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LOCAL

Mrs. Charles Summy was a Kalamazoo visitor last Monday.

Master Jerome Warner was on the sick list the first of the week.

Mrs. James Holcomb visited a sister in Kalamazoo one day last week.

The Baptist young people added \$10.50 more to their "Carpet Fund" last Monday evening.

Mrs. Oscar Smith is feeling much improved in health, and her friends are glad to see her out again.

Mrs. Florence Harris is in Glendale caring for her sister, Mrs. Alonzo Chase, who is in poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Waite and daughter, Vivian, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mercer.

Mrs. Duane Smith has returned from Bronson hospital, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Little Madaline Mercer who underwent an operation for appendicitis at her home last Friday morning, is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cross of Lawrence were in Paw Paw Tuesday the guest of their daughter, Mrs. F. N. Wakeman and family.

Miss Margaret Dillon has accepted a position as teacher in the second grade of the Paw Paw schools, vice Mrs. Clair Doren, resigned.

The ladies of the Friday club were entertained by Mrs. Emma R. Smith at the home of Mrs. George Tuttle this Friday afternoon.

Watch for the date of the home talent play, "The Bewildering Miss Felicia" with an "All Star Cast". It promises to be one of the best home talent plays ever produced here.

The Sophomore class entertained the Freshmen class at a banquet given last Friday evening at the school house. Toasts were given by different members and a grand good time enjoyed.

It is a settled fact now that "The Bewildering Miss Felicia" with her retinue of colored servants and French maids are coming to Paw Paw all the way from New Orleans. The date will be announced later.

The many friends of Mrs. John Mutchler are glad to learn that she is improving in health, and trust that she may soon be able to return to her home. She is at the home of Mr. Mutchler's brother in Grand Rapids.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday night, Herbert Strickler of Chicago, will speak on the subject "With the British Army on Mesopotamia". Music by the Men's Chorus. This service will be of interest to every one.

Rehearsals for "The Pennant" are progressing nicely, states the director, Miss Mae Brumstead. "The Pennant" is a charming Operetta to be given on the evening of March 27th, as the final number on the Lyceum course. No effort is being spared to make this one of the finest entertainments ever produced by the local schools.

Don't forget the village election next Tuesday, March 11th. There are no contests, and so far as the election itself is concerned, one vote will elect the whole ticket. That is not the point however. This voting business is a matter of duty, and every elector should go to the polls and vote on every possible occasion. This election will be a good rehearsal for the newly franchised voters. Go to the polls on that day and vote by all means. Get the habit.

Members of the Senior class in the local schools have written papers on "The League of Nations" as part of their class history work. Through the courtesy of Supt. Kaye, The True Northerner is permitted to publish two of these splendid papers. The first by Miss Lena Maxham, presenting arguments in opposition to the proposed league, is published in this issue, starting on page six. The other by Tom Poole with arguments favoring the league, will be published next week. The attention of True Northerner readers is directed to the subject matter of both these excellent papers.

Ray Wheaton of Hartford was in Paw Paw the first of the week.

Eugene Drake of Lawrence was a guest of Paw Paw friends one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bat Donovan of Lawrence were guests at the Beattie home over Sunday.

Ray Pugsley of Battle Creek spent a part of this week with Paw Paw relatives and friends.

George Bonneau has accepted a position in Chicago. Mrs. Bonneau will join him there later.

A. T. Foote left on Thursday for Eaton Rapids for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kroth are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Sunday morning, March 2nd.

The Country Club were entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woodman on Tuesday of this week.

The three children of County Treasurer Bolinger and wife have all been sick from the influenza. They are now convalescent.

The True Northerner advertises two auction sales this week. They are both good ones, and should have big crowds of interested bidders.

Rev. Arthur Trott of the M. E. Church has been appointed District Director of the Sunday School Centenary Movement in the Niles district.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bolinger received the first of this week a fine box of choice Navel oranges from the Duncombes in California. It is superfluous to say that the remembrance was gratefully received.

Jesse Dye announces another Social Dancing party at Longwell's Opera House on Tuesday evening, March 11. Music by Brocato's Saxophone orchestra. Details given in advertising space in this issue.

Regular meeting of Paw Paw Chapter O. E. S. next Wednesday evening, March 12th. Lloyd Held, recently returned from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station will address the Chapter, and a good attendance should greet him.

M. F. Anson of Newaygo county arrived this week to take charge of the R. E. Jennings farm. Mr. and Mrs. Anson are the proud parents of five fine boys, the eldest of which is six years of age. Mr. Anson thinks he holds the record for the state of Michigan.

Jas. Smith recently returned from Overseas service, visited his sister Miss Katherine Smith over the week end. He trained at Camp Custer and went over with the 85th, Division. He was gassed and sent home to recuperate at Camp Custer, before being discharged from service.

B. F. Warner is having some fine ice shipped from Fife Lake in Northern Michigan. It is clear, of good quality and about fifteen inches thick. Ice will have to cost more next summer, but considering the mild weather and the saving of fuel, high priced ice will be cheap at that.

Don't forget that a Deputy from the Revenue Collector's office will be in Paw Paw next Monday and Tuesday to assist in making out Income Returns. Another vital point to remember is, that all Income reports must be in and at least twenty-five per cent of the tax paid not later than March 15th.

It is just possible that there may be some lady in Paw Paw township who has not yet registered and thus qualified as a voter at the election on Monday, April 7th. No person is a qualified voter unless their name is properly registered with the city township clerk; and no person can register after the date of March 29. Owing to the importance of the two amendments to be voted at the election this year, every legal voter in the township should be prepared to cast a vote on that day. One amendment is the so-called "Wine and Beer" question, the other, "The Good Roads Amendment". Both are of vital importance. Ladies, if you have not already registered, don't neglect to give it your attention on or before March 29th. You must appear in person at the office of Frank V. Hodges, township clerk.

Matthew Murphy of Lawton was in Paw Paw on Monday.

Mrs. Alice Bacon returned to Paw Paw last Friday after spending several months with her grand-daughter, Mrs. Will Darby and family, in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Washington Doughty, an old resident of Paw Paw is visiting at the home of E. L. Moe. He will be remembered by many of the older residents of this community.

Claire Goss of Bangor, was in Paw Paw the first of the week. Claire was formerly editor and publisher of the Bangor Gazette, and now is Engineer to the County Road Commissioners.

Mrs. Rena Beach spent a part of last week in Kalamazoo with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Allen, assisting in the care of little Darrel, who has been quite ill. He is much improved however at this writing.

Hale Harrington who has been enjoying a vacation at the home of his parents here since his discharge from the army, left last Sunday for Springfield, Ohio to accept a fine position with the Michigan Silo company.

Everyone should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Herbert Strickler, who was with the British Y. M. C. A., tell of his experiences "With the British Army in Mesopotamia", at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock.

Tom Soule and Earl Walker have formed a partnership, and will engage in a general plumbing business under the firm name of Soule and Walker. They expect to be ready for business next week in the building formerly occupied by Charles Stevens Jewelry store.

Miss Ruth Raymond entertained a company of young people at the home of her parents last Thursday evening, the occasion being her fifteenth birthday. The evening was spent with music and games, and light refreshments were served. A jolly good time is reported.

A letter recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kline from their son Claude, in France, states that his company was drawing equipment that night and expected to embark for the states the following day. "Gee, I will be glad," he says, "to see Home Sweet Home again."

Corporal Charles R. Warren of Lima, Ohio paid the True Northerner a pleasant call on Tuesday. He is a member of the Army Auto squadron who are driving the government trucks from Detroit to Chicago. The company remained in Paw Paw overnight. The Corporal is well acquainted with Fred Snow, well known here, and whose home is also in Lima.

The Oregon Journal of February 22nd, contains an account of the apprehension of four thieves who have plundered many stores in the city of Portland, Oregon. One of the business places visited by the gang, was Alva Norwood's store and Repair Shop. A considerable portion of the loot secured by the robbers, was recovered.

The Michigan Agricultural office reports a heavy damage to the clover crop in some sections of the state. Much injury was done by the drought of last summer, but more has been caused by the mildness of the present winter. The Van Buren county Farm bureau recommends "Soy Beans" as a substitute for this shortage. A column article on the Soy Bean from the pen of Farm Agent Eckard will be found in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pike recently received a long descriptive letter from their son, Private D. G. Pike, dated from Luxembourg, Germany. The letter enclosed a map, with notations and tracings showing the line of march of his division through Germany. Also a number of postal cards showing views of cities and buildings where he had been. The letter is intensely interesting, and the True Northerner regrets that time and space will not permit its publication. The letter closes with the following paragraph:—"At present writing, I am in Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, Germany, supposedly in the army of occupation. It is rumored that we are attached to the second army and that we are scheduled to return home in the near future. Here is hoping that one rumor at least may have some truth in it."

Miss Marie Colburn had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist last Friday night.

George L. Tuttle has fully recovered from his recent illness and is able to be out again as usual.

Edward G. Hickey of Hartford has received the appointment as Deputy Oil Inspector for this district and began his new duties last Monday. He succeeds J. A. Simon of Benton Harbor, a democrat appointee, who has held the office for four years and seven months. Mr. Hickey is the junior member of the firm of Mortimer and Hickey, and well known throughout the county in political and business circles.

It may be somewhat reassuring and a source of some comfort to the ladies who have not yet registered, to know that it is not necessary for them to divulge their age when registering. A statement to the clerk that the applicant is twenty-one years of age or upward is all that is required. It is sincerely hoped that this choice bit of news may assist in securing a full registration of the new voters.

The Gleaners of Van Buren county will meet with their invited friends at the Memorial Hall in Paw Paw on Thursday, March 13th. A business session will be held from 10:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M. Promptly at noon there will be a picnic dinner and a social time followed by a program of unusual merit. There will be papers read on the questions of the day, interspersed by music and readings. This will be a big day for the Gleaners.

For some weeks past, many gallons of vinegar in the making (hard cider) have mysteriously disappeared from the Smith vinegar vats at Hartford. Holes were bored through the side of the vat, a quantity drawn out, and the hole plugged again until a new supply was needed last week. Sheriff Long located the guilty parties and took John Wood and Fred Seeley into custody. They pled guilty to the charge before Judge Mason, and are now spending thirty days each in the county jail.

In addition to the regular program announced for the Coterie next week, Wednesday afternoon, a "Voting School of Instruction" is planned for the benefit of members of the club and the ladies of Paw Paw in general. The intricacies of the ballot, the manner and form of voting and details which are absolutely essential for every voter to know will be carefully explained. Every lady voter in the community is cordially invited to be present for this instruction.

Representative Lynn J. Lewis has introduced a bill in the Legislature, which if it becomes a law, will do away with all Private Banks in the state of Michigan. The report on the same in Mr. Lewis' "Capitol News" this week, is slightly misleading. He states that "My bill would bar all private banks in Michigan after January 1st, 1921." While this is literally true, in fairness to all the private banks in the state of Michigan, it should be stated that the bill also provides that all Private Banks will have up to the date above mentioned, to become incorporated under the state laws as State Banking Institutions.

A letter from Mrs. Mabel Petrie of Lansing, formerly of Paw Paw, to friends here, contains a pleasing reference to one of Paw Paw's distinguished citizens. Mrs. Petrie was privileged to occupy a seat in the gallery at the recent G. O. P. convention in Lansing. During the morning session, a lady delegate arose and thanked the men of the convention for granting the women of the state the right of franchise. After she had finished, says Mrs. Petrie, "A lady from the fourth congressional district asked for recognition, and imagine my delight to find it was our own Olivia Woodman from Paw Paw. Mrs. Woodman, said she disagreed with the last speaker. No man helped the women to get the vote. It was the women themselves that did it." "The remarks of Mrs. Woodman made a great hit," says Mrs. Petrie, and then again in the afternoon, Mrs. Woodman covered herself with glory, in presenting the name of Mrs. Dora Stockman for member of the State Board of Agriculture. I was proud of her, and had the privilege of telling her so, after the convention," concludes the writer.

Kirke Harrington has gone to Ann Arbor to resume his studies in the Dental department of the U. of M.

Regular communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, March 11th. Work in the Third degree.

Regular Convocation of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening, March 10th. Work in P. M. and M. E. M. degrees on three candidates.

A letter from Mrs. Nellie (Raleigh) Moulton of Grand Rapids renewing subscription to The True Northerner states that her husband has been ill for the past three months, and has been at his office but four times during all these weeks.

Herbert Strickler will tell a very interesting story in a very interesting way of his experiences "With the British Army in Mesopotamia" at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. The Men's chorus will sing. Every one come.

Married last Saturday evening, March 1st, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Fisher in Paw Paw Township, Miss Irene Fisher and Mr. Floyd Grossman of Wabash, Indiana. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Trott in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends. After the ceremony a fine wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Grossman are fine young people who have the best wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness and prosperity. They will reside in Indiana.

A committee from the directors of the Eddy Paper Mill company of Kalamazoo came to Paw Paw last Monday to confer with the committee here and look over the available sites in this village. They left expressing their complete satisfaction with the site, and Paw Paw felt hopeful. A dispatch from Three Rivers, published in The Kalamazoo Gazette of Wednesday stated however that the directors had decided to locate in that city. The local committee have not been officially informed of that fact and are yet hopeful the matter has not yet been definitely settled.

Another important thing to remember in connection with the registration of women voters:—It is absolutely necessary that every married lady register in her own name. It is not sufficient for the wife of John Doe to register as "Mrs. John Doe." She must register as Mary Doe, or Susan Doe as the case may be. The most important thing to all however to remember is that you must register if you want to vote: That it is your duty to vote: and that March 29th, is the last day on which you can register for the April election.

The following are extracts from a letter from Miss Ada Hill to her father, H. P. Hill of Paw Paw. Miss Hill has been a graduate nurse for a number of years, and in July 1917, enlisted in the Red Cross for Overseas service. The letter was written from a base hospital in France, where the patriotic young lady is still serving her country:—"Didn't you have a real chill when you read the description of the German fleet steaming into British waters to give itself up? Can it really be true? Father, I wish that you could have had a son in this war. I cannot imagine a more wonderful privilege than the giving of your own flesh and blood for the greatest cause the world has known since the Christian era began. Of course we are all wondering when we will be sent home, but it is far too early for any reasonable planning as yet. Many hospitals must remain to care for the soldiers who will be held indefinitely over here. We even forget that peace terms have not been signed yet, and that the Germans are still "Very German". Father, you can feel that you have helped to bring this awful war to an early close. The long hours that you gave so willingly helped to end this war as sure as the work of the men in the trenches. I love to think of the united efforts of the States people. They are all fighting the war as much, and often more, than the people who actually signed up. Well today, I will be with the dear soldier boys in France, but next year I will certainly be at home with you all, in the "Old Orchard Home", the home that I love. Remember that I am with you in spirit, and that next year I will be with you in person."

An additional field agent in marketing, whose business it will be to assist in the work of forming more co-operative associations among the farmers of the state, has been appointed by the M. A. C. He is George C. Raviller, and he will collaborate with Hale C. Tenant, field agent in markets organization for M. A. C.

The Republican Township Committee announce a Caucus of the republicans of Paw Paw township on Saturday, March 15th, for the nomination of Township officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the caucus. Women voters who expect to affiliate with the republican party are expected to attend this caucus and assist in its deliberations.

Registration reports compiled at Lansing, would indicate a very heavy vote in the state on April 7th. The fair folk of Grand Rapids have set the pace according to the official reports. On February 23rd, a total of 23,000 women had signed up in the Furniture Metropolis. The masculine vote in former years has averaged only about 20,000 in Grand Rapids, meaning that at the election in April more than twice as many ballots will be marked and deposited in the ballot boxes in Kent county than at any time in the past. A similar rush upon the registration clerks is reported from all the big cities of the state.

The home community was shocked to learn of the untimely death of Drew Cross who passed away at his home in Waverly township last Saturday morning. He had been an enterprising young farmer of this neighborhood for the past three years having moved there from Kalamazoo county, where he was born July 6th, 1887. He was married to Luella Wilson of Mattawan in December 1912, and three children came to bless their home, one passing away while yet a babe. He leaves his wife and two little daughters, Wahma aged four, and Meltina, aged 17 months; His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Cross, and sisters, Miss Gladys and Mrs. Floyd Salisbury. Deceased was a kind and indulgent husband and father, a dutiful son, a loving brother and an obliging neighbor. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity who took charge of the burial service at the cemetery in Mattawan on Sunday afternoon.

Tuesday, March fourth, was a Red Letter day in the C. B. Jordan home. In the afternoon of this day, the family together with the friends and neighbors of this venerable couple gathered at their home to celebrate their golden wedding. Forty guests and early friends gathered to extend felicitations on the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, who are pioneers in this section and are loved and respected by all who know them. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were both born in Westfield, Pa., where their parents were near neighbors. They were playmates in childhood, schoolmates in youth, and lovers always. They were married in 1869, and came to Paw Paw a few years later. By industry and frugality, they have saved a competence for age. Five children were born to them, two dying in infancy. The remaining members of the family are Will Jordan, Sam Jordan, and Mrs. Rosa Sheldon, and all were present to pay their tribute of filial love to Father and Mother. Four generations were present, and the grand children and great grand-children recited verses of love. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan sang, "Silver Threads Among the Gold", Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Waters sang, "Fifty Years Ago," and Mrs. Olivia Woodman paid a beautiful tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan. The "Groom" spoke feelingly of his gratitude for the many blessings he has been privileged to enjoy, and for the wonder age in which he has lived. The children gave their father a beautiful gold headed cane, and the mother \$5.00 gold pieces. The friends gave gold and flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jordan with their two children came from Idaho, to be with father and mother on this day, and Sam gave a fine sketch of their lives. A two course luncheon was served and the program closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne." The True Northerner joins the host of friends in congratulations on the happy event, and in the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Jordan may be spared to enjoy many more years of life together.