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Will Prater is on the sick list this week.

Cyril Bailey was home for New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Warner entertained friends on New Years day.

Mrs. Allie Hewson is confined to her bed this week on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hopkins spent New Years day in Kalamazoo with Mrs. May Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stuck were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hopkins. Mrs. Stuck was formerly Miss Rose Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner gave a party last Friday in honor of the birthdays of their youngest son David, and Mrs. Warner's brother, Paul Broughton.

Miss Marion Mutchler was home for the holidays with her parents. She will leave on Monday next to resume her duties at the U. of M. at Ann Arbor.

Glenn E. Warner arrived home last Saturday. He has been honorably discharged from the service of his country and is happy to be on the job at his law offices again.

Private Eber Bennett, formerly of Paw Paw, is now with the American forces in Russia. He is a member of Headquarters Co., 339th, Regiment Signal Platoon, A. N. R. E. Y.

After a lingering illness of several months, Postmaster Amos Benedict of Lawrence passed away Thursday morning. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed as we go to press.

Mrs. James Nelson, who underwent an operation at Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo for Gall stones last week is now on the gain. It was a serious operation, but successfully performed and the host of Paw Paw friends are happy to know that Mrs. Nelson will soon be as good as new.

Dr. W. J. Hawkey has moved his family here and occupy the Hutchins residence. He formerly practiced his profession in Bloomingdale and later Richland, coming from that village to Paw Paw. His offices are on the second floor of the O'Grady building. The doctor is a pleasant gentleman to meet, has had years of experience in his profession and will be welcomed to the community.

Frank Shaefer and Jake Reidl have purchased the Grocery business of Coley and Company and are now doing business at that location, under the firm name of Shaefer and Reidl. Both of these gentlemen are well and favorably known in this community and the True Northerner bespeaks for them a liberal share of patronage in their line. Their announcement appears on page eight of this issue.

The first class of women ever to be admitted to M. A. C. for the study of agriculture will enter the college on January 7th. The effort by the college to train fair folk of the state for a larger place in country life, was prompted by the effectiveness with which women "carried on" in farming especially in England, while the men folk were at war.

A large Dredge arrived in Decatur the first of the week, and is being unloaded from four cars, which it required and hauled to the place of starting the Eagle Lake drain, two miles north of this village which was recently advertised in the True Northerner. The Eagle Lake drain starts at the bridge just north of the Oliver Lyle farm, on the Eagle Lake road. Going thence east, it traverses Paw Paw township for a distance of five miles, and the stream empties into the Paw Paw river just south of the village. Anninias Ipe, a Nappanee Indiana man, is the owner of the dredge and has contracted for digging the drain. The dredge came to Decatur from Covert, where it has just completed the digging of a five mile drain, which kept it busy all summer. The manager of the dredge says it will require five weeks at the least to set the machine up and put it in running order, and after that it will take five months to dig the drain, running one shift a day. The dredge will dig about a mile a month, barring accidents.

Supt. O.W. Kaye will give an address at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. Hear him.

O'Grady Bros. Roy Tuttle and C. F. Snow have been distributing beautiful calendars to their friends and customers the past week.

Eaton and Mosier have secured the services of Ed J. Bosch an experienced grocery clerk who is already on the job. Ed is a popular young man and will prove a valuable asset to this hustling firm.

There were 5,690 deaths reported to the Department of State as having occurred in the State of Michigan during the month of November, and 6,018 birth certificates returned to the Department for the same month.

Next Wednesday the ladies of the Coterie will hold the annual business meeting. There will be the election of officers, after which the members of the club and their families will enjoy a pot luck supper. Every member and their family are urged to be present. Bring well filled baskets, plates, cups and cutlery.

1,233 was the number of Influenza cases in Dowagiac during the recent epidemic according to the report of the city Red Cross who conducted a house to house canvass of the city. The report is to be filed with the State Board of Health. The report shows that at present there are nineteen cases of the disease in that city.

Families of men serving in the Canadian or British forces may now send to these men parcels of comfort from home. Any such family residing in Van Buren County and desiring to send such parcels may apply for instructions to the Director of Civilian Relief, American Red Cross, Paw Paw, Michigan.

The following is the list of names of the boys and girls under eighteen years of age who won the Christmas Money Prizes in the John W. Free & Company Bank:—Tom Poole, Hildred Williams, C. E. Loveland, Irene Wilson, Elaine Wilson, Myron Colburn, Blanche Cavanaugh, Harris Wilson, Glenn R. Munson, Robert Cavanaugh, Gladstone Beattie Jr., Watson Beattie, Blanche Cavanaugh and John E. Wilbur.

The new county officers assumed the duties of their respective offices New Years day. Andrew Lang, with Dwight Barker as Under sheriff and Harry Cross as Deputy will look after the Sheriff's office; Harold Bolinger is the new Treasurer, and will be assisted for a short time by the retiring treasurer, Bert Duncombe. Mrs. H. E. Shaefer will assist the new Register of Deeds, George B. Gould, and County Clerk Roscoe W. Broughton will be assisted by Miss Kathryn More, and O. W. Rowland.

There will be a meeting of Paw Paw Grange, No. 10, at Memorial hall on Saturday, January 4th. A Pot-luck dinner will be served at noon after which the following officers will be installed by State Chaplin, Mrs. O. J. C. Woodman:—Marshal, M. D. Buskirk; Overseer, E. E. Cornell; Lecturer, Olsa Labadie; Chaplin, Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman; Treasurer, Leo E. Prater; Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Cornell; Steward, Glen Huey; Assistant Steward, Mrs. Carl Buskirk; Pomona, Mrs. T. B. Woodman; Ceres, Mrs. Leo E. Prater; Flora, Winnie Dunham; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. W. K. Miller.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Van Buren County Fair held recently the week of September 30th, to October 3rd, 1919 was chosen for the next Van Buren County Fair at Hartford. The early dates for the county fair was made to avoid conflicting with other fairs in this section, and to facilitate the securing of expert judges for all departments of the fair. The Michigan Agricultural college has agreed to furnish the judges, providing the dates were set and the application filed at once. In deciding upon the first week in October, the directors are clinging to the dates which have brought success to the Van Buren county fair for years. With the exception of 1917 the week has proved a favorable one since the establishment of the fair, and if there is anything in precedent the directors have already picked out the dates which have brought success to the Van Buren county fair for years. With the exception of 1917 the week has proved a favorable one since the establishment of the fair, and if there is anything in precedent the directors have already picked out the dates which have brought success to the Van Buren county fair for years. With the exception of 1917 the week has proved a favorable one since the establishment of the fair, and if there is anything in precedent the directors have already picked out the dates which have brought success to the Van Buren county fair for years.

School opened again Monday after a week's vacation for Christmas.

The first real sleighing of the season was in progress on Christmas day.

Lou Danger, a member of the U. S. Navy was home for New Years.

Hugh Neale of the Great Lakes Training Station was home for the holidays.

Lieutenant Perry, of Camp Grant, Illinois, was a guest at the Mutchler home over Christmas.

Miss Pauline Scott of Kalamazoo was here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bridger.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Kenyon left on Monday for Clareston, West Virginia where they expect to spend the winter.

Health Officer Ransom of Bloomingdale reports a decided improvement in the Influenza epidemic in that locality.

Ed. Nash will leave on Monday next to be present at the next session of the Legislature at Lansing. He expects to be employed there and will be absent several months.

Harley Mutchler of the Great Lakes Training Station was home for Christmas. He left shortly after for New York City and expects to cruise to South America in the near future.

Arba Hawley, who has been ill with typhoid fever in Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo for the past nine weeks, returned to Paw Paw on Sunday last. He is a trifle weak yet, but is improving rapidly and will soon be able to resume his duties at the postoffice.

Henry Ford has gone into the weekly newspaper business in his home town of Dearborn, Michigan. As we understand that Mr. Ford is worth in the neighborhood of a billion dollar, we'd say he's the most competent man we know of to take the steering wheel of a country newspaper.

C. C. Allison of the Cassopolis National Democrat has sold his business, equipment and good will to C. H. Kimmerle. Mr. Allison is the oldest publisher in the state of Michigan and has been in the newspaper business continually for fifty-five years. In politics, the National Democrat is all that its name implies. It was established in 1850.

Two important business changes took place in Bangor last week. The Sebring House and the Broadwell Lumber Company have both changed hands. They are two of the oldest and best known institutions in this part of the state. John Sebring well known throughout the county, was for a number of years proprietor of the Sebring House and built up an enviable name for that hotel.

The planting of a few black walnuts in every woodlot in the state is immediately necessary if the nation is to be assured in the future of a supply of this essential wood, according to Prof. A. K. Chittenden, head of the school of forestry at M. A. C. The available reserve of blackwalnut was dangerously depleted during the war. Black walnut is much used for airplane parts, for gun-stocks and for other military purposes. In consequence our black walnut supplies have run low. Inasmuch as it requires a long time for this timber to grow, immediate planting should be now be practiced wherever any black walnut can be grown. The nuts should be planted in the fall or winter, when the soil begins to freeze. If planted too early the squirrels are liable to dig them up.

Mr. Hoover's announcement of greatly increased need of food supplies for Belgium is given to a public opinion which is just now fully realizing how strongly Belgium deserves anything she may ask, or what may be asked of her. Each day of reflection upon the war, as the cessation of hostilities makes possible a closer study, brings more strongly to light the importance of Belgium's action. The margin between defeat and victory has been so slight, at times; the weight which turned the scales so very light, indeed, that no one needs to be told where the world would be now if Belgium had not interposed her strength in the face of the advancing Germans. Mr. Hoover need not stop with asking; he can requisition. The world is on a promissory note to Belgium.—Battle Creek Enquirer.

Erastus Cone of Bloomingdale spent several days with Paw Paw friends this week.

The Board of Supervisors will convene for the January session next Monday, January sixth.

County Clerk Broughton has named Roy S. McCrimmon of South Haven as deputy clerk at that city.

The Royal Neighbors will meet on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7:30 P. M. All members are requested to be present. Installation of officers.

Irwell Brody, postmaster at Lawton has received word from his brother, Lieutenant Glenn Brody, who is now in German territory, that every officer has been killed that went to France in his company. Lieutenant Brody has himself been wounded several times.

In the state of Illinois the people have become so enthusiastic for the anti-tuberculosis campaign that in the November election thirty-three counties voted a local tax up to three mills on the dollar for the purpose of establishing in each county a tuberculosis sanitarium, visiting nurse service, free tuberculosis clinics and dispensaries. The Michigan Anti-tuberculosis association is pointing to this remarkable instance as being of interest to the people of Michigan, chiefly because of the contrast that it still shows with this state, where little or no headway has been made during the past year or two by local communities in the erection of sanitariums. It also is a splendid example for Michigan to follow.

The United War Veterans, a national organization has been formed to include in its active membership, all veterans of the Civil War and Spanish War and all soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States in the World War. The objects are: To unite in fraternal bonds, through national, state, local and foreign organizations, all soldiers and sailors of the United States; to perpetuate Memorial Day, as established by the Grand Army of the Republic, and to preserve from neglect the graves of Our Nation's Dead; to secure employment for, and to assist our comrades, their widows, orphans and dependent relatives, to promote loyalty, mutual aid and co-operation among them in all lines of endeavor; to secure from Congress and other legislative bodies the enactment of laws beneficial to the welfare of our comrades, and to secure employment for those who have returned to civil pursuits in consonance with laws which prefer honorably discharged soldiers and sailors for government service; to provide and establish homes for orphans and dependent children of our comrades; and to inculcate the principles to all mankind of loyalty to our country, reverence for its institutions, obedience to its laws and to discountenance whatever tends to weaken these sentiments.

Representative Norman J. Gould of New York has introduced a bill to permit all non-commissioned officers and enlisted men to retain as their personal property, without cost to them, whatever clothing they may have in their possession at the time of their discharge. This goes the War Department one better, for the department has recently ruled that they may retain their uniforms for four months after discharge, when those uniforms must be turned in. There is a good deal of sentiment attached by the soldier to the uniform he wore in battle. As he grows old he will like to take it from its cedar box or camphor ball wrappings, show it to the kids, or his friends, and fight his battles over again. Who has not seen the veteran of the Civil War gaze lovingly on the uniform he wore at Gettysburg, Antietam, or Bull Run? An instance is recalled of an old Confederate veteran who came to Richmond to attend a reunion there some years ago. He brought his old grey uniform with him, and when he unpacked it to don for the parade, what was his horror to find a sizable moth hole in the shoulder of the coat. He positively refused to wear it for fear some one might remark he had been shot in the back by a Yank. The return of a uniform to the Government after four months is a pieceyune rule. It would promptly go into storage and remain there until the moths and mice had chewed it to tatters. As a memento of the war it would serve a high purpose. Should not Gould's little bill go through unhindered?

Mrs. Clara Harrett entertained a company of friends on New Years day. A sumptuous dinner was served and a jolly good time enjoyed.

Word has been received by Paw Paw friends that Fred Kimball sailed for London last Monday with a theatrical company recently organized by him. He will appear before the soldiers there under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Drs. Stubbs and Croman, who were sent under the direction of the State Board of Health, arrived in Lawton last week to assist Dr. Hamilton. The men came here directly from the Upper Peninsula where they have been working on Influenza cases for the past ten weeks. In some places in the Upper Peninsula they stated the epidemic has been very severe, making it necessary to establish emergency hospitals. The number of Influenza cases at Lawton are decreasing.

Exhibits made up of samples of "Blue-blooded" grains harvested in all parts of the state will be assembled and placed on display February 3rd, to 7th, at the Michigan Agricultural college. The coming grain show, so it is announced from the college, will be one of the central features of the week of meetings for farmers, housewives and home-makers. The display will include representatives of all the pedigreed grain families, such as Red Rock, in winter wheat; Rosen, in the case of rye; oats of the Worthy strain, and other grains of equal prestige.

The following letter was received this week from Harry Gottheimer, formerly a teacher in the Paw Paw schools.

It was with a great deal of regret that I heard about the deaths of some of the Paw Paw people with whom I was more or less acquainted.

Nettie Richmond was a member of my Science class last year, and I remember her as one of the sweetest girls in the class. I used to admire her pluck in earning her education in spite of her family handicap.

In the death of Mr. Neil Engle, Paw Paw lost a valuable citizen and a staunch friend of the band. Many times Mr. Engle saved the day for the band when automobiles were needed, and it seemed that a sufficient number of cars could not be obtained. He always responded liberally when contributions were asked for by the band.

Claire MacGowan was also a member of my classes. He was really a fine student, and he must have been made of heroic stuff according to reports from the front.

I heard of Claire McFarlin's wounds and sickness, and sincerely hope that this boy hero gains a quick recovery. He is certainly an honor to your community and school.

I read in a New York paper that a Paw Paw man named Miller was decorated for bravery. Did you receive this news?

LIST OF JUROR

Following is a list of the Petit Jurors, drawn on the 27th, of December, to serve at the January Term of the Circuit Court, to be summoned to be in attendance on the eighth day of said term—the 20th, day of January 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Adams, George	Bangor
Fisher, J. M.	Hamilton
Gleason, Bert	Paw Paw
Hawley, John	Bangor
Horton, W. W.	Lawrence
Joy, David	Bloomingdale
Landrus, Fred	Columbia
Leedy, William	Arlington
Lobdell, Howard	Hartford
Maston, M.	Antwerp
McLaughlin, Lawrence	So. Haven Twp.
McNett, Will	Keeler
Newcomb, Clayton	Pine Grove
Niles, Frank	Columbia
Ornell, John	Geneva
Rose, Seymour	Hamilton
Smith, Frank B.	Covert
Symonds, H. R.	So. Haven, 3rd W.
Vought, Adelbert	Decatur
Westgate, Orlo	So. Haven 1st. W.

Letter from Corporal Harry McLean, Co. D. 147th, Regiment, U. S. Infantry, American Expeditionary Force, A. P. O. No 763, postmarked Holste, Belgium, written to his parents, and dated December 2nd.

My Dear Dad and All. Yours truly received a few days ago, and I sure was very glad to hear from you all. Well how's everybody and everything coming along back in the "Old Home Town"?

Things are coming along first rate "Over here", it is drill again as the war is "finish" as most all French say. I received a letter from Elva the other day, she spoke of how Detroit took the news of the finish of the war. From what she wrote every one was as nearly in a panic as "Over here". It was far different, there were no whistles blown, as most all of the factories were partly destroyed by the Germans, or were damaged some way or other by the shell fire of both sides. But every town, city or village has at least one church, so we had plenty of noise by the ringing of bells everywhere. Now of course this is of the section we were in, for it was through here that "Fritz" had made his home for the past four years or longer. "Peace", well that was a funny thing to pull off when a fellow was up and waiting to spring a good surprise on "Fritz" the same morning. Well that was where Co. D. was the morning of November 11. All day the 10th, we advanced against heavy machine gun and artillery fire, and as dusk came on we dug ourselves in for the night, only to start on early next morning, knowing the war was won by "pen and ink" instead of gun and sword. Which of course has and always will be the only way. But we wanted to give Fritz a taste of the same medicine he had dished out to us the day before, but we were too late. This drive was the second we were in since we landed on Belgium soil, the sector was the West Flander's front which no doubt you have read a great deal about. On September 26th, we went "Over the Top" the first time, that was on the Verdun Front and the Argonne sector. I know you have read of the Argonne Drive. Well, we were one of the Divisions that started first on the drive, we were on this drive five long days, or until the 31st, when the 32nd, relieved us. Our next time "Over the Top" was the morning of October 31st, and was relieved on the 5th, of November, the last Drive we were on was from the 10th, of November until the morning of the 11th, when the Armistice went into effect and put an end to our last drive. I speak of a "Drive" as it is when you are on the move after "Them" and not just holding a front. We were on the move a great deal during our stay in France. We landed at Brest on the 5th, of July and on the 28th, of July we took our first lesson of holding a front at Montigny on the Lorraine Sector, the next time on the lines was at Mignville, on the same sector. The next time we went up we help start "Em" going back on the Argonne, when we were relieved from that drive, we were sent up to the Metz Front on the St. Michel sector. It was when we were relieved here, that we soon headed for Belgium and took part on these two drives on the Flander's Front. That was "all", we took part in, now do you think it was easy?

I guess you'll agree I did very well in writing as much and as often as I did, don't you, Dad? Many a time I've wanted to write but could not, so I let it go and did a lot of thinking. If you have a map of France and Belgium you may find a few places I was in and was near. Brest, Nancy Toul, Tours, Baccarat, Ramberviller's in France. In Belgium—Thielt, Deynze, and Courtrais.

We are near Hulste, and that is about eight kilometers or five miles from Courtrais. Now you can figure about where we were when this letter was written.

Well Dad, there are enough things to write and tell you about that would make a small book, so I guess I will ring off and tell you some of them when we come back to 'God's Country.'

I received a letter from Effie some time ago. Everything was O. K. down in Od' Tennessee. Well I'll ring off and crawl in, trusting these lines will find you all well and happy.

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