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LOCAL MAN GETS IMPORTANT BERTH

D. G. Watson to be Kalamazoo Manager of Bell Telephone.

TWELVE YEARS WITH KIBBIE

Started in as Trouble Man and was Promoted to Dist. Manager.

Paw Paw loses another one of its splendid citizens. Dwight G. Watson the genial local manager of the Van Buren Telephone company has accepted a position as manager of the Kalamazoo branch of the Bell Telephone company, and will assume his duties in the new field next Monday.

Mr. Watson is a Van Buren county boy, born and raised here. He attended the schools, and grew to manhood in this locality. Later he accepted a position with Swift and Co., in Chicago, leaving there twelve years ago to accept a position as "Trouble Man" for the Kibbie Telephone company. This was really the beginning of a career which has won for him the responsible position he now accepts. His courteous and obliging ways, and his close application to business were soon rewarded by a promotion, and for the past five years he has been district manager for the Van Buren county Telephone company. His territory comprising Paw Paw, Lawton and Decatur. It will be a blow to the local company to lose him, but he starts in a better position there than it would ever be possible to reach here, and those who know him best are confident of his success. He will be on the job to win.

It is probable that Miss Kathryn mazoo next Monday, his family will remain in Paw Paw at least until Spring. It is not known who will succeed him in the local exchange, but it is probable that Miss Katherine Smith who has been the efficient chief operator for a number of years, and who is thoroughly competent, will be placed in charge for the present. That would seem to be the logical solution both in the interest of the company and its patrons.

The Telephone company is doing everything in its power to give its patrons the best possible service. We are informed that an effort is being made right now, to reach some agreement whereby there may be an exchange of service among the various companies doing business in this county. This would eliminate the necessity of two phones in many places and would meet the approval of everybody.

PUPIL OF MR. SHELDON

The Dowagiac Daily News in commenting on the O. H. P. Sheldon story in last week's issue of The True Northerner says in part:

"In the early days Mr. Sheldon taught school in a little red school house near the present Steeple schoolhouse east of Paw Paw, and sixty-one years ago A. M. Moon of this city was one of his pupils. He never went to a better teacher and still remembers with the liveliest pleasure his kindly care for his pupils his unflinching patience and good citizenship."

BIRNEY BROS. SELL HOTEL TO McNEIL

The Giddings Hotel at Lawton has been sold to E. W. McNeil who assumed his new role of Landlord last Monday morning. The hotel was owned and operated for many years by the Giddings brothers, Fred and Charley. Some years ago they sold out to the Birney Bros. Tim and Frank, who have conducted the place since that time. About two years ago, the Birney Bros. bought the Pike House at Niles. Tim looked after their interests and Frank remained at Lawton. Many improvements have been made in the Pike House, and more are contemplated now that both the boys can give their undivided attention to the one place.

CHOCOLATE SOLDIER A HIGH CLASS SHOW

The Oxford company presented the "Chocolate Soldier" for the second number of the Coterie Lecture course at the Opera house last Wednesday evening. This was a splendid high class company and gave a most pleasing entertainment. It seems to be the universal opinion, that it was the best company ever appearing before a Paw Paw audience on any lecture course. It was certainly deserving of a packed house. If the people of Paw Paw would only patronize the "good things" that are brought here, a little more liberally, it would offer a little more encouragement to those who work hard to insure a good lecture course for the winter months.

PAW PAW MINISTER GOES TO INDIANA

Rev. Shape accepts Pastorate at Butler in the Hoosier State.

Rev. F. A. Shape has accepted a call from the Christian church at Butler, Indiana, and is moving his household goods to that place this week. Butler is a city of about twenty-five hundred inhabitants and is located in DeKalb county. The Christian church is the largest there, and has a large and enthusiastic congregation. Mr. Shape has preached several Sundays there, and is delighted with the place and with the hospitable and enthusiastic reception with which he has been received. He is looking forward to a pleasant and profitable pastorate in the new field.

Rev. and Mrs. Shape have made many friends during their short residence in Paw Paw who will regret to lose them. They are most estimable people and an asset to any community. Mr. Shape is a speaker of more than ordinary ability, and a gifted musician. He has had twenty years experience as a pastor and evangelist, and is a polished gentleman. He is broad minded, knows the frailties and weaknesses of humanity and is a "man among men". He should be a power for good in the broader field to which he is going.

The True Northerner joins his host of Paw Paw friends in best wishes for him and his in the new environment at Butler, Indiana.

CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS

Following are the officers elected in Paw Paw chapter No. 34 R. A. M. at the annual meeting last Monday night. The newly elected officers will be installed at a special convocation next Monday evening December 18th.

F. N. Wakeman, H. P.; Dr. George Jackson, K.; C. C. Young, S.; E. F. Parks, Treas.; Wm. Killefer, Sec.; Harry Nash, C. of H.; M. H. Young, P. S.; Harry Waters, R. A. C.; Willard Warner M. 3rd, V.; Paul Smith, M. 2nd, V.; George Ernsberger, M. 1st V.; C. W. Reynolds, Sen.

AUCTION AT McCANN'S

The True Northerner advertises an auction sale this week for David McCann at his former home three miles west of Paw Paw on the Lawrence road. Wednesday December 20, is the day set for the sale, and the splendid list of articles to be sold warrants a big crowd for the auction. A quarter page "ad" in this issue tells the story.

SEALED PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received for the installation of seven (7) Letter Boxes and Posts to be used for collection purposes in connection with the City Delivery Service.

The location of the boxes, the manner in which the posts are to be set and any information desired, will be furnished by applying to the Post-office.

Bids will not be received not later than Saturday December 16th, 1916 at 3:00 P. M. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

H. A. Cole
Postmaster

Paw Paw, December 11, 1916

Santa's Friends are Everywhere, All with Him in Dule Toys Share.



PURELY LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. John Haslem is in Detroit this week.

Verne Decker is away on a business trip to Texas.

Frank Sweet and son of Lawrence were in Paw Paw on Tuesday.

M. L. Decker made a business trip to Chicago the first of the week.

Mrs. Van Vleck has gone to Missouri to spend the Holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. J. Sellick left for Kalamazoo the first of the week to remain until after the Holidays.

Mrs. Henry Holt and Mrs. Cady Smith went to Ann Arbor the first of the week, with Master Volney Smith for throat treatment.

Lewis Grayson, porter at the Hotel Dyckman had the misfortune to break his ankle one day last week and gets about only with the aid of crutches.

Mrs. M. L. Decker is reported much better. It is hoped that she may be able to come home soon from Grand Rapids where she has been several weeks for treatment.

At the annual meeting of Brohead Post G. A. R. last week, Comrade George L. Tuttle was elected Commander, and Comrade Jacob Horning, Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Last week Wednesday evening, members of Brohead Post G. A. R. their families and members of the W. R. C. enjoyed a fine potluck dinner at Memorial Hall. Mrs. O. J. C. Woodman gave an interesting talk on her trip to Washington D. C. It was a most enjoyable meeting.

G. W. Farr on Route No. 4 from Paw Paw has just completed a fine new twenty-four by thirty barn with a basement. The material was purchased from the Aladdin company of Bay City, all cut ready to be put up. Mr. Farr states that everything was satisfactory, and that he is well pleased with his building.

Will Longwell is on the sick list this week.

Charles Christie of Lawrence was in Paw Paw on Monday.

Attorney Fred Cogshall of South Haven was here on business Tuesday.

M. J. Grenell expects to leave soon for Chicago to spend the winter there.

Hon. G. W. Merriman of Hartford was a Paw Paw visitor on Tuesday last.

Miss Nellie Harrington is the new assistant book-keeper at the First National Bank.

Mrs. Sheridan Masters of Grand Rapids was the guest of Paw Paw friends and relatives on Sunday.

Don't miss "The Thoroughbred" the great five reel feature which will be shown at the Idle Hour theatre tonight.

John Bailey who has been ill for some time was taken to the hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment on Monday. It is hoped that his recovery may be rapid.

Mrs. Helen Hibbard who has been visiting friends and relatives here for some time, leaves this Friday for her home in Huntington Park, California. She will stop in Chicago for a few days the guest of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Bertha Frye.

The members of the M. E. church enjoyed a social last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Devall on east Main street. The home was decorated with appropriate Christmas trimmings, and a large company passed a delightful evening.

Word has been received from Mrs. Allie Huston, who has been visiting at the home of her son in Minneapolis, Minn., that at present she is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Snow in Eureka, South Dakota. The Doctor is some hunter and they are all enjoying plenty of wild duck. Mrs. Huston expects to remain there several weeks (Additional Local News, Page Eight)

ARRESTED THEIR MAN IN MUNCIE, INDIANA

Under sheriff Andrew Lang arrested Earl Gest of Arlington last Tuesday in Muncie, Indiana and brought him to the county jail. The young man has been wanted since last July, on a larceny charge. It is alleged that while his father-in-law, Joseph Weston also of Arlington was away, Gest, entered the house and helped himself to one hundred and fifty dollars in cold cash, and disappeared. He was working for Weston at the time, and while he was suspected of the crime at the time, he eluded the officers until this week when he was apprehended as stated above.

GRADES GAVE A HIGH CLASS SHOW

Packed Opera House More than Delighted with the School Entertainment

One of the finest school entertainments ever given in Paw Paw was witnessed by a packed Opera house last Friday night. The program was given by the grades from the first to eighth inclusive, and there was not a poor number from start to finish. One noticeable feature which is worthy of commendation was the utter absence of confusion both on the stage and behind the scenes. Over one hundred and fifty pupils took part in the evenings entertainment, and yet everything moved off with clock like precision. It would be extremely difficult to pick out a single number that was deserving of more praise than the others. It was a finished entertainment from the time the little folks came out for the first number until the curtain went down at the close. The teachers of the various grades are certainly entitled to much credit for the excellence of the drills, and the polished manner in which every number on the program was given. The High school orchestra is also entitled to its share of commendation. There has been such a marked improvement in the orchestra during the present school year that one would not recognize it as the same organization. It reflects much credit on the individual members, and also on Mr. Gottheimer, the instructor and cornetist. Nearly seventy dollars was realized from the receipts of the evening, and everybody was satisfied.

FORMER PAW PAW GIRL WEDS

Mrs. Anna Epley Blackman of Benton Harbor announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Jessica Epley to Mr. Alfred E. Lee of Cassacana, Texas, on November 29th, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Lee will be at home after December 12th, at 1122 McAllister Avenue, Benton Harbor. Mrs. Lee was a Paw Paw girl for many years spending her younger girlhood going to school here. She has many friends here among the young people who will extend congratulations.

DINNER PARTY AT KILLEFER'S

A company of young people were entertained at the hospitable Killefer home last Thursday evening. "Bill" had just returned from his vacation in Texas, and the dinner table fairly groaned under the weight of the many good things, prepared as only Mrs. Killefer knows how to prepare them. It was an event long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be guests.

"THE GUY WORTH WHILE"

The following was written and dedicated to "Jim" Warner, the genial book keeper at the First National Bank, by a friend who called while the cashier was away:—
Its easy enough to be pleasant
When the Book-Keeper runs the bank,
But the guy worth while, is the one
Who can smile
When he breaketh his arm with a
crank.
Then all the officials worketh
Till every one's in a quiver
And they cuss and they rare
And almost they swear,
At the Book-keeper's gol darn "fiver"

FEDERAL INSPECTION OF PRODUCE

Conference on Marketing Advocates a Standard Pack

STATE INSPECTION A SUCCESS

Certified Grapes Well Received. Federal Inspection Bound to Come

G. E. Prater Jr. returned from Chicago last week filled with enthusiasm over the National Conference on Marketing which he attended, and in which he had a part in the program. The conference of course covered all branches of agricultural, dairy and fruit marketing, but Mr. Prater was particularly interested in the fruit department. The same objects are sought however, and will eventually be attained in all the various departments of marketing.

After considerable hard work and much agitation, Michigan got just a sample of state inspection this year. In this connection, it may be said that it was largely through Mr. Prater's efforts that real certified grapes became a reality this year; and also that the first certified grapes ever sold and shipped in the United States came from the Wolverine co-operative company at Paw Paw of which Mr. Prater is manager. Certified grapes of course was an experiment this year. As in all innovations or progressive movements in any line, there were many skeptics. Many who doubted the advisability of it. But it is no longer an experiment and the success of the movement is now assured.

The success of state inspection has warranted a movement toward Federal inspection. This may take some time, but it is sure to come. Then the standard of packing in Michigan will be the same as in every other state. A customer who buys a "AA" car of certified grapes in Michigan then, no matter what state he is from, will know just what the standard is. This standardization of marketing will eventually come in all branches of produce. This section is especially interested in the grape question, but other sections are talking state and federal inspection for all kinds of produce. The next ten years will see many changes for the benefit of both grower and consumer, and the days of haphazard, hit and miss packing of produce are numbered.

MATSON-NEALE

The home of Mr. James Neale of Mattawan was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday evening of this week when his daughter, Miss Mable was united in marriage with Mr. Walter Matson in the presence of about forty guests.

The bridal company was ushered in by little Miss Flora Teck as ring bearer, to the strains of Lohengrin, and the double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. A. O. Carmon.

After the wedding Mrs. Crouse sang a sweet bridal song.

A bountiful supper was served in the dining room and a social hour enjoyed by the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Matson were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents.

HOUSE WARMING AT THE SIMPSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Simpson Jr. returned from their wedding trip last week, and after stopping for a short time to see Paw Paw folks, went direct to Keeler to commence keeping house in the new home at "Simpson Acres." On Saturday evening, a company of their Paw Paw friends drove over to give them a "House Warming." In the party were Billie Killefer and sister Ola, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Warner, Glenn and Blaine Warner Royal Decker and the Misses Florence Kelley and Marie Williams. The young folks attended a dance party at Keeler in the evening, and were royally entertained at the Simpson home by this popular couple.