

STAGE IS SET FOR BIG PICNIC

Immense Crowd Will Attend Demonstration for Soldier Boys at the Lake Sunday.

Griggs county is back of her soldier boys.

This will be forcefully shown at Willow lake next Sunday, when the big patriotic picnic in honor of the county's drafted men will be held. The whole county will unite in one of the grandest demonstrations ever accorded to Uncle Sam's boys anywhere—not barring the reception of General Pershing's expeditionary force on its arrival in France—except in numbers.

Arrangements for the picnic are practically complete. One of the principle features of the program will be the address by Melvin Hildreth of Fargo. He has chosen for his subject, "The Unfinished Work," a speech commensurate with the occasion and the crisis which confronts our country in the European war. Mr. Hildreth is one of the state's most prominent young men, an eloquent speaker, and a patriotic American citizen. Although Mr. Hildreth was not subject to the draft, he will volunteer his services to the country so that he can do his part. His speech will be like a heart-to-heart talk with his comrades.

Merchants of the county are furnishing coffee and sugar free, and automobile owners will give up their cars without expense, to convey the people to and from the lake. The bands of the county, and possibly those from McHenry and Pekin, and all other musicians who have instru-

ments, will unite in furnishing the music. It is estimated that more than 100 musicians will participate. Tags will be sold at 25c each, and ice cream, lemonade and other refreshments will be sold on the grounds. Owners of boats have turned them all over to the committee in charge who will rent them out. The ladies will play an indoor ball game, and a splendid entertainment has been provided for in the evening. All the proceeds of the day will be presented to the soldier boys to purchase articles which are not furnished by the government.

The grounds will be illuminated in the evening by a Delco Electric system, which will be installed by the Greenland-Lunde Co. of Coopers-town.

Preparations are being made to furnish ample accommodations for a large crowd, and it is hoped that a large sum of money will be raised for the Griggs County contingent.

A timely warning comes from across the Iowa line emphasizing the necessity just now to beware of all peddlers, hobos, and other unknown wanderers. At Henderson, Iowa, a peddler came along selling innocent looking court plaster. He was arrested on suspicion and when searched found to have \$1,000 in currency on his person. This increased the suspicion of the authorities and a sample of his court plaster was sent to Council Bluff for chemical analysis. And the analysis showed that the plaster was coated with a culture of leprosy germs, capable of spreading the most malignant and loathsome of human diseases. The peddler was a German, scarcely able to speak the English language, and appeared indifferent to his fate when his nefarious mission was found out.