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ODD FELLOWS 97TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrated by Local Lodge with Appropriate Services Tuesday Evening. Address Given by Rev. F. A. Shape.

Paw Paw lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., celebrated the 97th anniversary of the order with appropriate services at their hall on Tuesday evening.

Shortly after six o'clock about 200 sat down to a supper of the "old time" variety, served by the committee in the main room, and all did justice to the bounteous spread. After which the following program was rendered:

Overture.....High School Orchestra
Reading.....Mrs. Flossy Young
Violin Solo.....Rev. F. A. Shape
Reading.....Mrs. Ola Shaps
Vocal Solo.....Robert Dillon
Whistling Solo.....Mrs. Gertrude Weston
Address.....Rev. F. A. Shape
Selection.....High School Orchestra
Reading.....Mrs. Ethel Barr
Piano Solo.....Mrs. Bernice Quick-Linton
Reading.....Mrs. Eliza Chapman
Selection.....High School Orchestra

The address given by Rev. F. A. Shape was one of the finest discourses on a fraternal subject ever given in Paw Paw. He spoke of the growth of the order throughout the 97 years, how it started with five men in the city of Baltimore and how the order has grown to number into the millions. He gave a very interesting biography of Thomas Wilder the founder of Oddfellowship in America. The statistics given by the speaker were astonishing even to those who are posted on the subject.

The Odd Fellows in Michigan intimated 5,569, and the membership numbers 65,063. Number of brothers relieved 3,406. Number weeks benefit paid, 39,109. Number of widowed families relieved 253. Amount relief of brothers, \$83,736.86. Amount relief to widowed families, \$2,317.40. Amount paid nurse hire \$3,791.54. Amount paid for special relief \$6,137.78. Amount paid for burials, \$21,233.13.

The Odd Fellows have invested in a home at Jackson, Mich., \$98,427.26. There are now at the home, 50 men; 14 women; 8 children. The gross cost per week per resident \$4.02.

The musical numbers and readings were all of the best, and were well received by the large and appreciative audience.

The order in Paw Paw is a strong one, there being about 175 members. The lodge has enjoyed a steady growth this winter and several new members have been added to the Subordinate, Encampment and Rebekah lodges.

APPOINTMENT IS MADE

Dispatch from Washington state that our genial friend H. A. Cole has been appointed postmaster at Paw Paw. His name was sent to the senate for confirmation last week. The present incumbent's term expires May 23, although he did not take over the office until June 12. It is probable that Mr. Cole will be promptly confirmed and receive his commission in time to take over the office the latter part of May.

BEGIN TO TALK COUNTY POLITICS

Probate Judge and Prosecuting Attorney the only Offices to be Contested. Other Officers will be Re-nominated Without Opposition.

All the conventions will soon be over, when the attention of the people politically will be taken up with the various campaigns, state and county. There will probably be but two contests in the Van Buren county primaries, for prosecuting attorney and probate judge. Prosecutor Earl L. Burbans is just completing his second term and will not be a candidate for re-nomination. The candidates for this office in the republican primaries will be Attorney C. M. Van Riper of Hartford, deputy prosecutor, Attorney H. H. Adams of Lawton and Attorney Brett H. Cockett of Decatur.

For probate judge, Wm. Killefer is completing his first term and has already announced his candidacy for re-nomination on the republican ticket. No other public announcements have as yet been made through the press, but it is generally understood that Prosecutor Earl L. Burbans will contest with Judge Killefer for the nomination. It is also rumored that Attorney J. J. Sturr of Decatur will be in the race. Everyone concedes that Judge Killefer has made one of the best probate judges the county ever had. His close application to the affairs of the office, his courtesy and ability, and every other requisite for a competent official have combined to make his administration of the office satisfactory to the county. The only reason that Judge Killefer will not be accorded the customary second term without opposition is the fact that he was elected four years ago on the Progressive ticket.

The balance of the county official roster are all completing their first terms and will be re-nominated without opposition. Gladstone R. Beattie has made one of the best sheriffs the county ever had. The same can be said of the county Clerk Royal E. Decker, Treasurer A. O. Duncombe, Register of Deeds H. W. Showerman, Drain Commissioner Chas. Ashley, and Surveyor W. H. Goss. All have been courteous and efficient officials. They need have no worry over a re-nomination.

Senator Burrell Tripp and Representative Lynn J. Lewis are also serving their first terms and will have no opposition in the primaries. Both have represented their constituents in the state legislature to the satisfaction of everybody and will be accorded the customary second term without opposition.

C. C. Young has sold his beautiful home here to parties in Decatur, who will take possession of the same some time this fall. Mr. Young and family will remain here until then, when they will move on a large farm near Decatur purchased by them. The True Northerner and their many friends here regret very much to lose this estimable family and all wish them well in their new home.

Rocelia Lee Reynolds

1850-1916

One of Paw Paw's loved and most highly respected ladies, Mrs. Rocelia Lee Reynolds has passed beyond. She has been an intense, but patient sufferer for many weeks, but is now at rest.

Rocelia Lee was the oldest daughter of Uriel and Margaret Lee, and was born on the Lee farm, 3 1/2 miles south-west of Paw Paw, on Decatur road, September 25, 1850. She passed away at her home on east Main street, Sunday morning, April 23, 1916.

On April 22, 1881, she was married to C. W. Reynolds, and Paw Paw has always been her home.

She was a member of the Christian Church, the Eastern Star, and L. O. T. M. M. and the Progressive Farmers' Club.

Mrs. Reynolds was loved and admired by everybody. Her sunny disposition at all times, her hospitality in the home, her loyal friendship and helpfulness in the time of need, have all combined to make her a general favorite. She had a kind word and cheerful smile for everybody, and made her home a Heaven for her husband, her children and her friends. She was also of a charitable disposition, and no one in need ever appealed to her in vain. She will be missed not only in the home circle, but among those with whom she mingled in a social way, in the Eastern Star, in the L. O. T. M. M., in the Farmers' club in the church, and in fact everywhere.

She had been in ill health for some months, but her real condition was not known until recently. An examination some weeks ago revealed the fact that she had a cancer, and that there was no hope for her. Her daughter Ione, who has a position in the schools at Connersville, Indiana, came home and tenderly nursed her until the end. All that loving hands and skillful medical attention could do was of no avail and she went to sleep to awaken no more on this earth.

The funeral was held from the Christian church on Tuesday, Rev. F. A. Shape, officiating assisted by the Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman. Interment was in Prospect cemetery.

She is survived by the husband, four children: Ione, Lee, Lynn and Max, one brother G. W. Lee and one sister Mrs. Eva Orr.

BERRIEN GETS PAW PAW MAN

Harry Lurkins gets lucrative position as county farm agent in Berrien county.

Following is a dispatch from Benton Harbor and published in the Kalamazoo Gazette last Sunday.

"Last winter one of the Farmer's Institute speakers who brought doctrines of progress to this section, Harry J. Lurkins, 'The Potato King of Paw Paw' will on May 1st settle in this city as the first farm agent in Berrien county's history.

"Such is the biggest industrial announcement made in this section in years, Lurkins comes at a salary said to be \$3,500, one of the best paid agents in the state. While the funds are not as yet provided by the county tax system, Benton Harbor and surrounding fruit growing country defraying the expense by subscription, the plan is so well received that another year is expected to see another agent added with both under county supervision and pay, thus providing for both the agricultural and horticultural interests."

This makes three Van Buren Co. men all from Paw Paw to get a lucrative appointment as county farm agents. Jason Woodman, Kalamazoo county; his son, David Woodman, Alpena county and now Harry Lurkins, Berrien county. Van Buren regrets to lose the estimable citizens and scientific agriculturalists, but congratulates our neighboring counties on their excellent judgment in making the selections.

The Royal Neighbors invite their husbands to meet with them Tuesday evening, May 2, at Memorial hall. For particulars see Mrs. Lake or Mrs. Hirshman.

NATIONAL DELEGATES ELECTED

Hon. G. W. Merriman of Hartford and Senator Plank of Three Rivers, receive unanimous endorsement of district convention

In the Republican District convention at the city of Niles on Tuesday last, Hon. G. W. Merriman of Hartford and Senator Plank of Three Rivers were by a unanimous vote of the convention, elected as delegates to the National Republican convention, to be held in the city of Chicago on June 7th. Archie Anderson of Barry County and C. W. Kirsch of St. Joseph county were elected as alternate delegates.

The convention was called to order by Carmi Smith of Niles. W. W. Potter of Hastings was made chairman and Carmi Smith secretary. Mr. Potter made a brief but ringing speech, in thanking the convention for the honor. On motion the following committees were appointed:

Credentials: W. H. Stickles, Allegan; Ellis C. Faulkner, Barry; C. B. Groat, Berrien; J. H. Kinnane, Cass; Guy Borden, St. Joseph; Glenn E. Warner, Van Buren.

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HEAVY INCREASE IN PARCEL POST

Tabulation shows that over six tons of parcels were dispatched from local office during first 15 days in April.

A summary of the tabulation of the parcel post business at the local post office will be of interest to the patrons of the office and give some idea of the amount of work connected with this branch of the service.

The post office department requires a tabulated report of all parcel post business from April 1st to 15th inclusive of each year. Following is a summary of this business at the Paw Paw office for the first fifteen days in April.

Total number of parcels received from other offices for delivery at Paw Paw office 1797. Number of parcels received for local delivery 102. Total 1899. Of this number 937 were delivered at the post office windows, 952 by rural carriers and 10 by special messenger.

Number of parcels mailed at the local office and dispatched to other offices, 8554. Weight of parcels dispatched over 6 tons. Postage on parcels dispatched \$482.65.

Total number of parcels handled during the time covered by this report 10,453 or an average of 804 parcels per day.

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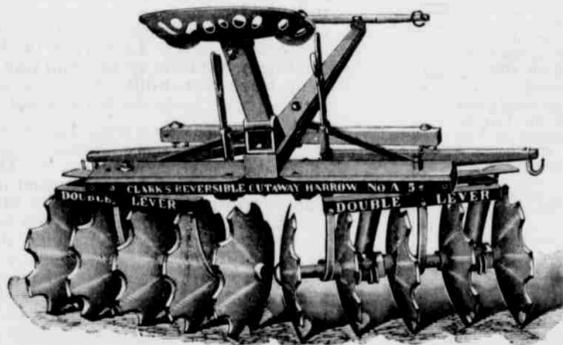
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