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IF YOU PLEASE

In these strenuous days of high prices and war contributions, it is absolutely necessary that business men should have what money is coming to them and when it is due. A newspaper is no exception to this rule. If we live, pay our debts when they become due, and contribute, as we must, to the various war activity funds we must have the money we have earned, the same as in any other line of business. Therefore we make an appeal to every subscriber who is in arrears, or who has not yet given us re-newal for the coming year. We are sending out several statements this week. If you get one, won't you please be as prompt as possible in remitting the amount due. If you do not get a statement won't you kindly look at the date opposite your name on the margin of this paper, and if it does not read "March 1918" or some later date, call at the office or send us a check for renewal at your earliest opportunity. It is only a little amount for each subscriber, but in the aggregate it means much to us, and we need it now. Buy a Liberty Bond, and pay us so we may pay our debts and do our duty to our country also. Thank you.

W. C. Wildey has returned from an extensive trip through the southern states.

V. R. Hungerford of Port Huron was calling on Paw Paw friends the first of the week.

There will be services at St. Mary's Catholic church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, new time.

W. R. Sirrine is recovering slowly from a serious illness. He walked down town Tuesday for the first time in four weeks.

Paul Broughton is taking a vacation from his duties in the Secretary of State's office in Lansing and is spending the week with his parents here.

A convention has been called to consider county Y. M. C. A. work. It is called for Hartford on Tuesday April 2nd, and will start with a luncheon in the Town Hall at 11:00 o'clock.

George W. Merriman, James Engle Jacob Oppenheim and Ed Finley of Hartford; J. P. Ryan of Bangor, Frank Fuller of Lawrence, Sam Wilson, Dr. F. Penoyar and George H. Myhan of South Haven; Dr. O. M. Vaughan of Covert and C. E. Lewis of Lawton were among those who came Monday to attend the War Board meeting.

Fenner Hayes is on his way home from the West to accept a position in The True Northerner plant. The place will not be new to Fenner, as many years of his life have been spent with The True Northerner, and he will be welcomed home by his many Paw Paw friends. Herbert Geddes who has been employed by the paper for the past year or more, left on Wednesday to accept a position on the Chamberlain Sun, a newspaper in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

Mrs. Samuel H. Wilson, Chairman of the Van Buren county Women's Liberty Loan committee announces the following township and village chairman for the county:—Paw Paw—Mrs. G. W. Longwell Jr.; Almena—Mrs. Effie M. Austin; Keeler—Mrs. R. C. Morris; Hamilton—Mrs. Edith Phillips; Porter—Mrs. Emma Farrow South Haven—Mrs. Edward Merson; South Haven Township—Mrs. A. H. Williams; Geneva—Mrs. F. H. Frost; Grand Junction and Vicinity—Mrs. Laura Siggins; Berlamont and Vicinity—Mrs. A. W. DeRocher; Bloomington—Mrs. W. Harrison; Gobleville and Pine Grove—Mrs. C. L. Bennett; Covert—Mrs. John Spelman Bangor—Mrs. John Giffen; Arlington—Miss Katherine Shuver; Hartford—Mrs. Helen Zuver; Lawrence—Mrs. H. H. Harris; Lawton and Antwerp—Mrs. W. C. Wood; Decatur—Mrs. C. W. McGiboney; Mattawan and Vicinity—Mrs. Marian Bonfoey.

Bear in mind the advance of one hour in time, when preparing to take a train any time after next Sunday.

Don't forget to move your watch and clocks ahead one hour next Sunday. This is law, and there will be no deviation.

Next Monday is Township election day and a legal holiday for banks. The Paw Paw banks will all be closed on that day.

Former Postmaster George H. Myhan of South Haven was shaking hands with Paw Paw friends last Monday. It is rumored that Mr. Myhan may enter the State Senatorial race.

The Government has fixed the amount of the next Liberty Loan at Three Billion dollars and the rate of interest at 4 1/4 per cent. The drive starts on April 6th. The amount by counties has not yet been apportioned, but can be announced next week.

Don't go to the depot any time after next Sunday and expect to take a train, unless you set your watch ahead one hour. The train schedule will remain the same as now, but the clocks and watches all along the line will be moved ahead one hour next Sunday to comply with the recent government regulations.

Various Milling companies of the state, and especially the Valley City Milling company of Grand Rapids are urging farmers to sow Spring Wheat. The wet weather of last fall together with other unfavorable conditions indicate a shortage of the usual wheat crop of the state, and Spring wheat is urged as a patriotic duty.

Are you satisfied with your labor income? Do you feel satisfied that your men and horses are accomplishing as much as they should? Just such questions as these confront every farmer almost daily. Farmers should be able to answer these questions for themselves if they had a good set of farm records to refer to. Ask your County Agent for an inventory and directions.

Captain A. G. Aldrich of Charlevoix was the guest of his sister Mrs. Rachel Bailey and Mrs. Ed Bailey Tuesday. For many years he was captain of one of the steamers that plied to and from the many northern resorts from Traverse City and Mackinaw Island. Mr. Aldrich was accompanied by his daughter and family of Dowagiac in the visit to Paw Paw.

Cyril A. Bailey left Allentown, Pa., on March 18th, for Washington to take a training course of eight weeks or longer to prepare for work with medical men as bacteriologist with American troops. He thinks this intensive training in a special line of scientific work—to do the laboratory work in detecting epidemics, impure water etc., will prove excellent intellectual training and discipline, as well as an important branch of war service.

The new village officers assumed their respective offices last Monday evening. President Longwell made the following appointments for the ensuing year:—Marshal and Street Commissioner, A. T. Stevenson; Village Attorney, T. J. Cavanaugh; Supt. Electric Light Plant, George Whitehead; Supt. Water Works, D. A. Beebe; Health Officer, Dr. J. C. Maxwell; Policeman, Fred B. Lord. Following are the committee assignments. Electric Lights—Dana P. Smith, W. J. Warner, S. O. Kenyon; Streets—S. O. Kenyon, O. E. Smith, Dana P. Smith; Fire and Water—O. E. Smith, Frank Miller, W. C. Mosier; Sewer—W. J. Warner, W. C. Mosier, Frank Miller; Health—S. O. Kenyon, W. C. Mosier; Finance—W. J. Warner, S. O. Kenyon; Claims—Dana P. Smith, Frank Miller; License—W. J. Warner, S. O. Kenyon; Printing—O. E. Smith, Frank Miller; Purchasing—W. J. Warner, S. O. Kenyon. The president also named a temporary Library Committee consisting of S. O. Kenyon, W. J. Warner and Dana P. Smith of the council and M. H. Young and H. L. McNeil as civilian members. This committee will purchase the site and dispose of the buildings thereon. The buildings will be sold at auction to the highest bidder, the date to be announced later. D. A. Beebe was promoted to the position as Supt. of the Water Works to succeed Eugene Roudy who resigns to take up his residence in California.

G. A. Cross of Lawrence spent Monday in Paw Paw.

Mrs. W. J. Warner and daughter Miss Jean, were Kalamazoo visitors last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lena Irey has been assisting Mrs. Quartermas in her millinery shop during the past week.

Rev. C. H. Heaton entertained his mother from Kalamazoo the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Paul Smith has been sick this week with "Liberty Measles" and confined to the house.

Mrs. Roy Tuttle was hostess to the Maids and Matrons last Friday evening. A good time was the verdict.

Mrs. Frank Fuller of Lawrence was here the latter part of last week the guest of Mrs. H. W. Showerman.

Prof. W. D. Henderson of Ann Arbor was entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoyt while in our city.

This has been vacation week and nearly all the teachers went home to spend the time among their relatives and friends.

Mrs. Addie Hunt returned to her home in this city Tuesday after spending the winter with her son and family in Joliet, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jennings, former residents of Paw Paw and now of Ravena, Ohio have been here the past week visiting old friends and neighbors.

There will be a special communication of Paw Paw lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, April 2nd, for work in the first degree.

The program for the Coterie meeting next Wednesday afternoon will be as follows:—Music; Book Review Mrs. Clara K. Towers. Discussion, "Mr. Britting sees it Through" by Chairman Miss Ella Pike.

Longwell and Warner have sold several farms during the past week, Tony Pedowski of Indiana Harbor purchased the timber land and Joseph Tauchen of Traverse City the cleared land, all being a part of the former J. J. Woodman estate, two miles north of town. John Pedowski has bought the old Doughty farm inside the limits of Paw Paw.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Paw Paw Fruit Growers Union for the election of officers and the transaction of other business will be held in the Maple City club room tomorrow (Saturday) at 10:00 o'clock. Growers who desire to order supplies for the coming fruit season should be on hand to place orders at this time. It is mighty important this year that all supplies be ordered early.

This is about the last day in the afternoon for filing annual income reports. These reports must be in the hands of the collector at Grand Rapids by April first, which is next Monday. This is mandatory, and the Revenue department announces that no slackers will be tolerated. There is a heavy penalty for failure to comply with the law. The department is doing all it can to assist people in making the report. This week, J. F. Everett, deputy collector from Grand Rapids is at The First National Bank in Paw Paw to assist the tardy with their reports. He will be here until Saturday night.

Any resident of Michigan who has knowledge of the presence of a case of a communicable disease and who fails to report to the local health authorities, as the law requires, may be a real enemy to the country. The Division Surgeon has impressed the State Board of Health with the necessity for keeping the communicable diseases under strict control, now that we are at war. Attention has been directed more particularly to the minor diseases, such as mumps, measles, scarlet fever, German measles, etc., they being regarded as minor ailments, and thousands of cases go unreported every year. Yet they are classed among the most dangerous communicable diseases and a single case, not properly restricted, may be the cause of an outbreak that would reduce greatly the efficiency of the men who may soon go to the front, and to bring even one of these diseases into our training camps might cause exceedingly disastrous results.

Ivan Shull and family are planning to move to Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Frank Kroth was a guest of Mrs. Leo Warner in Kalamazoo Saturday.

Frank Miller returned home Friday evening from a business trip to Detroit.

Quite a number from here motored to Lawton Tuesday evening to attend the play "Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross."

Nothing but the old home town for Frank Sage and he says he is home to stay. He has purchased the Prescott home on South Gremps street. Decker and Decker made the sale.

"Eat all you can, eat what you plant, and can what you can't" is the advice of State Food Administrator, George A. Prescott.

"Polly of the Circus" at the Idle Hour last Friday and Saturday was one of the finest features ever shown here and drew crowded houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett McKinstry are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them Friday, March 22nd. The little Miss was named Betty Jean.

The Royal Neighbors will meet next Tuesday evening. All members are requested to meet at the hall at 7:30. The husbands are invited for the social part of the meeting.

John Searls has sold his farm west of Paw Paw to Dr. O. E. Lamphere of Kalamazoo. The Doctor's brother Howard Lamphere of Lawrence will move to the place and take charge of the same.

Dr. W. P. Bope of Decatur has entered the Van Buren county legislative race. His announcement will be found in another column of this issue. It is rumored that former representative L. J. Lewis of Bangor may also get in the game again.

Mrs. Glenn Markillie was in Kalamazoo last Saturday to meet her father Wm. Signor who was returning from the Soldier's Home Hospital in Grand Rapids to his home in Gobleville. Mr. Signor is improved in health, but is not very strong yet.

Mrs. Frank Miller met her mother Mrs. Merritt in Kalamazoo Saturday returning from Jackson where she has been visiting a daughter for the past five weeks. Mrs. Merritt resides here with her daughter Mrs. Miller.

Miss Margaret Cole left Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. John Latshaw and daughter Carrie of Allegan for Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois for a visit with Sergeant Fred Latshaw. They will spend the balance of the week in Chicago, the guests of John Latshaw.

Householders to use not to exceed a total of one and one-half pounds per week of wheat products per person. This means not more than one and three-fourths pound of Victory bread containing the required percentage of substitutes and about one-half pound of cooking flour, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, wheat, breakfast cereals, all combined is the latest regulation of the State Food Administrator.

Next Sunday is Easter and the date when all clocks and watches in the land must be set ahead one hour. This daylight saving scheme is law, passed by congress and signed by the president. It will be enforced the same as any other law. Under the plan there will be an hour more available light for work each day and an hour more for recreation. The man who goes to work at 8:00 A. M. will go to work at the same hour next week, but the sun time will actually be 7:00 A. M. When he leaves his office at 5:00 P. M. the actual time will be 4:00 P. M. by the sun. The clocks will remain at this advanced hour until Sunday, October 27th, when they will be turned back again. Some of the benefits sought by this change are the saving of a million to a million and a half tons of coal annually; Increased Food production; Fewer Traffic accidents; Improvement in health and fresh air and time for exercise; Speeding freight transportation. If every person observes the new law to the letter and advances the time pieces ahead on schedule time, there will be no confusion. Remember the date for this change, next Sunday, March 31st.

Mrs. E. H. Harvey is now at her home east of the village.

Mr. Bendon, father of Miss Alice Cook, is very ill and his recovery is doubtful.

Roy Mosier, east of town spent last Sunday in Kalamazoo the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. I. Nehr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bailey of Texas Corners were guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Bailey east of Paw Paw last Sunday.

Mrs. Alta Stevens and children of Milford, Michigan were week end guests at the Roy Mosier home.

To comply with the new law advancing the time one hour on Easter morning, all church services will be held at the same schedule hour, but the actual hour will be one hour earlier by the sun. Citizens are asked to bear this change in mind, that there will be no confusion. All services will be at the same hour as heretofore by the clock but one hour earlier by the sun. Don't miss the church service.

L. A. Packer was in town Monday with a new Ford Truck. He states that this is going to be a good year for trucks and the Ford is destined to become the most serviceable and popular of any truck made. In a recent test in Lawton this truck stood up under 4,600 pounds without a quiver. M. D. Buskirk has already bought one, and there are others seriously considering the acquisition of a truck like it.

Our auction list this week is as follows:—For Ivan B. Shull on the Glenburn Farm, Lawton Road one mile south-east of Paw Paw on Wednesday, April 3rd; For John Searls at his farm three miles directly west of Paw Paw on Friday, April 5th. B. J. Rix is auctioneer for both auctions and B. F. Warner clerk. Quarter page "ads" of these sales will be found on page six of this issue.

Some splendid features are in store for patrons of the Idle Hour Theatre Note the following among the list:—"Persuasive Peggy", "Marvelous Macesti", "Redemption", "Wrath of God", "The Whip", "Frank Keenan." Manager Reeves is certainly putting forth every effort to give his patrons clean, high class entertainment. Dates for the above features will be announced in a later issue. Every one is a "Dawn" master play.

Eugene Roudy has resigned his position as Supt. of the Water Works and will leave for Porterville, California about the first of May. He expects to make that his future home. Mr. Roudy has made one of the best and most efficient superintendents of Water works Paw Paw ever had. Always on the job, capable and thorough. He will be missed by a large circle of friends here. D. A. Beebe, the capable assistant at the plant will take his place as superintendent.

The attention of all farmers is called to the subject matter of the following telegram from the Michigan War Board to The True Northerner:—"Owing to the demand for Ford Tractors, and the necessity of getting them on the farm at the earliest possible date, farmers who desire to purchase these machines are urged to file their applications with David Anderson, chairman of the County War Board or with the County Agricultural Agent at once. Applications have been mailed the War Board with complete information of terms of sale. Shipment of Tractors will start April 1st, and they will be sent direct from Detroit to a central distributing point in this county."

"Grandma Gibbs of the Red Cross" was played in Lawton last Tuesday evening. The town hall of that village was crowded to its full capacity and the Paw Paw talent given a most cordial and enthusiastic reception. "The best play ever given in Lawton" was the complimentary manner in which many of the audience expressed their appreciation. The receipts of the evening at 25 cents admission amounted to something over \$130.00, which will be divided between the Red Cross societies of the two villages. After the play, the floor was cleared, and music provided for those who cared to dance. The manner in which the local players were received by their good friends of the neighboring village was most pleasing and gratifying.

Mrs. S. H. Wilson of South Haven chairman of the Van Buren County Woman's Liberty Loan Committee, announces a conference of all workers in the county of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee at Hartford on Wednesday, April 3rd. The morning session will begin at 10:30, the afternoon session at 1:30.

Mrs. Joseph Hanson of Paw Paw was married to Mr. T. E. Parker of Porter last Saturday afternoon in Kalamazoo. The ceremony was performed by Wm. Yerrington, son-in-law of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Parker went at once to their home in Porter township where a surprise reception was given them on their arrival. Mrs. Parker has been a resident of Paw Paw for many years, and a host of friends here join congratulations.

Rev. C. H. Heaton received a letter from the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America dated from Washington D. C. March 16th, which reads as follows:—"Your application for a Chaplaincy having received the endorsement of your denominational committee and the approval of the General Committee, was sent to the War Department on February 6th. We hope that you will hear favorably from them within a short time."

Another quota of Van Buren county boys (52 in number) left for Camp Custer at 6:00 o'clock this morning. They reported to the local draft board yesterday, and a reception and patriotic send off was given for them in the evening in the Court room with Judge Des Voignes and others as speakers. Following is the list who went to swell the fighting forces of Uncle Sam:—Joseph N. Brooks, Arthur Albert Manning, Fred Martin Cross, Abraham Vroegindaway, Charles P. Betz, William Orton Croft, William Claude Carr, Harley Camfield, Thomas Zeedyk, Clair Crippen, Alfred F. Tio, Harry Noggles, Martin Gibson Reigle, Frank B. Smith, Elizey Hayden, Joseph Leroy Morlan, Ralph Elwin Adams, John Longduff, Rellie Masten, George Tracy Todd, Orland Brown, John Haak, Jett Bagley, Selden P. Allen, Donald Coy Scott, Daniel D. Lightner, Peter Kolman, Darwin Frank Allen, Morton D. Wood, Frederick E. Horney, Harry H. Wright, Clarence Ambrose Fellows, Jesse Ickes, Carl Albert F. Zessin, Orlo Albert Fogle, Eugene Lawrence C. Wesaw, Lynn Jay Smith, Edwin Johnson, Leon M. Kinney, Paul Adrian Glossop, Michael A. Piechottino, Lowell Russell Hendershot, Ivan G. Keyes, John Vitek, Elba Eichler, Samuel Adams Anderson, Grover Howard Hutchins, Lee Zerby, Leo Louis Alexis, Clarence J. Irons, Benjamin Harrison Scovel, Marlin Hubbard, Stacy Neil Peterson, Lynn F. Scott. The last three named are volunteers from Lawton, Decatur and Mattawan.

The County War Board meeting held at the Opera House last Monday was a wonderful gathering. Every precinct in the county was represented by a delegation of gentlemen and ladies. At the roll call in morning, there was an attendance present as follows:—Almena, 2; Antwerp, 7; Arlington, 2; Bangor, 5; Bloomingdale, 14; Columbia, 11; Covert, 9; Decatur, 7; Geneva, 10; Hamilton, 6; Hartford, 11; Keeler, 3; Lawrence, 2; Paw Paw, 32; Pine Grove, 6; Waverly, 3; South Haven, 7; South Haven City, 10; Porter, 8. This number was undoubtedly more than doubled before the day was over. Judge Anderson, chairman of the county war board called the meeting to order and stated its purpose. H. H. Harris of Lawrence offered prayer, after which Mr. Carrol of Grand Rapids made a speech which was received with much interest and enthusiasm. The afternoon speakers were N. H. Stewart of Kalamazoo, and Mr. Corrigan of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Lena Rawson of Decatur called attention to the Registration of women in the county and explained the details. Many conferences of the various divisions of war fund activity were held throughout the day, and there is no question now as to the success of any war fund drive in Van Buren county. The plans for raising the various funds will be announced later. The first in the list is the Liberty Loan Drive which starts April 6th. The Paw Paw High school band furnished music in the morning, and the meeting was a great success.

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