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LOCAL BALL TEAM WAS IN POOR FORM

Lost to Lawrence Wednesday in One-sided Contest. Score 9 to 3.

MUST WIN THE THIRD GAME

In Order to play Field Day. Also Lost to Picked Team From Bloomingdale, Score 8 to 3.

The Lawrence high school baseball team came over to Paw Paw last Wednesday and evened up for the game our boys won at Lawrence last week. They literally rubbed it in with a score of 9 to 3, playing rings around Paw Paw at nearly every stage of the game.

With a handicap of two runs, which Paw Paw secured in the first inning, they proceeded to bat out balls that went through our fielders like potatoes through a ladder, while Paw Paw seemed unable to solve the slants of Cross, the Lawrence twirler. To state it briefly, Lawrence out-hit, and out-fielded Paw Paw and won the game on its merits.

A mass play putting two runners out on third base, and a running one handed catch by Mather, who took the ball from his shotguns, and hung to it after a hard fall, were the features of the game.

A bevy of fair rooters from Lawrence added zest to the game by their vociferous, consistent and continuous rooting for their home team. Come again, girls, you are all right.

Paw Paw had hoped to win this game, as that would insure their appearance on the diamond field day. They still have one more chance and will play Lawrence again next week. Should Paw Paw win the third game they will play Gobleville field day. If Lawrence wins, it will be Lawrence vs Gobleville. Here's hoping.

Strikeouts—Mather, 10; Cross 8. Hits—Lawrence, 14; Paw Paw, 4. This tells the tale.

Last Saturday a picked nine from Bloomingdale came over for a game and defeated Paw Paw by the score of 8 to 3. Bailey, who is just coming into prominence as a ball player, was in the box for Paw Paw, and while he was handicapped somewhat by the lack of experience, he pitched a creditable game and has the making of a first class box artist. Bailey will be heard from in base ball circles next year.

BIG PLANS FOR MAY FESTIVAL

Many Planning to Go to South Haven Next Friday. Will Form Choral Society Here.

Judging from the renewed interest in the plan to organize a choral union in Paw Paw that has resulted from the announcement of the May Festival at South Haven, such an organization will be a reality here early next fall. Quite a number of local music-lovers are planning to go to South Haven for the May Festival on Friday, May 27, and they are expected to bring home many helpful pointers for the formation and operation of such a society in Paw Paw.

From the interest manifested all along the line, enough tickets will be sold to warrant putting on the special train after the evening concert. In case, however, such a plan is not feasible, those who purchased tickets with the expectation of getting home that night can return their tickets and get their money back. In any event, definite notice as to the special train will be given the first of next week in ample time for completing plans for attending the festival.

The large chorus of the society will be heard only at the evening concert, when, with the children's chorus and the visiting soloists, the society will give Gault's superb oratorio, "The Holy City." The chorus has been rehearsing on this since its organization last fall and has reached a high standard in its appreciative rendition of one of the finest productions of the kind known in music.

In the afternoon the visiting soloists will give a concert program, followed by that quaintly-fascinating East Indian love story, "The Pagoda of Flowers," the action of which is at the famous Schwe Dagon Pagoda in Rangoon. The theme is as old as the world, viz: the parting and reuniting of lovers, but the setting is unique, the tale so fascinating and the music so entrancing as to make the "Pagoda" as it is often called, one of the finest attractions of the concert stage.

Tickets are on sale in Paw Paw at The True Northerner office.

ELM TREE WORTHY OF MENTION

Giant Elm in Paw Paw. Over Ten Feet in Circumference, with Spread of Over 75 Feet. Fine Specimen.

While boasting of our miles of maples that line the streets of Paw Paw, a word about the graceful elm will not be out of place.

There is a plume-crowned elm in the rear of The True Northerner office, which many people have never noticed, and which goes to show that in the abundance many small matters are overlooked. This giant elm is ten feet and four inches in circumference four feet from the ground, and has a spread of over 75 feet. Had this tree been in a city less favored with shade, it would have taken its place with the Charter Oak and other noted trees in history.

PAW PAW CITIZEN IS STILL WAITING

Edson Woodman Had Mix-up With "Joy Rider" Who Left Card, and Promised to Pay.

It is said "that all things come to him who waits." That may or may not be true, but in any event, one of the citizens of Paw Paw township is still waiting.

About two weeks ago, our townsman, Edson Woodman had a collision with an automobile that was "burning" up the road to Chicago. Woodman was riding in his buggy, and his hired man was driving a team attached to a load of hay, when one of those "joy riders" whose chauffeur and himself were thoroughly saturated with Kalamazoo "speed maker" attempted to pass at top speed. Our corpulent friend was thrown from his buggy, and there was a general mix-up of hay, horses, wagon, buggy and Woodman. On recovering his equilibrium, Mr. Woodman's usually angelic disposition was slightly aroused, and limping into an adjacent house, he telephoned to Decatur for officers there to stop the "mob" and arrest the occupants. He then toggled up his rig and started after the fends, expecting to find them rounded up at Decatur. He overtook the outfit, however, before he had gone two miles. A tire had come off, and they had stopped for repairs. Mr. Woodman proceeded quietly but rapidly to denounce the outfit, and it is said that the language used had a worse effect on the surrounding vegetation than the late frosts.

After the lurid language had reduced his subjects to a pitiful state of subjugation, he said "810.00 or arrest." The mobster tried to conciliate the enraged farmer by offering him a "pull" out of a pint, but it was no go. The "joy rider" showed his pocket book, with only money enough to buy gasoline to Chicago, left his card, and promised to send the ten as soon as he reached home.

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IN HONOR OF MISS STREATOR

Social Event at Home of Mrs. W. L. Miller. Lady Teachers of Schools Were Present.

Mrs. W. L. Miller and Miss Jessie Dunning were hostesses at an afternoon party given in honor of Miss Bessie Streator on Saturday of last week, from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Miss Streator has been one of the instructors in the high school for the past two years and this was a social gathering of young ladies, including a number of teachers, who will not meet many more times in this way as Miss Streator will not be with us next year.

The house was prettily decorated for the occasion, carnations being used throughout. A miscellaneous shower was given the guest of honor. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The afternoon will be one of the pleasant reminders of the closing of the school associations.

BOX OF BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.

Miss Beatrice Bale the Recipient. Gift of Friends at West Park, O., who Were Residents of Paw Paw.

Miss Beatrice Bale is the recipient of a box of beautiful flowers from the Woodside farms and greenhouses at Cleveland, Ohio. The collection contained 25 varieties of tulips and 15 of lilacs, and came as a gift from Mrs. Elmer Empson and Mrs. R. F. Walton, both former residents of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Empson recently moved from the E. H. Hinckley farm at Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Walton from the same neighborhood about a year ago. The Empsons are making their home with Mrs. Walton on this farm where Mr. Empson is head dairyman.

WILL ATTEND FESTIVAL.

Mrs. Jesse Barton left the first of the week for Ann Arbor, where she will visit a sister, Mrs. G. M. Kingsbury, and attend the May festival.



WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH. United States Senator from Michigan.

VAN BUREN COUNTY TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE BIG LAND SHOW IN CHICAGO

A meeting of much importance to Van Buren county was held at Hartford last Tuesday. The meeting was for farmers, real estate men, fruit growers, dairymen, etc., and was to determine what action should be taken, if any, to have Van Buren county properly represented at the big land show which will be held in Chicago next November.

The meeting was fairly well represented, delegates being present from Paw Paw, South Haven, Bangor and Hartford. The proposition was thoroughly discussed and those present were very enthusiastic over the matter. It is quite an undertaking for a single county to make a creditable showing at a show such as will be held in Chicago and it

was decided to try and interest the counties of Allegan and Berrien to join Van Buren county in the exhibit. Accordingly a meeting was called for Benton Harbor on June 1, another for Fennville on June 8, and the last at Hartford on June 15, when the final plans will be consummated.

Many counties of the state were represented at the land show last year and they have since been enjoying the benefits derived from the extensive advertising given them. It is now up to Van Buren county to get in the game.

W. C. Wildev and Ed. Bailey were the Paw Paw delegates to the Hartford meeting.

CHARLES WALL BADLY INJURED

Horses Ran Away and Wheel of Wagon Passed Over His Head. Unconscious When Picked Up.

Charles Wall met with a serious accident last Wednesday which came near costing him his life. As it is he is badly bruised and cut about the head and face.

Mr. Wall was employed in hauling gravel for the corporation. He had just finished unloading, and had stepped out on the tongue of the wagon to secure the reins, when the team became frightened at a passing automobile and started to runaway. Charles was thrown from the tongue, and one of the wheels of the heavy wagon passed over his head, inflicting several severe scalp wounds and contusions of the skull.

He was picked up in an unconscious condition and carried to Dr. Maxwell's office, where his wounds were dressed.

While the injuries are of a serious nature, it is thought that he will soon recover from the same, unless there may be some internal injuries which could not be discovered at the time of the accident.

VISITED OLD FRIENDS.

L. H. Titus of Paw Paw, attorney for Mrs. McDaniel in her case against the city of Hillsdale, was in the city Monday and was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Waller at dinner. Mr. Titus and family lived side by side for several years while the latter was pastor of the Paw Paw Free Baptist church. Mr. Titus was prosecuting attorney of Van Buren county part of one term by appointment and two terms by election, at the time when it was asserted that local option could not be enforced. Mr. Titus held the lid tight in Van Buren county.—Hillsdale Leader.

WILL ATTEND GRAND LODGE.

Messrs. B. F. Heckert, W. R. Sellick, H. A. Sherman and M. H. Young will leave next Monday to attend the sessions of the Grand lodge F. and A. M. at Saginaw.

MORE PIKE PERCH PLANTED.

H. L. McNeil Placed 400,000 of This Variety of Fry in Maple Lake, Monday. Was Second Planting.

Another nice planting of fish was made in Maple lake last Monday. H. L. McNeil planted 400,000 pike perch fry in the waters of the lake. The pike perch is a new variety of the fish tribe in this locality. In shape and color these fish resemble the common perch, but they are more hardy, and grow to weigh five or six pounds, and even more. This is the second planting of pike perch that has been made in Maple lake. The fry is secured from the state fishery at Paris, Michigan.

Maple lake already has an enviable reputation for being one of the best pickeral lakes in the state, and it will not be many years before it will have the same reputation for all kinds of game fish. Let the good work go on.

NOTABLE EVENT IN COUNCIL MASONRY

Lawrence Companions are Royal Extertainers. Event Will Long be Remembered by All Present.

A bunch of Paw Paw's R. and S. Council Masons autoed over to Lawrence last Thursday evening to receive the degrees of the Council. It was a night long to be remembered, both by the candidates and those who are already members of that worthy and ancient institution. Several Lawrence masons of high social position helped make up a class of eight candidates, and also helped keep up the reputation of the town as hypotheaters of other people's belongings, namely: Base ball caps, popcorn wagons, etc., by stealing the mouse-colored burro, "Evelyn," from her luxurious stable and exiling her to the river bottom.

The keen-eyed brothers who had her in charge, however, located her Royal Highness late in the evening and returned her to her rightful position. She performed her part splendidly, and did much to add to the pleasure of the occasion, and make it pleasant for her abductors.

The degrees were conferred with due solemnity, and as a prelude to an elegant banquet, a "semi pro." glove contest was pulled off between two of Paw Paw's heavy weight brothers. The contestants demonstrated their ability to lead and counter, swing and block, upper cut and side step with any of their class in Southern Michigan.

The urbane Six and the "foxy" Benedict came in for their share of the honors, both as seconds to the "go" and as waiters at the banquet that followed, which was substantial and varied by visits from "Evelyn."

The Paw Paw contingent, as they smoked and motored their way home at a late hour, were loud in their praise of their Lawrence companions. They are the "Salt of the Earth." Everything points to more.

MANY PUPILS ARE PROMOTED

From the Rural Grades. One Hundred Ninety-nine passed. Many Ridiculous Answers.

Out of the 320 pupils from the rural schools who took the eighth grade examination held under the supervision of Commissioner Hungerford on May 5 and 6, 199 received certificates of promotion. This is a much larger percentage than passed the grade last year, which shows the standard of excellence of the rural schools is improving.

The many ridiculous answers, however, to some of the questions, especially in literature, would indicate that there was ample room for improvement. The following are samples of answers given to questions referring to Sir Walter Scott: When Scott was a baby he had a hard time shedding his teeth.

When Scott was 16 years old he helped his father-in-law. Scott wrote "Merchant of Venice" Scott wrote "Brandywine." Scott's wife had an income of 500 pounds a year.

Scott learned a great deal about Scotch knit and when he grew up was married.

Health is a scrap. Copse is a body, copse is a brush heap. Clan—People with one forefather. One pupil wrote as follows: The ear is a hole on the side of the face. Fruit is healthy because it tastes good. Fruit belt is one of the principal railroads in Michigan. Winds are caused by the different ocean currents. Tropical fruits are raised in Michigan.

NEWS FROM OLD FRIEND.

The True Northerner is in receipt of a copy of the Oroville Daily Register of recent date, which gives a full account of the annual meeting and banquet of the Oroville Chamber of Commerce. According to the report this was the most successful meeting ever held by the club. N. B. Crane, formerly a resident of Paw Paw, is secretary of the organization. The paper contains a fine cut of Mr. Crane and his detailed report as secretary.

PRIMARY MONEY IS APPORTIONED

Treasurer Fuller Received Check for \$58,617, Van Buren's Share.

BANGOR GETS LARGEST AMOUNT

Paw Paw's Share is \$4,251. In Addition to This Another Sum Comes for Library Purposes.

The state of Michigan has just made its semi-annual apportionment of primary school money. Last Wednesday County Treasurer Fuller received a check for \$58,617 as Van Buren county's share of the apportionment. This sum will be distributed among the various school districts of the county in proportion to the number of school children in each district.

This apportionment is on the basis of \$0.50 per capita, while the last was \$0.00 for each child. The exact sum received is \$13,902 in excess of the amount received last November.

There are 9,040 children of school age in this county, but owing to some error in the reports to the state superintendent of public instruction only 9,018 drew primary money.

The largest amount received by any one township was \$4,673.00 by Bangor, while Hartford was second with \$4,400. Paw Paw received the sum of \$4,251. Hamilton gets the smallest portion with \$1,670. Keeler was the township to lose by erroneous reports. The school census showed 306 school children entitled to the primary money, while only 284 were included in the apportionment. The city schools of South Haven drew \$5,963.

In addition to the above sums of money which goes into the school funds every six months each district maintaining a library received another appropriation for library purposes. There are 8,928 children in the county drawing library money and the amount so apportioned during the past year is approximately \$1,000. This fund is derived from fines and costs imposed by judicial officers for criminal offenses and is turned over to the county treasurer and through him distributed to the districts maintaining a library.

The next primary apportionment will be made in November and will be much lighter than the present one. Some districts already have enough school money in their treasuries to support the schools for years to come. The True Northerner believes the primary school system is all wrong. Editorial reference is made to the subject in this issue.

BOOSTERS HELD REGULAR MEETING

Attendance Small, but Enthusiastic. Norwood Donates Public Drinking Fountain.

The Booster's club held its regular meeting last Tuesday. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was rather light, but those who were present made up in enthusiasm what the attendance lacked in numbers. Many suggestions were made that will be of practical benefit to Paw Paw, and which we believe will bear fruit later. H. C. Waters had the meeting in charge and handled the program in a creditable manner.

Through the generosity of C. A. Norwood, member of the club, Paw Paw will probably have a public drinking fountain. He has offered to give the fountain to the village if the council will have the same installed. Mr. Norwood's proposition, which was read to the club, was received with cheers, and he is to be commended for his enterprise.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at the usual hour and place. The program will be in charge of John Mutchler. After the next meeting the club will meet monthly during the summer months instead of bi-weekly as heretofore. It is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance at the next meeting as there are matters of importance that need the attention of the entire membership and are of vital interest to Paw Paw.

BIG RESORT BURNED.

Sleepy Hollow, the largest resort in South Haven, burned to the ground last Tuesday morning. The estimated loss is \$30,000.00 partially covered by insurance. The place was owned by Joshua Smith of Chicago, and had just been leased for the summer. The origin of the fire is unknown.

"TAG DAY" NETTED \$36.00.

As a result of the "tag day" conducted here last Saturday, Paw Paw people contributed \$36.00 to the endowment fund of the Michigan Children's Home society of St Joseph.