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## BAND MET WITH GREAT RECEPTION

Vacation Tour was Great Success from Every Point of View.

## SPECIAL FEATURES MADE HIT

Flattering Comments of Praise from Places where Paw Paw Young People Gave Entertainments.

"And the band played on."

The Paw Paw high school band returned from their tour of the state last Sunday morning with evidence of their good time written on their faces. It was the same story from each and everyone of the company—a grand good time. Good houses, enthusiastic audiences and royal entertainment was awaiting them almost without exception. Galesburg was the first engagement. The Galesburg Argus has the following to say: "It would be impossible to say too much in praise of the band concert given here by the Paw Paw high school band." It also praises highly the good work of specialty people, calling it a first class entertainment.

The Grand Ledge Times speaks in the highest terms of the quality of the music rendered by the band and of the excellent numbers furnished by Miss Russ as soloist and Miss Frieda Snow in instrumental numbers. It also speaks of Margaret Cole as "a peach of a reader for any old age" and her work being thoroughly enjoyed. We would like to inform the good people of Grand Ledge that Miss Cole is a sample of the peaches in general that this "belt" affords and the majority of our young people here are capable and sweet. The Times speaks nicely of the young violinist and says: "He is neither pale-faced, long haired or starry-eyed and his head is normal, but he delivers the goods with his little violin."

At Stanton the entire student body, teachers and a number of citizens met them at the train and showed them every courtesy possible. Nine raps for the Paw Paw boys was the salutation they received from the Stantonites as they left the train, also the home yell, which was a pleasant greeting. Mr. Jennings, the superintendent, is a splendid entertainer and an enthusiastic educator. The splendid school spirit existing between Mr. Jennings and his students attest the harmony existing in their relations and assures good work and great accomplishment. He is a Van Buren county boy, having been born in Lawrence, where his people still reside.

The boys were equally well received in every place they visited. Their visit in Grand Rapids was especially pleasant, they having spent the day there sight-seeing. They were entertained by Miss Spencer at her pleasant home there and were delighted with the day's pleasure.

Space forbids further mention of the places visited, but suffice it to say that Supt. McCormick and his bunch of entertainers were appreciated and the real benefit derived from the tour cannot be measured by mere words.

Now for real life and good hard work during the last lap of the school year.

## CLUB ENJOYED FINE MUSICAL

Program of Unusual Merit for Popular Fellowship Club

The Fellowship club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sellick last Wednesday evening. It was a stormy night and many members were unable to be present. Those who came, however, enjoyed one of the best treats of the season. Mrs. Sellick had charge of the program, which was a series of delightful musical numbers.

The program included vocal selections by Miss Martha Mason, Blaine Warner, Miss Graham and Dr. Hoyt and LaRue Mosier. The instrumental numbers included a piano duet by Mesdames Harrison and Sellick, duet violin and cello, Miss Fox and Miss Van Buskirk, and selections by Miss Van Buskirk and her orchestra. This is a musical organization made up of Miss Van Buskirk's pupils and the class of music played and the execution by the young artists was a revelation to the listeners.

Every number on this splendid program was enthusiastically encored and it was an evening long to be remembered. Mrs. Sellick, besides arranging the program, was accompanist for the several numbers and deserves much praise for the excellence of the evening's entertainment.

## BOOST FOR THE MEMORIAL HALL

Enthusiastic Gathering at Home of Mrs. Dollie Conner.

The large and comfortable home of Mrs. Dollie Conner on Grooms street was filled completely last Saturday evening with W. R. C. ladies, the members of the G. A. R. and numerous friends of both organizations. The occasion was the semi-monthly social of the Memorial building association and the interest manifested in the project, proven by the large attendance is very gratifying to the members.

A short but very good program was presented. Miss Olive Loveland sang two selections that were very pleasing. Mrs. B. O'Dell recited a patriotic selection, the like of which always reaches the tender spot in the hearts of an audience. Mrs. J. J. Waters recited in a happy manner, a number that changed the mood entirely and was very entertaining. Miss Helene Marr then gave a reading which was much appreciated. O. W. Rowland was then called upon and asked to make a few remarks regarding the recent death of Gen. Frederick Dent Grant. There is no such thing as catching Mr. Rowland unprepared. In three minutes from the time he was ordered to appear, he reported for duty and delivered a splendid eulogy to the soldier who has just passed away, and also to his illustrious father who was beloved by his people. He also recited Tennyson's beautiful poem "Crossing The Bar." This was the end of the program—but the surprise was yet to come. The luncheon was served by the ladies of the Relief Corps, and the finishing touch was a great big, white cake, with a flag in the center proclaiming patriotism, delicious to the taste and beautiful to the eye. This cake was made by Mrs. Wm. Porter a bride of 61 years, whose wedding anniversary has just occurred. She was the creator of this splendid edible and it was presented to her husband and to the guests there assembled in honor of the event of 1851. Congratulations were then in order and the pleasant social time was at an end.

There will be one more social given by this association this season. In two weeks they will meet again at the G. A. R. hall and hope to have a good attendance.

## TREAT IS IN STORE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Prof. Kock of U. of M. to give Illustrated Lecture on Alaska, Free.

The Coterie has secured for Paw Paw one of the Extension Lectures that are being provided the people of the state by the university. Theodore Koch, of the faculty of the University of Michigan will deliver his address "Alaska" on the evening of May 1, in the opera house. The talk will be popular in its nature as well as being intended to be geographically instructive and will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

No admission will be charged, the lecture being open to all. The university sends the lecturer here without cost and the Coterie will meet the local expenses. While in Paw Paw, Mr. Koch will be the guest of E. G. Thayer.

## ATHLETICS WARMING UP IN THE SCHOOLS

School began last Monday after a vacation of one week, for the last lap of the school year. Athletics seems to be the principal topic of conversation now and all eyes will be turned towards Field day, which will be held this year in Lawton.

Lawrence, which for the past two years has been the strong base ball team of the county, was defeated by Bangor high school last Saturday by the score of 11 to 5. South Haven will be in the games this year, and some interesting developments may result. Paw Paw can be depended upon to take care of herself and carry off her share of county honors on the athletic field.

## COULDN'T STAY AWAY.

Ray Wheaton, who went to Tacoma, Wash., last fall, will return to Paw Paw soon and will again be found at Engel's bakery. Ray has decided that after all there is no place like Paw Paw and his host of friends here are pleased to know that Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton are again to become residents of Paw Paw.

## SIXTY-ONE YEARS OF HAPPY WEDDED LIFE



Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Porter, Venerable Paw Paw Couple Who Recently Celebrated the 61st Anniversary of their Wedding Day.

The above picture represents two of Paw Paw's oldest citizens, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Porter. They have just celebrated their 61st. wedding anniversary and were comparatively well and very happy in the event. Mr. Porter is 83 years of age and his wife has passed her 80th birthday.

Wm. J. Porter and Sylvia Elizabeth Randall were married April 9, 1851 in Lewiston, N. Y. They came to Wyandotte, Mich., in 1865, and that was their home for ten years, then they moved to Flat Rock, Mich. In 1900 they came to Paw Paw and this has been their home since that time. They have four children—Franklin of Detroit, Emma and Wm. J. of Kalamazoo and George Porter of Paw Paw. They have ten grand-children and one great grandchild.

Mr. Porter is still an interested member of G. A. R. and is only prevented by failing eyesight from being an active member. Mrs. Porter is the Chaplain of the Relief Corps and has acted in this capacity since the organization of the society. Her faithfulness and unbounded interest in this body has added much to its usefulness.

The True Northerner wishes to extend congratulations to this worthy couple and may they live many more years and celebrate the event of their union in as happy a manner as in 1912.

## GONE DOWN TO WATERY GRAVE

Hundreds of Lives Lost in Most Horrible Accident of Many Ages.

The appalling disaster of the past week, the sinking of the great ocean steamer, Titanic, in the Atlantic ocean brings a feeling of horror and absolute timidity in regard to the safety for human life. We are hoping to hear that the loss of life is greatly diminished in number from the first reports, but even so, it stands out as a monstrous calamity, as the loss to each father, mother, relative or friend is not lessened because of the few or many.

The thing that marks the occurrence with more than ordinary regret is that vast numbers of the passengers were pleasure seekers and undoubtedly counted themselves unusually fortunate to be able to embark on this gorgeous and palatial steamer. Remarkable also is the fact that nearly all of the survivors were women and children, another tribute to American men, another specie of American soldier, for it would be vastly less difficult to face the mouth of a cannon in the excitement of battle than to stand back and calmly await death, the only reward being the preservation of another life. Does it take such terrible object lessons to make us understand that human nature is not altogether selfish?

Latest reports state over 1300 lives lost.

## BITTEN BY SCOTCH COLLIE

Called Home by Sickness

Eugene Weston, member of the Paw Paw high school band, was called home from Allegan last Saturday on account of the serious condition of his mother. K. H. Armstrong of Manclona took his place in the band for the closing entertainment at Plainwell, Saturday evening.

Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Manclona band that was organized by Supt. McCormick and is a senior in the school there this year. He accompanied his former teacher to Paw Paw for a short visit and has decided to remain and finish out the school year here.

## REAL ESTATE ON THE MOVE

The prospects seem good for a good healthy boom in real estate in the vicinity of Paw Paw this season. The Decker & Bailey agency report the following sales the past week: The R. A. Moore 40 acre farm in Waverly sold to Clem Weatherwax of Paw Paw; the Johanna Ellfeldt farm of 60 acres near Four Mile lake to G. C. Morgan of Kankakee, Ill.; R. E. Clough place of 10 acres south of town to Robert Young of Paw Paw and the Weatherwax moat market in Paw Paw to R. A. Moore of Waverly.

## MANY CHANGES AT THE BAKERY

When Finished will be the Most Modern Plant in South Michigan.

Neil Engel has commenced extensive improvements on the Home bakery, and when completed will boast of one of the most modern and up-to-date bakeries in Michigan. The partition has been moved back to make more floor space in the main room, new cases will be added, a new front put in, new awning erected and the interior of the place all neatly painted and decorated. Jordan & Clapp have the contract for the new front, C. C. Young is building the new cases, C. D. Leach is doing the interior decorating and S. O. Kenyon is the awning artist.

Mr. Engel is a thorough business man and understands the bakery business from A to Z. He has made a success of the bakery business in Paw Paw and can now look forward to a most successful business career. He is deserving of the support and encouragement of local people.

## LOST POCKET BOOK WITH FIFTY DOLLARS

Clarence Richmond had the misfortune last Saturday to lose a pocketbook containing the sum of \$50. The purse also contained several receipts and other papers by which the ownership would be easily known by the finder. It is to be sincerely hoped that the finder may be an honest person and that the money may be restored to the owner.

To find something and keep it when the owner of the same is known to the finder is as bad as breaking and entering a home and stealing valuables therefrom. If the lost pocketbook falls in the hands of an honest, conscientious person, Mr. Richmond will recover his money, if it has fallen into the hands of a thief or a crook he can say good bye to it.

## ODD FELLOWS WERE GIVEN FINE SPREAD

Local Lodge guests of Glendale. Hosts noted for their Hospitality.

The Paw Paw Odd Fellows were guests of their Glendale brothers at the latter place last Monday night. About 33 of the local members journeyed to Glendale to partake of the hospitality for which the Glendale Odd Fellows have long been noted. This occasion proved an exception to the rule and it was an event long to be remembered by those present.

The Glendale lodge conferred the Initiatory degree in a manner which elicited much praise from the visiting brothers. A fine banquet was served in the lodge rooms after work.

There is a warm fraternal feeling existing between the brothers of the two lodges and such affairs as the one Monday night cements the bonds of friendship, and all went home feeling that it was good to be there.

## PROGRAM REPEATED FOR CROWDED HOUSE

The Presbyterian church was again crowded to its capacity last Sunday evening to enjoy the splendid Easter program which was repeated by request of many who were unable to hear it Easter night. The program throughout, which was under the direction of Miss Van Buskirk, was one of real merit. It reflected much credit on individual participants and also on the instructor and director, Miss Van Buskirk.

Paw Paw is second to no community in the variety, quantity and excellence of its musical talent and Miss Van Buskirk has few equals as a talented and cultured musician.

## A FREAK OF LIGHTNING

In the thunderstorm Sunday forenoon, lightning struck a pine tree in front of Elder Bates' house two miles north-east of the village, followed the northward until it came to a wire clothes line, then ran along this wire to three other trees. This was simply to remind us that summer is on the way.

## ROOSEVELT GETS DISTRICT VOTES

Convention at Lawton instructed Delegates by Strong Resolutions

## SOUTH HAVEN MAN ALTERNATE

C. O. Monroe of Van Buren and Jas. H. Kinnane of Cass Alternates. E. Reid, J. T. Owen delegates.

The Fourth Congressional District convention to select two delegates to the National convention at Chicago, was held at Lawton on Tuesday of this week. The Roosevelt adherents were in control of the convention, and the delegates elected are bound by the most iron clad resolutions and instructions to vote for the "Rough Rider" first last and to the finish.

The convention was called to order by John T. Owen, member of the Congressional committee from Berrien and George E. Bardeen of Osage called to the chair as temporary chairman. Geo. E. Gillam of Niles was chosen secretary of the convention.

On motion the roll of counties was called and the following committees selected by the several counties of the district.

Credentialed—J. L. Smith, Allegan; L. E. Wood, Berrien; G. R. Hyde, Barry; J. M. East, Cass; E. B. Bennett, Van Buren; Wm. Cavis, St. Joseph.

Permanent Organization and order of business—W. J. Barnard, Van Buren; Frank Andrews, Allegan; C. W. Stratton, Berrien; C. H. Osborn, Barry; Jesse Green, Cass; F. S. Cumming, St. Joseph.

Resolutions—Edwy C. Reid, Allegan; A. B. Cady, Berrien; L. H. Pryor, Barry; E. A. Planck Cass; F. C. C. G. Shal, Van Buren; J. Mack Harvey, Jr. St. Joseph.

The committee on Credentials reported 108 delegates in the convention and entitled to seats, each county being represented as follows: Allegan 22, Barry 13, Berrien 29, Cass 12, St. Joseph 14, Van Buren 18.

L. E. Wood of Berrien and Julius Stern of Cass were appointed tellers.

The report of the committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business was adopted. One of the features of the report was for the election of a new Congressional committee. The committee was not aware that the new Primary law governed the selection of a new committee, but were set right by Mr. Owen of Benton Harbor and that feature of the report was stricken out.

The roll of counties was then called and candidates presented for delegates to the National Convention. Allegan presented the name of Edwy C. Reid. Some one asked how he stood on the presidential matter, and Chairman Bardeen assured the convention that everyone in Allegan county was for Roosevelt. This statement reassured the convention, and Mr. Reid was declared to be the unanimous choice of the convention for delegate to the big show.

Berrien county was entitled to the other delegate according to the custom

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## BIG DAY NEXT WEEK SATURDAY

Business men plan Program. Big List of Sports. 1st and 2nd Prizes.

There will be something doing in Paw Paw on Saturday, April 27. The Business Men's association have planned a day of sports and a lively time is anticipated. Following are some of the features which will entertain the crowds during the day:

Slow horse race—Best two in three. First prize \$2, second \$1. Judges Daniel Morrison and John Hunt.

Pole team—Best two in three, first prize \$3, second \$2. Judges Chas. Sheibly and Chas. Baker.

Fat man's race—One heat, first prize \$2, second \$1. Judges Fred Bilsborrow and G. W. Lee.

Free for all foot race—First prize \$2.50, second prize \$1. Judges Haydon Arnold, and Ray Pugsley.

Best lady turnout—Rig and lady considered. First prize \$2, second prize \$1. Judges Eddie Woodman and Byron Rix.

Best pair general purpose farm horses—First prize \$2.50, second prize \$1.00. Judges Jay Hinckley and Jay Lyle. This will be a gala day for Paw Paw with something doing all the time. Remember the day and date, and plan to spend the day in Paw Paw. Further particulars next week.