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LOCAL

Mr. H. Young made a business trip to Mendon and Kalamazoo on Thursday.

Dean Rich has been mustered out of service at Camp Custer and is at home again.

Attorney T. J. Cavanaugh is in Lansing on Supreme Court business this week.

Jim Burgess of Vicksburg was in Paw Paw last Tuesday. Jim was formerly a resident of Paw Paw and has many old friends here.

Wallace Hartley who has been spending some time with his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Wallace, at her Four Mile Lake home, has returned to Chicago.

Mrs. Lucy DuBois has returned from an extended visit with relatives and friends in Marshall, Battle Creek and Decatur. She will make Paw Paw her home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jennings leave today on a ten days business trip through the South land. They expect to see the Gulf of Mexico before their return.

Prosecuting Attorney Carl Mosier and family of Dowagiac who have all been very ill with influenza are reported better. Carl is now sitting up a little each day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Duncombe and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren of Hartford expect to start the latter part of this month for California points where they will spend the balance of the winter.

Miss Irene Lane is assisting with the clerical duties in the office of County Farm Agent, Eckard. She works there during the morning hours and devotes the balance of the day to her class in music.

Miss Agnes Morrison who has been clerk in the McNeil Abstract office for several years has resigned to accept a position with an Insurance company in the city of Benton Harbor, and left to assume her new duties last Monday morning.

J. D. Salls who has been in poor health for several months is still on the decline. He contemplates an auto trip to Florida in the hope that a change in climate might be beneficial. The condition of his health at present will not permit the trip.

Mrs. C. E. Wallace has received a cablegram from her son, Lieutenant Edgar Wallace in France stating that he is well and all right. The message came Christmas morning, and was indeed a Christmas greeting of much cheer and comfort to Mrs. Wallace.

A new ordinance recently passed by the village council of Paw Paw appears in this issue. The ordinance is in accordance with a recent law which permits a compensation for president and trustees of a village. This is absolutely correct. There is no reason under the Heavens why any man should be asked to give ungrudgingly of his time and talents in any official position. Public servants in any capacity should receive a fair and just compensation for their work, and then the public have a right to expect their best efforts.

The Illinois Legislature passed the Dry Amendment on Tuesday. This makes thirty-one states of the necessary thirty-six to ratify the amendment, and it is anticipated that the necessary number will be forthcoming before February first. The Chicago Tribune in commenting on the Illinois vote stated that Adelbert H. Roberts a negro representative from the Third Senatorial district made the necessary 77th ballot for the ratification of the amendment. Adelbert H. Roberts will be remembered as a Lawrence boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts of that village. He grew to manhood and graduated from the schools there, and received his first lesson in oratory in the district school lyciums of that community. Later he graduated from the law department of that University, and has been identified with the political life of the city of Chicago for many years. He is an educated gentleman and an orator of ability. He holds a position at present in the office of the Municipal clerk of the city of Chicago, and his election to the legislature is a distinct honor, and a merited promotion.

Judge Pinney of Lawrence was calling on Paw Paw friends one day this week.

Mrs. L. C. Hurd has returned from Chicago where she spent several weeks at the home of her son Hugh, and family.

Miss Dorothy Tuttle entertained the members of her Sunday school class at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tuttle last Tuesday evening.

The Dorcas society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Elvira Morrison on Tuesday afternoon January 21st, at three o'clock. Members of this society are all requested to be present.

Lyle Rawson, a nephew of Mrs. Martha Smith of this place, died in Jackson, Tuesday of this week from influenza. The remains were brought to his home in Decatur and burial will be in Lakeside cemetery.

Dr. F. A. Racette received word Thursday morning that his wife underwent an operation for appendicitis at a hospital in Muskegon. The operation was successful and her host of Paw Paw friends are hoping that she may soon be able to return to her home here.

Members of the Presbyterian church and their friends enjoyed a fine supper in the parlors of the church last Monday evening. This is an annual function at this church enjoyed by all who are fortunate enough to be there.

Remember the Pot Luck supper and social evening for the Masonic fraternity and their families and Eastern Star members and their families at the Lodge Rooms on Friday evening, January 24th.

Rev. Percy Nickless of the Presbyterian church has been discharged from Y. M. C. A. Army service, and has resumed his college work in Chicago. He spent the week end in Paw Paw and remained for the annual meeting and church supper on Monday evening.

Deputy Attorney General Duane Mosier was in Probate Court here a part of this week on business connected with the State of Michigan. Duane has had several fine promotions since entering the Attorney General's office, and is making a brilliant success of his chosen profession.

Charles Lytle and son Arthur of Porter were Paw Paw visitors on Monday. Arthur has just returned from Over Seas and is mustered from the service. He was a member of the 73rd. Coast Artillery Corps, and went over two months before the armistice was signed.

Charles Hoskins has started a wood yard in the village, and Charles Morton has charge of the same. Leave orders with him, for the delivery of wood in any quantity. This arrangement will be a convenience to those who want a load of wood delivered frequently.

The next meeting of the Coterie is announced for next Wednesday, January 22nd, at the Club House at the usual hour in the afternoon. It will be a "Food Conservation Day" in charge of Mrs. Emma R. Smith, and one of the most enjoyable and instructive days on the club calendar. Every member of the Coterie should be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eckard rejoice over the advent of a fine seven and one half pound boy, born to them last Wednesday night. Mr. Eckard is Van Buren County's efficient Agricultural agent. One of his hobbies is "Intensive Farming" and he will now undoubtedly double his efforts to increase crop production to the limit. The farmers of the county may look forward to a mighty busy year now, if Mr. Eckard can have his way.

The social committee of the Masonic Lodge of Paw Paw announce a Pot-luck supper followed by a program and social evening on Friday night, January 24th. Supper will be served in the dining room at 6:30 followed by a program and social evening in the Lodge room and parlors. Members of the Masonic fraternity and their families, and members of the Eastern Star with their families are all expected to gather at the appointed hour and enjoy the first social session of the lodge for the year. Lodge members and Eastern Star members may bring guests if they desire, but be sure and bring well filled baskets.

Miss Irene Shaefer is the new clerk at the Shaefer and Reid store.

Mrs. J. C. Maxwell spent last Thursday with relatives and friends in Dowagiac.

Miss Rose Minckley of Kalamazoo was the week end guest of her brother Jay Hinckley and family.

Dr. O. A. Eaton of Northern Michigan was here several days last week to meet old friends, and look after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Searles entertained their daughter Mrs. Guy Lewis and family of Grand Rapids over the week end.

Mrs. H. E. Geddes and mother Mrs. Alice Baeson left last Thursday for Valparaiso, Indiana where they will spend several weeks at the home of Mrs. Geddes' daughter, Mrs. Darby and family.

Charley Hoskins says that advertising in The True Northerner is a nuisance. Last week he advertised for wood cutters. Within two hours after the paper had been mailed he hired two men, and had some forty or fifty more applications during the day. Applicants would get him out of bed in the dead of night to answer the phone, and Charley can't stand it to be disturbed during sleeping hours.

Following are those who came Monday to accompany the remains of Mrs. Maurice Cagney to her last resting place:—Messrs and Mesdames, Linhan, John Cagney, Al Fitzgerald, Fred McAllister, Patrick Cryan, Ed Dillon, Robert Dillon, Edward and Will Cagney, Miss Kate Cagney, Mrs. Lawrence, all from Kalamazoo, and John Burns of Chicago. It was a fine tribute to the memory of the deceased. Messrs. John Clark, Frank Linhan, Frank Hogan, Fred McAllister, Al Fitzgerald, of Kalamazoo and Ed O'Grady of Paw Paw were Pall Bearers.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Michigan Fruit association at Lawton last Saturday the following officers were elected:—Directors, M. H. Pugsley and Frank Nelson, Paw Paw and Fred Ward of Marcellus; Wm. Rix, Auditor. Officers holding over are, D. L. Thornton, President; H. L. Sutton, Vice president; D. C. Thompson, secretary; Dr. C. W. Johnson, Director; H. E. Durkee, Manager; Juan McKeyes, Treasurer; Financial secretary, Fern McPherson. It was an all day session and eighty members of the association sat down to dinner together, and many more came for the afternoon session. The auditors report showed a very satisfactory business for the year. Notwithstanding the great demand at the Juice Factories, the association handled 119 carloads of grapes, for which the average price was \$93.25 per ton.

Orm Butler was in a reminiscent mood last Monday morning, and called attention to the fact that it was just thirty-one years ago that morning when the big fire wiped out the entire corner of Main and Kalamazoo streets. It was a bitter cold morning when the fire alarm sounded at fifteen minutes to five, with the biting wind blowing a gale. It was necessary to set up boards around the fire engine in order to keep up steam during the progress of the blaze. The fire started in the basement of the Duncombe and Stearns store, now the H. W. Showerman block, and spread so rapidly that the department was unable to cope with it. All the buildings on the north side of Main street as far west as the Idle Hour theatre, then the R. W. Broughton store, and on the west side of North Kalamazoo street, the E. G. Butler store Jim Bennett's saloon. The True Northerner office and J. H. Prater's photo gallery. Before the firemen had worked long, water froze their clothing, and some of them, George Kesler in particular, looked like a veritable iceberg. When it was known that the fire would sweep the store and building on Kalamazoo street, including Bennett's saloon, as much of the stock as possible was consumed on the spot. Liquid refreshments flowed as freely as water, and the old timers of today, in recalling the scenes of that January morning will tell you that it was a mighty cold day, but "wet". With the exception the fire in question was the most disastrous in the history of Paw Paw. The exception was the one in 1866 which swept both sides of Main street clean.

Mrs. E. Dickerhoff is ill and absent from her duties at the Avery store.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith has been very sick with influenza but is much better now.

Members of the Up-To-Date club will enjoy an Oyster dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaefer on Saturday.

Mrs. A. M. DeVall came down from Kalamazoo the first of the week to visit old friends and enjoy the Mac cabee function.

Howard Smith returned home Thursday from a business trip to Akron, Ohio. While there he visited the Goodrich Tire Factory.

The Royal Neighbors will have a Pot Luck supper at 6:30 on Tuesday evening, January 21st. All members and their families are invited.

Paul E. Buckhout of Kalamazoo and Pearl H. Barry of New York called on Paw Paw friends the first of the week. Mr. Barry is a Yeoman in the U. S. Army and was here on a furlough.

Maurice White came home on New Years. He has been mustered out of the service at Camp Custer, and while he is glad to get home, he has nothing but the very best words for the army and his treatment in camp.

Lovell Clark is now serving Rural Route No. 1 from Mattawan in place of the old carrier Lew Towers. Lew has served this route now for seven years, and begins to feel a little rheumatic. A long rest will assist him to recuperate.

Ray Wilson has resigned his position in Flint, to accept a more lucrative one with the National Refining Company of Kalamazoo. His family have returned to Paw Paw to live, and their host of friends are glad of an opportunity to welcome them back.

Mister Austin who lives on the Frank Kipp place in Mattawan is feasting on honey these days. For several years a swarm of bees have made their home between the plaster and siding in the front of his house. One day last week he opened up the place and removed fifty-four pounds of honey. This pays for being stung several times and the care necessary during the summer to keep the bees in the proper frame of mind.

Paw Paw Grangers are to have a real treat on Saturday evening of this week. Robert Martin of Lawrence will tell his impressions of French Agriculture as an American soldier saw them; and Cyril Bailey of Paw Paw will give a short talk on the Americanization of one foreign born citizen. Don't miss it, Saturday evening, January 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bland are happy over the birth of a fine seven pound baby boy which came to them on Tuesday. Mr. Bland is proprietor of the Paw Paw Garage, and right now would be a good time to get work done. In his present happy frame of mind, it is probable that Roland would do the work at about half price.

A letter from Mrs. M. S. Cook in Jacksonville, Florida to Paw Paw friends, contains the sad news of the death of her son Harold Cook. He passed away after a brief illness of influenza on January 8th. He was but thirty-one years of age and leaves a wife and two small children, besides a mother and sister. Harold was a resident of Paw Paw township for ten years, and graduated from the schools here in the class of 1916. For the past ten years his home has been in Jacksonville. The True Northerner joins the Paw Paw friends in sympathy to the bereaved relatives in the Southern city.

Lorenzo G. Hunt died at the home of his brother John Hunt of Mattawan last Sunday. He was eighty-eight years of age, and the oldest of a family of nine children, born to John and Eliza Hunt of Vermont. John Hunt, where he died, is the youngest of the family. He was a soldier in the civil war, and his Mattawan comrades together with some of the boys in Khaki accompanied the remains to the place of their interment on Tuesday. Mrs. Olivia Woodman gave the address. Deceased was a highly educated gentleman, and a great book lover. He taught school in the county many years ago, and some of the grey haired men of Waverly township were at one time his pupils in the schools at Glendale.

Sheriff Lang and wife are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Neil Liggett of Kalamazoo.

Ed Nash is in Lansing for the session of the Legislature. He is assistant to the Sergeant of Arms in the Senate.

Miss Kathryn Carey of Chicago was a guest at the G. W. Longwell Jr. home for the week end. Sunday was Turner's birthday, and his "Auntie" came to help make the day a pleasant one for him.

Hon. Lynn J. Lewis was in Paw Paw the first of the week on legal business. Lynn fared pretty well in committee appointments. He is chairman of the important Committee on Liquor Traffic, and member of committee on Elections, Newberry State Hospital and Game.

Circuit Court convened Monday, January 13th, for the January term, Circuit Judge, Hon. L. B. DesVoignes presiding. The following attorneys from out of town were present. Fred C. Cogshall and James E. Chandler of South Haven; Lynn J. Lewis of Bangor, and Walter A. Jones of Marcellus.

The following officers of Paw Paw Encampment No. 30, I. O. O. F. were installed by D. L. G. P. Fred Bassett at the last meeting:—C. P. F. H. McLain; H. P. Jacob Reid; S. W. Roy Harrington; J. W. George J. Emmsberger; Scribe, James Holcomb; Treasurer, Howard Weatherwax; I. S., C. L. Young; O. S., Dennis Niles.

A social dancing party at the Maple City club rooms, Tuesday evening under the auspices of Jesse Dye, west of town, was a huge success. There were sixty couples present, the music by Brocato's Saxophone orchestra was excellent, and a fine time reported all around. It is hoped that Mr. Dye will announce another party of a similar nature in the near future.

The W. R. C. installed the following officers last Saturday:—President, Mary Taylor; Senior vice, Luena Hurbit; Junior vice, Elinor Weatherwax; Secretary, Susie Casey; Treasurer, Mary McCon; Chaplain, Cordelia Libby; Conductor Mrs. Reid; Ass't Conductor Eva Harris; Guard Harriet Douglas; Patriotic Instructor, Martha Wilson; Press Correspondent, Martha Wilson; Color Bearers, Anna Reed, Lucy Boyce, Sarah Rix; Musician, Freda Grasshorn.

Nathan F. Simpson of Detroit spent a few hours with Paw Paw relatives and friends last Saturday afternoon. Nate is the picture of health and old time enthusiasm. He was on his way to Keeler to look over the affairs of "Simpson Acres" and to take his son Nate Jr. who has been afflicted with rheumatism back to Detroit with him for a rest and medical treatment. "Simpson Acres" is incorporated and one of the big business institutions of the state. The farm contains 640 acres of fruit, dairy and grain lands. The corporation includes a general store, meat market, shops, garage and blacksmith shop, canning factory and creamery. The officers of the corporation are, N. F. Simpson, Sr. President; Ex-Governor Warner, Vice President; Wells G. Brown, Secretary N. F. Simpson, Jr., General Manager. It is planned to colonize the employees of the institution, and dwelling houses will be erected for that purpose this spring. In addition to his business interests at "Simpson Acres" Nate Sr. is general manager of the Gleaner Clearing House association. The association is really built up around Mr. Simpson, and the wonderful growth of the past two years, gives some idea of his executive ability and his capacity for big business. Two years ago the institution was a corporation of \$40,000 with \$16,000 paid in; today it is a corporation of \$200,000 with \$175,000 paid in. They have built a three story warehouse and business offices and have fourteen branches one in N. Y. City, one in Detroit and twelve near Greenville, Michigan. The branch in Detroit handled 582 carloads of produce last year. This corporation which Mr. Simpson has built up, did close to a three million dollar business last year, and the prospects for next year are unlimited. While Nate has been in Detroit for the past two years, he still retains a residence in Van Buren county, and confided to the writer that "He was coming back" among his old friends in this county. Just when however, he did not state.

The following locals were taken from the Supervisors Journal. The session opened on Monday and closed Saturday afternoon of last week.

The bonds of the new county officers were presented and approved.

A new type writer was authorized for the County Clerk's office.

Mileage was voted the Board of County Canvassers at the same rate allowed Supervisors.

Clerk hire for the Register of Deeds was raised from \$550 to \$600 per year.

Annual report of County Treasurer showed total receipts of \$449,085.98; Cash on hand, \$860.11.

Mileage for Sheriff while in discharge of official duties was increased from eight to ten cents per mile.

Connection of the Hot Water Boiler at the jail with the Heating plant was voted and a new Kitchen range authorized.

The County Agent for Corrections and Charities was authorized to draw \$25.00 per month expense money in advance.

The sum of \$450.00 was appropriated for the Hartford School board to assist in defraying the expenses of a county Normal.

The Board was delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Roy L. Tuttle of Paw Paw one evening during the week.

The annual report of Probate Judge Kiefer showed a total of thirty-six insane patients sent from this county to State Hospitals during the year.

The new Supervisor W. J. Richards of Pine Grove was appointed on the Claims committee in place of temporary chairman pro tem, E. A. Chase.

The county treasurer was authorized to deposit the sum of \$15,000 with the State Treasurer to assist in the building of approximately five miles of new highway recently authorized in Hartford township.

Ernest Wang served vice County Treasurer L. H. Bolinger from Almena township, W. J. Richards vice H. J. Slonaker, resigned, Pine Grove Township, and Harry Hoag, vice his father Lewis Hoag deceased, Second Ward City of South Haven.

Andrew Gaynor was ill and unable to attend the session. Probably no member of the Board would be missed more than the genial "Andy." Supervisor E. A. Chase of Waverly, was appointed Chairman pro tem during Mr. Gaynor's absence.

Motion was made to increase Janitor Ball's salary to \$90.00 per month. By amendment of Supervisor Burger of Bangor township, the salary was fixed at \$1,000.00 per year. Thus through the vigilance of Mr. Burger eighty perfectly good dollars per year was saved to the county.

Henry Shaefer was elected Secretary of the County Commissioners of the Poor, vice County Clerk Roscoe W. Broughton, resigned. There were two candidates for the place, the vote standing, Shaefer 12, Ex-sheriff Gladstone Beattie, 6.

The following recommendations to the Michigan State Legislature were presented by the Legislative Committee and adopted. 1st. That the salary of Supervisors be raised to \$4.00 per day while engaged in making assessments, and to \$6.00 per day while in attendance at sessions of the Board. (This section of the recommendations was presented in all seriousness by the committee, and passed without a dissenting voice.) 2nd. That Board of Election Commissioners be required to submit all ballot printing to bid. 3rd. That all Draft Orders be audited by County Clerk. 4th. An increase in annual Dog Tax. 5th. That Counties be relieved of all expense for conducting County Normal, unless such Normal be first approved by Board of Supervisors. (The incorporation of this section in to law, would mean that Van Buren county, would be deprived of the benefits of a County Normal.) 6th. That the state appropriate annually the sum of \$100,000 to be apportioned among the county fairs of the state. 7th. That Counties be relieved of all expense in burial of indigent soldiers, where deceased owns any property at time of death.

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