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COUNTY FEDERATION OF CLUBS AT DECATUR LAST WEDNESDAY

Large Attendance at Annual Meeting of Women's Literary Clubs.

NEXT MEETING AT LAWRENCE

Fine Program and Cordial Hospitality Make Day One of Pleasure. Twenty-nine from Paw Paw.

The Van Buren County Federation of Women's clubs held their annual meeting in Decatur last Wednesday the guests of the Every Tuesday club of that city. The day was ideal and the early morning saw all manner of conveyances loaded with joyful ladies headed for the pleasant village of Decatur.

The sessions of the Federation were held in the beautiful and commodious rooms of the Presbyterian church, which was made still more attractive with potted plants, ferns and many cut flowers. The session was called to order by Mrs. Franc Rogers of Decatur, president of the county association, and Mrs. Etta Adams sang two charming solos. Mrs. Rogers then, in behalf of the Ever Tuesday club, extended to the guests a most cordial welcome and Mrs. Bess Chapman of Bangor responded on behalf of the visiting clubs.

The forenoon was given over to the transaction of business and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Baker, Lawrence; vice pres., Mrs. Nower, Lawrence; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Brokaw, Lawrence; corresponding sec., Miss Carrie Spencer, Lawrence. As Lawrence was selected as the next meeting place of the Federation, all the officers were elected from that place.

A sumptuous dinner was served in the town hall by the Maccabee ladies.

The following delightful program was rendered at the afternoon session, every number being thoroughly appreciated by the large and enthusiastic audience: Organ solo, Mrs. Maxwell, Decatur; whistling solo, Miss Gertrude Barrows, Lawrence; reading, Miss Anna Watson, Benton Harbor; double quartet, South Haven ladies; vocal solo, Miss Gertrude Smith, Lawton; vocal solo, Mrs. Metzger; report of the State Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman, Paw Paw.

Roll call of clubs showed that the Coterie of Paw Paw with 29 representatives, had the largest representation of any visiting club. The Scott club of South Haven came second with 21. Total number of representatives from the various clubs of the county was 205.

This was one of the most enjoyable meetings of its kind ever held in the county. The program was excellent, the hospitality of the hostesses could not be excelled and everything combined to make the day one long to be remembered. The Federation closed in a happy way to meet one year hence in Lawrence.

CLIFTON HOUSE CHANGES HANDS

Mrs. Florence Ford Sells Hostelry to Mr. Epley of Dowagiac.

The Clifton house will be under new management next week, Mrs. Florence Ford having sold out the business and the hotel furniture to the incoming proprietor, Mr. Epley of Dowagiac. The new proprietor will take possession the first of next week.

The Clifton house has been under the present management for the past seven years, Mrs. Ford having assumed entire charge of it at the death of her husband two years ago. She has made many friends among the traveling public who will regret her decision to give up the hotel business. She with her daughters will remain in Paw Paw for a time, as she has made no definite plans for the future. She will occupy the Martin flat over the Lake and Hudson stores.

Mr. Epley is an experienced hotel man and will undoubtedly maintain the reputation of the house. He has disposed of his interest in the Geesey house of Dowagiac where he has been for some time.

MADE CITY ATTORNEY.

At a meeting of the city council of the city of Dowagiac, Attorney Carl D. Mosier received the unanimous vote of that body for city attorney for the ensuing year. This worthy young man is fast gaining prominence in his chosen profession, and his host of friends predict for him a bright future.

IDLE HOUR GIVES MEMORIAL BENEFIT

Special Program Next Monday Afternoon and Evening, Benefit Memorial Hall Fund.

There will be a benefit for the proposed Memorial hall at the Idle Hour theater next Monday afternoon and evening, May 13. Special films have been procured for the occasion and special music arranged. Blaine Warner will sing in the evening. Admission will be 10 cents.

The Idle Hour under the present management has become a popular place of amusement. Mr. Pierce is public spirited and is doing his best to cater to the wishes of the amusement loving public. He is giving this benefit for the Memorial hall fund. He is to be commended for his interest in the welfare of Paw Paw and is deserving of the patronage he is receiving. The Memorial hall fund should be materially increased by this benefit.

GAS ENGINE CO. HAS PROSPERED

Concern of Which Wells Brown is Manager Enlarges Plant.

The Lansing Journal of last Saturday gives an extended account of the plans of the "Original Gas Engine Co." of that city for a new factory. This will be of special interest to readers of The True Northerner, as Wells G. Brown, formerly of this place, is treasurer-manager of this enterprising concern.

The great increase in the volume of business done by this company has made the present quarters inadequate, and a new building 300 by 125 feet will be erected. The capacity will be materially increased and 200 additional men added to the working force. It is expected that the increased capacity of the plant will enable the company to reach the \$400,000 mark in business done the coming year. R. E. Oids, of automobile fame, is president of this excellent company.

PERMISSION TO CARRY FIREARMS

Several Licenses Granted to Carry Weapons Under New Law.

Sixteen licenses to carry fire arms have been issued under the new law. The following have obtained licenses from this county:

Byron L. Sowie, Gladstone R. Beattie, Erastus Cone, Ed Bailey, Chas. C. Chappell, Henry Pompey, Nehemiah L. Bouton, Fred B. Lord, Rolla Lanphers, Henry W. McCabe, Chas. A. Raymond, A. F. Hurlbut, Chas. D. Leach, Vison J. Aylars, John C. Sweet, Wm. A. Hindertler.

LUMBER YARD BUSY PLACE.

The Free and Mutchler Lumber company are very busy these days. They have a large force at work and then it is hard to keep up with the special orders. They recently filled a large order for special wood work for the Dr. Swantz residence in South Bend. They worked out all the special woodwork for the residence and Dr. Swantz was so pleased with the work that he has since ordered several other special pieces of work for the home.

ATTENDED FISCHER PARTY.

Several couples from Paw Paw went to Lawton Tuesday evening to attend the Fischer Japanese party. They report a most cordial reception from the Lawton young people and a delightful time.

NOW THE YELLOW FRONT.

C. F. Snow & Co. are giving their store front a new coat of paint and making other improvements at the store. Their popular hardware store will henceforth be known as the "Yellow Front."



CHARLES PAGE BRYAN, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

THE ambassador to Japan has had a long diplomatic career, in the course of which he has served as minister to China, Brazil, Switzerland, Portugal and Belgium. He is a native of Chicago, the son of one of the early Cook county settlers. He received his education at the University of Virginia and in the law department of Columbian university, Washington. He made two tours of Europe (in 1891 and 1892) in the interests of the World's Columbian exposition, and has served several terms in the Illinois legislature.

MISTLETOE BOUGH MERITS PATRONAGE OF THE PUBLIC

As announced last week, the Mistletoe Bough, a musical pantomime under the auspices of the local L. O. T. M. M., will be played at Longwell's opera house tonight and Saturday-night. There are about 40 people in the cast and they have been working faithfully under the direction of Miss Ethel Fox during the past two weeks to make the entertainment a meritorious one.

It will be a decided novelty in the line of plays, as not a word will be spoken during the play. A verse of song precedes each scene and the actors, by their clever acting, tell the story. The theme is a sad one, but the beautiful stage setting and the clever acting makes

the play intensely interesting throughout the entire five scenes. Miss Van Buskirk's orchestra will render the music which accompanies the acting throughout the entire play. Several special choruses have been arranged and Blaine Warner will sing the song which explains the story.

This entertainment was recently given in Ithaca and Quincy, Mich. The press of both places are loud in their praises of this novel entertainment. It was a pronounced success in both places and will be in Paw Paw. Do your part by giving the company a crowded house. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

READY TO COME BACK.

Dr. Henry L. Charles of Geesee county was calling on Paw Paw friends the first of the week. As stated last week, he expects to return to Paw Paw and enter the practice of his profession here. The date of his coming has not been definitely stated yet.

BLUEGILLS ARE BITING.

The bluegills are biting. Harry Salisbury, who claims the belt (although the claim is disputed) for being the champion bluegill fisherman in Paw Paw, went out to Three Mile lake last Tuesday and returned with 33 fine ones. Emory Ball, Ford Wilber, John Mutchler and others, please take notice.

PAW PAW BOY MAKES GOOD.

Francis Shaefer, who recently completed a course of study in the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, has accepted a situation in the Williamston, Iogham county, State bank. He left last Tuesday to take up the duties of his new position. He is the right boy for a position of honor and trust, and the bank is to be congratulated on its selection.

BACK FROM THE SOUTH.

Chas Sheldon who has spent the winter with L. E. Shepard in Gainesville, Florida, returned to Paw Paw the first of the week. Charley is in good health and brings back good reports from Mr. and Mrs. Shepard.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL NAMES CLEAN-UP DAY FOR MICHIGAN

To all Fire Chiefs, Presidents of Villages and Deputy Fire Marshals:

Realizing and appreciating the inestimable good accomplished by our "Clean up Day in Michigan" of last year, and desiring this year to get the full benefit of an earlier date, we have designated May 15th as "Clean up Day" for 1912.

The fire losses in Michigan for the past 11 months, as reported to this department, will exceed \$4,000,000. With this appalling loss to property in mind, will you not use your best efforts on this day in the elimination of hazardous conditions and in securing co-operation of all the people of this state in such work,

so that this fearful loss to property may be materially reduced?

To "clean up" does not mean simply the removal of rubbish, but it means the seeking out and removal of anything that tends to increase the fire hazard. Make this day a special occasion for the use of your authority in the matter of inspections; do not be satisfied with superficial work, but seek out the hidden dangers and secure their removal. Let this day be not less fruitful in results than the "Clean up Day" last year.

Very truly yours,
C. A. PALMER,
State Fire Marshal.

TOMORROW WILL BE ANOTHER BIG DAY FOR PAW PAW BUSINESS MEN

PAW PAW GIRL NOW TALENTED READER

Miss Vivian McCabe Graduates from Detroit School of Elocution and Literary Training.

Miss Vivianne McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCabe, graduated from the Detroit Training School of Elocution and English Literature this week. The graduates' recital was held in the Chaffee hall of that city Thursday evening.

Miss McCabe is one of Paw Paw's most estimable and talented young ladies. She has been a faithful student at this school of elocution and graduates with high honors. The True Northerner joins her host of Paw Paw friends in congratulations on the honor which she so justly merits. She was assisted in the recital by Miss Mabel Buckerfield at the piano.

MUD PUPPY IS CAPTURED HERE

Local Fisherman Lands Strange Freak From Maple Lake.

It has been commonly known for some time that Maple lake contained almost every variety of the fish family and that it was a veritable fisherman's paradise. It remained for Michael Heffron, however, to discover that the lake was the home of other species besides the accepted varieties of the fish families.

While fishing from the pier in front of Rose Villa the first of the week Michael succeeded in landing what he says is a "mud puppy." It is of good size, has four short legs like a beagle hound, long ears, head something like a bulldog, is covered with soft silken hair and barks like a six months' old puppy. Michael had some trouble in landing the strange specimen, but now has it safely corralled in a rail barrel. It comes to the surface and whines for its meals and will eat bread, scraps of meat and laps milk from a saucer as a really truly puppy would do.

The writer has not seen the strange animal, but it has attracted considerable attention during the week, and many will vouch for the truthfulness of the above description. If Mike does not conclude to keep the animal for a pet it is probable that it will find its way into some museum.

REAL ESTATE IS MOVING RAPIDLY

Register's Office Shows Steady Increase Over Last Year's Record.

There has been a substantial increase in the business of the register of deeds during the first four months of the year as compared with the same period in 1911. The total receipts of the office during those months in 1911 were \$894.78. For the same months of the present year the receipts were \$1,125.88, an increase of \$231.10. Each month shows a greater amount of business transacted, as follows: January, \$45.05; February, \$61.28; March, \$25.32; April, \$99.17, in excess of the corresponding month of last year.

This speaks well for the general business condition of the county, and augurs well for a lively year in real estate circles.

HOME FROM THE WEST.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spicer, who have spent the winter with Mrs. Spicer's parents in Britt, Iowa, returned to Paw Paw the first of the week. They are both in the best of health and their many Paw Paw friends are pleased to welcome them home again.

THREE CANDIDATES.

Regular convocation of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34, R. A. M., next Monday evening. Work in the Mark Master Mason's degree on three candidates. Refreshments after the work. A large attendance of the membership is hoped for. Visiting companions are welcome.

Attractive Program Planned for Entertainment of the Visitors.

SPECIAL BARGAINS OFFERED

Sports With Cash Prizes. The Band Will Play. Free Show. Horse Races. Tomorrow the day.

Tomorrow, Saturday, is to be another gala day in Paw Paw. The success of the day two weeks ago was very encouraging to the business men's association, and plans are under way to make the Saturday entertainments permanent features of the summer. The crack Paw Paw band has been engaged for the summer and will furnish music throughout the day Saturday. A program of sports has been planned with cash prizes. A feature of the day will be two trotting events. Some of the best horses in the county will be on hand to contest for supremacy. Cash prizes will be given in both events.

Every merchant has entered into the spirit of the occasion and has offered attractive bargains as an extra inducement for the visitors. There will be many special bargains at all the stores, and the day will be one of pleasure and profit.

Commencing Saturday morning tickets will be given by all the merchants with every cash purchase. On Saturday, May 18, the tickets will be placed in a box and every tenth ticket drawn will entitle the person whose name is on the ticket to a cash prize of \$1.00, provided, of course, the lucky one is present at the drawing. If not there, then the next tenth ticket will get the prize. The drawing will take place on the Dyckman house corner at 3:00 p. m., Saturday, May 18, and ten cash prizes of \$1.00 each will be given away.

A large ad. on page 6 of this issue will give the complete details for the big day tomorrow. Take a day off, come to Paw Paw, take advantage of the many bargains offered and go home with the feeling that you are glad you are alive.

GET READY FOR BIG MINSTRELS

May 24 and 25 Days Set for High School Entertainment.

Have you seen the handsome placards announcing the Big Minstrel Show? Well, they are only the forerunner, as it were, of what is to follow. Having the dates, May 24 and 25 thoroughly in mind, the next question in your imaginative minds is in regard to the show itself. Space will not permit an elaboration of the attractions that have been secured for these two days.

The main fun producing element will be a bunch of thirty colored comedians with four of the funniest end men ever seen in Paw Paw. First, there is Dale Harrison, that inimitable clown and fun-maker, whose drolleries have convulsed the theater goers of Paw Paw upon numerous occasions. To see him is to laugh. Then there is Percival Wheeler, late from Chicago, a song and dance specialty man with few equals and no superiors.

As a reeler or a speller Wheeler is a peeler.

Dextrous Decker, utility man will be there with the song specialties and wonderful feats of skating. Slat Donovan has consented to occupy one of the ends and sing one of his touching ballads. As a comedian Don takes the cake as all will testify who have ever seen him play the bass drum. This song is introduced to draw the crowd from Lawrence.

Some of the niftiest posing stunts will be staged by Messrs. Donovan, Harrison and Decker. Well worth the price of admission. Some of the classic choruses will be staged in the olio by the best vocal talent in Paw Paw. The show will close with a screaming farce, a burlesque on Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Those who are unable to help the band by buying an admission ticket are cordially invited to witness the big parade and free show. The parade is taking shape daily. There will be bands, trained and wild animals, floats, clowns, characters, monstrosities, horrors and everything that goes to make up a first class parade. Watch for bills.

E. E. Downing made a business trip to Chicago on Wednesday.