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LOCAL

D. P. Smith is in Chicago on business.

Mrs. A. H. Campbell of Mattawan is reported quite sick.

Vern Atwater is moving to the Harry Morrison place, east of town.

Elmer Miller of Richmond, Indiana is a guest at the Howard Smith home.

Advertised Letters:—Mr. Roy M. Beecher, Miss Marion Stewart, Miss Irene Mock.

Miss Emily Burt has been very ill for the past two weeks, but is better at this writing.

Alva D. Burt came over from Kalamazoo to spend the week end with his wife and children.

Allison Johnson and Fred Bridger attended the funeral of Neal Engle in Kalamazoo Monday.

Maurice White who has been very sick with the influenza at Camp Custer is reported much better.

Mrs. Charles German and children are all sick with the prevailing disease but are reported much better.

H. M. Ayars went to Chicago the first of the week, and will visit his son James who has been very ill at Camp Grant.

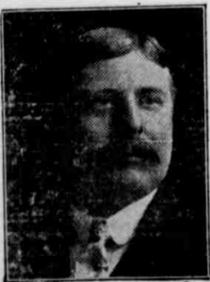
Dr. T. H. Ransop, secretary of the Republican County Committee, and Charles E. Trim of Bloomingdale were in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Last Sunday was the 14th, wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mosier, and Mesdames Levi Lyle, Melvin Lyle and Arley Lyle were guests for dinner.

Harry Wilson, west of town, received the following letter of recent date from John H. Bryar of Denver, Colorado:—"We found a box of your grapes last week in one of Denver's fruit stores, and of course we were mighty glad. The grapes were fine and every one of them brought happy memories of dear old Paw Paw. With best wishes and a desire to be remembered to any and all of my friends, I am Yours very Truly".

William Daniel Waite was born in Ohio on January 14th, 1840, and departed from this life October 23rd, 1918, aged seventy-eight years, nine months and nine days. He was united in marriage to Kate Louise Hawes, and to this union four children were born. God called her home in 1889. Later in the year of 1904 he was married to Libby Jones. He leaves to mourn his loss two sons, one step-son, fourteen grand children, and six great grand children and other close relatives and friends. He was an affectionate husband, a sympathetic father and a kind neighbor. Burial was in Alma cemetery on Friday afternoon with Rev. Bates officiating.

While there is yet much sickness in the community, the probabilities are that the epidemic has been practically checked. Some of the patients are very sick and some new cases are reported every day, but with the continued care and co-operation on the part of the citizens in observing the quarantine, and regulations laid down by the board of health, it is hoped the worst is now over. Immediate attention to the first symptoms is the vital point in coping with this disease. A delay of even one day with exposure might result in a fatal case of pneumonia. Doctors have worked practically night and day, and the loyal patriotic women have left their homes to assist in the care of the sick. Medicated cotton "Jackets" for the sick have been made by the ladies at the Surgical Dressing rooms, and everything possible has been done by the loyal men and women of the community to check the spread of the disease. The quarantine will undoubtedly be in force for some time yet, and until the epidemic is practically stamped out.



Albert E. Sleeper

Michigan's Splendid War Governor, who is entitled to the full vote of his party in the election next Tuesday.

Bennett McKinstry is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Lou Salisbury is reported very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Soule are both ill with influenza.

Will Howe and three children are reported ill with influenza.

The funeral of the late Neil Engle was held in Kalamazoo Monday and burial was at Riverside cemetery.

The annual Fat Stock Show will be held at the Union Stock Yards this year November 30th, to December 7th.

Mrs. Frank Anderson is helping to care for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Max Benton who are ill with influenza.

Attention is called to the announcement of Dr. W. E. Jacobs in the classified column on page eight of this issue.

Mrs. Wm. K. Miller has just received word that her son Harry was wounded in France a month ago, and is still in a hospital.

Mrs. F. N. Wakeman and Wynn are both confined to the bed with influenza. Mrs. William Nowor of Lawrence is here assisting in their care.

Mrs. Frank Haywood who was reported seriously ill with pneumonia last Saturday, is on the road to recovery. Mrs. Haywood is a patient in Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo.

The County Association O. E. S. which was scheduled for the village of Gobleville on Tuesday, November 5th, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the epidemic.

News has just been received that Lieut. Ralph M. Rowland has been wounded, and is in a hospital. No information has been received as to how severe his injuries are.

Miss Beatrice Vickers and friend motored from Chicago last Tuesday and returned Thursday, taking Mr. and Mrs. Leland Benwire with them for a few days visit in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hussong are rejoicing over the advent of a new baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Hussong live on the Barber place east of town, and this now makes a family of six nice daughters.

Arba Hawley, who has been sick with typhoid fever for the past week was taken to Bronson hospital in Kalamazoo for treatment last Saturday. Postmaster H. A. Cole visited him on Tuesday and reports the patient getting along as well as might be expected.

Margaret Pence nee Stevens was born in Ohio on March 25th, 1831 and died at the home of her son Henry D. Pence near Paw Paw, October 20, aged eighty-seven years, six months and nineteen days. Funeral services were held from the home and burial was in Alma cemetery. Rev. I. P. Bates officiated.

The high price of grapes this season makes the outlook for grape growers in this section better than it has ever been. While it is probable that grapes may not be as high next year as this, yet we understand there are those who are willing to contract full crops now for next year at \$60.00 per ton.

Fred Showerman is the newly appointed Van Buren County Game and Fish Warden. He was called to Lansing on business connected with the department on Wednesday. Mr. Showerman desires particularly to call attention to the number of Mongolian Ring Necked pheasants which have been liberated by the state in this county. These birds must be protected and the assistance and co-operation of every sportsman is necessary in their care and protection. The state laws make a jail sentence obligatory for any person who will kill one of these pheasants.

Harris Ware, who it is alleged inflicted a serious knife wound on Eugene Hoerner some weeks ago, during an altercation was brought back to Paw Paw by Sheriff Beattie last week Thursday. He waived examination and was bound over to the next term of court, being released on a \$500.00 bond. Immediately after the affair which nearly cost Hoerner his life, Ware disappeared, and the Sheriff located him in Chicago last week.

Mrs. Ray Salisbury is worrying for fear some of her relatives were on the ill-fated steamer which went down with all on board on its way from Alaska to the States. The relatives expected to take the last steamer of the season, and it is possible they may have been on the boat. If any reader of The True Northerner has a list of the passengers on this boat, they would confer a favor and relieve the anxiety of Mrs. Salisbury by sending the same to her.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoyt arrived home Saturday from their Boston trip. The doctor arrived at a very opportune time as he was needed to assist in the care of the sick.

Ford Wilber has been very sick for the past week. Pneumonia has been feared for several days, but it is hoped now that he will escape that dreaded feature of the disease.

Ernest Loveland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Loveland has received a medal for marksmanship in the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps. Enrollment for these contests should be made at H. C. Waters store.

M. C. Wheaton received word on Thursday that his son Harry was wounded in a hospital in France. He had been in a hard battle all day, and a piece of shrapnel lodged in his left leg just as the battle had been won.

A few subscribers to The True Northerner have failed to respond to our notice relative to renewals. According to the provisions of the recent order of the U. S. Government with which all of our subscribers are now informed, all subscribers whose subscriptions are not paid strictly in advance must be cancelled from the list. May we ask every subscriber from this date on, to watch their date of expiration carefully, and let us have renewal in time so there will be no missing copies.

Miss Fannie Bockius of Mattawan who has been connected with the post office in some capacity at that place for the past twenty-five years, has gone to Grand Rapids to take a business course in the college there. Before leaving she was made the recipient of many gifts as evidence of the high esteem in which she is held in the community. Miss Bockius was well known to many Paw Paw people who will join with the Mattawan folks in good wishes for her future welfare.

Some of our readers evidently do not understand that all communications to receive attention in our news columns must have the name of the sender attached. The name is not for publication, understand, but as an evidence of good faith on the part of the writer. Frequently accounts of weddings, or other news items of interest are received through the mails from some unknown writer. There is only one alternative in cases of this kind, and that is to consign the copy to the waste basket. The True Northerner welcomes items of news interesting through the mails, or over the telephone. It is an unwritten law however in all newspaper offices, that the name of the writer, or the one giving information over the phone, be known to the publishers of the paper.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned their October session on Friday afternoon, October 25th. They had a very busy session, there being many items of business that demanded attention. The Board made an appropriation of \$500.00 for the use of the Van Buren County Agricultural and Horticultural Society in purchasing opreumiums. Supervisors Heagy, Tuttle and Chase were appointed a committee to cooperate with the said Society in making premium lists, etc., for the coming year. County Printing for the coming year was awarded to The True Northerner Publishing Company. The County Bar Association asked for an appropriation to be used in purchasing a law library for Van Buren County. The matter was laid over until the January session of the Board. Resolutions were adopted with reference to the erection of a suitable memorial to be placed in the Court House or on the Court House grounds for all those who have paid the last full measure of devotion to home and country, soldiers, nurses, and Red Cross Workers, in the great world war. Frank A. Burger, E. A. Chase, E. J. Kirby, Harvey J. Slonaker, Owen E. Long, of the Supervisors were elected on the committee to serve with the chairman and vice chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, Chairman and vice chairman of the War Board, Chairman and Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Red Cross. This Committee are to serve without compensation, except for actual expenses, and are authorized to act as soon as peace has been declared—and to make the arrangements for the proper dedication of the memorial, and \$10,000 or so much thereof as the Committee may deem advisable has been placed at their disposal. The Board also authorized the present County Clerk, Royal E. Decker, to obtain suitable plates or tablets, one to be placed on each of the cannons now on the Court House lawn, such tablets to contain all available information in regard to said cannon, and the further inscription, "Presented by M. L. Decker" on one, and "Presented by E. A. Wilder" on the other. The Board extended a rising vote of thanks to Clerk, Royal E. Decker, for his efficiency and many courtesies extended to the Board during the four years of his incumbency.

Frederick Van Antwerp, son of Mrs. A. V. Hewson of Paw Paw has received his commission as First Lieutenant in the Engineering Corps of the Regular Army. He goes to Camp Dodge, Iowa, on Saturday and takes command at once.

Fruit Belt Trains to Kalamazoo will be a thing of the past after November 15. The old Michigan Central road bed between Lawton and Kalamazoo which the Fruit Belt has used since 1906 will be torn up, and the rails and other equipment sold. The Fruit Belt schedules after that date will be between Lawton and South Haven.

A special dispatch to Michigan Newspapers on Wednesday states that "After Weeks of testimony, inspection of records and viewing of telegrams and letters, the special Grand Jury within less than four hours after the testimony was in gave Truman H. Newberry a clean record by a vote of 16 to 1. Those who have been hoping for an indictment in the interest of Henry Ford are now doomed to disappointment. Commander Newberry should sweep the state with an overwhelming vote next Tuesday. Michigan needs men of his caliber now if ever in its history."

The many Paw Paw relatives and friends of Mrs. Helen Grout of Huntington Park, California are grieved to learn of her death which came October 16th. The greater part of her life was lived in Paw Paw and immediate vicinity. She was always prominent in intellectual, social and church activities and her worthy influence will not soon cease to be felt. Besides a host of friends who will miss her, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Alvin VanLoon at whose home she received the tenderest and most painstaking care during her ten months of sickness; two sisters, Mrs. Roll Larbins of Paw Paw and Mrs. Dave Hanev of Conneaut, Ohio; two step daughters, Mrs. Eugene Salisbury and Mrs. Robert Graham, both of Paw Paw.

Letter from Leo R. Mather, Battery C. 149, U. S. Field Artillery, Somewhere in France to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mather.

Do you remember that old poem (Under the spreading Chestnut tree) I am writing this letter under an old hickory tree that brings back that piece of poetry to me.

I suppose that Champagne and Chateau Thierry are ancient history to you back there. We were at both places and had a very interesting time. I don't think I ever will forget the morning of the 15th, of July, and some of the sights that I saw up at Chateau Thierry will always stay with me.

Just now we are having a little rest and taking things easy, it is the first time since last February that we have been out of it for any length of time, and I for one am fully enjoying the change.

I haven't heard from home for some time. Am looking for letters any day. Our mail has been delayed for some reason, but know I will have letters when it does arrive.

I saw an American girl yesterday and you would be surprised how much of a pleasure it is to talk to someone that can speak the English language, besides a soldier. (His French language is getting very abnoxious to me, perhaps one reason is because I have a poor knowledge of it, but for some reason I can't get down to mastering it in earnest. A few attempts taught me that it can't be done without earnest study, and as I haven't the time for that, I simply quit.

The Boche by way of entertainment dropped a few bombs some place near us last night, but don't think they hit anything.

How is every one at home? It seems a long time since I was back there and when I look back, it is over a year—a year of new experiences for me. But I think before many months this war will be over, and then no more bully beef and stew, but ham and eggs, buttered toast and good coffee for me the rest of my life. That is going to be my breakfast if this thing ever ends.

Last letter I received was from "Mike", enjoyed it very much and will drop him a line shortly. His letters are always good, I wish I could see the humorous side of things as he can.

The country around here begins to look like fall and in a short time the wooded hills will be beautiful. Don't like to see it though, because I know that it is a harbinger of cold weather and I know of more pleasant places to spend the winter than over here in the army.

Well I must close now, write to me often and don't worry. Remember that no news is good news, because it is impossible to write at times.

FARM BUREAU NOTES

Farmers Watch Your Hogs

Again I suggest to Hog growers that they keep close watch of their hogs from day to day, and at the very earliest moment any seem at all sick in any way, get your local Veterinarian to look your herd over. I write this because almost invariably the cases where hog cholera has been found this summer in this county have been reported to the local D. V. S., after the first hogs have been sick a week or more. To wait like this before calling a Veterinarian is not doing the right thing by oneself, their hogs, the United States Government or the Veterinarians.

If a farmer waits before reporting sick hogs he may lose his entire herd, as often in a weeks time the entire herd will become infected, and too sick for any treatment to do much good, whereas, if the rest of the herd had been treated, as the one or two hogs were noticed sick, a great many could be saved. The local Veterinarian is the best friend the farmer has if his hogs get sick and he will call the Doctor early in the game, but no Doctor can cure hog cholera after it is in the advanced stages. The whole treatment is largely a preventative rather than a curative one. Already one small section of the county has lost better than \$1400.00 worth of hogs and in these times this cannot be afforded by the farmers or the public. In every case in this section the hogs had been sick at least a week before being reported. Any one who has hogs which they want to insure against hog cholera for all time, should secure the services of their D. V. S. to treat them with the double treatment.

Peach Pits and Nut Shucks Wanted

This office is in receipt of a letter from Director of Extension Baldwin in which he informs us that there is needed each day by our government five hundred tons of nut shells and peach pits in the manufacture of charcoal to be used in gas masks to protect the American soldiers in France. These nut shucks and peach pits have to be collected mainly in small quantities from the housewives of the country. It seems as though the farmers wives would be in the best position of any one to supply this need, therefore, I am writing this in hopes that some one who has some of this material may read it and forward their contribution of life saving shells or pits to their nearest Red Cross Base. This may seem like a little thing, but it is very important nevertheless. The success of our war measures in Europe have largely been due to close attention to the small details and this matter of gathering shells and pits is only another of the small but important details which go to make for an early peace.

Lawton, Michigan, October 30th, 1918

REPORT OF GRAPE GROWERS ASSEMBLED AT J. HUNGERFORD SMITH'S GRAPE JUICE FACTORY, LAWTON, MICHIGAN

Motion made by Leo Prater, seconded by H. J. Lurkins, that Charles Stanton be Chairman. Motion put by Leo Prater, carried.

Motion made by T. B. Woodman that H. J. Lurkins be elected Secretary, seconded by F. C. Gleason. Carried.

Motion made by T. B. Woodman that the chair appoint a committee of five to arrive at a fair price and report. Motion seconded by Leo Prater. Carried.

The committee named by the chair is as follows:—M. D. Buskirk, George Turner, Dr. DeWitt, Fred Woodman, and H. W. Stevenson.

The report of said committee by Dr. DeWitt, Chairman, was as follows:

Average	Per Ton
"Bulk price	\$ 88.14
"Four quart baskets	\$100.00
Total	\$188.14
Average price per ton	\$94.07

Remarks

M. D. Buskirk, T. B. Woodman, Leo Prater, Dr. DeWitt.

Motion made by T. B. Woodman that we present the figures as submitted by the committee to the Jay Hungerford Smith Grape Juice Company. This motion was seconded by Dr. DeWitt, and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. DeWitt that the meeting adjourn. Motion seconded by all present. Adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Signed, Charles I. Stanton, Chairman

Signed, H. L. Lurkins, Secretary, State of Michigan.

County of Van Buren, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th, day of October, 1918.

(Signed) L. A. Packer, Notary Public. My Commission Expires February 3rd 1922.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for the kind assistance rendered us in our recent bereavement during the illness and at the death of our beloved husband and son. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Neil Engel
Mr. and Mrs. Harm Engel.

THE INFLUENZA- PNEUMONIA EPIDEMIC AT CAMP CUSTER.

By
Chaplain Charles H. Heaton

The title of this brief article will have for all time the power to depict a scene to any one who has visited the Base hospital at Camp Custer during the last three weeks. The scene is one of agony and death. It is in a ward along the sides of which are two rows of white beds, covered and draped between white linen. Besides the beds and down the aisles are the white gowned surgeons, nurses and attendants. Strange, incoherent, unintelligible sounds are heard—the mingled mutterings of a hundred delirious men. Here one catches the sound of the Chaplain's voice as he prays over the form of one whose spirit is fast departing, and also one hears the smothered sobs of a heart-broken mother, sweetheart or wife. To this scene I have been a constant witness for the past three weeks.

When the epidemic broke out I was ordered to report for special duty to the Adjutant of the Base hospital. He placed me in charge of the public office of the Red Cross building on night duty, where, with the assistance of four orderlies, we received, directed and entertained all the civilian visitors who came in response to government telegrams to see their "boys" who were reported seriously ill. These visitors were given free entertainment as long as their loved one remained seriously ill. Cots and blankets were supplied at the Red Cross parlors, the Y. M. C. A. and the K. of C. rooms. Meals were furnished at the Mess hall. Thousands came. Hundreds stayed to see their loved one improve and went away rejoicing. Some came to say their last farewell and a few, alas, arrived too late. The hardest thing I ever did in my life was to break the sad news to these relatives and to know that my words could not fail to cause hearts to break and to melt and to flow away like water. I have seen "Grandma Gibbs" in reality. There have been as high as six thousand patients in the hospital at one time. I have been told that there are ten miles of corridor space in this hospital. Having never measured it I cannot vouch for this statement, but I know that at one time every available foot of space was occupied by a bed. There have been to date six hundred and thirty-five deaths.

It is natural of course, that some criticism should have been made of those responsible for the handling of this epidemic. Let me say that I have never seen a greater display of self-sacrifice than has been shown by the men and women in charge of this work. Every man from the highest to the lowest has done everything that he could do in this emergency. I have seen the Chief-of-staff around in the wards at twelve and one o'clock in the morning. I do not know when he sleeps. The doctors and nurses have worked twelve hours a day regularly and in some cases many more. One graduate nurse has had as high as two hundred patients to look after. No nation has suffered for lack of conscientious service.

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