

PLANE USES NEW ISLAND AIRPORT

WASHINGTON ISLAND—Work is progressing nicely on the landing field here. The fences are removed and the shade trees are being cut down quite rapidly.

Owing to the fact that the town truck is out of commission so the road crew cannot haul gravel, the town has its men at the landing field to help prepare it for use. When it is finished it will have a runway from S. W. to N. E. approximately 150 rods long, and one from S. E. to N. W. about 25 rods shorter. The field is nearly level with a little rise to the westward.

A biplane, "The Swallow," from Escanaba, Mich., was sent here by the U. P. Airway corporation last Sunday and had a fairly busy day taking people up. It used the landing field as is now without a prepared runway or smoothing the surface. The plane left the fore part of the week with a prospect of returning in the near future.

Mrs. A. B. Johnson, the evangelist from Chicago, gave her last address in the Baptist church Sunday evening and left for Chicago Monday morning. Mrs. Johnson has a strong personality, is an excellent speaker. Earnestness and honesty were two characteristics which stood out in bold relief in her work. Neither could anyone say she is in the work for what money there is in it, for she paid all of her own expenses and contributed liberally to the local work.

The Island people are very much pleased with the results of the tuberculosis test of the cattle here last week, as there was not one "reactor." We believe Washington Island was one of the first towns in the state to have all of their cattle tested. The best information we can get shows that the results of the first test was about 30 reactors among about 800. The second test found about a dozen; the third test, 3; and some question about some of them; but giving the test the benefit of the doubt, all of those were slaughtered so the last signs of T. B. among the Island's bovines was so thoroughly eradicated that the fourth test, which occurred last week, proves there is no T. B. here and no one need fear to drink Washington Island's milk or eat its cheese and butter. This is surely a great benefit and satisfaction to the Island.

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WASHINGTON ISLAND — What has come to be considered the Island's most important event of the season, the farmers' picnic, is scheduled for August 21, on Tuesday of next week.

This event has grown to be a sort of home coming day, or an Island reunion.

An interesting program is being prepared and among other interesting features the landing field will be in good condition and be used by two airplanes.

Let everybody help to make this a great day!

C. B. Herschberger, who has his summer home here, has the distinction of being the first passenger to be landed on the new airport here. He came one day last week as a passenger from Sturgeon Bay. Mr. and Mrs. A. Kalmbach of Sturgeon Bay were the next passengers. They arrived Sunday morning and were guests of the W. F. Koken family, who now own and occupy what was formerly the Kalmbach home.

Harvesting grain began generally on Monday of this week but many fields are too green for harvesting as yet.

An interesting program was given in the Baptist church Tuesday evening this week by Miss Adafsen, and Miss Carrie Anderson, returned missionaries from China. The two ladies have been co-workers. Miss Adafsen gave a talk on the needs of China and the great benefits of the preaching the gospel there. Miss Anderson, dressed in a Chinese costume, gave a graphic description of a Chinese wedding. She told that marriages in China are in no sense love affairs, but the girls are sold by her parents to the parents of the groom, or husband, and becomes practically a slave to the parents of her husband. These engagements are made while the children are young, from twelve to thirteen years down to infancy. Sometimes intimate friends agree that if they have children they should be paired. The time of the wedding is usually a time of great mourning for the bride, who usually does not know to whom she is engaged until about three days before the wedding. There are no divorces in China. Miss Adafsen is now on her way to return to her work in China after a couple years' furlough. She stopped here for a little visit only.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. D. McDonald.

There has been much pilfering going on here for some time. Among other things Mrs. Robt. Gunnerson lost three young geese. The visitors had broken the lock. Mrs. Gunnerson got good tabs on the culprits and let them know it so they sent a delegation to settle the matter. She settled for \$2.00 apiece because she did not want to cast a reflection on the families of the thieves. She says the next time the law will have its full course.

The Washington Island Baptist church is putting on a special musical program next Sunday night, August 19. Several new songs will be rendered as well as special piano-forte and violin music. In addition to this stirring program, Evangelist David Wilcox will bring a message from "The Theme: 'The Greatest Question of the Day.'" The service starts at 7:45. All are urged to come early.

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