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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FREE TUBERCULOSIS EXAMINATIONS

State Board of Health Starts Campaign in Van Buren Co. Week of January 18th.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE NEEDED

If the Dreaded Disease is to be Eradicated. Prevalent in this County as Elsewhere

Perhaps the one thing that more than anything else will restrain people from coming to the free tuberculosis examinations that the state board of health will conduct in Van Buren county during the week beginning January fifteenth will be fear to face the facts about their physical condition. There is in many people an unreasonable fear of tuberculosis which, Dr. Wm. DeKline, director of the survey, asserts, is responsible for a great deal of real harm. Many a man who feels himself run down is afraid to be examined for fear that his suspicions that he may have tuberculosis may prove to be correct.

"Fear should not hold any one back," said Dr. DeKline. "A person who is run down and who is told that he has tuberculosis should be glad he has learned the real state of things in time. If he takes the examination early enough, he has nine chances out of ten of getting well. Personally I would rather have tuberculosis than many other disease that is lightly regarded, provided I knew it in time. In fact more people get well from tuberculosis than from almost any other important disease.

"But the point must be borne in mind that the disease must be attended to early. And that is what the state board of health is trying to do in these county campaigns, to help people to attend to it early. I hope for that reason that all persons who are physically run down will come to the free examinations when they are held here."

Figures gathered from the county records show that the death rate in this county from tuberculosis is about as high in proportion to population as in most of the other counties in the state. It simply proves once more, what is well known to tuberculosis workers, that there is no community free from the disease and that much hard work has to be done here as well as everywhere else, if the death rate is to be cut down in Michigan as the state board of health hopes to cut it down. There is much opportunity in this county for constructive work along health lines, the state health workers assert.

HOMER WINS ANOTHER FIGHT

We quote from the Evening Telegraph of Philadelphia which states that Homer Smith the Paw Paw heavy weight, defeated Cleve Hawkins of Montreal in every round of a ten round contest at Allentown, Pa., the night of December 22nd. Hawkins was down for the count of nine once in the fourth and twice in the fifth round. It was one of the fastest heavy weight contests seen in Allentown in years.

Fred Holt certainly had the right kind of Christmas spirit. He was called to the Amelia Bentley rooms to fix her stove. He found that about the only way to fix it was with a new one. So he started out with a subscription paper and soon had enough money raised to buy a nice new stove which he proceeded to set up in place of the old one.

UNION EFFORTS OF PAW PAW CHURCHES

The spirit of union and hearty cooperation among the churches of Paw Paw is noticeable and pleasing. In the first place, the brotherly attitude of the pastors toward each other has been very gratifying. For months they have planned and labored together in the closest of fellowship. This in turn has had a salutary influence upon the churches, bringing the rank and file of the members into the closest fraternal feelings.

The growing conviction that in union there is strength has led the churches to unite in the great Tabernacle movement. To this end there will be union meetings all through January, in preparation for the great community meeting in February. The first meeting will be a Watch Night service at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night. Besides the Sunday evening union services, the Thursday evening prayer meetings will unite, and union cottage prayer meetings will be held all over the city.

FEDERATION HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Paw Paw Man Re-elected President for Ensuing Year. A Live Organization.

The second annual meeting of the Van Buren county Farmer's Federation was held in Paw Paw last week. The meeting was opened by President Carl Buskirk. Short talks were given by Dr. Humphries, Hayes and Hallman on the plans and methods of control for Hog Cholera and contagious abortion. The reports of the county agent, secretary and treasurer were read and approved. Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Carl Buskirk; Vice Pres. Leo Prater; Secretary, Robert Anderson; Treasurer, Paul Smith; Executive committee, M. H. Pugsley, of Paw Paw, Charles Anderson of Hartford, and L. A. Bregger of Arlington.

In the discussions and plans for the next years work, the following motions were made and carried:

That every member secure at least one new member at Two dollars per year to raise the necessary funds for the office help.

That the executive committee with the county agent employ such office help as the funds will permit.

That the county agent's report be printed and mailed to all the members and farmers clubs throughout the county.

This Federation has accomplished much during the period of its existence and much more is expected of it in the years to come. No farmer can afford to remain outside of this live farmer's organization.

SOME RABBIT KILLING, THIS

A clipping brought to The True Northerner office by Ed. DeHaven tells about a rabbit hunt in Mexico, Missouri that was some hunt. The item states that "Two teams of farmers, numbering seventy in all, killed fifteen hundred and twenty rabbits in one day at Molino, Missouri. It took a large farm wagon with double sideboards to haul them into the city. The proceeds will be used for a dinner to the winning team. This is the largest rabbit killing record for one day in the state."

Miss Rosina Waters who is teaching in Wyandot, Illinois, is home for the holidays.

MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN

The True Northerner has been thus far very modest, and has tried to refrain from continual "sobbing" about the high cost of print paper. Nevertheless, the high price continues and it is a serious problem that confronts not only The True Northerner, but every country paper in the United States. The very best price that is quoted now on newspaper print is \$140.00 per ton. This price is three times as much as the same stock cost one year ago. We called the attention of our subscribers to this condition some weeks ago, and since that time we have mailed a personal appeal to every subscriber who was in arrears. The results have been very satisfactory, and the great majority of our list have realized the importance of prompt payment, and now hold a receipt to some time in 1917, and many of them even to the year 1918. There are some however, who have either mislaid the notice, or have forgotten to give the matter prompt attention. To those who have perhaps inadvertently overlooked us, we desire again to urge the necessity of prompt payment. If you have lost the slip which was mailed you, examine the date stamped opposite your name on the margin of the paper, and if it does not bear some date in 1917, you are in arrears. We dislike to press the matter, but we must have the money that is due us on subscription.

Many papers all over the country have already raised the price but we have hoped that there might be some change which would do away with the necessity of an advance in our subscription rates. The cost of print paper is now under investigation by the United States Government, but there is no relief in sight yet. We have therefore decided to accept all arrearages and advance subscriptions during the month of January at the old rate of \$1.00 per year in the county, and \$1.25 outside the county. This old rate remember, is for the month of January only.

PURELY LOCAL NEWS

Gardner Ackley spent Christmas at home with his parents in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Cora Barrows of Lawrence is the guest of her daughter Mrs. George Weston this week.

Dudley Hall came home from Detroit to spend Christmas with Paw Paw relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. G. Epley entertained a sister, Mrs. Bert Kenyon and family of Kalamazoo over Christmas.

Eber Bennett of Detroit was one of the boys who came home to spend Christmas in the old home town.

Harley Mutchler who is attending school at the U. of M. in Ann Arbor is spending the holiday week at home with his parents.

Twelve cents will get a pound of our fresh New Year's candy all day Saturday. Don't forget the place. Laverty's Variety Store. (adv)

W. A. Mumbree and family of Covert and A. D. Hurlbut of Canton, Ohio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hurlbut over Christmas.

Glenn Showerman, senior in the Dental College in Indianapolis, Indiana is spending the vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Showerman.

J. B. Showerman and family came over from Sturgis to spend Christmas with Paw Paw relatives and friends. Mrs. Showerman and children remained for the week.

J. G. Dodd came home to spend Christmas with his family. He has a fine position with the Northern Construction company of Elkhart, Indiana. He is one of the really "Big" men in this company and a mighty pleasant gentleman to meet.

Mrs. Kate Sage has gone to Kalamazoo where she will spend the winter at the home of a brother.

Word was received here of the birth of a nine pound daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Barber at Elkhorn, Wisconsin on December 19th.

The Gobleville Basket Ball team comes here for a game with the locals this week Friday night. Turn out and give the boys a little encouragement. Game at the Rink.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Shears and son Leslie of Kalamazoo were Christmas guests of Mrs. Shears parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O'Dell. Mr. Shears returned Monday night but Mrs. Shears and son remained for a longer visit.

The McCombe Evangelistic Party, who are to lead in a Union Tabernacle Campaign in Paw Paw, during February, are conducting a great revival in Gouverneur, N. Y., and the report comes that the town is being "shaken for God as never before in its history"

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Morton entertained on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Castle of Detroit, Miss Celia Clark of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Will Morton and Mrs. Elizabeth Clark of Paw Paw. The guests report a fine dinner and a grand good time.

The local Basket Ball team were taken into camp last Friday night by the Parson's Business college team of Kalamazoo by the score of twenty-two to eleven. It was the first game for the locals, and they made a remarkable showing against the strong visiting team.

The W. R. C. ladies met with Mary Taylor just for a social time last week. Refreshments were served.

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UNION WATCH MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT

A Union Watch meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. It will begin at 8:00 P. M. with a popular Sunday evening service conducted by Rev. Heaton. The second hour will be a prayer and praise service conducted by Mr. Carman. The third hour will be a social hour during which light refreshments will be served. The ladies are requested to bring a liberal supply of doughnuts. The fourth hour will be a consecration hour conducted by Rev. Smith. The service promises to be interesting and helpful all the way through, and those who take advantage of it will be given a real impetus for great spiritual victories in the early part of the year.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE EVANGELISTS

Honeywell says Nice Things about the McCombs, who will hold Meeting here.

Dr. L. E. Honeywell, who was associated with Billy Sunday in his great tabernacle campaigns, and is considered to be second to Mr. Sunday, in the evangelistic field, has this to say about Rev. J. H. McCombe and Mrs. McCombe who are to hold a tabernacle meeting in Paw Paw, in February.

"Rev. J. H. McCombe and Mrs. McCombe have been associated with me for the past three years, carefully studying Union Tabernacle work, and at the close of our campaign here are going out into work of their own.

If you have any thought of an Evangelistic effort, I am confident that you could not possibly do anything better than to secure Rev. J. H. McCombe and his party to lead you in such work, moreover, I am sure that a great victory would be won for your town and the Kingdom.

Rev. McCombe has all the qualifications of a successful Evangelist. He is an exceptionally strong preacher a good singer, a fine business man, with a very wide experience. He is safe, sane, with a winning personality. He is most thoughtful and considerate of pastors, never humiliating them before the people, but rather exalting and dignifying their position. He has conducted Union Tabernacle meetings with my party, during summer months, while I have been resting, and with very marked success. There are few men in the Evangelistic field today in my judgment, that are better qualified to lead the churches in a Union Evangelistic Campaign than Mr. McCombe.

Mrs. McCombe is an exceptionally successful Christian worker, in fact, I regard her as the best lady Christian worker in the Evangelistic field today. A very strong Methodist preacher of New York stated last winter that Mrs. McCombe was the best lady preacher he had ever heard. She does a wonderful work among the business women, the High school girls and the society women of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. McCombe have mastered every detail in connection with Union Tabernacle work. I would regard your city most fortunate if they would arrange there with Mr. McCombe to lead you in a Union Evangelistic effort. I would not recommend a brother friend if I did not believe he could deliver the goods, but with the greatest confidence, I recommend Mr. McCombe and his party to you, and in doing so, feel that I am rendering a service to your churches and the Kingdom fully as much as to Mr. McCombe."

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Calendar Will Have a Total of 99 Cases. Only Six Criminal Cases.

THIRTY-NINE DIVORCE CASES

Wife the Complainant in 25 Cases. Twenty of the Cases Not Contested.

Circuit Court for Van Buren County will convene on January 8th. The jury will not come however until a week later, January 15th, and following the usual custom, the first week will be taken up with the arrangement of the calendar, and the disposition of chancery matters.

The calendar for this term will consist of ninety-nine cases, divided as follows:—Criminal, six; Issues of Fact, non jury, twenty-three; Chancery, sixty-two. Cases in which no progress has been made for more than one year, Law, four; Chancery, four.

On the Criminal calendar, five of the respondents are charged with Larceny, and one for assault with intent to commit the crime of Incest. This will be the first term for the new Prosecuting attorney, and no doubt he will be grateful for the short Criminal calendar.

Of the Chancery division of the calendar, thirty-nine out of the sixty-two cases are petitions for divorce. No appearance of defendant has been entered in twenty of the cases, and they will probably not be contested. In twenty-five out of the thirty-nine divorce cases, the bill of complaint is filed by the wife, while the husband is the aggrieved party in but fourteen.

ENJOYABLE SESSION OF MAPLE CITY CLUB

The second social session of the Maple City club was held at the club rooms last Thursday evening, and without exaggeration it can be said that it was one of the most enjoyable sessions in the history of the club. A bountiful Turkey dinner was served at six o'clock, after which dancing and cards were the order of the evening. The music was furnished by Dean's orchestra of Keeler. This organization is composed of a violinist pianist and a trap drummer. Every one is an artist, and it was the general opinion of the club members that it was one of the best orchestra's ever appearing in Paw Paw. The manner in which the dancing numbers were rendered, the happy manner in which the numerous encores were given, and all united to make the combination ideal. The entertaining committee were Messrs and Mesdames E. F. Parks, Leo Warner, B. F. Warner and F. R. Avery.

TAKEN ON LARCENY CHARGE

Arthur A. Raynor of Antwerp town ship was arrested by Under sheriff Lang the first of the week on a charge of Larceny. Raynor was employed by N. Anster of Lawton. It is alleged that some of the funds given Raynor for the purpose of paying for fur purchased was appropriated for his own use. He has called for an examination which will be held in Judge Mason's court next Tuesday January 2nd. Raynor is thirty-four years of age and has a family.

Hugh Neale of Kalamazoo is spending his vacation at home.