Deer River, the men were confronted with evidences of their guilt and admitted they trespassed the state lands. Fines of the group totaled \$108.

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Lake Julia Sanatorium Reappoints Dr. Ghostley

Dr. Mary Ghostley, superintendent of the Lake Julia Sanatorium at Puposky since the departure of Dr. R. L. Laney, superintendent for a number of years, on a leave of absence, was reappointed superintendent at the last regular meeting of the Lake Julia Sanatorium Board. Dr. Laney had previously announced his intentions not to return to Lake Julia. Dr. Ghostley's excellent work at the institution since succeeding Dr. Laney won for her the unanimous approval of the board.

Comprising the Lake Julia board are three members from Beltrami county and two each from Itasca, Koochiching and Hubbard counties. Beltrami is represented by Dr. A. V. Garlock of Bemidji, president, L. H. Dickinson of Buena Vista and C. W. Clark of Puposky; Hubbard by George French of Park Rapids and Oscar Dahl of Guthrie; Itasca by P. S. Fahey of Coleraine and Mike Guthrie of Deer River; Koochiching by F. S. Lang of International Falls and William Durrin of Northome. Mr. Dahl is vice president of the board and the superintendent of the sanatorium serves also as secretary of the board.

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Mix Glue, Linseed Oil With White Sand to Get Good Log Cabin Mortar

DEER RIVER, Sept. 17. — To fill small cracks left between logs in a log house always has been a problem. Plaster and concrete fail to stick even though held by nails driven into the logs. Other materials shrink. Michael Guthrie, state forest ranger at Deer lake, plans to try a mixture described to him by R. T. Brown, Boy lake, Cass county, resort owner. He used a mixture composed of white lake-washed sand mixed into a mortar with a liquid composed of glue and linseed oil. One pound of dry glue was boiled in a gallon of the oil. It was applied with a trowel in the point of which a groove had been made by pounding it over a one-inch round iron rod. Thus a neat line of chinking between each two logs was applied. None of it ever came out, and when it was necessary recently to pull down a log porch, the mortar did not break from the wood, but pulled a splinter of wood from each log. Well seasoned logs, of course, had been used. Ranger Guthrie will try it first on a building of his own, reporting on it to the state forest chief if results prove as good as claimed by Mr. Brown.

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Legion Post Elects

DEER RIVER, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Lequiter post, American Legion, has elected officers. They are: Post commander, Dr. G. A. Miners; vice commander, Edgard Sandgren; second vice commander, George Thorson; adjutant, Albin Nelson; finance officer, C. N. Nesseth; service officer, Mike Guthrie, and chaplain, W. A. Herreid.

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WINONA FORESTRY ARMY ARRIVES AT "CAMP COLERAINE"

**Youths Begin Work of
Eliminating Fire Haz-
ards; Fishing Good.**

Activities of the Civilian Conservation corps near Coleraine made up of many Winona and neighboring young men were reported in a letter sent to The Republican-Herald today by H. M. Ryan of Minnesota City, company clerk. The company is known as C. C. C. 712.

The boys who trained at Ft. Snelling, arrived at Coleraine at 5 a. m., June 10. Immediately after arrival by train, the company was transported via automobile from Coleraine to the present camp site, which is located approximately 30 miles north of Coleraine.

The company consists of 121 men enrolled in the Civilian Conservation corps and four non-commissioned officers detached from company C of the 3rd infantry, which is stationed at Fort Snelling. The non-commissioned officers are: First Sergeant Edward P. Thels; Mess Sergeant Mike Kunak; Corporal Joe Davis. Captain J. F. Ratay of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is camp commander. Lieutenant Max H. Oculer of Fort Snelling, camp executive, and Lieutenant Torry Orest of St. Paul, assistant camp executive. Mike Outhrie, district forest ranger will supervise the work to be done, and E. H. Bruntlett of the state forestry department will act as work superintendent.

It has not been determined as yet whether or not the camp will be permanent, or will be kept in operation only until fall. The nature of the work to be done consists of forestry road construction, camp ground and lake shore improvement, the thinning out of trees and the removal of fire hazards.

Since the arrival of the company, construction of the camp has been progressing rapidly. A root cellar and underground ice box have been completed and members of the company report that fishing is very good.

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RANGER WINS PROMOTION

Grand Rapids, July 15 (AP)—Mike Guthrie, forest ranger in the Deer River district for the past fourteen years, has been promoted to a position in the state timber department, and his place here filled by Harry Olson.

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6 Farms Get Electricity at Deer River

DEER RIVER.—Six farms have put in electrical service recently in this neighborhood, and seven have been connected up to the new extension of the Minnesota Power and Light Co.'s line near Taconite. Those in the Deer River section are C. R. Mosteller, L. C. Culp, Mike Guthrie, G. O. Johnson, D. C. Blanchard and Ben Backstrom. Those near Taconite are Joseph Camillie, D. M. Castellane, Harry H. Rice, Joseph Castellano, Jack Berardo, John B. Castellano and Carman Vacca.

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"Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" Sunday 21 Feb 1937 p 29

MOST OF THE BLAZES BELIEVED MAN-SET

First casualties resulting from fast-spreading fires in Minnesota forests were reported today as conditions became "even worse."

Three fire fighters in the Grand Rapids area were hurt when a bulldozer crashed into a tree and swung around out of control.

One man was in Grand Rapids hospital with a broken back.

Mike Guthrie, chief state forest appraiser, suffered broken ribs and other injuries but returned to duty. A third man was knocked unconscious by timber.

A fourth crewman was overcome by exhaustion, dense smoke and lack of oxygen. He recovered as he was brought to Grand Rapids hospital.

The injured are members of crews of "more than 500 men fighting 11 fires near here," Arnold Erickson, forestry service supply depot man, told the Minneapolis Star.

"3 Men Hurt, Fourth Overcome Fighting Fires in State Woods" – "Minneapolis (MN) Star" 30 Apr 1949 p 9

State Foresters 'Nursing' 80 Million Trees

Supervisors of 16 state forestry areas will hold their annual meeting Monday through Wednesday at Itasca state park facilities of University of Minnesota forestry school.

St. Paul officials and other field men will join the supervisors in a field inspection trip and discussion of new legislation, radio communication for fire control, and various administrative and forestry-financing details.

The "Forester of the Year"

award will be made at the Itasca meeting to Mike Guthrie, who has served 42 years in almost every type of job in the conservation department's forestry division.

Named Forester of the Year in 1953 - "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Wednesday 3 Jun 1953 p 15

Nine Timber Management Sessions Held

A series of nine area meetings for about 125 field men of the Minnesota Division of Forestry at which timber management will be discussed, is announced today by Clarence Prout, director of the division.

The first meeting was held Monday at Norris camp, Roseau county, and the second in Park Rapids on Tuesday.

Other meetings will be held at Bemidji, Littlefork, Brainerd, Hill City, Cloquet, Forestry Station, Tower and Hibbing.

Prout, James Gannaway, timber supervisor, and Earl Adams, forester in charge of forest management, from the St. Paul forestry office, will attend the meetings. Mike Guthrie, coordinator of timber appraisers, Deer River, and Ralph Knox, forester, Grand Rapids, will outline management plans and a general sales program at the morning sessions.

State sales and scaling problems, and report of small sales allotments for each area will be subjects of the afternoon discussions.

Timber appraisal, marking, sales and management plans on state owned lands are the chief work of the forestry field men during winter months. Mature timber on state lands is offered

for sale each year, and the income from such sales is credited to the trust funds.

Timber management plans include planting of open areas, thinning overstocked stands, spraying for disease and insect infestations, estimate of the growth and volume, marking timber to be cut, scaling or measuring logs that have been cut and disposal of the limbs and tops resulting from a logging job.

Prout said state lands are producing more merchantable timber each decade as the forest areas are better protected and managed.

Forest Workers Honor Stone At Farewell Party

A farewell party in honor of Allen W. Stone, supervisor of this area for the state forestry service for the past 33½ years, was held Wednesday, Jan. 13 in the state Forest Rangers station.

The personnel of this area and their wives attended the party and a pot-luck dinner was served.

Present were Edward Lawson, state director of forestry and James Gannaway, head of the state timber department, both from St. Paul; Mike Guthrie, coordinator for timber sales from Deer River; Henry Kitzrow, senior timber appraiser from Hill City; and Jack H. Hubbard, coordinator of region two from Bemidji.

The main farewell address was given by Mr. Lawson, followed by many other addresses and a farewell gift was presented to Mr. Stone.

William F. Olson, former assistant supervisor of area nine, has been chosen successor to Mr. Stone.

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Deer River Firemen Fight House Blaze

DEER RIVER — Volunteer fire department companies yesterday fought their third fire in four days when the Gerhard Johnson home was hit by a blaze.

Damage to the home and its contents was estimated at \$15,000, according to Fire Chief Eldy St. Peter. The two-story stucco building was located on the old Grand Rapids road about a mile north of Deer River.

No one was at home when the fire was discovered about 10:15 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and their son and daughter-in-law were in Deer River.

The blaze was discovered by Don Schumacher, a motorist. He drove immediately to the nearby home of Mike Guthrie, who summoned the fire department.

Firemen battled the fire for four hours, pouring thousands of gallons of water upon the residence as dense smoke continued to gush from the structure. Water was procured from the Deer river near the home.

The fire is believed to have originated from a broken oil tank line in the area of the basement furnace. Flames shot upward through the center, eventually engulfing the entire building.

Two buildings were destroyed and three others damaged Saturday morning in the Deer River business district in the community's first fire during the four-day period. The second fire also occurred Saturday at the Deer River News plant.

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MIKE GUTHRIE RETIRES

ST. PAUL — After 41 years of state forestry service, Mike Guthrie, regional forester at Deer River, has decided to retire. He was one of the original members of the old Minnesota Forest Service when it was organized in 1911 and the only charter member of the organization still on active duty. He will be 70 years old May 4.

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The terrible holocausts of three-quarters of a century ago produced a generation of people, including foresters, who fear and hate fire. As the old forester Mike Guthrie said, bad forest policy was the cause of those fires. I believe the next generation will look back at our "no burn" policy and say that our bad forest policy with Smokey as a symbol has thrown the forests out of ecological balance.

And columnist Jim Kimball's follow-up "Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" 27 Jun 1971 p 92

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E. A. Freeman, county school superintendent, has made public the list of rural teachers in the several county schools. It follows:

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Cohasset—Principal, Edythe Robinson; Charlotte Bardwell, Lucille Warner, Mrs. George O'Brien, Radie Wheeler

Warba—Principal, Mrs. Laura Pogue; Miss Nelson.

Trout Lake — Principal, Burnham Sparks; Julia Dahl, Mae Hegdahl.

Bigfork—Principal, Jennie Verburg; Agnes Foucault, Mae Kunze.

Blackberry—Principal, Irene O'Connor, Katherine Koerner.

Wawina—Principal, Emma Engstrom; Mary Meade, Minnie Engstrom.

Wendigo—Elsa Gronwall.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Alvwood—Beatrice Merrifield; Arbo, Isabel Johnson; Balsam Lake, Hilda Hepfel; Bear River, Clara Sinnett; Bearville, Cora Dinwiddie; Bieghley, Clara Olson; Busticogan, Mary Oatman; Cain, Mrs. Tinkey.

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Miss Beatrice Merrifield of Alvwood is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rahier.

Brainerd Dispatch
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Brainerd MN

GRAND RAPIDS, Aug. 26.—C. C. Baker, superintendent of school district No. 1, which contains more than half of all the rural schools in Itasca county, has announced election of the following 59 rural school teachers for the coming school year, which opens Sept. 6:

Alvwood, Mrs. Maybelle Hanson; Acropolis, Stella Hegdahl; Arbo, Isabel Johnston; Balsam Lake, Queen Bly; Bear River, Ruth Pentin; Bearville, Delphine Langhausen, Bergville, Vivian Eldred; Beighley, Lena Cohen; Blackie, Sophia Mortl; Busticogan, Beatrice Merrifield; Cain, Mrs. R. C. Tinkley; Carpenter, John Moden; Cowhorn, Ella Carlson; Cunningham, Mrs. Lee Guptill.

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Michael Guthrie

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2021



Detail Source

Name	Michael Guthrie
Marriage Date	20 Jul 1922
Marriage Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Beatrice E Merrifield
Certificate Number	E-549
URL	https://moms.mn.gov/

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R. N. A. Elects

DEER RIVER, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Golden Rule Camp, No. 834, Royal Neighbors of America, has elected officers. They are: Oracle, Mrs. Hazel Bonniwell; vice oracle, Mrs. Martha Thompson; chancellor, Mrs. Beatrice Guthrie; recorder, Mrs. August Ruby; receiver, Mrs. Grace Henry; outer sentinel, Mrs. Donald Wilson; inner sentinel, Mrs. Rachel Teabue, juvenile director, Miss Myrtle Kinder; musician, Mrs. E. E. Smith.

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8th District Aid Leaders Are Selected

CLOQUET, Sept. 15.—(Special)—Activities chairmen were named by Mrs. J. O. Rivall, Hibbing, new district auxiliary president, at a business session in the Jefferson school held as part of the Eighth district American Legion and auxiliary meeting here yesterday.

They are: Mrs. A. C. Schaefer, Duluth, membership; Mrs. Michael Guthrie, Deer River, Americanism; Mrs. Ralph Pond, West Duluth, publicity and radio; Mrs. G. V. Barron, Cloquet, legislation and war orphans; Mrs. E. W. Hanson, Ely, music; Mrs. C. S. Wood, International Falls, unit activities and community service; Mrs. A. Ohlund, Two Harbors, memorial and graves; Mrs. Beatrice Doig, Virginia, history and scrapbook; Mrs. Leland Fuller, Mt. Iron, public health and safety; Mrs. Edward Dalbec, Grand Rapids, poppy and work room; Mrs. B. M. Strombeck, West Duluth, junior activities, and Mrs. G. A. Roland, Proctor, "fidac" leader.

The auxiliary of Little Fork, Minn., went over the top first in the district this year in membership in competition with 37 units.

Mrs. E. E. Vigen, Fairmount state auxiliary president, and Harold N. Rodgers, state commander, were the principal speakers at a banquet in the Eagles hall last night. Nearly 400 Legionnaires and their wives attended. G. V. Barron, Cloquet, National Legion executive committee man, was toastmaster. Mayor Harry G. Kaner, Walter Peterson, Cloquet post commander and Mrs. Alice Hackett, president Cloquet auxiliary, extended greetings to the visitors. Responses were given by O. J. McIlvenna, Virginia, district commander, and Mrs. J. O. Rivall, district auxiliary president.

The next meeting of the Eighth district Legion and auxiliary will be held at Bovey, Minn., early in November, J. O. Rivall, district adjutant, announced.

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LAWRENCE E. MERRIFIELD

Services for Lawrence E. Merrifield, 55, 4049 Xenwood Av., St. Louis Park, who died Thursday, will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Billman's Park mortuary with burial in Fort Snelling National cemetery.

A Minneapolis area resident the past 30 years, Mr. Merrifield was employed by Insulation Sales Co. the last 20 years. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian church and Carpenters and Joiners union 7.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie, a daughter, Mrs. Ione Rapp, Tacoma, Wash., a stepdaughter, Mrs. Carol Jarvis, St. Louis Park, a stepson, Gerald Lerdahl, Kansas City, Mo.; his mother, Mrs. Susan Merrifield, Los Angeles, Calif.; three brothers, Melvin, Los Angeles, Hueron, Newberg, Ore., and Clifford, Moose Lake, Minn.; and three sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Guthrie, Deer River, Minn., Mrs. Bernice Houston, Worthington, Minn., and Mrs. Lorraine Walsh, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Minneapolis MN

Mrs. Beatrice Guthrie, 64, Deer River, died Thursday. She is survived by her husband, Mike; three sons, Donald and Stafford, Deer River, and Lyle, Finland, Minn.; two daughter, Mrs. Carl Scharfenberg, Northridge, Calif., and Mrs. Duane Orde, Wailuku Maui, Hawaii; her mother, Mrs. Susan Merrifield, Paramount, Calif.; two brothers, Melvin, Paramount, and Huron, Roseburg, Ore.; two sisters, Mrs. Lyle Wash, Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Mrs. Bernice Huston, Worthington, and 18 grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Deer River Methodist Church. Arrangements are by the Carroll Funeral Home.

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Children:

Donald Guthrie Obituary

Published by Legacy Remembers on Jul. 26, 2016.

Donald passed away in July 2016. Donald was a resident of Deer River, Minnesota. Visitation: Friday July 29 2016 ; 5-7 pmat: Carroll Funeral Home Deer River Mn Masonic Service: Saturday July 30 2016 ; 11:00 A.M.at: United Methodist Church Deer River MNCemetery: Olivet Cemetery ; Deer River MN.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/donald-guthrie-obituary?pid=180803001>

Son Donald Michael (Gus) Guthrie (1923-2016)



son Lyle John (Mick) Guthrie (1924-1994) – Find A Grave 71856508

FORM 1-1 (1988 version)		MONTANA CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
299		State File Number	
DECEDENT'S NAME (Print)		John	Guthrie
Lyle		John	Guthrie
RACE - American Indian, Black, Hispanic, or Spanish		White	Male
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)		July 30, 1924	September 8, 1994
PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State)		Lewis & Clark	
FACILITY NAME (Print institution, give street and number)		Veterans Administration Hospital	Fort Harrison
CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH		Fort Harrison	
DECEASED'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give full level of work, including most of working life. Do not use abbrev.)		Truck driver	Transportation
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		560-36-1780	Yes
RESIDENCE - STATE		Montana	County
CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION		Broadwater	Townsend
STREET NUMBER		401 N. Oak	
DECEASED'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed)		12	College (14 or 16)
PARENTS		Mike	Guthrie
MOTHER'S NAME (Print, include maiden surname)		Beatrice Evelyn	Herrifield
INFORMANT		VA Medical Records	Fort Harrison, MT 59636
METHOD OF DISPOSITION		Burial	Sunset Memorial
LOCATION OF FUNERAL SERVICE (Name of person in charge)		Richard D. Miller	Helena, MT
MONTANA LICENSE NUMBER (if known)		438	Bagley/Anderson Mortuary
NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY		650 Logan	Helena, MT 59601
CAUSE OF DEATH		Ischemic Necrosis Colon with Perforation & Peritonitis	
S/P Repair Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm			
PART 5. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part 1.		Yes	
MANNER OF DEATH		Natural	
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)		September 15, 1994	
TIME OF DEATH (Hour, Minute)		4:00 A.	
NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (If other than certifier, type or print)		Gregory E. Johnson, M.D. "VA Attended"	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (Physician or Coroner) (Type or Print)		Veterans Administration Hospital	
LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE		M.E. "Mickey" Nelson	
DATE FILED (Month, Day, Year)		September 15, 1994	

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Lyle J. Guthrie, 70, Townsend, Mont., died Thursday, Sept. 8, 1994, in Ft. Harrison V.A. Medical Center, Ft. Harrison, Mont. He was born, raised and attended schools in Deer River, graduating from Deer River High School. He lived in the Finland area for many years and worked for the State Forest Service while living in Finland. He moved to Montana in 1968. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; two sons, Garry of Townsend and Mark of San Francisco; a daughter, Starlett Stow of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; a brother, Donald of Deer River; two sisters, Lois Scharfenberg of Los Angeles and Gail Orde of Maui, Hawaii; and four grandchildren. There will be no visitation. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Townsend. Burial will be in Olivette Cemetery, Deer River. Arrangements are by Hagler-Anderson Mortuary, Helen, Mont.

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Duluth MN

Lyle Guthrie

Lyle J. Guthrie, 70, of Townsend, died Thursday, Sept. 8 at the V.A. Medical Center at Fort Harrison.

He was a truck driver and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Guthrie of Townsend; children, Garry and Charlene Guthrie of Townsend, Mark Morris of San Francisco, Starlett and Marvin Stwo of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; brother, Donald and Grace Guthrie of Deer River, Minn.; Sisters, Lois and Carl Scharfenberg of Los Angeles, Calif. and Gail and Dwayne Orde of Maui, Hawaii; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Townsend with Rev. Robert C. Gohl officiating. Burial will be in Olivette Cemetery in Deer River.

Hagler-Anderson Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

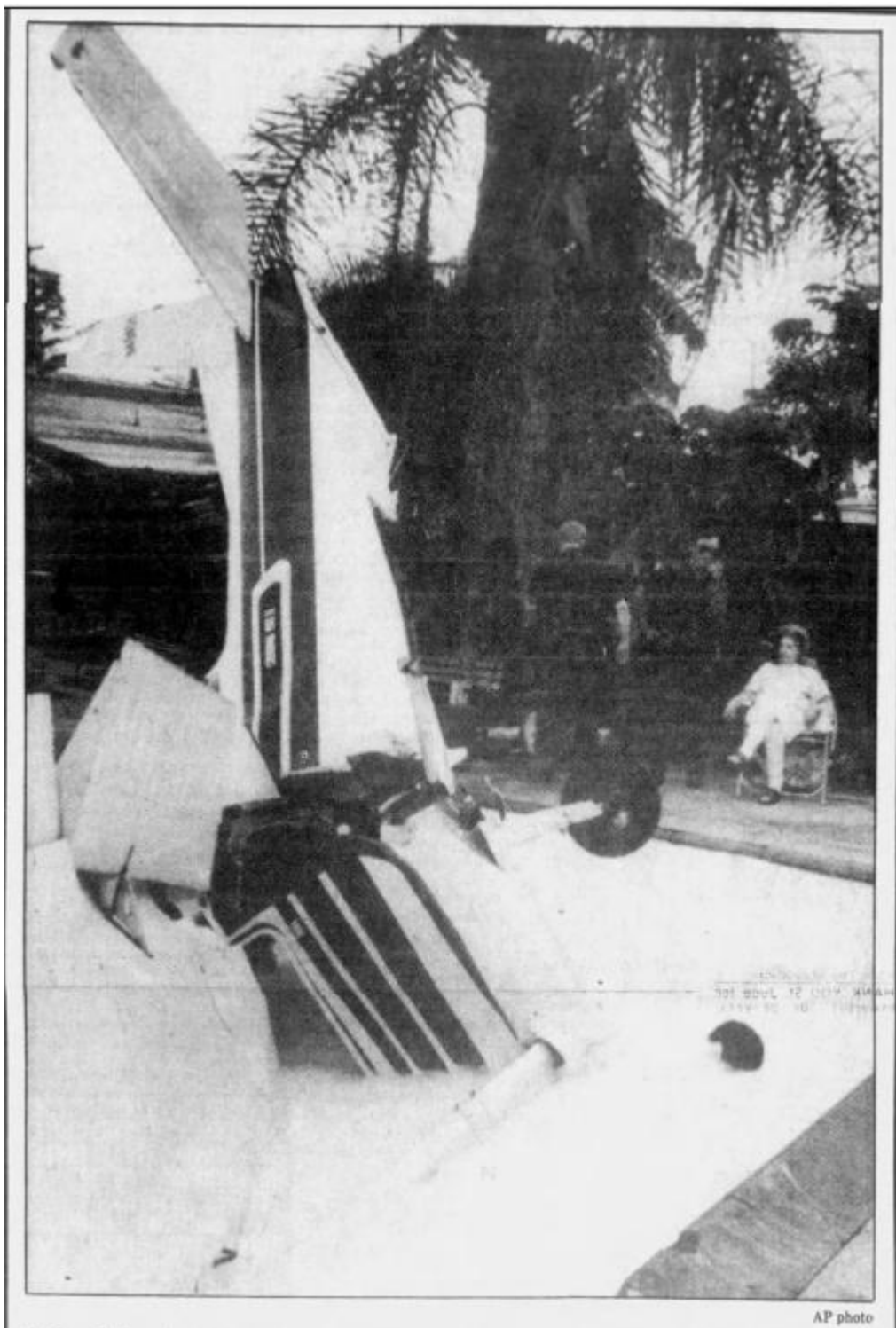
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Helena MT

CHOICE.
GUTHRIE, Lyle J., age 70,
of 406 N. Oak (P.O. Box
182), Townsend, MT 59644.
Church services, Mon. 2
p.m., from the Shepherd of
the Valley Lutheran
Church in Townsend.
Cremation has taken
place.
Hagler-Anderson Mortuary
442-8520

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Helena MT



AP photo

AP photo

Lois Scharfenberg sits near her backyard Los Angeles swimming pool where a small plane made a crash landing Tuesday afternoon. Police from Van Nuys airport stand next to her. Neither of the two occupants of the single-engine Cessna nor the residents of the home were injured in the incident.

Plane takes plunge in pool

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A small plane plunged into a backyard swimming pool, but its two occupants escaped injury, authorities said.

The single-engine Cessna went down Tuesday afternoon in a San Fernando Valley residential area 25 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, said fire dispatcher John Patchett.

"There were two occupants and both of them are out of the airplane with no apparent

injuries," he said. "The plane is sitting in a swimming pool."

Patchett said there were no injuries on the ground and the house apparently suffered no damage.

The identities of those involved were not immediately released.

The plane went down about a mile north of Van Nuys Airport, but it was not known whether the pilot was trying to reach the landing strip there, officials said. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

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Grass Valley CA

Daughter Lois Mae Guthrie Scharfenberg (1925-2001)

12/A /San Luis Obispo County (Calif.) Telegram-Tribune/ Wednesday, September 17, 1986



Associated Press

Lois Schartenberg looks stunned after finding an airplane in her backyard swimming pool.

Two soggy but alive as plane plunges into pool

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A pilot and his son sloshed out of a backyard swimming pool in suburban Van Nuys with only minor injuries after the crash of their single-engine plane.

The National Transportation and Safety Board was to begin its investigation of the accident today, according to a Federal Aviation Administration duty officer.

The pilot, Charles Pickett, 46, and his son, Larry, 25, both of North Hollywood, were treated for cuts and bruises at Granada Hills Community Hospital after Tuesday's crash, said nursing supervisor Helen Visokey.

The elder Pickett was released and his son was transferred to the

Kaiser Permanente hospital in Woodland Hills. Larry Pickett's condition was unavailable, officials at Kaiser said Tuesday night.

There were no injuries on the ground and the house apparently suffered no damage, fire officials said.

The plane apparently experienced mechanical problems soon after takeoff from the Van Nuys Airport, about a mile south of the crash site, witnesses said.

"I just couldn't believe it," said Carl C. Scharfenberg, as he surveyed the wreckage behind his house on Parthenia Street in the San Fernando Valley neighborhood area 25 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Scharfenberg said he was emptying leaves into a trash can 20 feet from his pool about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday when "a plane sounded real close and you could tell it wasn't running right."

He watched as a Cessna 152 II skidded off his garden shed into the shallow end of his 20-by-40 foot pool. The aircraft came to rest nose down in three feet of water. Scharfenberg said he helped the occupants walk up the pool's steps while his wife, Lois, called 911.

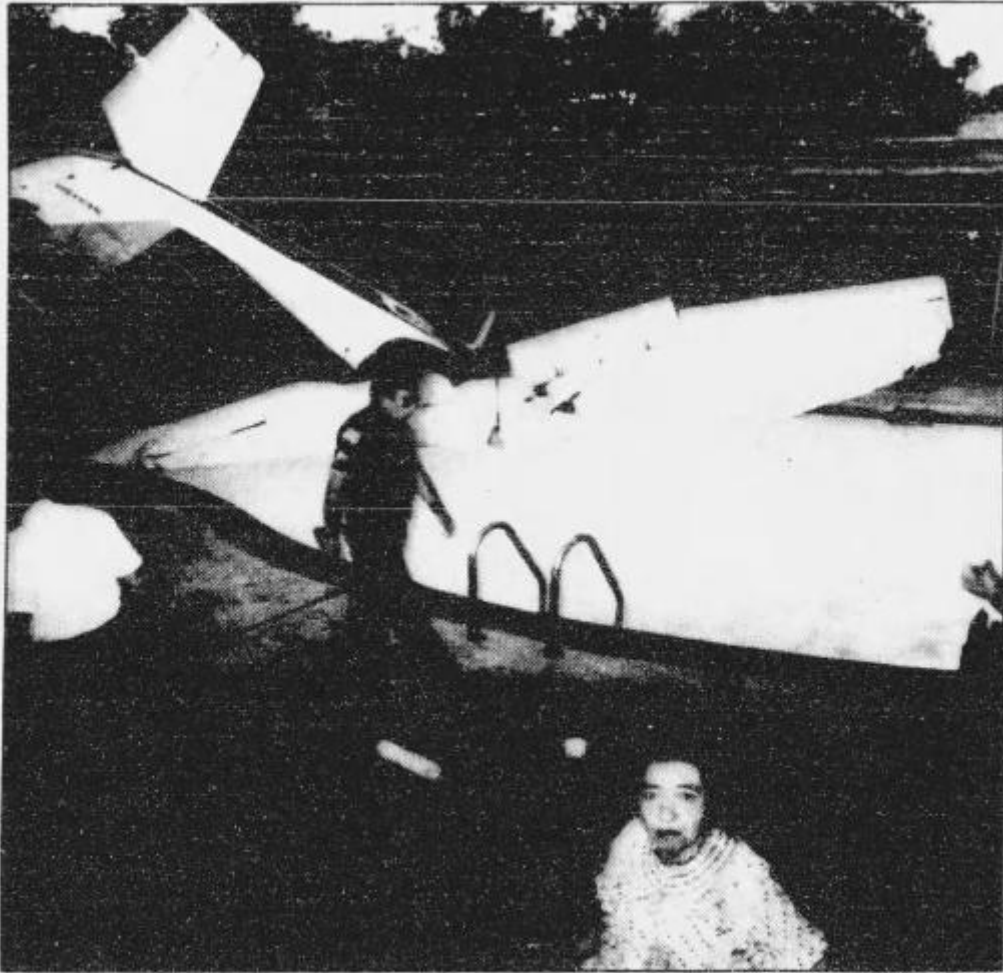
"The plane just didn't have enough power," said Charles Pickett. "I knew it wasn't going to make it, so I looked for a backyard. ... It never went through my mind that I wasn't going to walk away from it."

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San Luis Obispo CA

B-10—Daily Press, Victorville, Calif.—Thursday, Sept. 18, 1986



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Lois Scharfenberg looks stunned to find a single-engine plane in her backyard swimming pool

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Victorville CA

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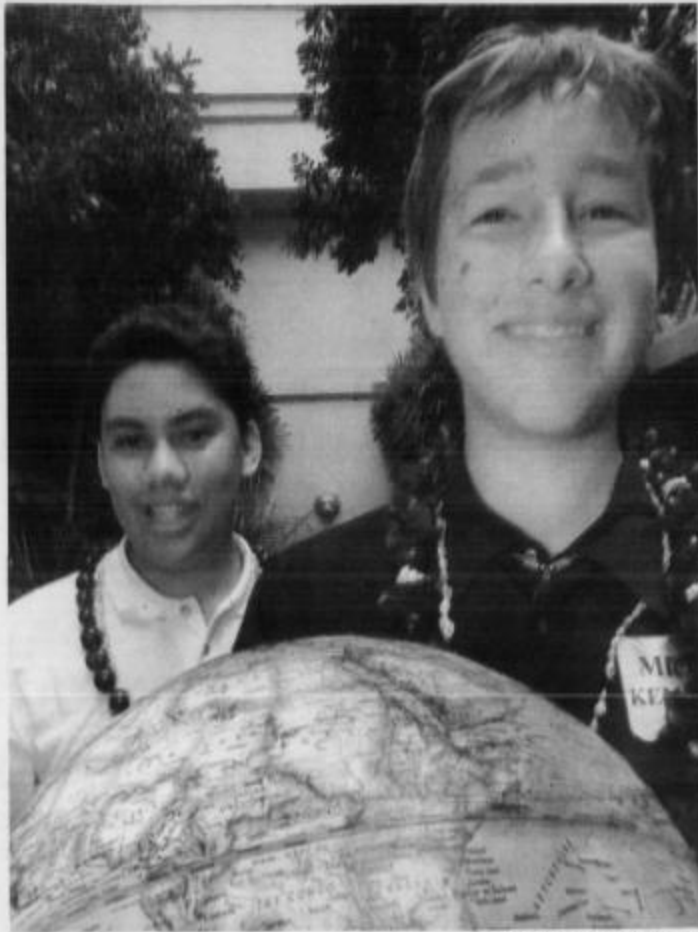
son Stafford Michael (Skip) Guthrie (1930-1994) – Find A Grave 227502518

John Stevens.
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Guthrie an-
nounce the birth of a son at the
Itasca hospital, Grand Rapids.
Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens.

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by Green-Larsen Mortuary.

Stafford M. "Skip" Guthrie, 64, Deer River, died Monday, June 20, 1994, in Community Memorial Hospital, Deer River. He was born in Deer River and attended school there, graduating in 1948. He worked for Minnesota Fisheries Department. He served two years with the Army during the Korean War. After his discharge he returned to Deer River and worked for Itasca County survey crew. On Dec. 17, 1955, he married Ruth Thompson. In 1956 he began working for Minnesota Power as a utility supervisor, retiring in 1992 after 35 years of service. He was a member of VFW Post 2720 of Deer River. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two sons, Mike and Randy, both of Deer River; two daughters, Tami Williams of Deer River and Lisa Guthrie of Maple Grove, Minn.; two brothers, Don of Deer River and Lyle "Mick" of Townsend, Mont.; two sisters, Lois Scharfenberg of Sepulveda, Calif., and Gail Orde of Maui, Hawaii; and seven grandchildren. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in United Methodist Church, Deer River. Burial with military honors will be in Olivet Cemetery, Morse Township.



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Sean Rawlins and Michael Kempnich, both 14 years old, posed for a picture yesterday after competing in the annual Hawaii Geographic Bee held at the Hawaii Convention Center. Kempnich, a student at Ezzmanuel Lutheran School on Maui, took first place and Rawlins, from Kamehameha Schools on Oahu, placed second.

Bee winners know their places

A Maui student wins first place in the annual Hawaii geography contest

By Pat Gee

pgee@starbulletin.com

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Michael K. Kempnich of Kahului, Maui, can tell you that Tunis is the African capital city only 150 miles from Sicily.

Knowing where Tunis (the capital of Tunisia) is put Kempnich above nine other finalists to win the 17th annual Hawaii Geographic Bee yesterday at the Hawaii Convention Center.

The eighth-grader from Emmanuel Lutheran School went neck and neck with runner-up Sean Rawlins of Kamehameha Middle School for four rounds before the championship was decided in a tiebreaker. Rawlins' answer was Tripoli — just slightly off the mark.

Rawlins, also 14, once rescued his family from "driving around in circles" by finding the right directions on a map when he was only 3 or 4, said his mother, Shay Rawlins.

When she saw her son among the three finalists, she said, "I put on my sunglasses and just started crying. I was so, so proud."

Equally glowing praise came from Kempnich's geography teacher, Gail Orde, who

taught the grand-prize winner in the second, third and fourth grades. She called Kempnich "an excellent student."

It was Orde who "inspired me," said Kempnich, who added that memorizing minute details and foreign words is not easy, but "I work really hard at it." This is the fourth time he has competed in the state bee.

He said his dad helps quiz him, and his brother William, only a third-grader, is always "trying to see if he can get it (the answer) before I do." Kempnich wants to become a marine biologist and visit Greece one day.

Rawlins plans to be a civil engineer and wants to "explore the world and make a difference ... some sort of positive impact on the world." He started reading National Geographic magazine a few years ago and is fascinated by different cultures.

His social studies teacher, Renee Teraoka, said this was Rawlins' first time in the state-level rounds. "He's so gifted; I'm always impressed by the amount of knowledge he has," she said. "It's years of just reading books and watching Headline News every morning."

Third-place winner Laurie Jahraus of

Hilo, a home-schooled eighth-grader, was the only female of the 10 finalists. Jahraus said she and her siblings are proficient in geography because her family travels a lot to different places for vacations.

Longtime judge Bob Shohan, a retired geography instructor, said 30 percent of geography bee contestants historically have been female.

The contestants' depth of knowledge "always leaves me amazed," Shohan said. Jon Goss, University of Hawaii geography professor, added, "These are top-notch kids."

Shohan said, "We thought they would drop like flies" in the fifth round, when they had to identify cities and countries using only "pinpricks of light" on photos of maps taken at night. The darkened maps showed few geographical details and no borders, and the students had only 15 seconds to look at them before providing an answer, but only one person missed it, Shohan said.

Kempnich will go on to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Geographic Bee on May 24-25. The competition, sponsored by the National Geographic Society, began in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

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Daughter Gail Ann Guthrie Orde (1937-2017)

The Maui News

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Gail A. Orde, 79, passed away peacefully in Wailuku, Maui on August 22, 2017. She was born in Deer River, MN on October 19, 1937, and graduated from Bemiji State University. Mrs. Orde taught 4th grade at Emmanuel Lutheran School for 34 years.

Gail is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Jeff Crane; and two grandsons, Steven and Ryan Crane. She is predeceased by her husband, Dwayne Orde.

Beloved mother, grandmother, friend and teacher, she touched the lives of everyone she met and will be missed by all.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Ala Lani United Methodist Church in Kahului on Thursday, September 7th at 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Ala Lani UMC – College Scholarship Fund, 50 S. Papa Ave, Kahului, HI 96732 in her name.

Condolences may be sent to: www.ballardfamilymortuaries.com

<https://www.mauinews.com/obituaries/2017/09/gail-a-orde-79/>

Father

Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2017

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Name	John P Guttry
Record Type	Death
Death Date	7 Jan 1913
Death Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1913
Certificate Number	005587
Record Number	112077

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Mother



Josephine Rahier Guthrie - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75561789/person/292115197774/media/18ae33dd-46db-4805-9604-5ac0dc51d144>

WEB: Minnesota, Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

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Name Josephine Rahier
 Marriage Date 17 Feb 1889
 Marriage Place Wright, Minnesota, USA
 Spouse J. P. Guttry
 Certificate Number F-291

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75561789/person/292115197774/facts>



Marriage certificate - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75561789/person/292115197668/media/4eeae9f6-8dff-455a-9b94-86e0cdac9619>

Siblings

James Guthrie

James Guthrie died Wednesday in a Puyallup hospital. His home had been at 708 East Fourth Avenue until moving to the Orting Soldier's Home two years ago. Mr. Guthrie was born at Annandale, Minnesota, August 24, 1890 and served in the U.S. Army during World War One. He had been a logger in Minnesota and came to Olympia 25 years ago where he worked for several logging companies. Mr. Guthrie was a member of the Foursquare Gospel Church. Surviving are a stepson: Clifford Huntley, Olympia; three brothers: Mike, Deer River, Minnesota; John Edward, Effie, Minnesota; Clifford, Portland; three sisters: Mrs. Alice Olson, Big Fork, Minnesota; Olive McCorkell, Effie, Minnesota; Nora Helm, Deer River, Minnesota; five grandchildren. A funeral service will be held in the Mills and Mills chapel this Friday afternoon starting at three o'clock. The Reverend Paul E. Gray, minister of the Foursquare Gospel Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Olympic Memorial Gardens.

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*Brother James Joseph Guthrie (1890-1970) -
Olympia WA*



Grandpa Jim

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APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE
TROUTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AFFIDAVIT OF MALE APPLICANT FOR LICENSE
Name of Applicant: _____
County of Trouton

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows: That I am the male applicant for the issuance of a marriage license to the name of Trouton County, Washington; that I am not previously married, nor am I afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages or with any contagious venereal disease; and that I am not a slave subject to any laws of this state.

Full name James Arthur
Age at last birthday 27 Years
Race or Sex White
Occupation Logger
Birthplace Wright Co. Minn.
Religion Evangelical
Under Control of Courtship _____
Signature James Arthur
Address Shelton & Jones
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of Sept. 1922
County Clerk Auditor of Trouton County

AFFIDAVIT OF FEMALE APPLICANT FOR LICENSE
Name of Applicant: _____
County of Trouton

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows: That I am the female applicant for the issuance of a marriage license to the name of Trouton County, Washington; that I am not previously married, nor am I afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages or with any contagious venereal disease; and that I am not a slave subject to any laws of this state.

Full name Verna Huntley
Age at last birthday 27 Years
Race or Sex White
Occupation Rep. of Trouton Co.
Birthplace Lawrence Co. Neb.
Religion Evangelical
Under Control of Courtship _____
Signature Verna Huntley
Address 707 Franklin St.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of Sept. 1922
County Clerk Auditor of Trouton County

STATE OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF TROUTON

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am personally acquainted with _____
Name of male applicant _____
Name of female applicant _____
Who is about the age of eighteen years; and with _____
Name of female applicant _____
Who is about the age of eighteen years; this neither of said persons is an habitual drunkard, and I deem it my legal duty to issue a marriage license to them.

WITNESS FOR BOTH PARTIES
Signature James N. Huntley Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of Sept. 1922
County Clerk Auditor of Trouton County

PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' CONSENT
I hereby certify that I am (Parent-Guardian) of _____ who is (Married-Unmarried) _____
and (Do or Has consent to the marriage) _____
Name _____
I hereby certify that I am (Parent-Guardian) of _____ who is (Married-Unmarried) _____
and (Do or Has consent to the marriage) _____
Name _____
I hereby certify that on the 23 day of Sept. 1922 I issued a marriage license to _____
and _____
Name of Applicant James Arthur Date of License 23/22 License No. 32726

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The penalty for neglect to make return to the Clerk of District Court, within 15 days after the person solemnizing marriage, is \$30 Code, Section 3140.

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IOWA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

RETURN OF MARRIAGE TO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

743

1. Full name of GROOM *James Joseph Guthrie*
2. Place of Residence *Ft. Des Moines, Iowa*
3. Occupation *United States Soldier*
4. Age next birthday *31* years. Color *White* Race *Am.*
5. Place of Birth *Albion, Michigan*
6. Father's name *John Guthrie*
7. Mother's maiden name *Josephine Rakier*
8. Number of Groom's marriage *1st*
9. Full name of BRIDE *Nellie Marie Marsh*
Maiden name, if a widow
10. Place of residence *Des Moines*
11. Age next birthday *19* years. Color *White* Race *Am.*
12. Place of birth *Des Moines, Ia.*
13. Father's name *Frank Marsh*
14. Mother's maiden name *Mary Jones*
15. Number of Bride's marriage *1st*
16. Witnesses to marriage *Josephine Bishop*
John T. Tanager

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, etc., marriage of each. At 16 give names of subscribing witnesses to the marriage certificate. If no subscribing witness, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Sept. 4, 1924

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

James Joseph Guthrie
Nellie Marie Marsh Bride

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

At *Des Moines, Ia.*

this *4th* day of *September* 19*24*

M. Owen Kellogg
Minister

Dr Baker
1102 Equit

ORIGINAL
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF IOWA

1 PLACE OF DEATH Polk County, Iowa Registered No. 6413
Township Des Moines or Village
City Des Moines No. City Hospital St. Ward
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Nellie Marie Guthrie
(a) Residence No. 1020 Kirkwood St. Ward
(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred Life yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 Single, Married, Widowed, Divorced, or other (write the word) Single

6a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of James Guthrie

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Jan. 2 1906

7 AGE Years 19 Months 3 Days 1 If less than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Iowa (State or country)

10 NAME OF FATHER Frank Marsh

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Germany (State or country)

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mary E Jones

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Pa (State or country)

14 Informant James J. Guthrie (Address) Ft Des Moines B. Battery

15 Filed 4-1-25 1925 J. J. Allen Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) March 3 1925

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 2/14 to 3/24 1925, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2 P. M. 1925. THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
General Septicemia following Cancerous Section, made necessary by a contracted pharynx.
(duration) yrs. mos. ds. 7

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Cause: Miscrean infection
Last for several months, South River, Iowa

18 Where was disease contracted? If not at place of death? ☒ Yes ☐ No Date of 2/14/25

Did an operation precede death? ☒ Yes ☐ No Date of 2/14/25

Was there an autopsy? ☒ Yes ☐ No

What test confirmed diagnosis? (Signature) W. E. Baker, M. D.
(Address) 1102 Equit Bldg. Des Moines, Ia

*State the disease causing death, or in deaths from violent causes, state (1) means and nature of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL
Glee Lake 6 1925

20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS
Lilly Funeral Home D. M. A.

Minnesotans Coming Home

New York, April 30.—The U. S. S. Agamemnon, sailing from Brest April 21, arrived here today with 463 officers and 5,411 men, including the 304th, 305th and 306th Field Artillery Regiments of the 77th Division. Many Minnesota men were in action with these organizations.

The U. S. S. Kroonland, sailing from St. Nazaire, April 18, also arrived here today with the balance of the 11th Infantry, 28th Division, 22 officers and 437 men, from St. Nazaire hospitals, and several Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. workers. The 11th Infantry, which had casualties of 3 per cent killed, had many men who wore the D. S. C.

The U. S. S. Louisville, sailing from Brest, France, April 21, with the Medical Detachment, Second Battalion Headquarters, Companies F, G and H of the 307th Infantry, a detachment made up of men from the 162d Infantry, the 302d Field Signal Battalion, some casual companies and 64 war brides and 9 children, also arrived here today.

The following Minnesotans arrived on the U. S. S. Regina d'Italia:

305th FIELD ARTILLERY.

Gire, Nellus C., pvt., hqrs. co., Detroit.
 Fowler, Charles H., pvt., hqrs. co., Austin.
 Dekko, Bennie L., pvt., hqrs. co., Gary.
 Strom, Malt, cpl., hqrs. co., Big Fork.
 Eggerling, John P., mus., hqrs. co., Bird Island.
 Bloom, Gustave C., wgr., sup. co., Big Falls.
 Hitt, Ray B., cpl., sup. co., Parkers Prairie.
 Grider, Wm., wgr., sup. co., Eagle Bend.
 Nelson, Eddie, wgr., sup. co., Kinbrea.
 Schroeder, Henry W., wgr., sup. co., Brewster.
 Zevenergen, Luke, wgr., sup. co., Worthington.
 Fauman, Adolph, pvt., btry A., Belle Plaine.
 Edelbauer, Joseph E., pvt., btry A., 757 Laford
 st., St. Paul.
 Sadowski, Kasmer, pvt., btry A., Foley.
 Jackel, Arthur F., pvt., btry A., Jackson.
 Lamm, Harold G., pvt., btry A., St. Louis Park.
 Erickson, George, pvt., btry A., Pelican Rapids.
 Volgt, Tobias H., pvt., btry A., St. Cloud.
 Nerring, Leon R., pvt., btry A., Comfrey.
 Greening, William, pvt., btry. A., South Rob-
 ert st., St. Paul.
 Buechleek, Max, pvt., btry. A., 240 Norris st.
 St. Paul.
 Mohberg, Charles W., pvt., btry A., 1450 Grand
 av., St. Paul.
 Hays, Christen, pvt., btry B., Millroy.
 Doerak, Joseph J., pvt., btry B., Hopkins.
 Gustafson, John A., pvt., btry. B., 730 4th st
 S., Minneapolis.
 Dahlgren, Rudolph B., pvt., btry B., Clarissa.
 Stavah, John, pvt., btry. B., Little Falls.
 Larson, Soren E., pvt., btry. B., Cloquet.
 Hanson, Heier, pvt., btry. B., Maple Plain.
 Delaney, Frank, pvt., btry. B., Roseau.
 Dietz, Jens, pvt., btry B., Askov.
 Guttry, James, pvt., btry. B., Effle.
 Streed, Fred A., pvt., btry. B., 904 20th av S.
 Minneapolis.
 Koster, Arnold, pvt., btry. C., Mahanomen.
 Dunsen, Ralph, pvt., btry. C., Cambridge.

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John Edward Guthrie

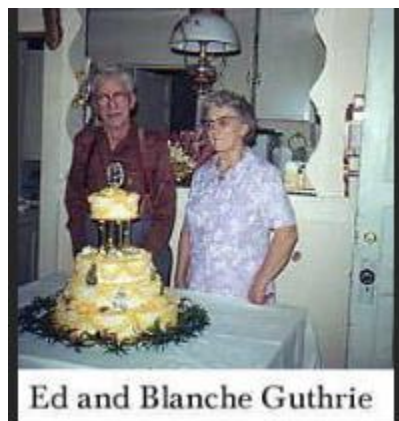
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Detail	Source
Name	John Edward Guthrie
Death Age	77 [77]
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	24 Jan 1894
Death Date	13 Sep 1971
Death Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1971
Mother's Maiden Name	Rahier
Certificate Number	023414
Record Number	1823107

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Brother John Edward Guthrie (1894-1971)



Ed and Blanche Guthrie

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John Edward Guthrie

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Detail Source

Name	John Edward Guthrie
Marriage Date	30 Jun 1921
Marriage Place	Pine, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Blanche May Henderson
Certificate Number	F-533-1921
URL	https://moms.mn.gov/

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/70873/records/2020595>

Blanche M. Guthrie, 90, formerly of Effie, died Sunday in Northern Itasca Nursing Home in Bigfork. She was born in Luverne, Minn., and attended schools in the Pine City area. She received a teaching degree in 1915 from Pine City Normal School. She taught school in Pine City until 1919, when she moved to Effie to teach at Rahier School. She taught there until 1921. She later worked as a cook at the Effie School. She also was a telephone operator while attending Normal School in Pine City. She was a member of the Effie Presbyterian Church, where she was an elder for many years, and was an active member and a past president of its Ladies Aid. She was a former member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Her husband, John, died in 1971 and a daughter, Nellie, in 1958. Surviving are two sisters, Dora Stone and Eva Lindstrom, both of Banning, Calif.; a brother, Harold Henderson of Pine City; two granddaughters and three grandsons, whom she raised, Marie Lovdahl of Effie Nancy Comb of Anchorage, Alaska, Richard Phillips of Coon Rapids, Minn., Reynold Phillips of Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Darrel Phillips of Lino Lakes, Minn.; and 14 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. Thursday until the funeral at 2 p.m. in the Effie Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Bigfork Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River.

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JURORS DRAWN FOR MARCH TERM

Itasca County District Court to
Be Held at Grand Rapids
on the 26th.

(Range Bureau of the News Tribune.)

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 24.—The next term of the district court of Itasca county will be held in Grand Rapids, March 26, and the jurors for the term, grand and petit, have been drawn. Those who will serve at the coming session are:

Grand jurors: A. S. McCullough, Coleraine; Andrew Anderson, Effie; Owen Skelly, Cohasset; A. D. Ingersoll, Deer River; J. Hammond, Nashwauk; August Johnson, Coleraine; J. J. Hanson, Nashwauk; H. M. Sword, Jesse Lake; George Becker, Cohasset; T. R. Dodson, Nashwauk; Henry Seaman, Deer River; Charles Mueller, Split-hand; Charles Larson, Coleraine; John Lanto, Nashwauk; John H. Carlson, Nashwauk; Peter Bohn, Third River; W. L. LeHane, Nashwauk; O. K. Sherman, Trout Lake; J. P. O'Connell, Swan River; Nels Nelson, Coleraine; George Heinrich, Cohasset; Daniel Powell, Deer River; Frank Payne, Ballclub.

Petit jurors: August T. Lindholm, Balsam; Ed Chill, Bigfork; Ed Guttry, Effie; Ben Rahler, Effie; A. L. Pierce, Cohasset; Peter Torrey, Split-hand; A. C. Anderson, Ardenhurst; A. J. Urdahl, Bearville; John Nash, Bovey; Joseph Helmer, Grand Rapids; T. O. Ingstad, Jesse Lake; Andrew Tandberg, Balsam; I. A. Martin, Grand Rapids; J. R. Bardsley, Grand Rapids; J. P. Shaughnessy, Grand Rapids; Nick Johnson, Cunningham; E. Rust, Bovey; A. V. Lang, Bovey; H. D. Horton, Bigfork; William Frank, Wirt; Louis Malette, Jesse Lake; J. A. Westling, Bearville; James Bickley, Grand Rapids; Adolph Swanson, Bearville.

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Is "Edward Guttry" John Edward Guttry?

BUSTITOWN, MINN.

BUSTITOWN, Minn.—Miss Martha Altstadt was a Effle vistor Monday.

Edward Guttry is working near Little Falls for E. E. Knotts.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Merrifield visited at the Amas Randall home Sunday.

While splitting wood Saturday Gust Torbenson cut his foot.

James Amos Randall and mother, Mrs. McCarkel, visited at the Guttry home Wednesday.

Miss Fern McConville, who teaches the Zaiser school, passed Saturday and Sunday with Miss Martha Altstada.

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(Range Bureau of the News Tribune.)

DEER RIVER, Minn., May 26.—

There are four pupils to graduate from the local high school this year as follows: Wilber MacDonald, George McCallum, Amelia Box, Esther Persons.

Rev. John Blackhurst, pastor of the M. E. church, delivered the baccalaureate sermons yesterday, speaking to the high school graduates in the morning and the eighth grade in the evening.

Tomorrow evening at 8:15 o'clock the seniors, assisted by under-graduates, will present the class play, "The School Ma'am," at the Electric theater. In the afternoon a matinee will be given for children only.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school assembly room the closing exercises of the eighth grade will be held.

Following is the list of eighth grade graduates: Dorothea Warner, Alice Guttry, Alma Collins, Agnes Collins, Louise Stutt, Sadie Dunn, Mamie Marshall, Lillian Robinson, Frank Tizzard, William Tizard, John England.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school assembly room the commencement exercises of the high school will be held. The addresses to the class will be delivered by the Rev. C. E. Burgess of Cohasset.

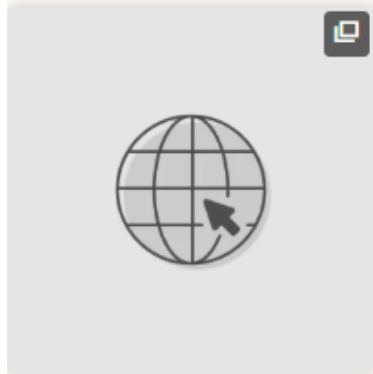
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Sister Alice Mary Guthrie Olson (1896-1986) – Duluth MN

Mary Alice Guthrie

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Detail

Source

Name	Mary Alice Guthrie
Marriage Date	12 Jun 1923
Marriage Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Harry W Olson
Certificate Number	F-046
URL	https://moms.mn.gov/

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able time is reported.

ORGANIZE CLASSES.

BUSTITOWN, June 10.—“The Good Samaritan.” Sunday school was organized last Sunday at the Rabier school and classes will be held on each Sunday in the future. The following were elected as officers at the business meeting: Mrs. B. R. Merrifield, superintendent; Mrs. Amos Randall, assistant superintendent; Miss Nora Guttry, secretary; Lawrence Merrifield, treasurer; Miss Alice Guttry, Miss Olive Guttry and Mrs. Amos Randall, teachers.

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Misses Alice Guthrie and Olive Guthrie of Effie were among the out of town callers in this city on Tuesday.

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Bemidji MN

DEEER RIVER—Because of delay in building the high school addition and in remodeling the main building, opening of the local schools probably will be postponed until Monday, Sept. 20. The rural schools of the district will open next Tuesday. H. E. Wolfe, superintendent, says there are more rural teachers available this year than last. Twenty-six rural schools will open Tuesday with the following teachers in charge: At Ball Club, Mrs. Elva Nelson of Deer River; at Bass Lake, Anna Komarek, Bass Lake; at East Ball Club, Rae Hiland, Minneapolis; at East Sand Lake, Mrs. Dorothy L. Jones, Spring Lake; at East Lake, Alice Warner, Spring Lake; at Garden, Helmi Lofroth, Duluth; at Heywood, Mrs. Clara Miller, Cohasset; at Hill, Levi E. King, Deer River; at Inger Indian, Mabel Robinson, Deer River; at Jackson, Mary Tierney, Portland, Ore.; at Jessie Lake, Clara Loberg, St. Hiliare; at Kennedy, Ellen Backlund, Deer River; at Little Sand Lake, Allen D. Towne, Spring Lake; at Marcell, Alice Guthrie, Effie; at McDonald, Minnie Dunn, Deer River; at North Jessie Lake, Bertha Olson, Mid-

dle River; at Russell, Marion Rudolph, Detroit; at Sand Lake, Clara Johnson, Spring Lake; at Sombs, Carrie Simonson, Cass Lake; at Sorenson, Emily Sorenson, Minneapolis; at South Bigfork, Mrs. D. K. Akers, Bigfork; at Spring Lake, Sylvia I. Skinner, Saum; at Sundloff, Selins Simonson, Cass Lake; at Thydean, Ethel Collins, Bigfork; at West Oteneagen, Ethyl Anderson, Deer River; at Wirth, Allys C. Gustafson, Bigfork.

Teaching positions in Donnelly, Janes and Poplar Grove are still vacant. Hulburt and County Road schools will be discontinued and pupils there transported to Deer River. New schools will be opened next month at Alder Junction and Gunderson Lake.

Alice M. Olson, 91, Bigfork, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 1986, in Northern Itasca Nursing Home, Bigfork. She was born in Annandale, Minn., moved to Bigfork in 1903 and homesteaded in Effie in 1905. She was a 1917 graduate of Deer River High School and taught grade school in the Deer River area for a number of years. She was a longtime resident of the Bigfork area and was a member of Bigfork Presbyterian Church, Over Fifty Club of Bigfork and White Oak Chapter 206 of the Order of Eastern Star in Deer River. She was a former member of Marcell Community Church and Marcell Sunshine Club and had been active in the Bigfork Hospital Auxiliary. Her husband, Harry, died in 1963. Surviving are two sisters, Nora Helm of Deer River and Olive McCorkell of Babbitt. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. Wednesday until the funeral at 2 p.m. in the Bigfork Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Bigfork Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River.

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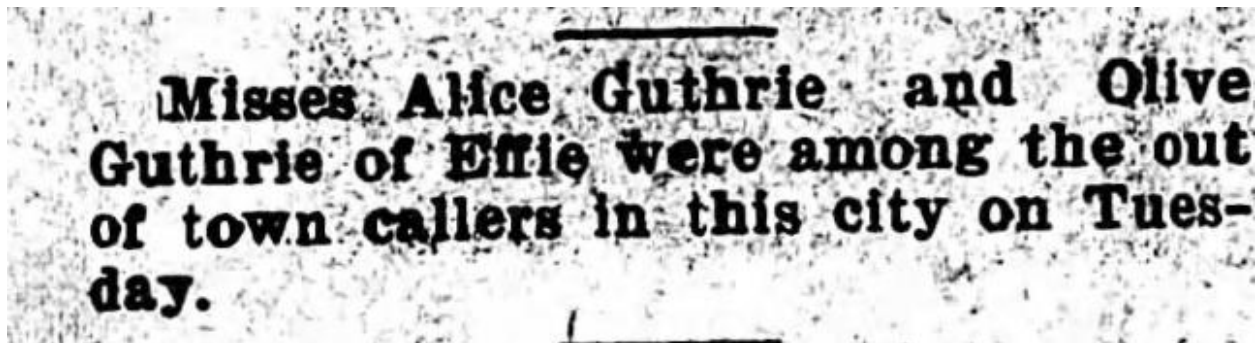
Olive E. McCorkell, 90, of Babbitt, died Tuesday, July 21, 1987, in Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital. She was born in Annandale, Minn., moved to Effie in the early 1900s and moved to Babbitt in 1980. She was involved in practical nursing for many years in Two Harbors, Bock, Minn., and California. She is survived by a daughter, Edna LaFrenier of Babbitt; three sons, Bruce and Raymond, both of Silver Bay, and David of Santa Fe, N.M.; a sister, Nora Helm of Deer River; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. No visitation will be held. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Kerntz Funeral Home, Ely. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in Bigfork Cemetery.

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Sister Olive Emma Guthrie McCorkell (1897-1987)



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Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002

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Name	Olive Emma McCorkell
Death Age	90
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	28 Jun 1897
Death Date	21 Jul 1987
Death Place	Saint Louis, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1987
Mother's Maiden Name	Rahier
Certificate Number	019239
Record Number	2256920

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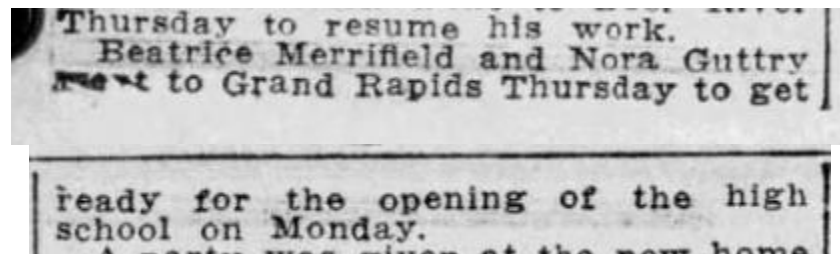
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Name	Olive Emma Guthrie
Marriage Date	23 Nov 1921
Marriage Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	David Donald McCorkell
Certificate Number	E-449

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Sister Nora Louise Guthrie Helm (1899-1990)

Nora L Guthrie

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Detail	Source
Name	Nora L Guthrie
Marriage Date	25 Aug 1924
Marriage Place	Beltrami, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Charles H Helm
Certificate Number	H/005
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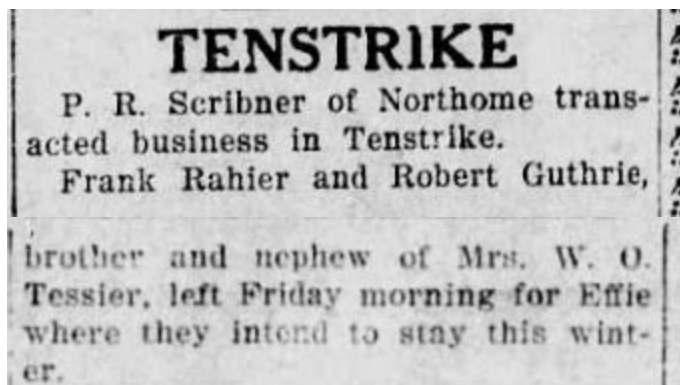
Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002

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Name	Nora Louise Helm
Death Age	90
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	12 Oct 1899
Death Date	28 Jun 1990
Death Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1990
Mother's Maiden Name	Rahier
Certificate Number	018151
Record Number	2359997

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Brother Robert Andy Guthrie (1904-1959)

Web: Minnesota, Birth Index, 1900-1934

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Name	Robert Andy Guthrie
Birth Date	4 Mar 1904
Birth Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Mother Maiden Name	Rahier
Certificate Number	1904-10786

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Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002

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Name	Robert Andy Guthrie
Death Age	55
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	4 Mar 1904
Death Date	11 Aug 1959
Death Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1959
Mother's Maiden Name	Rahier
Certificate Number	007766
Record Number	1409308

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Clifford Guthrie, 74, Portland, Ore., formerly of Bigfork, died Saturday in Portland. Surviving are three sisters, Alice Olson, Bigfork, Olive McCorkell, Effie, and Nora Helm, Deer River. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Bigfork Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be noon to 9 p.m. today at the Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River.

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Brother Clifford Albert Guthrie (1905-1980)

Web: Minnesota, Birth Index, 1900-1934

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Name	Clifford Albert Guthrie
Birth Date	29 Dec 1905
Birth Place	Itasca, Minnesota, USA
Mother Maiden Name	Rahier
Certificate Number	1905-10597

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One of these men is Clifford Albert Guthrie – no caption to photo – but based on the next photo, in front of the same house, which has a caption, Clifford (the man without suspenders) is on the right



Clifford - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/32388349/person/18247551213/media/cec84e77-a59e-4eab-87c5-c4ce565e6dae?queryId=690f2ecf-5786-4758-a9d2-cf6269f29863&searchContextTreeId=154265207&searchContextPersonId=432043203437&phsrc=iKj10366&phstart=successSource>

Forgotten 1918 Bond Restored to Owner

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(UP)—Twenty-five years after he bought a Liberty bond for World War I, Clifford Guthrie of Portland is going to get it.

He was living in Idaho and put the bond in a Pocatello bank for safekeeping, thereafter forgetting the transaction. The \$50 bond collected dust until the Idaho finance commission, taking over the bank's assets, advertised for the bond's owner to collect it.

A friend sent the clipping to Guthrie, who wrote the commission his ownership claim. The bond is enroute.

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Thu, Feb 10, 1944 - Page 10

Bremerton WA

Donald Gray In Hospital

Donald Hubert Gray, 28, Washougal, was still confined to a Portland hospital today following an automobile accident Saturday afternoon on Denver avenue, just north of Portland.

Soweever, hospital attendants described his condition as satisfactory.

Gray sustained internal injuries and lacerations when the car he was driving apparently went out of control on Denver avenue, hit a curb and bounded down an embankment.

A passenger in the car, Clifford Guthrie, 42, Portland, suffered a possible skull fracture, leg fractures and internal injuries in the fall.

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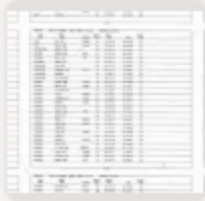
Vancouver WA

Clifford Guthrie, salesman, was divorced by Ruby Guthrie. Affection for another woman caused their marital rift also. He was ordered to pay \$20 a month for support of a minor child, who was put in Mrs. Guthrie's custody. Both Judge Witt and Deputy Prosecutor Carl Lang expressed opinions that Mr. Guthrie should pay more than \$20 a month, but Mrs. Guthrie's attorney said she felt the man would leave the state if he had to pay more.

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Is this him?

Oregon, Death Index, 1898-2008



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Name	Clifford Alb Guthrie
Age	74
Birth Date	29 Oct 1905
Death Date	28 Jun 1980
Death Place	Multnomah
Certificate	80-10706

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son.
Clifford A. Guthrie, 32, Portland, and
Lola E. Gustin, 36, Hood River, Oregon.
Orval M. Arnett, 32, and Jane D. Hiett

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Vancouver WA

ON OR AFTER this date will not be re-
sponsible for any debts contracted by my
wife, Lola Gustin. Signed, Floyd Gustin.

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Portland OR

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.
Gustin-Vermeire — Floyd J. Gustin,
legal, of Portland, and Mrs. Lolo E.
Vermeire, legal, of Portland.

The Sunday Oregonian
Sun, Sep 18, 1927 · Page 13

Portland OR

Nine Divorce Suits Filed.—Nine suits for divorce were filed in circuit court yesterday as follows: Miriam H. against Baltis Allen Jr., Clarence against Agnes Entwistle, Melvin against Alberta Coleman, Frank against Blanche E. Durham, Sara J. against Garret Stelsel, W. A. against Mrs. M. E. Burleson, Isabelle D. against Francis E. Brean, Minnie against E. C. Henry, Lola Emily against Floyd J. Gustin.

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin
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Name: Mike Guttry – changed name to Guthrie

Name variations: Michael Guttry, Michael Guthrie

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,797

Entered service from: Effie, Itasca MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Mike Guttry

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. J.P. Guttry, Effie MN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Mike Guttry

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Josephine Guttry, Effie MN (PFC, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Mike Guttry - b. 4 May 1892 Albion MN; res: Effie, Koochiching MN. Single. Dependent mother & brother. Brakeman, Minnesota, Dakota & Western Railway, Craig MN. Medium height & build. Registered 5 Jun 1917 at International Falls MN.
 National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Forest Ranger, Deer River MN
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Mike Guthrie - b. 4 May 1892 Wright MN; res: Deer River, Itasca MN. NOK Mrs. Mike Guthrie, same address. Employed by State of MN, St. Paul MN, at Deer River, Itasca MN. Height: 5'7 ½" – weight: 200 lbs. Registered 27 Apr 1942

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Mike Guttry
 Enlisted 15 Dec 1917
 Discharged 8 Jun 1919
 Address: Deer River MN
 Rank/unit: PFC, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 4 May 1892 Albion, Wright MN
 Died: 7 Sep 1974 Deer River, Itasca MN
 Find A Grave record: 258233835
 Burial location: Deer River, Itasca MN?
 Cemetery: Olivet
 Tombstone: bronze flat: PFC / US Army / World War I

Father: John Patrick Guttry/Guthrie, 12 Oct 1856 Shelby, Shelby OH (also found as Darke Co. OH) – 7 Jan 1913 Busticogan (Busti) township, Itasca Co. MN.
 Son of John Patrick Guttry/Guthrie & Hannah (Nora) Murphy, both born in Ireland.
 Buried in Bigfork Cemetery, Bigfork, Itasca MN.
 Find A Grave: 206007734

Mother: Josephine Rahier Guttry/Guthrie, 29 Aug 1870 Albion, Wright MN (also found as Annandale, Wright MN) – 14 Nov 1918 Bigfork, Itasca MN.
 Daughter of John Benjamin Rahier & Mary Maurice (also found as Morse).
 She died while her son Mike was in Europe in WWI.
 Buried in Bigfork Cemetery, Bigfork, Itasca MN.
 Find A Grave: 206007752
 Parents' marriage: 11 Feb 1889 Chatham, Wright Co. MN

Spouse: Beatrice Evelyn Merrifield Guthrie, 13 Jul 1902 Crow Wing Co. MN – 9 Feb 1967 Carlton Co. MN.
 Daughter of Bert Merrifield & Susan Rahier. Beatrice predeceased her mother, who was a resident of Paramount CA when Beatrice died in Feb 1967.
 Buried in Olivet Cemetery, Deer River, Itasca MN.
 Spouse Find A Grave: 258233904
 Marriage: 20 Jul 1922 in Itasca Co. MN – Michael Guthrie & Beatrice E. Merrifield

Children:

- **Donald Michael ("Gus") Guthrie**, 5 May 1923 Itasca Co. MN – 25 Jul 2016 Grand Rapids, Itasca MN. - Husband of Grace Stella Barrett (1924-2013, F: 106988780) whom he married on 8 Sep 1946 in Itasca Co. MN. - Served in the Navy in WWII. - His wife was survived by 3

daughters: Jackie, Patricia & Peggy. - Buried in Olivet Cemetery, Deer River, Itasca Co. MN. F:167446537

- **Lyle John ("Mick") Guthrie**, 30 Jul 1924 Deer River, Itasca MN – 8 Sep 1994 Lewis & Clark Co., MT. - SSN 560-36-1780. - Died at Fort William Henry Harrison, Lewis & Clark MT. - Veteran tombstone indicates service in US Navy in WWII as RM2. – Husband of Lillian Thompson whom he married 18 Mar 1957. Lillian was the daughter of Harold L. Thompson (1896-1974, F; 258174875) & Sarah C. (Sally) --- (1902-1993, F: 258175013). Lillian had been married to Francis W. Morris; one of their children was Allan Wayne Morris (1951-1974). - Buried in Deep Creek Cemetery, Townsend, Broadwater MT. F: 71856508.
- **Lois Mae Guthrie Scharfenberg**, 1 Oct 1925 Deer River, Itasca MN – 23 May 2001 Henderson, Clark NV. - SSN 484-38-5633. - Obtained her Social Security number while residing in IA. – Wife of Carl Chris Scharfenberg Jr. (1921-2020, F; 230435182). They married on 16 Aug 1952 in Itasca Co. MN. – Buried in Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City, Clark NV. F: 230435987
- **Stafford Michael ("Skip") Guthrie**, 28 Mar 1930 Deer River, Itasca MN – 20 Jun 1994 Deer River, Itasca MN. - SSN 468-32-3565. - Served in the US Army 6 Feb 1952 to 5 Nov 1953. – Husband of Ruth Leona Thompson; they married on 17 Dec 1955 in Itasca Co. MN. – Buried, with tombstone reading "Skip," in Olivet Cemetery, Deer River, Itasca MN. F: 227502518
- **Gail Ann Guthrie Orde**, 19 Oct 1937 Itasca Co. MN – 22 Aug 2017 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii (as Gail A. Orde). - Wife of Dwayne Robert Orde (1931-2008, F: 199981056), whom she married 19 Sep 1964 in Itasca Co. MN. Dwayne is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hibbing, St. Louis Co. MN. - In the 1980 Hawaii directory, Dwayne Robert & Gail A. Orde live in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii. Dwayne was a hospital anesthetist. - At the time of her death, she was survived by daughter Sheryl Crane (husband Jeff) & grandchildren. – Buried in Olivet Cemetery, Deer River, Itasca MN. F: 258233725

Siblings: Mike was the 2nd-oldest child of the 8 living children.

In the 1900 census, his mother Josephine indicated she had given birth to 7 children, 6 of whom were living [Robert & Clifford not yet born].

But in 1910, Josephine reports she has given birth to 8 children, 8 of whom are living.

Family tree: [https://www.ancestry.com/family-](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/102273550/person/300080435153/facts)

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- **James Joseph Guttry/Guthrie**, 24 Aug 1890 Albion, Wright MN [also found as Annandale, Wright MN] – 29 Jul 1970 Puyallup, Pierce WA. – Registered for the WWI draft on 5 Jun 1917 was James Guttry, b. Albion MN, single, farmer, resident of Busticogan, Itasca MN. - Husband of Nellie Marie Marsh (1905-1925, F: 49868866), whom he married 4 Sep 1914 in Des Moines, Polk IA. On their marriage license: Nellie Marie Marsh, resident Des Moines IA, age 19, b. Des Moines IA, daughter of Frank Marsh & Mary Jones – to – James Joseph Guthrie, resident Fort Des Moines IA, US soldier, age 31, b. Albion MN, son of John Guthrie & Josephine Rahier. James & Nellie had a daughter Nellie Josephine Phillips (11 Feb 1925 Des Moines, Polk IA – 17 Oct 1958 Bigfork, Itasca MN, who married Richard Ross Phillips). – Nellie Guthrie is buried in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines, Polk IA, F: 49868866. Nellie died on 23 Mar 1925 in Des Moines, Polk IA, shortly after giving birth to Ethel Louise Guthrie (on 11 Feb 1925). Nellie's IA death certificate reports the cause of death as "general septicemia following Caesarian section, made necessary by a contracted pelvis. It states she had the condition for "several months." – On 23 Sep 1952 in Thurston Co. WA 1952, James married Verna Valentine Waters Huntley (1895 NE – 1961 WA, F: 102986080) who was

earlier married – in 1914 – to Elmer Pearl Huntley (1882-1934). – On their marriage license, James is age 62, b. Wright Co. MN, logger, widower. Verna Huntley, age 57, b. Dawes Co. NE, widowed, proprietor of a rooming house. - Buried in Mills and Mills Memorial Park, Tumwater, Thurston WA (aka Olympic Memorial Gardens). Fp; 102983744

- **John Edward (“Ed”/”Edward”) Guttry/Guthrie**, 24 Jan 1894 Wright Co. MN – 13 Sep 1971 Itasca Co. MN. – Registered for the WWI draft on 5 Jun 1917 as “Edward Guttry,” a resident of Effie MN, born Annandale MN, single, a farmer, with a dependent mother & one brothers. - Husband of Blanche May Henderson (1895-1986, F: 174788042) whom he married 30 Jun 1921 in Pine Co. MN. – When he registers for the WWII draft on 27 Apr 1942, John lists his place of birth as Annandale, Wright MN. - Buried in Bigfork Cemetery, Bigfork, Itasca MN. F: 174788021
- **Alice Mary / Mary Alice Guttry/Guthrie Olson**, 25 Aug 1896 (tombstone) or 1895 Annandale, Wright MN – 14 Dec 1986 Bigfork, Itasca MN. – Alice is double-counted in the 1920 census – once with her family and once (9 Jan 1920) in Marcell, Itasca MN, age 24, b. MN, father b. OH, mother b. MN, a teacher in a rural school, boarding with the Carl E. & Olga M. Newstrom family. - Wife of Harry William Olson (1894-1963, F: 206927563). As Mary Alice Guthrie, she married Harry W. Olson on 12 Jun 1923 in Itasca Co. MN. - Buried in Bigfork Cemetery, Bigfork, Itasca MN. F: 206927597
- **Olive Emma Guttry/Guthrie McCorkell**, 28 Jun 1897 Annandale, Wright Co. MN – 21 Jul 1987 Ely, St. Louis Co. MN. - Wife of David Donald McCorkell (1890-1945, F: 177066456). They married in Itasca Co. MN on 22 Nov 1921. - Buried in Bigfork Cemetery, Bigfork, Itasca MN. F: 207622345
- **Nora Louise Guttry/Guthrie Helm**, 12 Oct 1899 Annandale, Wright MN – 28 Jun 1990 Itasca Co. MN. - SSN 475-52-7180. - Wife of Charles Homer Helm (1891-1973), whom she married 25 Aug 1924 in Beltrami Co. MN. - In the 1930 census Charles E. Helm (39 IA, parents b. Canada) & Nora (31 MN) live with their 3-year-old daughter Alice Helm in Township 62, Itasca Co. MN. - In the 1940 census, her husband is listed as C. Homer Helm, in Itasca Co. Their daughter Alice Mae Helm is baptized 29 May 1926 in Community Presbyterian Church, Effie MN.
- **Robert Andy Guttry/Guthrie**, 4 Mar 1904 Itasca Co. MN – 11 Aug 1959 Itasca Co. MN. – Registered for the WWII draft on 16 Feb 1942 as “Robert A. Guthrey” – born 4 Mar 1904 Bigfork MN, employed by the Lee School in Darby, Ravalli MT, a resident of Corvallis OR. The card notes he has a “slight limp.” – In the 1940 census Robert lived in Itasca Co. MN in the household of his married sister Nora Guthrie Helm & her husband C. Homer Helm. In the 1950 census for Camas, Clark WA, conducted 18 Apr 1950, Robert A. Guthrie, 46 MN, never married, is employed as an oiler on a paper-making machine. - Buried in Bigfork Cemetery, Bigfork, Itasca MN. F: 174787993
- **Clifford Albert Guttry/Guthrie**, 29 Dec 1905 Effie, Itasca Co. MN – 28 Jun 1980 Multnomah Co. OR. - SSN 542-10-0749. - Husband of Lola Emily Smith Vermeire Gustin (1901 MI – 1976 OR, F: 114289902). Lola Smith had married Henry H. Vermeire 18 May 1918 in Vancouver, Clark WA & then Floyd Jess Gustin (1900-1983, F: 733375) on 16 Sep 1927 also in Vancouver. Clifford & Lola Gustin he married 2 Oct 1937 in Vancouver, Clark WA. On their marriage license, his name is listed as Clifford R. Guthrie, age 32, b. Effie MN, resident of Portland OR, a carpenter, son of John Guthrie (OH) & Jsephine Rahiers (MN). It is his 1st marriage. Lola E. Gustin, resident of Hood River OR, age 36, b. Charlevoix MI, divorced, is the daughter of A.H. Smith (OH) & Pearl M. Peebe (MI). She claims (inaccurately) that this is her 2nd marriage. Clifford & Lola divorced & Lola Guthrie married Milo Eugene Mitchell

(1903-1983) on 27 Jul 1959 in Roseburg, Douglas OR. – Clifford registered for the WWII draft (16 Oct 1940) employed by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad Co., whom he also lists as his next-of-kin contact. He reports he was born in Effie MN on 29 Dec 1905. - Buried in Bigfork Cemetery, Bigfork, Itasca MN. F: 174787983

Pre-war:

Granddaughter Jackie Guthrie Lujan states that her grandfather Mike changed his last name from Guttry to Guthrie some time either before or after the war.

Mike and his brothers registered for WWI (5 Jun 1917) using the surname Guttry, although they had used "Guthrie" in the 1910 census. By the 1920 census, family members were using Guthrie.

Wartime:

Enlisted 15 Dec 1917 Jefferson Barracks MO. Discharged 8 Jun 1919.

"Brooklyn (NY) Times Union" 10 Feb 1918 p 6 – Among the Tuscania survivors: Mike Guttry, Effice [sic] MN

"Pomona (CA) Bulletin" 10 Feb 1918 p 1 – the War Department tonight released the names of more survivors, among them Mike Guttry of Effie MN.

Post-war:

His oral history tape is at the MN Historical Society:

<http://collections.mnhs.org/voicesofmn/10002817>

<http://collections.mnhs.org/cms/display?irn=11124693>

Interview: collections.mnhs.org/cms/web5/media.php?pdf=1&irn=10273503 – the description & transcript follow:

Titles	Forest History Oral History Project: Interview with Mike Guthrie
Description	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Mike Guthrie was born in 1892 and died in 1974. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Working in the Minnesota Forest Service; working and living around Deer River; controlled burns in the early days compared to now; retirement and family life.
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Measurements	00:18:54 running time
Creation	Interviewer: Sunbauer, Bruce Interviewee: Guthrie, Mike Made in: Deer River, Itasca County, Minnesota, United States
Dates	Creation: Not later than 1974
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Mike Guthrie
Narrator

Bruce Sunbauer
Interviewer

Forest Oral History Project
Deer River, Minnesota

Mike Guthrie **-MG**
 Bruce Sunbauer **-BS**

BS: This is Bruce Sunbauer. I'm taping an interview with Mike Guthrie, a retired regional forester here in Deer River. And Mike, you retired as the regional forester here in Deer River in 1962. How did you happen to get into the Minnesota Forest Service, in about what time?

MG: I started in 1911. And when the Forest Service was created by the 1911 . . . January 1911 session of the legislature, and I saw an article in the paper along in the early spring that they were going to give some examinations for a patrolman for the Forest Service, the newly organized department at that time. So I made application to the Saint Paul office. W.T. Cox was State Forester at that time. He was the appointed first forester. His assistant was Dylan Tierney. And he came along around in the latter part of May of 1911 and gave us an oral examination. Just asked a few questions. Ah. . . I think he was very nice to we fellows. He didn't ask us a whole lot of things that we didn't know. Perhaps that's the reason he didn't, because he probably didn't know much to ask us! [Chuckles]

He was a graduate forester, of course. By the way, he was one of the five or six in the original class of foresters. . . the first class of foresters that graduated in this 1906 class of forestry in Minnesota. He was in the first class. And then, oh, shortly afterwards I was notified and I was. . . been accepted. And they asked me to go to Swan River as a patrolman down there. Now Mike Thornton was their first District Ranger here in Deer River, and I got to know him fairly well. And he was here until about 1914 when he was transferred to Saint Paul as the Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber. And John Nelson was appointed in his place as District Ranger here at

Deer River.

BS: Well, Mike, how much pay. . . how much money did you earn in those days when you first started?

MG: There was. . . two salary brackets. Mine happened to be the cheapest one. And that came under what was then known as the weeks law, and that was a ten thousand dollar appropriation from the federal government to the state. And it provided that it had to be spent on personnel in the Mississippi Valley. And that's why I got at Swan River. And the salary then was two dollars and a quarter a day. And we paid all our own expenses. Yes.

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BS: And that. . . and you had to. . . how about paying firefighters in those days?

MG: The firefighting. . . at that time, they provided twenty-five cents an hour for firefighting. And you could hire any able-bodied man that was available. And. . . funny thing though, I worked two summers, 1911 and the summer of 1912. And only had two fires and I put both of them out myself. [Chuckles]

BS: Well, Mike, what was Deer River like in the early days?

MG: Deer River was a typical lumberjack town. We had the old M & R Railroad that went north out of Deer River and they. . . that was the old Itasca Lumber Company. And they had several camps up north. And we had a big sawmill here at Deer River, a planing mill. It employed a lot of help. And the town at that time. . . at one time, it had a population of around twelve hundred. And it's down now, I noticed, oh. . . less than nine hundred. But. . . and oh, they had four big hotels at that time here in town. Ah. . . business was all [unclear— sounds like franchised], of course, for the most part. Lumberjack trade. And back and forth.

BS: Well, when did they first establish an office up here in town?

MG: Ah. . . the first office they had was just a room in the hotel. The old Everton Hotel up. . . it's long since burnt down. And then they built the old original office. . . oh, about 1912 or 1913. Ah, and that was a wood construction affair down in the south end of town, south of the tracks. Down about where Yoakam's Mill is now. . . a mill and plant. And we had it there until. . . oh. . . 1930, when we moved up here to the present site.

BS: What about the early life here? Did you ever have any trying experiences that you can remember offhand?

MG: Oh. . . I never had any experiences that anybody else never. . . didn't have.

BS: What about some of the larger fires? I know you'd come down to coffee here quite often and tell us about some of the large fires they've had in this area.

MG: [Chuckles] Well, we did have some big fires all right enough. Ah. . . The worst fires I think we had was probably in 1931. Had it a long after the forest service was pretty well established around here and I had quite a lot of equipment and all that, but heaven knows we needed it, too. It got terribly dry that spring, very, very dry. I remember they had a fire up at Bena that started down near Drumbeater Lake. And that thing got loose and [unclear] traveled over eight miles in one day. And went up. . . just missed Bena to over. . . east. And crossed the railroad track and up. . . walked up along the east shore of Big Winnie Lake. And stuff finally stopped it up there, along with the help of a pretty fair shower. [Chuckles]

BS: Well, what do you think of the prescribed burning now [that] the Division's into right now?

MG: I think it's got a place in the in the management of timber, generally. There's a lot of things that we can do with the managed burning. The fact of the matter is, if you go back into the history of Minnesota and the history of timber in Minnesota, you'll find that every stand of timber that I know of in Minnesota has been. . . has followed a fire of some sort. Even the experimental forest that they've got up here north of [Cutfoot] now. What do they call it? The lake states forest experiments up there. . . what do they call it? It's got a special name; that stand of pine that's up through there. Avenue of pine, they call it.

BS: Oh. . . Cutfoot.

MG: Yes, it. . . and north of Cutfoot up there on 38 Highway. That has definitely followed a fire. You can see the old fire scars there. And the history of the. . . survey that they made. You find that some of the corners that they didn't have. . . the trees on which to establish bearing trees for the corners. Their notes mention that. So they burned very, very hard. And the wonder is. . . that how it reestablished itself when that burned so hard, you'd think that it would have burned all the seed. And where did the seed come from? And there was acres and acres and acres there that was the. . . there wasn't a seed tree left! But it. . . So we know that there is a place for controlled burn alright, in Minnesota. There's no question about it. But of course the whole thing is everybody's afraid of it. What'll happen if the fire gets away? Well, it doesn't. . . nothing can happen. . . more than what *will* happen if there are. . . any fire gets away! We have to go and put them out. [Chuckles]

BS: Well, that's right. Well, Mike, they did a lot of burning in the early days because of the slash regulations. What was that like back then?

MG: That was a terrible thing. . . I think the state of Minnesota unconsciously was responsible probably for more timber destruction in Minnesota than any other agency that I know of. Because we had regulations that provided that all slash had to be disposed of. So we'd go out and inspect our cutting, and they'd be forties and half sections and sections of. . . of cutting all in one job. And they was sprinkled all over the country and [unclear] slash disposal notices that it'd have to be. . . the slash would have to be burned before a certain day. Well, we'd probably put down say the fifteenth of April. Well, depending on the season, they couldn't burn it. Too much snow and that. . . whatnot and so forth. Well, by the time it was the slash wood burn. . . right now we wouldn't prescribe it at all, we wouldn't recommend that it'd be burned because they'd set it afire and everything would burn. We'd burn so much standing timber at that time. Anything that was left was gone. And that's why we've got so much popple [aspen trees] sticking up over the country today, too.

BS: Well, what do you think about the timber now as compared to then? Can you. . . have you seen much change?

MG: Everything has changed in the timber business. We've changed over from. . . oh, the pine stands and the mixed stands of timber. Ah. . . the mixed stands where you'd find even hardwoods and the conifer all in one stand. Today, you don't see so much of that. You. . . it's all really popple, or it is all pine, or it is. . . It's just the way we've. . . planned it. We have a lot of popple.

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And it's a good thing we have [chuckles] because the biggest industry we've got now is the chip plants that's over the country.

BS: Well, what about popple in the early days? Were there extensive stands of popple in this country as compared to now?

MG: There were. . . No. Why, we did have a popple mill, one mill there at Deer River. That. . . that was the Rathbun, Hare, and Ridgeway outfit that operated for many years. And all popple. The fact of the matter is they went out of business when the. . . when the popple played out around the country. That is saw timber. Ah, and they. . . they cut a lot of popple when the saw timber. . . when. . . nobody paid any attention to the popple, popple wood. We didn't. . . didn't monkey with popple. . . popple at all. And so. . . but the fact of the matter is, I think the history of your timber growth in Minnesota will show that we've got more wood fiber in Minnesota today than we ever had before. Growing more wood fiber every year! [Chuckles] Than we ever had in my time at least.

BS: Mmmm-hmmm. Well, Mike, now that you're retired, what do you do with your time?

MG: Oh. . . it don't take much to keep me busy nowadays as it used to. The work always. . . the prescribed work kept me going. And now I mow the lawn and do little odd jobs around for the boys there for their grandchildren and whatnot and. . . Oh, as I say, it don't take much to keep me busy, but the grandchildren have a way of kind of looking to see that I do. . . that I have plenty to do.

BS: Do you ever miss coming to work? I know when I first came here they used to mention that the first six months after you retired you were down here at the office at eight o'clock every morning.

MG: [Laughs] Well, I didn't come down very often. But. . . that a funny thing. After I retired, I found that I got up in the morning and I'd get up and get breakfast, and start to thinking over what I was going to do that day, like you always do. I suppose you do. . . you must do that. You plan your stuff more or less in the morning, while you're eating breakfast and whatnot and so forth. And, you know, I was a long time getting over that before I find that I was a free agent. I didn't have to go to work anymore. [Chuckles] But I still planned on doing something. I still do! I don't always get. . . do what I plan, but. . . [Chuckles] You've got to do that because if. . . once you fold up after retirement, nobody ever lasts very long.

BS: Well, Mike, a little more on your personal history there. What about your background? Where were you born?

MG: I was born down in Wright County, Minnesota. Oh, that'd be probably fifty miles west of Minneapolis. The county seat down there was Buffalo, Minnesota, in Wright County. And I came up here with my folks in January 1903 and we moved up into the Bigfork country. And. . . funny part of it is, and my dad left the farm down. . . an eighty-acre farm down in Wright County, as good a farm as there is down there today, and moved up in this country. And he

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didn't even have a homestead. He homesteaded after he got up here in 1904. And proving up on a homestead never was easy. That. . . that was hard work. Yes. We worked on the homestead, clearing land, and raising. . . you had to raise all your own vegetables, and you'd always have a beef to kill in the fall and. . . and. . .

BS: How old were you when you started work with the outfit?

MG: Ah, for the forest service? I was nineteen when I started working for the Forestry. Yes.

BS: Well, Mike, I want to thank you for talking with us. We've been talking with Mike Guthrie, the regional forester at Deer River, retired in 1962.

Quite soon Mike Guthrie came to pick us up. Mike was driving a new 1 1/2 ton rated 1928 Chevrolet truck. It had just arrived in the district but was to be used that summer for transporting men and supplies for the reconnaissance camp. The three of us rode in the very narrow cab to the camp site.

We went by way of Highway 6 to the Big Fork River and then west for possibly two or three miles on a dirt road which generally followed the south river bank. When we stopped, we saw an old farm house on the opposite side of the river. The farm house was to be our camp headquarters, but there was no bridge over the river. Mike called and someone came out of the house and rowed a small wooden boat over to our side. The boat was so small that only two could ride in it at one time. All summer the boat was seldom on the side it was needed.

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The reconnaissance crew.

When we arrived at the farm house, I was introduced to the other men, including Clarence Prout, who was the designated chief-of-party. This was a red-letter day for me; for the first time I met Lawson, Guthrie, and Prout. Each of them, in his own and different way, would play an important part in my early forestry training. And each in some way would be responsible for at least one of the promotions that would come to me. And most of all, each would become a close friend over a period of more than forty years.

Forest Service Paper Work

Late in September 1929 I was informed by letter from St. Paul that I was being promoted to the position of patrolman-at-large in the Deer River district. This meant that I would be the assistant to district ranger Mike Guthrie. This was great news for me as Mike was considered one of the better rangers. There were five forest patrolmen in the district, three of whom were seasonal. The patrol headquarters were at Marcell, Link Lake, Grand Rapids, Remer, and Deer River. Since the position at Deer River was seasonal and vacant at that time, I would be expected to also act as the forest patrolman until the position was filled.

The letter suggested that I make the move as soon as convenient. Within a few days Velna and I made the trip to Deer River to look for facilities to rent. The first stop was at the ranger station where I learned that St. Paul had neglected to inform Mike of my assignment. Mike was more than slightly disturbed by this oversight. It was months later that I learned that Mike had made a request to St. Paul for an assistant. Along

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with the request he had suggested that they consider two of his district forest patrolmen for the position. His preference was Harry Olson, then at Marcell, or Tom LaLone who was at Grand Rapids.

Mike's displeasure with St. Paul for not advising him of my transfer did not keep him from helping us find a place to live. Modern rental housing was very scarce in most small northern Minnesota villages. We did manage to locate two rooms in which to live and to move our small load of worldly possessions by November 1st. On the day of moving I was assigned the district keys and one of the new style shield badges. I had made a step up from my former round badge.

I soon learned that Mike was a woodsman and did not particularly care for office work. Because there were no clerical assistants for field offices at that time and the district had not had an assistant to the ranger, Mike had been forced to do the paper work himself. He informed me that I would be expected to keep the district records and do most of the other necessary paper

work. My exposure to Forest Service clerical work was extremely limited, but I soon learned that Mike was anxious to teach me what he knew.

The Log Office

When I was transferred to Deer River the office was a rented, one room, dilapidated building on the Minneapolis and Rainy River Railroad right-of-way in the south end of town. It was undoubtedly the poorest district ranger office in the state. Mike Guthrie had been asking for a new office and had long ago negotiated for a one acre site at the corner of the fair grounds.

In preparation for this new office, the district personnel had cut tree length Norway pine logs from state owned lands near Cut Foot Sioux in the Chippewa National Forest. These trees were very carefully selected as they needed to be straight, with little taper, free of blemishes and defects and with no limbs except at the very top. Each tree was as perfectly round as was possible to find, and all were the same size.

The logs were transported to the building site where they were carefully peeled. After peeling, the logs were meticulously piled so they could properly season for the next twelve months. It was during that period that a concrete foundation (no basement) was placed in preparation for the new building.



The author and Mike Guthrie.

the thickness of the individual pieces. These differences had to be eliminated. Mike tried every possible means to obtain money to rent a power sander but was unsuccessful so we spent countless hours on our knees. First the uneven floor had to be hand scraped until it was reasonably level. Then it had to be hand sanded. Harry Olson and Tom LaLone contributed a little time, but Mike and I did most of the work and always had sore

knees and scraped knuckles. Before the floor was completed, we talked vaguely of renting a sander ourselves but ended up deciding it was beyond our financial capabilities. During all this Mike said dozens of times, "I wish I had never asked for a new office."

It was sometime after Christmas before we made the move into the new office. We already knew that we were moving from one cold office into another. We had learned that the New Maple wood burning heating stove was not capable of holding fire overnight. We would pack it full of wood when we left in the evening, but the following morning our ink would be frozen and the corks pushed out of the bottles. Ink was the only thing that could freeze as this office did not have running water. It generally took at least an hour each winter morning for the building to warm so we could remove our outdoor clothing and go to work. It was during those hours I learned the most about Mike. He had dozens of stories and experiences he liked to talk about, and there were few people with more wit and humor than Mike.

We had planned to build an outhouse before we moved into the new office but did not get it done before the snow and cold weather arrived. Frank Hughes had a gasoline filling station across the street and we used his facilities that winter. Of course we felt obligated to purchase gasoline for our personal cars from him.

That first winter we were in the log office, Dave Zetterstrom, a friend of Mike's, received a maximum-minimum thermometer for Christmas. Dave knew of the complete U.S. Weather Bureau instruments at the ranger station and wanted to check the accuracy of his thermometer. Those weather instruments were there strictly for the keeping of fire weather records and determining fire weather possibilities. For this reason they were never in use during the winter months, and the instrument shelter was left half buried in snow. Someone might occasionally clear away the snow to check what the temperature

There was another kind of deliberately set fire that caused us concern that spring. A few miles northwest of Deer River there lived a red headed Irishman whose name I cannot recall. "Red" was clearing a few more acres to enlarge his small farm. As soon as he had a couple of piles of brush he would set them on fire. He was never concerned about fire weather conditions. Each time a smoke was spotted coming from his place I would make a trip there and lecture him on the fact he was violating a forest law. Each time I returned to the ranger station I would tell Mike I thought we should have Red arrested. Each time Mike Guthrie, the district ranger, would talk me out of it. Fortunately Red's fires never escaped but the possibility was always there. After several trips out to his place I decided that if he burned any more brush piles without a permit I would at least threaten him with arrest even though Mike said that the justice of the peace likely would not do much unless Red's fire actually damaged someone else's property.

The next time the lookout tower reported a smoke at Red's farm, it was late in the afternoon of a rather bad day for fires. I was pretty steamed by the time I arrived. Sure enough he was standing between two brush piles which were burning briskly. As I approached him and before I could say a word, Red began talking. He said, "I have just decided that you have made enough trips out here to chew me out and I have decided to change." He continued, "I'll tell you what we'll do. I have some

My recollection is that at the beginning of the spring fire season we were allowed to pay a maximum of 25 cents an hour for fire fighting labor. The increasing number of fire starts and the additional cost to extinguish them soon threatened depletion of the fire fighting account. Sometime in very early May we were directed to reduce the pay to 15 cents an hour. I recall there was even a hint to reduce any form of fire action if doing so would save additional money. I recall Mike Guthrie's words very clearly, "Paying for fire fighting is going to be St. Paul's problem. Effective fire action will be our problem." Of course,

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the reduction in pay was an attempt to stretch the appropriation until June 30th, the end of the fiscal year.

There are many more references in the Wilson book, referring to "Mike" without using his last name Guthrie.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" 9 Sep 1934 p 40 – Serving as American Legion Auxiliary president is Mrs. Mike Guttry of Deer River.

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 469-44-1903

Censuses:

1900 Albion, Wright MN – conducted 6 Jun 1900

John Guttry, 43 OH, Oct 1856, parents b. Ireland, married 11 years, farmer

Josephine, 30 MN, Aug 1869, father b. MN, mother b. WI, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living

James, 9 MN, Aug 1890, at school

Micheal, 8 MN, May 1892, at school

Edward, 6 MN, Jan 1894, at school

Alice, 4 MN, Aug 1895

Olive, 3 MN, Jun 1897

Nora, 7 months, Oct 1899

& John's brother-in-law Napoleon Rahier, 18 MN, Feb 1882, father b. OH, mother b. mN, no occupation

1910 Township 62, Itasca MN – conducted 6 May 1910

John P. Guthrie, 53 OH, parents b. Ireland, married 21 years, in 1st marriage, farmer, own farm
 Josephine, 39 MN, father b. WI, mother b. Canada (French), in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children,
 8 are living, laborer, home farm
 James, 19 MN, laborer, odd jobs
 Michael, 18 MN, laborer, odd jobs
 John E., 16 MN, laborer, at home
 Alice M., 14 MN, laborer, at home
 Olive E., 12 MN
 Nora L., 10 MN
 Robert A., 6 MN
 Albert C., 4 MN

1920 Township 62, Itasca MN – the siblings are orphaned – conducted 22/23 Jan 1920

Edward Guthrie, 25 MN, farmer, general [head of household] & his siblings:
 Alice, 24 MN, teacher, school
 Olive, 22 MN, teacher, school
 Nora, 20 MN, teacher, school
 Robert, 15 MN
 Clifford, 14 MN
 James, 29 MN
 Mike, 28 MN, teacher, school
 [parents of all: father b. OH, mother b. MN]

1930 Deer River, Itasca MN – Hazel Ave. – conducted 14 Apr 1930

Mike Guthrie, 37 MN, parents b. MN, fire warden, State of MN, age 30 at 1st marriage, WWI veteran
 Beatrice E., 27 MN, parents b. MN, age 20 at 1st marriage
 Donald M., 6 years 11 months MN
 Lyle J., 5 years 8 months MN
 Louis M., 4 years 6 months MN [daughter Lois]
 Stafford, 1 year 7 months MN

1940 Deer River, Itasca MN – same house in 1935 – conducted 22 Apr 1940

Mike Guthrie, 47 MN, ranger, state forest, “ab” (absent)
 Beatrice E., 37 MN
 Donald M., 16 MN
 Lyle J., 15 MN
 Lois M., 14 MN
 Stafford M., 10 MN
 Gail A., 2 MN

1950 Deer River, Itasca MN – conducted 15 May 1950 – indexed as GUTHIE

Mike Guthrie, 58 MN, forestry work, Forestry Dept.
 Beatrice, 47 MN
 Lois, 23 MN, nurse, county hospital
 Stafford, 20 MN, planting trees
 Gail, 12 MN

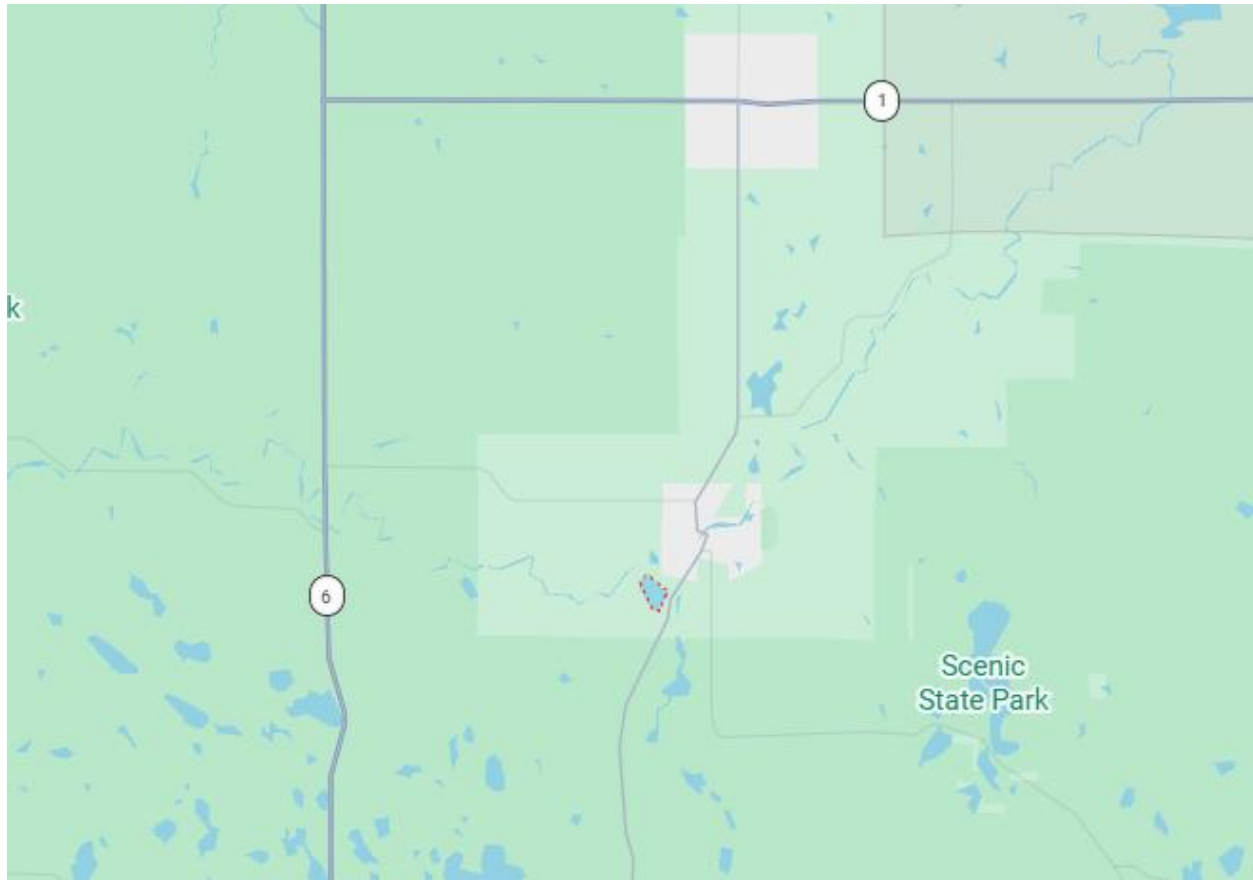
On the same page is the household of Mike's married sister, Nora Guthrie Helm & her husband Charles H. Helm.

On the right side of the river about nine miles below the town of Bigfork is Klondike Landing, the site of a logging campsite that was used in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when millions of board feet of pine logs were floated to lumber mills in Ontario.

Downstream a few miles (river mile 119) are Busticogan Campground (a private site) and Busties Landing, sites named for Chief Busticogan, an Ojibway. Legend has it that Busticogan, the head of the Nett Lake Tribe, and his wife cared for surveyors suffering from smallpox. To repay the favor, the U.S. government reserved a township for Busticogan's tribe while opening the surrounding land for lumbering and settlement. Busticogan is said to have lived near the site of Busties Landing and to have buried the payment he received from the government for Ojibway lands near Busties Lake, a half mile northeast of the landing.

The confluence of the Big Fork and Sturgeon rivers is the site of an early Hudson Bay post and fort where many Indian relics have been found. The Laurell Indian mounds lie near the mouth of the Big Fork.

<https://www.lrl.mn.gov/docs/pre2003/other/771465.pdf>



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