

## LOCAL

Dr. F. A. Racette has been on the sick list this week.

Miss Margery Cole is now a Red Cross Nurse stationed at Camp Sherman Ohio.

Mrs. Emma R. Smith is in Big Rapids assisting in the care of her new grand daughter.

Leon Jacobs departed Monday for Camp Custer to help in the construction of new barracks there which will extend from Camp Custer to Augusta.

Mrs. Albert Wauchek of Otsego was the guest of Paw Paw relatives and friends the first of the week.

Lou Long suffered a stroke of paralysis last Monday morning and was taken to Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo the same day.

Miss Ione Reynolds arrived home last Friday, her school in Hammond, Indiana having closed on account of sickness.

Miss Vera Squier is home this week her school in South Haven closed on account of the epidemic, Spanish Influenza.

Miss Lulu McWilliams, a teacher in the sixth grade of the local schools spent the week end with friends in Jackson.

Glenn Warner has been a victim of the Spanish Influenza at Camp Gordon, Ga., but is recovering nicely from the attack.

Clifford Pugsley, member of the Students Army Training Corps at the Western State Normal was home for the day last Sunday.

Azel McNeil, member of the Students Training Corps at Ann Arbor is recovering from a severe attack of the prevailing disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Smith of Big Rapids announce the arrival of a baby daughter, "Barbara Jean" on Thursday, October 10th. Congratulations.

A letter from Miss Georgia Boomer to her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boomer states that she is in England instead of France as stated in these columns last week.

Miss Dolly Young departed Saturday for her home in Kalamazoo after a weeks visit at the Bert Colburn home, where she was the guest of Miss Marie.

Miss Truly Fuller, in company with friends from Lawrence left Monday for Florida where they will spend the winter. They are making the trip by auto and expect to spend several months on the road.

Marion Rowland has severed his connection with the Detroit National Insurance company, resigning to accept a lucrative position with the Atlas Assurance company of New York City.

Theodore Ferguson and Alford Douglas, members of the Students Training Corps at the Kalamazoo college have been very sick and in the hospital the past week. They are both better however and are expected home this week.

Circuit Court will convene next Monday with a total of 105 cases on the calendar divided as follows:—Criminal, 8; Issues of Fact, 35; Chancery, 45; Cases in which no progress has been made in a year, 17. The calendar includes a total of 38 divorce cases. The jury will be in attendance the second week of term, reporting on Monday, October 28th.

The merchants and business men of Paw Paw are worthy of the highest commendation for their liberal use of advertising space in giving publicity to the urgent needs of the government in the Fourth Liberty Loan. In no community in Michigan have the business institutions been more liberal and patriotic than Paw Paw. Page after page of this Liberty Loan advertising has been paid for by the business men and farmers. The space has been purchased generously and willingly as a patriotic duty, and has had its effect on the voluntary subscriptions to the loan. With just one single exception during the drive the business men of this village have not only been willing but anxious to contribute to this publicity, when the matter was called to their attention. The spirit manifested is highly commendable, and bespeaks a village of patriotic, loyal "Live Wires."

Mrs. George Porter is very ill at her home in the village.

Fred Longwell of Schoolcraft was a Paw Paw visitor on Wednesday.

Word comes that Maurice White is very sick with Spanish Influenza at Camp Custer.

The Friday club will meet this Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. L. Sowle.

O. W. Rowland left on Tuesday for Detroit for a visit with his son, Marion and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coy of Kalamazoo were guests of his parents here for the week end.

Miss Thea Lytle is teaching in the Palmer school during the absence of the regular teacher who is ill.

Mrs. Alice Cook has gone to Joliet, Illinois where she will spend the winter with her brother, Rev. Mr. Bendon.

Mrs. Glen Sherrod and children of Kalamazoo spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Leon Salisbury and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang have received notice that their son, Sergeant Phillip Lang has arrived safely "Overseas."

Ray Wheaton of Hartford was in Paw Paw on Tuesday. He expressed himself as well pleased with his business in Hartford.

There will be a meeting of the Antwerp Mutual Protective Association at the Richmond school house on Friday evening of this week.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held at the Memorial Hall October 26th. All members are requested to be present for drill work.

F. S. Wheaton has sold his farm west of town, and returned to Chicago. The family plan to remain here next year however for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abrams rejoice over the advent of a baby boy on October fifth. The young man weighed 3 1/4 pounds and has been named "Howard Reo."

Mrs. Bert Colburn was stricken with Spanish Influenza while visiting her father in Kalamazoo last week. She was taken to Borgess hospital and at this writing is improving nicely.

James Ayars, who has been at the Northwestern University in the Students Army Training Corps, last week received an appointment to the Central Officers training school at Camp Grant, Illinois. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Ayars of this place and a graduate of the local schools.

A letter from C. D. Leach of Phoenix, Arizona to the True Northerner, states that they are both well and happy. "We never could get along without the good Old True Northerner" he says. He also says, "There is no place on earth quite like his present home, Phoenix. His brother Frank and wife and sister Inez and husband arrived there October 4th, making the trip from Chelsea, Michigan in Ford cars. Charley wishes to be remembered to all his old Paw Paw friends."

The Civil Service examination to be held at the post office in Allegan, Hastings, Niles, Paw Paw, Benton Harbor, and Three Rivers on October 19th, will include examination of applicants for the Military Academy at West Point, as well as applicants for the Naval Academy at Annapolis as stated in last weeks issue of this paper. The examination is held at the request of Congressman Hamilton, and the regulations of the war department have been changed to include applicants for both branches of military service as in the years gone by.

Mrs. John Washburn was the victim of an accidental shooting last Sunday, and is now in Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo. Her twelve year old son had been shooting at a target with a 22 caliber rifle. He aimed the rifle at a target on an outbuilding, not knowing that his mother was within the building. The bullet passed through the door and struck Mrs. Washburn just below the eye. It was thought at first that she would lose the eye, but she is recovering rapidly, and it is quite probable that the eyesight can be saved. The shooting was purely accidental, and the boy was nearly prostrated over his mistake.

It is pleasing to the local friends of Maurice Cole, who has been with the fighting forces at the western front in France for many months, to learn that he has been promoted from second to first lieutenant.

The Up-To-Date club met with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuttle last Wednesday. After dinner and a short program the meeting adjourned to permit the members to attend the funeral of the late Dr. George Jackson.

The matter of erecting some kind of suitable memorial in honor of the boys from this county who have made the supreme sacrifice will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at this session.

Rev. I. P. Bates was called to West Oshtemo Sunday to officiate at the funeral of Miss Nettie May, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, who died of bronchial pneumonia after an illness of only a week, aged nineteen years.

The W. R. C. Ladies will meet with Mrs. Weatherwax on October 22nd, for an all day meeting. They will tie off quilts, have a pot-luck dinner and a general good time. The ladies should all take their thimbles and darning needles.

Russen Edson Heller was born in Wells County, Indiana on April 23rd, 1896 and died at Camp Custer, Michigan on October 11th, 1918, aged 20 years, 5 months and 18 days. He came to Paw Paw with his parents seven years ago last spring and lived here until called into the service of his country. Though not twenty-one years old, he registered and was drafted into the National Army on August 28th, last, and was at Camp Custer in training to take his place and do his part in the great world-war across the waters, when he was stricken down by the prevailing epidemic, Spanish Influenza. He leaves to mourn his death his father and mother, four sisters, two brothers and other relatives and friends. One brother, Samuel, is a soldier in training at Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia. The sympathies of the entire community go out to these bereaved friends who are sustained by the solemn pride that their loved one died a member of that great army of brave men who have set their faces like a flint to punish the greed, perfidy and brutality of Germany, and to "make the world safe for democracy." Although not permitted to cross the ocean and engage in active warfare, Private Heller was one of the nation's heroes, and the same honor is due him that is given to those who die of wounds received in battle. It was not his fault that he died as he did. Doubtless, if the chance of what manner of death he should die had been given him, he would have chosen to die on the field of battle with his face to the foe. He died in the path of duty with the will to endure hardship as a good soldier of his country. Suitable services were held at the home of his parents, conducted by Rev. Arthur Trott, and as a mark of respect, all the places of business were closed at the hour of the funeral.

Dr. J. C. Maxwell, local health officer urges every citizen in this community to strictly observe every regulation laid down by the State Board of Health during the prevalence of the epidemic which is taking so many lives all over the country. Children must not attend school if they have even a slight cold, neither must they attend the picture show or any other public gathering while suffering with a cold. This precautionary measure also applies to adults as well as children. A strict observance of this regulation and prompt attention to even slight colds or other sickness may be the means of guarding against a serious epidemic in this locality, and lessen the number of funerals. The disease spreads like wildfire when once started, and no measures are too strict to be carefully observed.

The text of President Wilson's reply to the Peace Proposal of the German Government meets the approval of every loyal American citizen. The words "Unconditional Surrender" do not appear in the note, but the words imply that and much more. Not until all invaded territory is evacuated, not until there is a complete disarmament of all enemy troops on land and sea; and not until there is some absolute guarantee on the part of Germany that the autocratic government is at an end, will there be any cessation of hostilities. Even then, there will be no conference between representatives of the warring nations as to the arrangements for an armistice. The Allied Generals on the field of battle will arrange the details of evacuation and surrender. There will not be the slightest suspicion of a compromise. Absolute "Unconditional Surrender" is demanded by the people of the Allied nations, and "Unconditional Surrender" is the ultimatum laid down by President Wilson in his reply to the German proposal. In the meantime the war will go on. A quarter of a million men will be rushed across the waters every month. Stupendous war preparations will be rushed to the limit everywhere on land and sea. All quotas will be filled in camp as fast as the troops leave for "Over Seas", and the folks back home must continue in their line of patriotic duty, with increased vigor and energy. There are a few hours left yet to subscribe to the Liberty Loan. That is the big question for the Folks Back Home until tomorrow night. Don't make it possible to wake up Sunday morning with that mean sneaking Slacker feeling in your system.

Rev. Alex T. Luther, formerly pastor of the M. E. church of this place sends the following message to Paw Paw friends:—"Official notice comes just now. Olin C. Luther died of wounds received in action, September 15th. Our hearts are bleeding, but he did his duty as a brave American." Olin was a member of the 122nd, Field Artillery, and was assisting in removing wounded comrades from the field of battle, when he was cut down by shrapnel. He was a student in the local schools when here, and well liked by every one. A host of loyal friends extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

### VAN BUREN COUNTY IS NOT YET OVER THE TOP, BECAUSE TOO MANY VOLUNTEERED TO BUY SMALL BONDS

How much do you care whether we win the war or how many of our boys return uninjured? PUT IT IN DOLLARS AND CENTS.

If you really care, come across with a REAL SUBSCRIPTION. Pay down ten per cent and borrow the money and buy a bond that you will be proud of were it your last living act.

You are not doing your country alone a favor, because you are getting a bond bearing 4 1-4 per cent interest in return therefor. Four per cent bonds issued during the Spanish-American War, when peace was declared, sold at \$128.00.

In reply to Germany's cry for cessation of hostilities the President says:

"The Nations associated against Germany cannot be expected to agree to a cessation of arms while acts of inhumanity, spoliation and desolation are being continued which they justly look upon with horror and with burning hearts."

Our armies then must fight on until Germany holds up her blood dripping arms in unconditional surrender.

That our armies may be invincible and victorious we must LEND TO THE LIMIT.

Van Buren County must not fail and NO TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY SHOULD FAIL.

No matter what you did on other loans you are not excused from doing your best now.

In these closing hours of the drive we appeal to every citizen in the county who has not already purchased a bond, to do so at once and to every citizen who has purchased to BUY ANOTHER BOND and thus make sure that VAN BUREN COUNTY IS 100 per cent AMERICAN and that ALL OF ITS RED BLOODED CITIZENS HAVE NOT GONE TO FRANCE.

MRS. S. H. WILSON Vice Chairman. THOS. J. CAVANAUGH County Chairman.

S. H. Hill has gone to Kalamazoo where he will spend the winter with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Aseltine spent part of the week in Ann Arbor, the guests of her brother, Allie Barton.

Kenneth Van Tassell and Miss Helen Plumb have both been on the sick list the past week.

Theodore Eckert who has been very ill at the home of his Aunt, Mrs. Will Simmons is gaining fast and will soon be out again.

Clare Allen of Glendale expects to enter the Tank Corps of the U. S. Army. He will go to Raleigh S. C. for five months training.

On account of the prevalence of the epidemic, the county Red Cross meeting which was announced for Wednesday, October 23rd, has been postponed until Wednesday, November 20th.

Harry Busley has sold the Hub Lunch to Mrs. Henry Hershberger who is now in charge. She has made many improvements in the place and asks a share of the local patronage.

The citizens of Mattawan have sent a letter of appreciation to the local firemen for their efforts to assist them in their recent disastrous fire. The local boys are always willing to assist their neighbors in distress, and it is always gratifying to them to know that their efforts are appreciated.

Private Lyle Cramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cramer who has been in the Base hospital at Camp Custer for the past three weeks very ill with pneumonia, is now much better and on the road to recovery. Another son, Paul, also in the service of his country is quarantined in Memphis, Tenn.

Manager Reeves announces the following features for the Idle Hour this week end:—Friday night, Belle Bennett in "Soul in Trust", with a good comedy; Saturday night, Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "The adopted Son." This is a western feature and a good one. There will also be a two part comedy; Sunday night, Olive Thomas in "Heirs for a Day."

The republican press of the state are to be commended and congratulated on their patriotism and loyalty in refraining from all reference to matters political during the Liberty Loan Drive. The drive does not close until Saturday night of this week, nevertheless some of the democratic sheets of the state are carrying Ford advertising in this weeks issue, several days before the close of the drive.

The State Fire Marshal has designated Saturday, November 2nd, as general "Clean Up" day. The local Fire department requests that the day be observed by the citizens of Paw Paw, and that it be made to mean just what the term implies, "Clean Up." Alleys, streets, cellars and door yards, should be cleaned of all rubbish, before winter sets in. Do it Saturday, November 2nd, and make a thorough job of it.

A. R. and C. H. Forsythe of Lawrence together with "Dusty" Rhoades of Lockport, New York all of the 116th, Signal Battalion, constitute what is known at the front as the "Khaki Trio." These men have been sent out by the Military Authorities over the Vaudeville Circuit of the A. E. F. which is in reality the Y. M. C. A. to give entertainments. This trio travels on a motorcycle with side car and their "Props" include costumes, wigs, make-up and a folding organ weighing about twenty-five pounds. They frequently give entertainments at the front lines with the whistle of the enemy shells as accompaniment. Their business is "Peppin Up" the army.

Last Monday, October 14th, was the forty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beach, and the children gathered under the parental roof to make the day a memorable one for the family. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Beach and daughter Leta of Vicksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beach and daughter Mary June of Kalamazoo; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beach and son Clair of East Decatur; Almond Beach of Paw Paw and three cousins, two of Arlington and one of Hartford. There was only one missing, Loren Beach who is serving the colors. A fine dinner and supper was served and pleasant memories of the day will linger with father, mother and children all through life.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at twelve o'clock Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Clapp, when his daughter Miss Marjorie became the bride of Charles Stevens. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. Yerrington of Kalamazoo in the presence of the immediate relatives only. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will leave this week for an extended automobile trip, expecting to drive through to Florida and spend the winter months there. The best wishes of a host of Paw Paw friends for a long and happy wedded life will accompany the happy couple to the South Land.

A large gathering of sympathizing friends assembled on Sunday afternoon, October 12th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David McCann, 219 North Gremps street to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Will Baldwin, nee Margare Dana, who died suddenly of pneumonia in Chicago, October 9th. Mr. Baldwin had been a resident of Paw Paw for a number of years, but had lately taken up his residence in Kalamazoo. His marriage to Miss Dana took place a year and a half ago. The remains reached Paw Paw Friday evening October 9th, and through the sympathetic kindness of Mr. and Mrs. McCann the funeral took place at their home. Rev. Arthur Trott of the Methodist church conducted the services, and the music was furnished by Mrs. Emma F. Cowles and LaRue Mosier. "Abide with Me" and "Beautiful Isle" were sung with artistic taste and feeling by Mr. Mosier. The interment was at Prospect Hill, immediately following the services. Marjorie Dana was the only child of Alex and May Bartlett Dana and was born in South Haven, Michigan, May 20th, 1886. She was thirty-two years, four months and nineteen days of age at the time of her death. At the age of four years she went with her parents to Battle Creek, where she attended the city schools and grew to young womanhood. She was married to Will Baldwin July 12th, 1917 in Paw Paw in the home that the groom had prepared for them. She had recently accepted a position in the Lexington Hotel in Chicago, and while enroute to the city contracted a cold which resulted in pneumonia and her death.

Saturday of this week, October 19, is the closing day of the Fourth Liberty Loan. Van Buren is not yet "Over the Top", and the deficiency here helps to make up the shortage in the state of approximately \$7,000,000. Many counties in the state, including our neighbor Allegan on the north were "Over Subscribed" the first of the week. Some precincts in this county were "Over" the first volunteer day, but in other localities, the work drags. Some of the districts in Paw Paw township are behind, but why this should be so is a mystery. It is not fair to the loyal citizens of this township, the county or state, to require them to subscribe for the share of the slackers in addition to their own part. The quotas assigned the townships of this county and the school districts of each township were all based on property valuations. There is no reason under the Heavens why one district should fail to subscribe its full quota, when a neighboring district goes "Over the Top" the first day. There is something wrong somewhere. Some have undoubtedly bought a \$50.00 bond, and are hiding behind the button, when they should have bought bonds to the value of hundreds or thousands of dollars. While others plead "financial inability" when they are more able to loan to the government than their neighbors who have subscribed liberally. Then again it is possible that the "Peace Talk" may have slowed up some individuals. Don't let any one be fooled by the "Peace Talk." Regardless of whether we are to have peace now or two years from now, this loan must go through. Even if Peace should be declared this minute, the government must have this loan and probably several others before the boys come home. "Full Steam" ahead is the policy of the government in all war activities, and "Full Steam" ahead must be the slogan of every loyal citizen at home. Don't hide behind a \$50.00 button if you are able to take a thousand, and don't be a slacker if you can possibly get money enough together to make a first payment (10 per cent). There are still two days left. Stop and think! Have you done your full duty? If not, there is yet time to put Old Van Buren on the Honor Roll.