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MARCHED WITH BOYS IN BLUE

Students with Band Assisted in the Memorial Observance.

MOST IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES

Ever Held in Paw Paw. Fine Address by Rev. C. E. Varney. Cheers for School and the Band.

Memorial Day observance in Paw Paw this year was the most satisfactory in every respect of any ever held here. The ideal weather, the splendid co-operation of Supt. McCormick, the high school band and the pupils in all the departments, combined to make this sacred day a memorable one.

The pupils from the Seniors down to the little tots met at the school house in the morning and, headed by the band, marched with the teachers at the head of their departments to the G. A. R. hall, where they were joined by the veterans and the members of the W. R. C. From there the procession proceeded to the water works, where exercises to commemorate the brave deeds of deceased members of the navy were held, after which all went to the cemetery to decorate the graves of the departed heroes. The citizens generously donated the use of their automobiles and enough were provided for the old soldiers, many of whom find it exceedingly difficult to stand the long walk.

The schools made a splendid showing and added much to the impressiveness of the occasion. When the band boys met the Boys in Blue who had lined up to receive them, three cheers were given to indicate in a measure their appreciation of the efforts of the band and the school. It was an imposing spectacle. The band in their spick and span uniforms, playing appropriate selections, then the G. A. R. remnant of that once proud army, then the W. R. C. followed by the students all dressed in their best, made a scene never to be forgotten. As they were lined up beside the softly rippling stream that splits the gem of parks, of which our "Maple City" has so many, the G. A. R. and W. R. C. carried out the simple ceremonies, closing with a hymn. As the last notes of quavering voices died away and a hush settled over the crowd, many of whom with sad recollections of the past stood with dewy eyes, a Golden Oriole, filled with the joy of the beautiful day, came fluttering down with a gush of nature's melody which no human art can imitate and transformed the scene of sadness into one of glad anticipation for the future.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

The exercises at the opera house at 2 o'clock were conceded by many to be the finest ever held in Paw Paw. There is never any lack of enthusiasm here over the day or its importance, but everything united to make the day enjoyable. The weather was ideal, making it possible for every interested person to attend the exercises of the day.

The first number on the program was a march played by Mrs. Crandall. The Post and Corps took their places of honor during this march.

A quartet composed of W. C. Mosier, Harold Spicer, Elaine Warner and Louis Bates led the assembly in singing America, after which Mrs. Varney offered prayer.

Van Buskirk's Concert orchestra then played a medley of national airs which was the fuse that, as it were, set off the fireworks of the day, as this kind of music stirs the blood of every patriotic citizen and places him in a mental attitude of respect and thoughtfulness for the heroes who have given up the good fight and also for the ones who are still with us to enjoy the celebration of this, their day.

Rev. I. P. Bates then read General Order No. 11, the order given by Gen-

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GOEL AS SECRETARY TO J. W. BLODGETT

H. A. Sherman left for Chicago last Wednesday morning where he will act in the capacity of confidential secretary to National Committeeman John W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids during the contests preliminary to the national convention.

The honor came as a surprise to Mr. Sherman and Mr. Blodgett is to be congratulated upon the selection. Harvey is not only a professional in his line of work, but is conversant with the class of work in which he will be engaged from now until after the big convention. Ford Wilber will have charge of the work in circuit court during the official stenographer's absence.

LARGE COMPANY AT HARTFORD RECEPTION

Prominent Hartford Ladies Entertained Many Guests at Function Wednesday P. M.

Mesdames George Merriman, Geo. W. Osobeck, Frank Warren, Volney Olds and James Ingalls, gave a delightful reception at the home of Mrs. Merriman in Hartford last Wednesday afternoon. Guests were present from Chicago, Benton Harbor, Dowagiac, South Haven, Lawrence, Decatur, Bangor, Hartford and Paw Paw.

The beautiful home of Mrs. Merriman was made still more so with hundreds of fragrant hothouse roses. Miss Frances Duncombe, as entertainer, was at her best, and it was indeed a pleasure to listen to this talented lady in song and reading. Elaborate and dainty refreshments were served.

Those who attended from Paw Paw were: Mesdames B. F. Warner, E. F. Paris, Wade Killefer, Will Longwell, Harvey Sherman, W. F. Hoyt, Elmer Serrine, F. P. Grimes and F. N. Wake-man. The party made the trip in automobiles and report a most delightful afternoon.

CARNIVAL HERE ALL THIS WEEK

Variety and Number of Attractions Draw Large Crowds.

There is certainly something doing in Paw Paw this week. The Royal amusement company are holding forth with a big carnival which will last all the week. The streets of the village are literally filled with tents which shelter the various attractions. There is the snake charmer with the venomous reptiles of the jungle, the traditional fortune teller, the "smallest woman on earth," oriental dancers, song and dance artists, plantation scenes, the merry-go-round, the ocean wave, music galore one hundred and seventeen "Barkers," red lemonade and some other things.

MARY SERVOS AT THE FULLER

The many Paw Paw friends of Mrs. Frederick Kimball (Mary Servos) will soon have an opportunity to see this charming actress at her best.

The Mary Servos company will begin a limited engagement at the Fuller theatre in Kalamazoo on Monday, June 17, in Thomas Buchanan's sparkling comedy, "A Woman's Way." "The Chaperone" will be the play on Thursday and for the balance of the week. There will be matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

It is probable that the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball will take this opportunity to call upon them while in Kalamazoo and to see this talented star in the parts that have won fame for her during the present season.

SATURDAY TO BE CASH PRIZE DAY

Saturday of this week promises to be a hot day in Paw Paw. The Big Free Carnival will be at its best on this day, the Paw Paw band will give another one of its splendid concerts and last but not least, the drawing of the cash prizes which will take place on the Dyckman house corner at 3 p. m. These tickets are free and are given with every cash purchase at all the stores. A liberal supply of tickets should insure one or more cash prizes. See that you have the tickets and you may be the lucky one. Special bargains again at all the stores. Whatever you do, make it a point to be in Paw Paw on Saturday of this week.

PAW PAW MAN GOES TO STURGIS VICE PRES. OF NATIONAL BANK

Paw Paw is to lose another one of its most worthy and highly respected families J. B. Showerman, who for the past two years has been one of the



chief examiners of the state banking department, has resigned his position to accept a better and more lucrative

one. He goes to Sturgis, Mich., in the responsible capacity of vice president of the National bank. This is not only a lucrative position, but one of honor, responsibility and trust, and one that seldom comes to a man of Mr. Showerman's years.

His advancement in banking circles has been rapid. He grew to manhood in Paw Paw, and while yet a boy entered the employment of the Paw Paw Savings bank. He served in this institution for a period of 20 years and two years ago was appointed state bank examiner. In this capacity he proved his real worth, and the fact that the department placed him in complete charge of every bank failure in the state during the past year or more is ample evidence of his ability and standing with the officials of the department, who are loth to part with his services.

Mr. Showerman will assume his new duties about the first of July and Mrs. Showerman and Tudor will follow soon, when that place will be their permanent home. It is with genuine regret on the part of Paw Paw people that we are to lose them, but all join in best wishes for their happiness in their new home and The True Northerner bespeaks for this "prince of good fellows" a brilliant future in banking and financial circles.

SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT TO CLOSE

Commencement Next Week. 21 Seniors to Get Diplomas.

Next week marks the close of school year 1912. The various exercises of the week have all been planned and programs arranged. Promotions will be made, diplomas of graduation presented and books will be packed away until next September.

The commencement class this year is composed of twenty-one members, eight young men and thirteen young ladies.

Following is the schedule of exercises, including those already held this week: Wednesday night, June 5, Rev. Harvey's reception to the Class of 1912.

Thursday evening, June 6, exercises of the Intermediate grades (4, 5, 6 and 7). Opera house. Admission free. Operetta National Flower.

Friday night, Junior banquet to the class of 1912.

Sunday night, June 9th, sermon to graduating class at M. E. church, begins at 8:00 p. m. Music by the High School chorus.

Monday night, June 10th. Graduating exercises of the eighth grade at the Opera House.

Tuesday night, June 11, class play—"She Stoops to Conquer" with special costumes furnished by the Chicago Costume Company. Music by High School orchestra. Overture at 8:00.

Wednesday p. m. 2:30 exercises of the Primary Department at opera house. Mother Goose Musical Comedy.

Wednesday night, June 12, Address to the Senior class by Thomas Brooks Fletcher. Opera House.

Thursday night, Class Day and graduating exercises of the Senior class, Paw Paw high school at the opera house.

Friday night, June 14, Alumni Banquet at the Maple City Club rooms.

SOCIETY TO ENTERTAIN

The Dorcas society will entertain the other divisions of the Presbyterian church at the home of Mrs. Ed Thayer, Saturday, June 8, from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

LETTERS FROM OLD RESIDENTS FOR OUR HOME COMING EDITION

In view of the fact that the Home Coming is a thing of the past and we realize that there will be no more meetings in Paw Paw just like the ones we used to have, The True Northerner has undertaken to supply the pleasant feature of the reunion by asking the children of Van Buren who have wandered away from her protective wing to write the old folks at home a letter.

During chautauqua week we will publish the letters and we are hoping that everyone who is still interested in this place or people will let us hear from them so that we may be together in thought and spirit.

If you are anxious to know the whereabouts of your old Van Buren acquaintances that you have not seen for years, put yourself in his place and know that he has been wondering what has become of you. John Doe, write and tell us where you are located and tell us the exact shade of blue of the eyes of that dear little grandbaby of yours.

Subscribers, write to your friends and tell them to send us a letter for the home coming edition.

ENTERTAIN THE CHAPTER MASONS

Lawrence Has Envious Reputation as Masonic Host.

The Chapter Masons of Paw Paw, Bangor and Decatur were guests of the Lawrence chapter last Tuesday evening. An immense crowd was present to enjoy the hospitality of the Lawrence Masons, for which they have become noted. C. E. Cross, High Priest of Bangor Chapter, assisted in conferring the degrees.

After the work, a bountiful banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star in the town hall. The tables were arranged in shape of a star, each point being decorated in colors emblematic of the order. There was an abundance of all the delicacies the land affords, and it was artistically served by the charming "Stars" of Lawrence. Vocal and instrumental solos were rendered throughout the banquet.

Lawrence merits the reputation it has won for genial, courteous and fraternal hospitality. It would be impossible to excel them and exceedingly difficult for any society to equal them, when it comes to extending the welcome and fraternal hand of good fellowship. The event of last Tuesday evening will long be remembered in Masonic circles.

GONE ON VACATION.

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Luther started Thursday morning for a pleasant trip to the Pacific coast, and will be absent about one month. They will attend the wedding on June 18, of their son Edward at Portland, Oregon. They will stop over in Denver for a short time and return by way of Puget Sound. This is a delightful trip and we wish for them a pleasant journey.

BAY VIEW CLUB.

The Bay View club were very delightfully entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Ronnie. The subjects for the evening were New Zealand and Tasmania. Refreshments were served. This meeting closed a very profitable year's work.

GLEANERS HAD BIG MEET AT LAWRENCE

Paw Paw Man Reads Paper on Spraying. Next County Meet Will Be in Paw Paw.

The county federation of Gleaners was held in the town hall at Lawrence last Tuesday, and a splendid meeting is reported. Many members were kept at home on account of the rush of farm work, but the meeting nevertheless was a very instructive and enthusiastic one. A feature of the day was the paper on spraying by Carl Buskirk of Paw Paw. Mr. Buskirk is authority on this essential branch of grape culture, and The True Northerner regrets that time and space will not permit the publication of this splendid paper.

The officers and members of this society desire to express their thanks to those who assisted in making the program a success. Thanks are especially due to Miss Sidenius of Lawrence and Mrs. Loveland and daughter Miss Olive, of Paw Paw. The next federation will be held at Maple Lake, Paw Paw, August 17, when it is hoped that all the Gleaners of the county can be present. Their friends will also be welcome to dine and enjoy the afternoon program.

NARROW ESCAPE AUTO ACCIDENT

Paw Paw Young People in Machine that Turns Turtle.

Several Paw Paw young people were victims of what might be termed a lucky accident last Monday night. As a result one young man is still in Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo, one young lady is still confined to her home and the others are able to be out, but still feel the effects of the shaking up.

Julius Nahser of Chicago, who was spending some time at his father's cottage at Lake Cora, Frank Isbell and the Misses Maple Clemente and Eleanor Dow of Paw Paw started in Nahser's car for a ride to Kalamazoo. They had come four miles on the return trip, when the accident happened. It was raining and fresh gravel piled in a narrow place in the highway caused the machine to skid and roll down a steep embankment, turning completely over and landing in the bushes at the bottom. It was the bushes that probably saved the young people from being crushed to the earth.

Mr. Nahser was badly hurt and Miss Clemente was badly cut about the head. The party walked, however, about half a mile to a house where medical assistance was summoned by telephone. Nahser's injuries were such that he was taken to the hospital, but it is expected that he will be able to be taken to the home at Lake Cora, Saturday. The others came home Tuesday. Miss Clemente is still confined to her home, but will soon be out.

It is indeed fortunate and almost a miracle that the party all escaped with their lives and that no serious injuries will result.

JURY CASES NOW ON THE DOCKET

The jury reported for duty in the circuit court last Monday morning. Judge DesVoignes, following his usual custom gave the jury a talk, explaining in detail their duty as jurors, and imparting information that should assist them in discharging their full duty in case they may be called upon to sit in judgment.

In the afternoon a panel was chosen to listen to the case of Herman J. Sternberg vs. Clarence J. McElheny et al. This was a case to compel payment of certain notes given in connection with the letting of a drain contract. The jury brought in a verdict of no cause of action.

The trial of the case of Wesley J. Thomas vs. The Village of Paw Paw commenced Wednesday morning and will probably consume the balance of the week. This is a case brought to collect damages alleged to have resulted from the seepage of water from Maple Lake on to plaintiff's land, and for alleged breach of contract in deed of flowage lands to defendant when dam for Maple Lake was built.

SUFFERED BROKEN ARM.

Archie Stuart had the misfortune to fall while engaged in putting up a hay fork in his barn last week, as a result of which he is now suffering from a fractured arm. The bones of the forearm were fractured in three places.

FIELD DAY DREW IMMENSE CROWD

Lawton the Mecca for Van Buren Co. Students Saturday.

LAWTON WON THE BALL GAME

Willis Was the Whole Works. Bloomingdale Sluggers at His Mercy. Hit for a Home Run.

Saturday last was a great day for the schools of the county, as well as for the village of Lawton. It was the county Field day and the first time this important event has been held in Lawton. The day was ideal and an immense crowd saw the sports.

As usual the interest centered in the ball game between Lawton and Bloomingdale. These two teams had won the right in the preliminary series to battle for the championship of the county. The general feeling before the game was that Bloomingdale would easily win the honors, but they did not reckon with their host. They did not know what Willis, the elongated twirler of the Lawton team had up his sleeve. The game had not progressed far, however, until the great crowd of rooters knew that a real ball game was in progress.

Lawton scored in the first when "Pint" Abbot the diminutive left fielder in a wild dash crossed the rubber. There was nothing doing again until the sixth, when Willis to make his game sure, swung on one that looked good to him, and when it had been dug out of left field, Willis and another runner ahead of him, had crossed the rubber, and the score was 3 to 0. Bloomingdale put two across in the seventh, and played desperately for the balance of the game to tie up the score. Willis was getting better all the time, however, and there was nothing doing. The final score stood Lawton 3 to Bloomingdale 2, and Lawton or Willis rather, had won the cup.

It was impossible to complete the list of scheduled events before dark, and the directors decided to postpone the balance of the program until Saturday June 22.

This was not Paw Paw's year in athletics. A total of 11 1/4 points was all the boys could land. They are not discouraged however, and will go after the events hard again next year.

Following is the record of the winners of the field events:

100 YARD DASH, TIME 10.
First, Waldron South Haven; Second, Close, Bangor; Third, Decker, Bangor.

400 YARD RUN, TIME 54 1/2
First, Close, Bangor; Second, Subr, South Haven; Third, Thornton, Lawton; Fourth, Latchaw, Paw Paw.

As Close was not entered in this event, it was decided to divide the points equally between the schools, but the medals will probably be given to Subr, Thornton and Latchaw.

STANDING BROAD JUMP DISTANCE 10 FT 1/4 IN.
First, Cross, Lawrence; Second, Farley Bangor; Third, Davis, Paw Paw.

220 YARD HURDLE RACE, TIME 29
First, Loveland, Bangor; Second, Wheeler, Paw Paw; Third, Williams, South Haven.

POLE VAULT, HEIGHT 9 FEET.
First, Peacock, Paw Paw; Second, Loveland, Bangor; Third, Fullenweider, South Haven.

220 YARD RUN, TIME 24 1/2
First, Walton, South Haven; Second Penoyar, South Haven; Third, Close, Bangor.

The points won by the various schools, on the events finished last Saturday, were as follows:

Bangor 18 1/4, South Haven 17 1/4, Paw Paw 13 1/4, Lawrence 5, Lawton 2 1/4.

There are eight events yet to be finished, and the winning school cannot be announced until after June 22.

ENTERTAINED AT THE HARVEY HOME

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Harvey entertained the senior class at their palatial home on Wednesday evening. This has become an annual event at the Harvey home and the seniors look forward with anticipation to the evening with this estimable couple. Other guests were Judge and Mrs. L. Burget DesVoignes, Supt. McCormick and wife, and H. W. Harvey and wife. Judge DesVoignes addressed the class, light refreshments were served and the evening spent in delightful entertainment. It was a notable event in the closing weeks of the school year.