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On Tuesday, November 1st, every newspaper in the United States must make an affidavit to the U. S. Government that every subscriber on their list is paid in advance. So far as The True Northerner is concerned, the response of subscribers has been most liberal and there is but a comparatively small number of subscribers in arrears. We do not want to lose a single subscriber, and take this opportunity to again urge those whose date of expiration is not November 1st, 1918 or some later date, to call at once and renew their subscription. Remember that we did not promulgate this rule. It is an order of the U. S. Government, which we have no inclination to evade even if we could. The affidavit must be made November 1st. This then will be the last issue subscribers who are not paid in advance will receive, until renewal is made. There is yet plenty of time to "Get Under the Wire", but please give your attention. Don't make it necessary for us to take a single name from the list.

Miss Jean Warner was a Kalamazoo visitor last Monday.

Mrs. Philip Lee is now visiting her son Byron Lee of Paw Paw.

Mrs. Bertha North has been spending the greater part of the week with friends in Gliddenburg.

Mrs. Anna Ellis was called to Ogden, Utah Monday by the illness of her son Clifford, also his wife and two children. They are all reported ill with influenza. Mrs. Ellis departed immediately on receipt of the telegram.

George Weston went to Detroit the first of the week to drive home a fine new motor truck for W. J. Warner. Mrs. Weston accompanied him on the trip.

Mrs. F. N. Wakeman entertained her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cross of Lawrence and an uncle James Jennings of Pontiac, Illinois last Sunday.

Messrs. Charles B. Hays, W. M. Loveland, John Pyle, A. B. Shield and John Klose of Kalamazoo made a short stop in the village Tuesday enroute from Watervliet.

Owing to the prevalence of the prevailing epidemic, and the order of the village council forbidding all public meetings or gatherings, the Coterie club will not open next Wednesday as planned. When the order is rescinded or modified, announcement of the opening date will be given through the local press.

The local Red Cross Chapter will furnish boxes for sending Christmas packages to soldiers over seas. These boxes can be obtained at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Maxwell the latter part of next week. Instructions will be furnished with each box. No box can be sent without the official label sent by the man abroad to his relatives or friends at home.

The Charles Frank Auction sale the first of the week netted the Red Cross society the sum of \$29.65, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Frank and the patriotic activity of the Mattawan Gun Club. Lunch and cigars were sold by the club, which netted the sum of \$14.65. Then Mrs. Frank donated an ornamental mantel clock, which was sold and resold until the amount reached \$15.00. B. J. Rix was the auctioneer.

Volney W. Olds, of Hartford, is on the job every day in the discharge of his duties as County Food Administrator. As a result of his investigations, Fred Hamlin, a Decatur Grocer, admitted before the State Food court, that he had taken excessive profits on flour and had sold it without the requisite substitutes. He was ordered to close his place of business for the week, beginning October 21st, and to post the following notice on the front door:—"Closed by Order of the United States Food Administration."

A letter from Lieutenant Lynn Lake to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lake, gives some faint idea of the terrible ravages made by the epidemic and the strenuous efforts made to check the disease at Camp Grant. Up to the time the letter was written, there had been 1176 deaths in the camp, and at that time the death rate was about twenty per day. An immense garage, about three times the size of Kroth's garage here, the latter states has been turned into a morgue, and Lieutenant Lake was in charge of operations there. Five hundred caskets were ordered at one time the letter states. "I am working eighteen hours a day, but feeling fine" he says in closing.

G. E. Chappell is in Brockport, N. Y. visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manning have received word that their son Joe, has arrived safely overseas.

C. C. Young is now foreman over a gang of men in construction work at Camp Custer.

W. W. Marr has been on the sick list, and is just getting able to get out a little again.

H. C. Waters and family, Mrs. H. P. Waters and Miss Mae Brumstead motored to St. Joe last Sunday.

Miss Jean Warner, and little David, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner are very ill with Spanish Influenza

Mrs. H. A. Cross went to Hastings the latter part of this week to spend a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Ironsides.

C. L. Young went to Grand Rapids the first of the week to serve as grand juror in the United States District court.

Neil Chappel is confined to his home by illness. He is getting better however and will soon be able to get to the store again.

Mrs. Josephine Smith, formerly of Paw Paw and now of Lunenburg, Mass., was called to Oneonta, New York recently by the death of a brother.

Vernon Decker has not fully recovered from the effects of his recent severe illness, but is able to attend to business and was in Chicago on business last week.

A letter from Private Merrill Fuller states that his battery is now at Fort Strong, Boston Harbor, Mass. "We are organizing here" he says, "in preparation for overseas."

Miss Catherine Ryan, sister of Mrs. C. L. Young and well known in Paw Paw, is now one of the nurses assisting in the care of the boys at Camp Custer.

Miss Alice Scovel who is a student at the M. A. C. is one of the nurses in the students training corps. The knowledge gained in the local nursing class is now being used to practical advantage.

Frank Hayward received word Thursday morning that his wife was in Borgess hospital very sick with pneumonia. She went to Kalamazoo the first of the week, and was stricken suddenly. Frank left for her bedside early Thursday morning.

G. E. Prater Jr. and family have moved to Cadillac where they expect to remain during the winter months. Mr. Prater's work in the fruit business takes him north during the winter, and his family are going to be with him.

Miss Etoile Allen who has been spending several months among friends in Kalamazoo and Detroit returned to Paw Paw the first of this week. She will remain here some little time before starting back to her California home.

Don't forget to turn the clock back one hour on Saturday, October 27th. There has been some agitation over the question of leaving the time just as it is at present. The orders are however that every time piece must be turned back one hour on the above date.

Superintendent O. W. Kaye is taking advantage of the temporary closing order, by brightening up the school rooms with a fresh coat of paint. Mr. Kaye, Mr. Brown and Mr. Castle of the faculty and the janitor, George Porter are doing the work, and a fine job it is.

Fred Culver received last Saturday from the State Game Warden's department, 24 fine ring Necked Pheasants which he has liberated in the vicinity of his home in Gliddenburg. He asks the cooperation and assistance of sportsmen in protecting and caring for these game birds.

The True Northerner carries a full page "ad" this week announcing the annual "One Cent Sale" at the Paw Paw Drug Co. Store. No comments on the wonderful values in this sale are necessary. The "ad" tells the complete story. Any person who carelessly overlooks this wonderful sale this year is the loser.

The Village Council acting under the advice of the local health officer forbidden all public gatherings of any kind, during the prevalence of the prevailing disease. The order includes churches, lodges, moving picture shows, pool rooms, dance halls, reading rooms, red cross rooms, and all other meetings or gatherings where people congregate. The order will remain in force until further notice and until the epidemic has been checked. Strenuous and strict observance is necessary on the part of every citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hathaway were Kalamazoo visitors last Saturday

Dr. O. M. Vaughan Jr. of Covert was reelected member of the Board of County Poor Commissioners.

Mrs. Charles Summy who had an attack of pneumonia is reported much better and on the road to recovery.

Ed. M. Bailey of Detroit has been spending a part of the week with his family here. His son Carl has been quite ill but is now better.

The John W. Free Co. Bank has been designated by the Board of Supervisors as the Van Buren county Depository for funds during the coming year.

Mrs. F. A. Racette, who volunteered her services as nurse at Camp Custer has been very ill with influenza. Late reports however state that she is convalescent.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Van Vleck will leave the latter part of this week for Detroit where the Doctor will attend the annual meeting of the State Osteopathic association.

Theodore Ferguson who came home from Borgess hospital last week Friday is fast gaining strength again and will soon be able to return to college work in the Students Training Corps at the Western State Normal.

Arrangements have been made with a great London department store whereby packages may be sent for Christmas or any other time to our men in France. The order is sent to London and the goods forwarded across the channel to France, thus saving American ships without depriving our boys abroad of packages from home. A number of these Shopping Lists have been received by the department of Civilian Relief, American Red Cross, and may be obtained by application to Marion H. Boess, Director, Phone 51, Paw Paw.

Mrs. Norah Culver of Gliddenburg was elected County School examiner to succeed Harry M. Hough of Hartford. Mrs. Culver is recognized as one of the best teachers in Van Buren county, and the honor is well merited.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCon of Lawrence township have moved into their new home in Paw Paw recently purchased from A. M. DeVall on East Main street. Paw Paw extends a cordial welcome to this estimable couple.

Ray Pugsley has gone to Battle Creek to accept a lucrative government position. His family will probably remain here during the winter at least. The store is closed, and Mrs. Pugsley is taking care of the Western Union business at the residence.

Mrs. Ford Wilber and mother, Mrs. Taylor were in Keeler last Friday to attend the funeral of a girlhood friend of Mrs. Wilbur, Miss Gladys Foster. Miss Foster was a Red Cross nurse serving in a hospital in Chicago and died following a brief illness of influenza.

The Board of Supervisors were guests at a fine Chicken Banquet at the Hotel Dyckman last Monday, served to them by the City of South Haven. The courtesy was in appreciation of an appropriation of \$10,000 for highway construction in the out outskirts of the city of South Haven.

The wife of Mr. Georgie Longwell Jr. has been very ill with typhoid fever the past week at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Longwell on North Kalamazoo street. They came here from Battle Creek for a visit, when she was stricken. Late reports say she is much better and will soon be out of danger.

The Board of Supervisors this week voted to renew their contract with The True Northerner for all county printing for the ensuing year. The Board appreciate the fact that no office in Van Buren county is so well equipped to turn out all county work to the satisfaction of the County Officials and the county in general as The True Northerner.

The following quota of Van Buren county boys left for Camp Eustis, Lee Hall, Virginia on Tuesday of this week:—Ablett L. Ayres, Oliver A. Bowen, Eddie Yonker, Gobleville; Gust S. Chouvallos, Battle Creek; Floyd E. Grimes, Breedsville; William P. Howley, Watervliet; Thomas H. Newton, Bangor; Paul Pilowsky, Covert; Albert W. Plachn, South Haven; and Henry M. C. Lumm, Paw Paw.

The Board of Supervisors are still in session, but are about through with their labors. One of the important bits of business transacted, was the passage of a resolution introduced by chairman H. J. Slonaker, providing for the erection of a suitable memorial to the memory of Van Buren county boys who have or will make the Supreme Sacrifice. More on this point, and other items of interest from the Supervisors Journal will be given in these columns next week.

Mrs. Max Benton and three children are ill with the Influenza.

There are two amendments which the electors of the State of Michigan will be asked to vote at the election on Tuesday, November 5th. One will give to women the right to vote in all elections the same as men, and the other provides that all amendments in the future be printed on one ballot instead of separate as now. Both propositions are meritorious and should be given an overwhelming majority.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Leary announce the marriage of their daughter Miss Mildred, to Mr. Joe McElroy Alexander on Wednesday, October 16th, at their home in Dallas, Texas. The bride was born in Paw Paw and grew to young girlhood here. She is now a cultured accomplished young lady, the joy and pride of her parents. The True Northerner joins with local friends in hearty congratulations and best wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Alexander.

Following are extracts from a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Salisbury from their son Lynn (Mary) dated from some where in France September 16th. "You no doubt are thinking that I have forgotten all about home and Mother and Father, but such is not the case. We have been so blamed busy, that we haven't had time to do anything but just work and fight. We are lucky if we even get a chance to sleep. When we do get a minute to write, it is some job to find paper, because writing material at the front is a scarce article. I am well and all right, so don't worry." Four lines of the letter were censored, but enough words can be deciphered to know that the lines tell about being in the "Big Fight". The last sentence of the letter was unfinished the writer evidently having to close abruptly for some reason.

Dr. J. C. Maxwell reports a rapid spread of the Influenza in this community, but hopes that with the careful earnest co-operation of the public a general epidemic may be averted. There are several new cases reported every day, and the Doctor is working night and day to visit them and give the necessary medical attention. One thing is absolutely necessary on the part of the citizens of the community if a serious epidemic with the possibility of many fatalities is to be averted, and that is this. STRICT and IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE FIRST SYMPTOMS. What may appear to be a slight cold, may possibly be the Influenza in incipient stages, and in two days or even less, it may be a fatal case of pneumonia. GO TO BED at the appearance of the first symptom, however slight, is the strict injunction of the Doctor. This attention is imperative if the epidemic is to be checked, and families kept intact.

Roscoe J. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin of Gliddenburg was among the first of the boys selected at M. A. C. this fall to enter the officer's school at Waco, Texas. He left the college a few days ago with seventy-three others and is in training now in the southern cantonment. Roscoe departed about the first of October for East Lansing and upon arriving there enlisted in the student army training corps of the state college. The student training corps is a branch of the military service, and boys enlisting in it—such as in the unit at M. A. C., are given college schooling, military drill and the uniform and pay of privates. Such of them as display aptitude for leadership are selected to attend the officers training camps. Roscoe was one of the first chosen. A number of boys from Van Buren county are members of the corps at M. A. C. where more than twelve hundred young men are receiving military training and attending college at the same time.

Neil Engel, one of Paw Paw's best known young business men, died at eleven o'clock Thursday morning after an illness lasting less than one week. He contracted what he supposed was a slight cold, and with his rugged constitution paid but little attention to it. Later developments however proved the trouble to be the dreaded Spanish Influenza which resulted in pneumonia and his death. Every thing that efficient nursing and skillful medical care could do, was done to save his life but it was of no avail. Mr. Engel was owner and proprietor of the Engel Bakery, and by hard work and good management had built up a large and lucrative business throughout the county. He had served several terms as member of the village council and in other official capacities, and was one of the reliable, progressive business men of this village, highly esteemed and respected by everybody. His Passing leaves a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. The heart of the entire community goes out in tender sympathy to the sorrowing wife, and the aged father and mother.

Daniel Shaw of Decatur was a guest at the H. A. Cole home Tuesday.

Don White of Jackson spent the fore part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

Harley Mutchler of the Municipal Pier Naval Training Station in Chicago spent the week end with his parents here.

Dr. J. E. Gilkey had the misfortune to cut the thumb of his left hand severely while opening a glass can Thursday noon. The jagged pieces of glass cut through the muscles to the bone.

On account of the local quarantine, the First number of the Lecture Course which was to have been the evening of October 28th, has been indefinitely postponed. For the same reason, the delivery of tickets will be delayed. A new schedule of dates will be announced as early as possible.

Never in the history of Michigan have so many signatures been secured as for the one on Woman Suffrage. According to the Detroit News in 1853 there was presented to the legislature a petition 1300 feet long. The sheets were pasted together in a continuous roll. Two years ago in 1916 the prohibition initiative petition contained about 70,000 names. But it remains for the women of Michigan to surpass all records in the number of women who have signed a petition for the suffrage amendment which will be voted on November 5th. From every county in the state the women have sent in their names, all properly subscribed, and witnessed so that there can be no juggling with facts. There is no doubt that Michigan women are abreast of the times.

The german reply to President Wilson's Peace Note was not very satisfactory, from the standpoint of the United States and our Allied governments. It was conciliatory, evasive and unreasonable. An analysis of the reply reveals one prominent thought however, and that is, The enemy can now see his inevitable finish and is making a desperate effort to salvage all he possibly can from the wreck. A peace note of just two words, "Unconditional Surrender" is what the Allied Governments are looking for, and until such a reply is received, the war will go on. It has been suggested, with it would seem to us considerable logic, that all future so-called peace notes and negotiations from the enemy be referred directly to General Foch on the field of battle. It would be much easier for the enemy to communicate with him there, and the result would be the same in the end. Leave it to Foch.

Major Edward Thompson has made the Supreme Sacrifice. The sad news reached his wife and son at South Haven, and his mother and brother in Lawrence on Monday of this week in two letters, one from his son, Zell, who was a soldier in his father's battalion at the front, and one from Private Ted Harriman, a South Haven boy who was with the Major when wounded and at his bedside when the summons came. The facts as near as can be determined from the letters received are as follows:—The Major was wounded slightly in the hand by shell splinter on September 28th. He started back to a dressing station to have the wound dressed, when a shell burst near enough to wound him severely in the back. He was taken to the hospital, which was later shelled by enemy air planes, necessitating removal of patients several miles further to the rear. The exposure, together with the serious wound and weakened condition was too much for the rugged constitution, and he died on October 2nd. His son Zell was some fourteen miles from the hospital and walked the distance as soon as he learned of his father's injuries. He arrived however a few minutes too late. Major Thompson was well known to nearly every citizen of Van Buren county, and had a wide acquaintance in military circles. Lawrence was his home as a boy, and he graduated from the schools of that village. South Haven city has been his home for a number of years, and he was one of the first members of Troop A, a military organization of that city. He was honored in this Company with the highest rank it could confer, and saw service in the Upper Peninsula as Captain and in Mexico before the World War began. While his regiment was at Waco Texas, he was commissioned Major, and has been in command of the second Battalion of the 119th, Field Artillery in France since his division arrived there. He was exceedingly popular as a military man and civilian, and was considered a most efficient officer. His death is deeply regretted by his host of Van Buren county friends, but those who were nearest and dearest to him, have the comforting thought that he was a soldier through and through who gave his life freely for his country, and died in the line of duty. It is thought his remains may be brought to America at the close of the war.

Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McFarlin is very sick with the prevailing disease, influenza.

Mrs. Alice Grimes has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Kirby and family in Hillsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Cole accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blsborrow spent Saturday last in Grand Rapids.

T. J. Cavanaugh, Charles Wildey, Frank Miller and Arthur Miller were business callers in Lansing on Saturday last.

Lou Long, who suffered a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago, is still a patient at Borgess hospital, but improving nicely.

What a wonderful record the loyal American citizens made in the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive which closed Saturday night. The government asked for a loan of eight billion dollars, and the country responded with a quarter billion over subscription. This splendid manifestation of patriotism and loyalty will be good news to the boys at the front; but it will not sound good to our enemies. Van Buren county can justly feel proud of its achievement. When the figures were tallied on Saturday night, the county quota was found to be over 100,000 dollars oversubscribed. The tabulation is not available this week, but we understand some few precincts failed to reach the top, but others went overwhelmingly over. It is a wonderful record, and one to which the children of future generations will point back with pride. County Chairman Cavanaugh, and every member of his committee throughout the country who have given so loyally and unsparringly of their time, have had no small part in this wonderful record. They need no praise or commendation, for to them the results obtained in the line of their duty is ample reward. Every loyal citizen however has a deep sense of appreciation for their efforts, and will extend to them their hearty congratulations.

One can hardly realize that the date of a general election is little more than one week away. Probably never in the history of the state, has an important election day approached with as little excitement and apparent lack of interest as now. News of the allied victories at the front, and the valiant part our own brave American boys have had in the crushing defeat of the Hun armies, have claimed the center of the stage, and justly so.

From September 28th, when the great Liberty Loan Drive started until last Saturday night, when its close marked an over subscription of over a quarter billion of dollars, every loyal American citizen was bending every effort to the war business at hand. It was a patriotic and loyal duty during those weeks to refrain from political agitation, and be it said to the credit of the great majority, the faith was well kept.

The election this year is of great importance for several reasons, and every voter must as a matter of duty, give the subject some consideration. There is an entire State ticket from Governor down to be elected, besides, members of Congress, members of the State Senate and legislature, County Officers and one United States Senator. For the latter office, voters must decide between Truman H. Newberry on the Republican ticket, and Henry Ford on the Democratic ticket. Liberal advertising space is being used by the democratic state central committee in an effort to convince the voters that Mr. Ford is indispensable to the future welfare of the nation. They even go so far as to claim that "The President needs his assistance in the senate during the rehabilitation and reconstruction period after the war is over." Such an appeal may make votes for Mr. Ford, but we don't believe it. We have the utmost confidence in the loyalty and integrity of the electorate of the state of Michigan. We believe that electorate will insist on a man to represent this great state in the senatorial halls of congress, whose loyalty to his country has never been questioned; a man whose record as a statesman, and a soldier is one hundred per cent efficiency, and one whose sons are on the field of battle to give their lives if need be in the service of their country. Such a man is Truman H. Newberry and if we mistake not, the vote on election day will be overwhelmingly in his favor. Commander Newberry need never make apology for any alleged unpatriotic or disloyal speech or utterance. He need never search for a motive to explain about a "Peace Ship" which was an aid and encouragement to an enemy in time of war and the laughing stock of the world. Truman H. Newberry as United States Senator would uphold the honor and dignity of the great state of Michigan, and judging of his future acts by the record of his past, in war or in peace he would be a credit to his state and an honor to the nation.