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DO YOU OWN A LIBERTY BOND

CALL IS MIGHTY URGENT NOW AND THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS WILL CLOSE TOMORROW NIGHT

PAW PAW NEEDS \$25,000

Fifty Thousand Already Subscribed Here, and Enough Should Be In Tomorrow to Make the Full Quota.

This is the last call on the Liberty Bond drive. Tomorrow night, there will be a general checking up, and the final figures will show whether or not, the citizens of this United States have responded to Uncle Sam's call as liberally as he would like. A mighty effort has been put forth all over the country during the past week, by patriotic citizens everywhere to awaken the people to a realization of the importance of this Liberty Loan. Men have given liberally of their time and money to drive the facts home to everybody. It is not a gift for which people are asked this time, it is simply a loan. A \$50.00 bond is worth more than five ten dollar gold pieces, because there will never be a time when it will not be worth the face value, and besides it bears interest at the rate of four per cent. It is simply a case of loaning what money you can spare to the government in its hour of urgent need.

In all probability the requisite amount will be subscribed before tomorrow night when the campaign closes, but there is much work to be done yet. In some localities, the quota has been greatly over-subscribed, while in others considerable is needed yet. Paw Paw has responded nobly, but \$25,000 more must be subscribed before tomorrow night to make up our full quota. The committee held a meeting at the office of the chairman, Glenn E. Warner on Tuesday evening, and another one will be held this evening. There has been up to this time in round numbers the sum of \$50,000 subscribed. Practically all of this amount has been subscribed by residents of the village. Very little has come in from the country. The farmers of course are all more than busy, but they undoubtedly will all want to do their "bit", and it is confidently expected that before tomorrow night enough will be subscribed from the country, together with those of the village who have not yet subscribed to at least bring the total up to the required amount of \$75,000, and possibly the figures may exceed that amount. Surely every man has heard the call, and surely there is not one among us but who is willing to do his duty. It is Uncle Sam's last call. If you have not already subscribed for a Liberty Bond, do it now. Do it before tomorrow night.

OPENING PROGRAM, OFFICERS DAY AT COTERIE WEDNESDAY.

The opening day of the Coterie will be next Wednesday, October 31st, at 2:30 P. M. The program and reception will be in charge of the officers as follows:—
Selection—High School Orchestra
Vocal Solo—Selected—
Mrs. C. O. Monroe, South Haven
Miss Irene Lane, accompanist.
Whistling Solo—Mrs. George Weston
Interpretative Dance "Joy of a Rose"—
Miss Lucile Grasshorn
Violin Solo (Selected)—
Miss Eunice Northrup, Lawrence
Miss Ona Braysbrooks, Lawrence—
accompanist.
Vocal Solo (Selected)—
Miss Mae Brumstead
Selection—High School Orchestra
Vocal Solo—Mrs. C. O. Monroe
The public is cordially invited. The usual guest fee will be charged.

Mr. Reed, manager of the Idle Hour theatre announces an added attraction for Saturday night. In addition to the regular Saturday night feature, he will present Pierino Vacca Baritone and Angelo Eccleso, violin obligato. These gentlemen are said to be real artists, and with the regular film features should make a strong program. The price of admission will be the same as heretofore.

GRAPE CROP NOW ABOUT TWO THIRDS HARVESTED.

The grape harvest is still in full blast, that is, when the weather will permit. Growers have been seriously handicapped this year. Cold weather delayed the ripening. Then the heavy continued rains with light frosts came on, and some weeks very little could be accomplished. There has also been a general scarcity of labor, and had it not been for the assistance of the various schools of the county, the outcome would have been serious.

The first real hard freeze of the year came on Wednesday night. Growers say however, that it has not impaired the quality of the fruit, but has caused the grapes to drop from the vines more freely, and many tons will be left on the ground. Some few growers have finished picking, but it is probable that not more than two-thirds of the crop on an average has been secured up to this time. Up to Wednesday night a total of 378 carloads had been billed from the local station. In addition to this the Grape Juice factory has used approximately five hundred tons. The factory will probably use from three to four hundred tons more before the cellars are filled to capacity.

While the growers have had much to worry about during the harvest this year, they have the satisfaction of knowing that when the grapes do finally reach the market, they will get something for their trouble. Bulk grapes have averaged \$50.00 per ton, and eight pound baskets around twenty cents. With good weather another week will practically see the finish.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY OF FRIENDS CLOTHING.

Under Sheriff Lang went to Detroit the first of the week and brought back Beatrice Workman who is charged with the larceny of wearing apparel belonging to one Cassie Lee of South Haven. She is the girl who was married to private Lyle Rose of Troop "A" before the boys left for Grayling last Fall, and by reason of which Rose was taken in custody on a charge of bigamy, having it was alleged a wife living in Kalamazoo at the time of his marriage. She is charged with having appropriated to her own use some of the wearing apparel belonging to Cassie Lee while the girls were working at the same place last summer. She protests her innocence of the charge.

The Decker Brothers have a real estate "ad" in this issue. The boys started the ball rolling in their new offices last week with the sale of two farms. The Frank Shaefer place north of Paw Paw was sold to Robert Darick and John Karako, both of Houghton county. The new owners with their families are already here and located. The other transfer was the Wormstead farm of sixty acres near Lawton to C. H. M. Smith of Chicago, who will move here next Spring.

Miss Morton had the misfortune to lose a horse last Monday night. In some unaccountable manner the animal broke its leg in the box stall during the night, and was taken out and shot at sunrise. Colonel McCabe passed among the charitable citizens of the village Tuesday morning and raised enough money to buy another horse.

A telegram from Arthur Dunnington in Ellensburg, Washington last Saturday afternoon, brought joy to the heart of "Grand Dad" Robert Dunnington. The message announced the arrival of Robert Jr. that same morning at nine o'clock. If Robert fails to notice you on the street or is somewhat rambling in his talk now, his friends will know the reason why. It will take some little time for him to get settled down to the regular routine again after the announcement of an event of that kind.

The Klatter Klub meeting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Wolf last Tuesday afternoon in the interest of the Liberty Loan, was a great success. The silver offering was sufficient for the purchase of one \$50.00 bond, in addition to which, the ladies present subscribed for \$1200 worth more. Mrs. T. J. Cavanaugh and Attorney Glenn E. Warner addressed the assembly, refreshments were served and it was an afternoon long to be remembered by those in attendance.



From the Supervisors' Journal

Notes from Proceedings of the October Session, Just Closed

The Supervisors finished their labors on Thursday of last week after ten days of strenuous work. It was a real hardship too for most of the members this year, as work at home needed their attention.

Many of the counties of the State take the entire two weeks provided by law, to complete the work done by the Van Buren county board in ten days.

The Supervisors journal looks some different now from the ones of years gone by. The proceedings of each days session is now transcribed to the journal by typewriter instead of with pen and ink. The journal is a model of neatness, and a credit to the clerk and his deputies.

A petition with about sixty signers, protesting against the proposed straightening, widening and deepening of the Paw Paw river was presented to the board. It was referred back to the petitioners however, for want of jurisdiction.

The report of the Soldiers' Relief commission showed a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$342.27. One thousand dollars was added to the fund from the tax roll, and there is a balance on hand now of \$342.62. One thousand dollars will be raised for this fund again next year.

Emory Ball the competent janitor at the Court House was retained for the next year, and his salary raised to \$75.00 per month. Seventy-five dollars now will hardly go further than \$25.00 would when Emory first took the job.

The assessed valuation of Van Buren county as shown by the rolls is \$31,082,878. Of this amount \$27,684,120 is Real and \$3,398,758 Personal. The assessed valuation of Paw Paw township is \$2,598,800; Real, \$2,201,650 and personal \$397,150.

The new Bangor-Covert road, which is to be built under the "Covert Act" will cost \$40,000. Under the law, one half of this amount will be apportioned over the county at large in ten equal installments.

Joseph Henderson was appointed Burial Agent for Keeler township and Wm. C. Fogelson for Covert.

A resolution was passed, placing the Janitor Service at the County buildings, in the absence of the Building Committee under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff.

The sum of \$200.00 was appropriated for the Michigan Children's Home at St. Joseph.

An assessment of two mills on the dollar will be made for the County Road fund. This will net approximately \$61,612.00, for new roads and the maintenance of those already built.

The county treasurer's annual report showed receipts for the year just ended of \$342,496.88, and the sum on hand of \$2,349.76.

Failing health necessitated the resignation of Dr. O. M. Vaughan of South Haven from the board of County Poor Commissioners. The resignation was accepted with many regrets, and resolutions of appreciation for the many years of faithful service on this board by the genial and efficient Doctor were unanimously passed.

It was a deserving tribute to Doctor Vaughan, to elect his son Dr. O. M. Vaughan Jr. of Covert as his successor on the board of County Poor Commissioners. The city of South Haven had a candidate but the enterprising young Doctor had the votes.

A radiator will be placed in the vault in the Clerk's office, so the room may be made comfortable for work.

A little corner of the vault in the Register of Deeds office was rented to H. L. McNeil, Abstractor at the rate of \$25.00 per year.

The County Road commissioners were provided with headquarters and office room in the Northwest corner of the basement.

The Board voted unanimously to dispense with the services of a county Speed Officer.

The report of the Commissioners of the Poor showed an expenditure at the County Farm this year of \$6,875.67. There was realized from the sale of stock and farm produce the sum of \$1,021.75, making the net disbursements, \$5,853.92. There was expended for temporary aid in the county, \$9,134.00. The amount expended for temporary aid in Paw Paw township was \$935.64 itemized as follows:— Provisions, \$422.45; Clothing, \$52.91; Fuel, \$155.58; Physicians services, \$85.00; Care of the sick, \$194.70; Funeral Expenses \$25.00.

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CONSERVATION OF FOOD CAMPAIGN TO BE WAGED.

The women of Paw Paw are working overtime this week for the Liberty Loan campaign and are helping to make our township do its share—success to them.

Next week, beginning October 29th, will be Food week, and the loan of money will be of little use unless food is saved wherewith to use the money. It is the desire of the Food Administration to pledge our whole population so far as may be to Food conservation, and the women of Paw Paw township are asked to pledge themselves to self-sacrifice in wheat, meat and sugar. We are not asked to starve ourselves, we are told to eat plenty, eat wisely, but not to waste.

Every signer of a pledge card will receive a Home card to hang in a front window showing the public that the family living in that house is enrolled in the service of food conservation, and an instruction card telling why, how and what to save. So when a worker asks a housewife to sign a pledge card, do so willingly and then faithfully carry out the intent of the pledge by daily practicing economy in the use of the three foods so necessary to the life of the Allies—wheat, meat and sugar. Food shortage is the problem to be solved by the women in the American homes. Let us earnestly endeavor to follow out the plans of those whose business it has been to study the situation and outline a way for us to win the war.

Emma R. Smith
Twp. Chairman, Food Conservation.

SHERIFF CAUGHT PEACH THIEVES NEAR COVERT.

Sheriff Beattie and Deputy Yeider went to Covert last Sunday night and landed two Peach Thieves, Willis Phillips and Gaston B. Hilaire. They went into the Hartman orchard, shook the trees and carried the fruit away in grain sacks. They were caught with the goods and plead guilty before Judge Mason. Phillips paid a fine of \$18.75 and Hilaire is serving a sixty day sentence in the county jail.

COUNTY RED CROSS MEET HERE ON TUESDAY NEXT.

The annual meeting of the Van Buren County Michigan Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held in the Coterie building, Paw Paw, on Tuesday, October 30th, at 10:30 A. M. This meeting is for the purpose of electing an Executive Committee, considering reports and plans for future work. All members of the chapter are urged to be present.

Ola Killefer, Sec'y.

The Ladies of the Maccabees of Michigan as an organization now own \$55,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. They subscribed for \$25,000 of the first issue, and the executive committee this week decided to subscribe for \$60,000 more.

In renewing her subscription to The True Northerner and requesting change of address, Mrs. Helen Clapp Rogers says:—"We have moved to Belmont, Mass., from Buffalo, N. Y. And as Paw Paw is even farther away now, I look forward more than ever to seeing The True Northerner each week, and reading it all, word for word."

The Domestic Science department of the High school, starting next Monday will serve lunches to teachers and students at a minimum cost. This is done in connection with the regular work of this department, and will be a great convenience for those desiring to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Supt. O. W. Kaye announces that all classes in the High School will start on the regular schedule again next Monday. That it is essential for all high school students to resume their work at this time, as further delay now when classes start will prove a serious handicap, and possible failure in the years work.

The first meeting of the D. O. T. C. will be held at the Coterie rooms Tuesday evening, October 30th, at six o'clock. A cafeteria luncheon will be served. Miss Ola Killefer will have charge of the program.

CANNING FACTORY WILL COME HERE

TRAVER COMPANY OF HARTFORD LOOKING UP PROSPECTS WITH VIEW OF LOCATING BRANCH HERE.

VALUABLE ASSET TO PAW PAW

Would Employ Large Force and Run Steady From Cherries to Peas. Large Acreage Would be Wanted.

The prospects are that Paw Paw is to have a real, honest-to-goodness canning factory. F. M. Bailey of the Traver Canning factory of Hartford has been in Paw Paw this week, looking up the prospects for acreage, and has met with considerable encouragement. He states that if satisfactory arrangements can be made for a plant, and enough contracts can be secured for acreage, The Traver company will open a branch factory here.

The word "Canning Factory" to Paw Paw people in recent years has been a "Fighting Word." Heads have grown gray, nights have been a nightmare; pocket books have been depleted and there has been wailing and gnashing of teeth through the dismal failure of the last canning factory operations in Paw Paw. But when a reputable and successful business concern like the Traver company of Hartford is ready to talk business, it means something to this community.

Mr. Bailey states that, should this company come here, they would start in the cherries in the early summer, and run the factory steady until the last fruits were canned in the fall, employing from fifteen to twenty-five women during the entire season. They would want contracts for at least one hundred acres of Spinach, Tomatoes, Corn and Beans, in addition to fruits of all varieties.

The Traver company is recognized as one of the most successful institutions in its line in the country. They do an immense business at the Hartford factory, and it would be a valuable asset to this community to have one of their factories located here. A meeting of the business men, should and undoubtedly will be called at once to consider the proposition, and offer the requisite encouragement to land this enterprise. Farmers without doubt will be ready and willing to make contracts for the requisite acreage, to make a flourishing canning factory a permanent business institution of this community.

There is no better location anywhere for a canning factory, and no more desirable concern could be found than The Traver company. Now is the time to get together and do business.

WALLACE MAGUIRE PASSED AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

After a lingering illness of about a year, Wallace Maguire passed away at his home in this village last Tuesday. He was born in Almena township on March 30th, 1862, and this community has always been his home. Up until about four years ago, he had lived on a farm west of the village. At that time he moved to town. About a year ago, he commenced to fail, and grew gradually worse until the end. For the past six weeks he has been confined to the bed.

He was married May 5th, 1901 to Miss Lizzie Graham of Decatur, and to this union one child, Marguarite now thirteen years of age was born. A gradual hardening of the arteries with ascending paralysis was the cause of his death. Of the immediate family who are left are the wife and daughter, two brothers, John and Adelbert of Paw Paw and one sister Mrs. Maggie Lyle of Chicago. Wallace was a most kind and indulgent husband and father, a good neighbor, and splendid citizen. He will be missed not only in the home circle but in the community as well.

The funeral will be held from the house this Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Hacker of the Christian church will officiate and interment will be in Prospect cemetery.