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Yellow Medecine County

See rolled map for this county

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Mr. Marvin Clement, Editor
Canby News
Canby, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Clement:

I noticed in the issue of the Canby News for December 16 that you had given some publicity to the question of the name for the artificial lake in Canby, as well as the creek which flows through it. I wonder if you would send us an extra copy of this issue so that we might clip the items from it for the files of the State Geographic Board.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

AJL/t

Head of Newspaper Department