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SECOND LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE ON

VAN BUREN COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE THREE BILLION LOAN IS SET AT \$798,000.

LIGHT IN EVERY SCHOOL HOUSE

Is the Slogan for Next Monday Night Patriotic Meetings Everywhere to Assist in Raising Colossal Sum.

As the days and weeks go by, we are brought more and more to a realization of the fact that we are really at war. It is war now to the bitter end. There can be no retrenchment, or no wavering. This nation is committed to a definite war program, with one and only one definite object in view, and that is to "Make the World Safe for Democracy." Just how long it will take, or what the terrible cost will be no one can tell. But we must go on and on, standing shoulder to shoulder in whatever direction duty demands.

The big thing now is the Second Liberty Loan drive. The government must raise now the sum of three billion dollars through the sale of bonds, and in every village and hamlet throughout this great nation, the drive is on. Michigan's share of this colossal sum is one hundred million dollars, and of this amount Van Buren county is asked to raise \$798,000.

Governor Sleeper has issued a proclamation, proclaiming the month of October a period for the distribution of Michigan's portion, and designating Monday, October 15th, as patriotic day. There will be meetings everywhere in the state on the evening of this day, and "A Light in Every School House" is the slogan.

The second issue of Liberty Bonds are issued in denominations of \$50.00 and up to \$1,000, and bear interest at the rate of four per cent. Dr. Arthur T. Slight of the National City Bank of Grand Rapids has been appointed by the President to take charge of the organization in this county. He called a meeting of the Bankers of this county at Paw Paw last Tuesday, and the following are among those present:—

George Merriman of Hartford, chairman of the county organization; M. H. Young, vice chairman; W. P. Breeding of the First State Bank of South Haven; C. E. Cross of the Bank at Bangor; and C. A. Wolfs of the Paw Paw Savings Bank. Each Supervisor in the county is local chairman in his community.

Arrangements are under way for a patriotic meeting in every school house in the county next Monday evening, in accordance with the Governor's proclamation. There will be speakers and a general program. We are unable to give the details of the local meeting, but there will be "A Light in the local School House" and a patriotic program. In the meantime, figure out just how many dollars worth of Liberty Bonds you can take to do your "Bit" and add to the amount which must be raised to make up the grand total.

PAW PAW POST OFFICE IS NOW A "CENTRAL OFFICE."

The local post office is getting to be "Some Office". Recent orders issued by Postmaster General designate the Paw Paw office as a "Central office." It really is under the order a Clearing office for every post office in the county, with the exception of the city of South Haven. All reports are made to the Paw Paw office instead of to the department at Washington. Supplies of stamped paper are issued from the "Central Office" and remittance made direct to them. In other words the Paw Paw office will audit the accounts of every post office in the county, except South Haven. This will necessitate quite an extra amount of work for the "Central Office", and make the responsibility of those in charge correspondingly greater. The order has just gone into effect, so it is impossible to ascertain just how much greater the labor will be. It is probable however that it will necessitate at least one additional clerk in the local office.



From Governor Sleeper's Proclamation of October 4, 1917.

"Michigan's sons are going forth to defend the nation. Michigan must stand as one man behind them and provide a full share of whatever financial support may be required. Nothing must be left undone, no matter what the cost, to win this war and win it speedily. Let us not do half-heartedly the part that may be ours in the conflict, but so lend ourselves and whatever we may have to the cause of humanity that the clenched hand of an outraged civilization may strike not only heavily but quickly. *****"

"I further designate the fifteenth day of October as Patriotic Day *****. On this day, or the evening thereof, let a meeting be held in every school house in Michigan, with a program suitable to the occasion, the children participating, and let careful consideration be given to the progress of the work and its further promotion."

SECOND RED CROSS SHIPMENT GOES TO THE FRONT.

Last Friday the second shipment of finished supplies was sent out from Van Buren County Headquarters. It consisted of one large packing case containing the following:—
1 bath robe.
2 doz. hospital bed shirts.
2½ doz. pajamas.
¼ doz. shoulder wraps.
1 complete set for hospital patient.
5 doz. handkerchiefs.
1 pair ward slippers.
14 doz. towels.
21 doz. napkins.
17 doz. tray covers.
12 doz. wash cloths.
11 doz. dust cloths.
¾ doz. hot water bag covers.
4½ doz. hospital pillows.

Kibbie sent in the set for hospital patient which was beautifully made and complete in every detail. It contained the following articles: 1 bath robe, 1 pair kid slippers, 4 pairs of socks, 2 pair of bed socks, 3 hospital bed shirts, 3 pair pajamas, 2 bath towels, 3 face towels, 3 wash cloths and ½ doz. handkerchiefs. A shipment of knitted sets, which are beginning to come in, will be made soon.

Miss Ola Killefer left on Saturday for Westchester, Pa., to be present at the wedding of her brother "Bill" to Miss Margaret Thorp.

DUANE MOSIER TAKES LANSING BRIDE ON WEDNESDAY.

Duane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mosier of this place was united in marriage with Miss Pauline E. Phillips of Lansing on Wednesday of this week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Doctor Fox of Lansing in the new home which had been prepared and furnished, ready for the newly wedded couple. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. Mr. Mosier has a responsible position in the Attorney General's office at Lansing and that city will be their home. The True Northerner joins the Paw Paw friends in congratulations.

GENERAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER 2.

The United States Civil Service Commission announce an open competition for clerk with knowledge of stenography and typewriting, for both men and women on November 2nd, 1917. The examinations will be general throughout the United States at designated centers. For this section of Michigan, applicants will appear at Kalamazoo. For information relative to subjects, blanks etc. application should be made to the local secretary, Assistant Postmaster, Arba Hawley.

Mrs. W. A. Simkins is again in Benton Harbor for treatment.

COLD RAINS RETARD GRAPE HARVEST DURING THE WEEK.

The grape harvest is now in full swing, although the rainy weather has retarded its progress considerably during the week. The high school closed Tuesday night for the week, to permit students to assist in the picking. The frosts of last week injured some fruit in vineyards on low ground, and growers are beginning to get anxious. There seems to be a general scarcity of help through out the grape belt, and there is absolutely no need of any person being without work. Prices up to this writing have been over 20 cents for eight pound baskets, and \$45 and \$50 for bulk grapes.

ANOTHER BIG TEN DAYS SALE AT SELICK STORE.

J. R. Riede announces another big ten day sale of general merchandise at the Sellick store commencing next Wednesday, October 17th. The store will be closed Monday and Tuesday to enable the force of clerks to get ready for the big sale. In addition to the Sellick stock, another big lot of goods purchased from the Watson brothers of Bancroft, Michigan has been brought here to be included in this sale. See full page "ad" in this issue for particulars.

Miss Gertrude Jackson spent Sunday in Saline.

COUNTY FAIR A SUCCESS DESPITE THE RAINY WEEK.

The Van Buren County Fair closed last Saturday night. While the rainy week spoiled the racing, and hurt the attendance, the Fair was said to have been the best in the history of the association. Exhibitors and inspectors are all loud in their praise of the management for the courteous treatment received, and the excellent manner in which the Fair was conducted. A large crowd was on hand the closing day, which was the only pleasant day of the week. The racing in the afternoon was good and everybody was satisfied.

PAW PAW DRUG CO. AGENTS FOR NEW TALKING MACHINE.

The Paw Paw Drug company have added a line of Talking Machines to their stock, that will be of special interest to lovers of this class of music. It is called the Pathophone, and is different from any other Talking Machine on the market. The secret of this machine is, a highly polished sapphire ball instead of the sharp rasping needles on the records. The proprietors of this store are pleased to demonstrate the new machine, and quote prices that will surprise you. Turn to page five, column five and six of this issue for detailed description of this wonder Talking Machine.

COURT CONVENES ON MONDAY NEXT

LARGE CALENDAR, A TOTAL OF 131 CASES TO CLAIM ATTENTION OF COURT AT THIS SESSION.

FIFTY SEVEN DIVORCE CASES

Of 92 Chancery Cases, Over Half are Bills for Divorce. Criminal Calander Contains Twelve Cases.

Circuit Court for the county of Van Buren will convene next Monday, and from the size of the calendar it will probably be a long session. The calendar contains a total of a hundred and thirty-one cases, divided in classes as follows:—

Criminal, 12; Issues of Fact, 27; Chancery, 73; Chancery cases on Calendar over one year, 19. On the criminal calendar, the charges on which prosecutions will be brought are as follows:—

Larceny, 3; Burglary, 2; False Pretenses, 1; Forgery, 1; Bastardy, 1; Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than the crime of murder, 1; Perjury, 1; Manslaughter 1; Carrying Concealed Weapons, 1.

The two divisions of the Chancery Calander contains a total of ninety-two cases. Over half of this number, to be exact just fifty-seven cases are bills filed for divorce. This is the largest batch of domestic difficulties to be brought to the attention of the court at one term in many years, if not the largest in the history of the county. In thirty-one of the total number, the bill for divorce is filed by the wife, while in the balance, twenty-six cases, the husband is the abused party.

The first week of the term will be taken up with miscellaneous matters and the hearing of chancery matters. The jury are summoned to appear the second week, Monday, October 22nd, at 10:00 A. M. and at that time the Criminal cases will take precedence.

FIRST CLASS POSTAGE UP ONE CENT ON NOVEMBER 2.

Detailed instructions to postmasters on the increased letter mail rates, which will become effective on November 2nd, under the terms of the war tax bill, as announced by the Postmaster General, have been received at the local post office. The increase applies to all domestic mails and mail to Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Panama, the United States postal agency at Shanghai and all persons in the military service of the United States in Europe.

The post office department issued these instructions:

"Postmasters shall on and after November 2nd, see that postage is paid at the rate of three cents an ounce or fraction thereof on letters and other first class matter except drop letters.

"All drop letters, that is, letters mailed for delivery from the office at which posted, including those for delivery by city, rural or other carrier of such office, are required to have postage paid on them at the rate of two cents an ounce or fraction thereof.

"Postal cards are required to be prepaid two cents and, therefore, the one cent postal cards must have a one cent postage stamp affixed to them in addition to one cent stamp impressed on such cards.

"Post cards (private mailing cards) bearing written messages must have two cent postage prepaid on them."

ROBERT WARWICK AND DORIS KENYON AT IDLE HOUR SAT.

Splendid feature photo plays continue to be the nightly order at the Idle Hour theatre. Nowhere, not even in the City Movie houses can higher class pictures be found. Manager Reeves is giving his patrons the best that money can buy. Tonight, in addition to the Serial "Liberty" the program includes a two part drama, "The Girl in the Garret"; "The Universal Weekly, and "The Lost Appetite." Tomorrow, Saturday, night Robert Warwick and Doris Kenyon will be presented in "A Girl's Folly." This is an especially strong feature. "The Cabaret Scratch" will be the comedy.