

North Dakota.

NOTES.

COURT GOLDEN VALLEY, No. 3106, of Edinburgh, had eight applications in March.

COURT PARK RIVER, No. 482, is booming; eight initiations and fifteen applications at one meeting.

A new court was instituted at Milton March 20th; they have a good community of the right kind of citizens to draw from, and will build up a good strong court.

COURT CRESCENT, of Inkster, had five applications at the first meeting after their "blowout." Who says that hard work will not tell! Although in a village of about 300 inhabitants, they have passed the 70 mark, and are now reaching for the 100.

COURT BONANZA, No. 383, of St. Thomas, held a special meeting March 10th and initiated two candidates. They have a splendid hall and a prosperous future before them. The officers are energetic and wide awake and will make a good record for themselves this year.

AT COURT TYNER, No. 3116, we found a good attendance and great interest in the work, also several applications on hand, which shows that the brethren have not been sleeping; all that is lacking is a suitable hall in which to convene, and that will probably be built by the court this summer.

April 1st—The High Chief Ranger, J. R. Cooper, assisted by Past C. R. Jas. Twanley and R. M. Carothers, and High Sec'y. G. E. Jacobi, initiated 27 new members in Court Grand Forks, No. 493. When all are initiated whose applications are now in, Court Grand Forks will have some 70 members, and they are looking forward to make up the 100 by July 1st.

COURT GRAFTON, No. 752, are jubilant over the meeting of the High Court, which is to be held in Grafton July 16th. Committees have been appointed to make the necessary preparations therefor, and as the Supreme Chief Ranger is to be present, a grand time is expected. Arrangements will be made to run special trains on all roads, and the entire membership invited to attend.

COURT IDEAL, No. 312, of Canton, was visited by the H. C. R. March 11th, and although but a month old, they had two candidates for initiation, which, with the two received at the preceding meeting, makes a gain of four, a good start for a new court. The work was creditably done for a new court, and they expect to stand at the head of the list July 1st, '06, for work done by new courts.

AT DRAYTON, No. 479, though few in number, is alive and vigorous, and determined to do their part in the upbuilding of the Order in our new and progressive State. On Saturday evening, March 7th, a class of six were initiated, and a grand, good time had. A large delegation from Court Bowesmont, No. 681, headed by High Jr. Beadie, Robert Irwin, were present, and assisted in the work.

COURT WALLHALLA, No. 3109, held a special meeting March 13th, and was visited by the H. C. R. They are handicapped for the present by having to meet in a schoolhouse, but as soon as the new hall is finished, which is now under construction, they will show what they can do in the building up of the Order; and as they have a splendid field to work in, the older courts will have to look well to their laurels or be distanced.

COURT VOSS, No. 1726, I. O. F., held a roving meeting on the evening of March 5th, in spite of the blizzard. F. J. Jollow and J. A. Scavely, formerly General Agent for the "Deering," were initiated in royal form. An oyster supper and refreshments followed. Speeches were made by the High Chief Ranger and visiting brethren from Court Minto. The festivities closed at 2 a. m. with a vote of thanks to Court Voss from the visiting brethren for their entertainment.

COURT PEMBINA RIVER, No. 3104, although a country court, has an ideal location, being sheltered from the north winds by a grove of great forest trees, and within a stone's throw of the Pembina River, there is both wood and water in abundance. The commodious residence of Wm. Quiell, the Chief Ranger, is but a few rods distant, and as he and his estimable wife are unsurpassed as entertainers, it is not surprising that the court always has a good attendance, many of the members bringing their wives or best girls to Mrs. Quinell's while the business is dispatched, and then adjourn to the house for the good and welfare of all by having a good social time.

On March 4th Court Crescent, No. 708, of Inkster, held a meeting which eclipsed all of her previous entertainments; all of the neighboring courts had been invited. Although a snowstorm, commencing in the afternoon, gave promise of a blizzard (afterwards fulfilled), there were a number present from Courts Mignonette, Arvilla, and Forest River. The first on the programme was an initiation, which was excellent, the team conducting the ceremony going through the entire work without reference to the Ritual. In fact the entire work of the court is done in the same manner. After the initiation the brethren, with their visitors, repaired to the Town Hall, where their ladies had prepared a sumptuous repast. During supper music was rendered by the orchestra, and a programme of speaking, music, declamations, etc., followed.

COURT ARCTIC, No. 762, OF CRYSTAL, was visited by the H. C. R. on March 9th. This is a model court, owning their own hall, which is convenient and commodious; they also have a full set of sashes, jewels, etc., and all of the necessary paraphernalia for doing their work in first-class style. The members take great interest in the work, and have assisted at the instituting of four new courts the past month; the youngest being Court Gardner, No. 3147, instituted Feb. 28th. They now have their eye on Glasston, where a court will be organized in the near future. This was their regular meeting night, and after the dispatch of busi-