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LOCAL

The Friday club will be entertained by Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson this week.

There was a fine baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins last Sunday night.

Advertised Letters:—Miss Mary Pence, Sergt. Jay C. Pence, Jay C. Pence, G. A. Ramer.

Attention is called in this issue to the E. E. Gorton Auction "ad". It will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd.

Attorney Lincoln H. Titus of Kalamazoo, was in Probate Court Monday attending to some matters of business.

Miss Hettie Delong of Arlington township is the guest of her aunt Mrs. B. L. Breed and family for the week.

The Miller Brothers have established a receiving station at Alma to receive pickles grown in that locality for their Paw Paw factory. Fred Hoodemaker has charge of the Alma contracts and receiving station at that place. Attention is called to the Miller Brothers "ad" in this issue.

Sylvester Carpp of the Hartford Canning company, and Dalton Carpp of the Bangor canning company were in Paw Paw on business Wednesday. W. C. Willey is looking after their interests in taking contracts for cherries for their canneries and also the Friday Bros. Cannery at Coloma.

A letter from Attorney Ned Hilton of Denver, Colorado states that he is planning to move to California to spend the remainder of his days. For many years Mr. Hilton has been famous in the west as a criminal trial lawyer, but he now states in the letter that he has tried his last murder case. He formerly resided in Paw Paw and will be remembered by many here.

Lieutenant Fred Latshaw and wife returned from the south last Monday evening and are at the home of her parents, Postmaster H. A. Cole and wife. They stopped in Chicago for several days visit enroute. The Lieutenant has been an instructor in a military camp at Columbia, South Carolina since his marriage last fall, and has just recently been mustered out of the service.

Al Stevenson has finally succeeded in getting the big tree which was felled in his yard several months ago, reduced to stove wood. The tree made fifteen cords of wood, and many so-called wood cutters have been employed during the sawing of the tree. The master choppers of them all were Mr. and Mrs. George Longduff who were the last to tackle the job, but who stuck to the finish.

The jury cases in the Circuit Court began Monday the 24th. The first case called being the Steuben Farms Company vs. The K. L. S. & C. Ry. The controversy is over the delayed shipment of a carload of potatoes. T. J. Cavanaugh appeared in behalf of plaintiff and Samuel H. Kelly of Lansing for the defendant. Under direction of the court the jury returned a verdict of "No Cause for Action."

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sherman have moved to their farm residence east of town, and will soon be nicely settled. This makes Harvey a resident of Antwerp township, and we congratulate the residents of that community on the acquisition. We are selfish enough however to be pleased over the fact that this estimable couple have not moved far away from the village of Paw Paw and that we can still count them as one of us.

The hour for serving supper at the I. O. O. F. centennial next Monday evening has been advanced to 5:30 o'clock. It will be served in Memorial hall. The exercises of the evening will be in the Opera House. Grand Lodge officers will be present and members of the subordinate lodges from the surrounding country. It is a "Centennial Celebration" and will be a milestone in the history of Odd Fellowship.

Arrangements have been made for a public meeting at the Barnum school house west of Paw Paw this Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for the purpose of instructing new voters how to vote. A competent instructor will be present to explain the various ballots to be voted, how they will look, what they mean and how to vote them intelligently. A cordial invitation is extended to the ladies of that school district and all the surrounding country to be there. The only way new voters may get posted on their new duties as voters, is to be told by some one who knows. The school house should be packed.

Mrs. Rena Beach spent a few days in Kalamazoo this week.

Mrs. D. M. Allen of Glendale was calling on friends here Monday.

Mrs. Fern Tarbell spent Saturday in Kalamazoo the guest of friends.

Mrs. Jake Walker is home again after spending some time in Kalamazoo.

Regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. this Friday evening. The program is in charge of the Grand mothers of the Hive and promises to be very entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cummings of Dowagiac and Captain Alanson Aldrich, brother of Mrs. Rachel A. Bailey of Charlevoix, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. M. Bailey and family.

A clipping from the Los Angeles Times states that Mrs. J. H. Linton gave a very pretty St. Patrick birthday luncheon in honor of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Quick of Paw Paw, Mich.

There will be a meeting at the Richmond school house, east of Paw Paw next Sunday afternoon, March 30th, to talk over the proposed wine and beer amendment. There will be plenty of music and speaking. Come.

After a lingering illness lasting over a period of several years, Mrs. O. P. Lanphere died at her home three miles south of Lawrence on Wednesday morning. She was the mother of Dr. O. E. Lamphear of Kalamazoo, formerly of this village.

Fannie, the eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor was operated on for appendicitis at Bronson hospital last Sunday morning. It was a serious case but the little girl is getting along nicely and the prospects are that she will soon be able to come home.

Mrs. Will Longwell makes an appeal for "Gunny Sacks" and grain sacks in which the Red Cross may ship clothing to the Refugees. Any one who can furnish sacks for this purpose are asked to kindly bring them to the local Red Cross or notify Mrs. W. H. Longwell, Paw Paw.

Some one attempted to rob the show case in front of the O'Grady Bros. store last Sunday night. The staple of the lock to the case was sawed or filed off, but the thieves were evidently frightened away, for the contents of the case probably amounting to over \$100 were not molested.

Edson Root Jr., Maxwell Jennings and his father, K. C. Jennings attended the "Older Boys Conference" at Bangor last Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday the band accompanied by their director, Prof. Castle motored over for the sessions of that day. Maxwell Jennings had the honor of being elected vice president of the county association. It was a grand program, and the associations of the two days will be of inestimable value to the boys in attendance. The next annual conference will be held in the city of South Haven.

The damage suit of Will Simmons vs. Frank Thompson has attracted many visitors from Lawrence and the surrounding country this week. The suit is an echo of the late war, and grows out of an alleged assault by Thompson which disfigured plaintiffs' face for several weeks. The facts surrounding the case are all well known to readers of The True Northerner. Both parties to the suit are well known business men of Lawrence, and the case is hard fought. Attorney W. J. Barnard is looking after Simmons' interests and Attorneys David Anderson and T. J. Cavanaugh appear for Thompson.

H. E. Ball of the Moonlight Bait company of this place, has invested a new casting bait, which to all appearances in action promises to be the best and most effective bait ever invented by this company. In principal the bait is similar to their celebrated "Zigzag". It is so constructed however, that it is life itself in action in the water and has a real life like wiggle when reeled through the water. This bait cannot be put on the market until the outcome of the present injunction suit, brought by the J. K. Rush company is known. This is a suit brought by the manufacturer of the "Tango" bait, seeking to restrain all other companies from manufacturing baits having for their principle the "bevelled" top which produces the lifelike motion of the bait. The suit was brought against the Heddon company of Dowagiac, but it directly involves the local company. The suit will be heard in the courts at Syracuse, N. Y. next week, and the outcome will probably soon be known. Priority of invention is the real issue involved in the case.

Supt. O. W. Kaye and Dr. O. E. Eaton were in Olivet for the week end.

The Presbyterian church served a fine dinner in the Memorial Hall last Friday.

A. T. Foote has returned from an extended visit with friends in Eaton Rapids.

W. F. Warner of Grand Rapids visited Paw Paw relatives and friends this week.

The Royal Bee will meet with Mrs. Jacob Reidl this Friday afternoon. All are invited.

Mrs. O. W. Kaye and son are visiting at the home of her mother in Michigan City.

It is estimated that 500,000 women will cast first votes in the election in Michigan on April 7th.

Bert Travis of the Gobleville News was a welcome caller at The True Northerner office last Saturday.

Several fine pickerel have been taken from the stream back of the Wolverine Nursery building the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Buffington who have spent the winter in Ohio, returned to their Paw Paw home last week.

Commencing April 1st, the Idle Hour theatre will start the first show at 7:30 o'clock instead of 7:00 as during the winter.

Dr. L. P. Conkey of Lawrence was in Paw Paw on Monday. Dr. Conkey succeeds the late Dr. Brown as veterinarian at that place.

The ladies orchestra at the Opera House last Thursday evening was one of the finest entertainments of the Lyceum course to-date.

Attention is called in this issue to the Auction "ad" of J. B. Patrick at his farm four miles north of Paw Paw on Tuesday, April 1st.

C. C. Giddings was in Kalamazoo last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Giddings are planning to move to Paw Paw just as soon as a suitable house can be secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens returned from their sojourn in the south the first of the week. They made the tour by auto, and have an interesting story to tell.

Harry Mather and Wm. Mason are moving across the street to the Maynard building. We are informed that a "Home Bakery" and restaurant is to be opened in the rooms vacated by them.

W. M. Traver and Claire Clover of Hartford were in Paw Paw on Monday making arrangements to contract an acreage of String Beans and Tomatoes for the Traver Canning company the coming year. Mr. Traver states that if a good acreage can be secured here, he will have the beans "snipped" in Paw Paw, which work would give employment to fifty or more women during the canning season. Attention is called to the Traver "ad" in this issue.

This has been a busy week for Charley Giddings in the automobile game. On Monday he sold an Overland ninety, to John Hunt of Mattawan; Wednesday Overland 90's to Charles Summy of Paw Paw and John Hughes of Porter; Thursday a Knight 4 to Mr. Thorne, manager of the Paper mill at Watervliet. As the True Northerner has remarked before, "Charley Giddings is some live wire."

One of the most pleasant functions of the Maple City club was held in the club rooms last Tuesday evening, when the club members entertained the stock holders of the club, their families and all the children of the social members. A beautiful six o'clock dinner was served, after which dancing was enjoyed until midnight. Several dances were arranged specially for the children, most of whom are pupils in the dancing class of Mr. and Mrs. Higgs. The ease and grace with which the youngsters executed the new steps, was a revelation to the older ones and reminded them that the dancers of today will soon be "back numbers". Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Hartford furnished the dance music in their usual high class satisfactory manner. A delightful feature of the evening was the musical program furnished by Bangor boys and girls under the direction of Mrs. Aileen Buskirk Bennett. They were all pupils of Mrs. Bennett, and were real violin and cello artists. They played during the dinner hour, and also rendered several selections during the course of the evening. The program was highly appreciated by the Paw Paw people. Following is the personnel of the juvenile orchestra:—Violins—The Misses Marjorie Cross, Marian Giffin and Masters Wm. Hamilton and Reeves. Cello—Frances Bishop. Mrs. Bennett also played Cello and Mrs. Hamilton, Piano.

April 11th, and 12th, are the dates set for the Coterie Play, "The Bewildering Miss Felicia". Detailed announcement will be made next week. In the meantime bear the date in mind.

Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herhsberger, had the misfortune to fall while skating from school last Friday and break her shoulder. It is a painful injury which will require some weeks to heal.

A public meeting is announced at Decatur on Wednesday, April 2nd. State grange officers will be present to discuss the provisions of the state amendments to be voted April 17th, and explain in general facts which every voter should know.

Every clock in the United States must be turned ahead one hour on Saturday night of this week if we would get up by the correct time on Sunday morning. This is in accordance with the government Day Light Saving plan of last year, and goes into effect the last Sunday in March.

Hon. Lynn J. Lewis has been prominently mentioned as a probable candidate for Lieutenant Governor next term, in case Mr. Dickinson is not again a candidate. Mr. Lewis is now serving his third term in the legislature from this county, and is one of the strong members of that body.

Sparks from the chimney started a blaze on the roof of the L. E. Shepard home last Sunday evening. Timely discovery and prompt assistance of neighbors and members of the Fire department prevented further damage. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard are deeply grateful for the prompt assistance which undoubtedly saved their home.

Attention of the voters of Paw Paw township is called to the fact that the township has been divided into two precincts. All persons residing north of the Territorial Road through the township are in precinct No. 1, and will vote at Longwell's Opera House. Those residing south of this road are in precinct No. 2, and will vote at the Coterie Club house.

The Red Cross is asking the knitters of Paw Paw to work for the refugees and make shawls, children's hose and sweaters. Your assistance is needed to complete the quota assigned us. At your earliest convenience, phone 129 and pledge your help, or, better still, call on Mrs. Clara S. A. Rennie, 212 Elm St., and secure yarn and directions and begin knitting at once. This means you.

Cassius Woodle has recovered from a long siege of illness and returned to his home north of town. He went to Chicago to visit relatives in January was taken sick with the "flu" which later developed into pneumonia, and has had a long hard siege. He has decided to sell his three milk cows at auction. He will put them up at auction at the J. B. Patrick sale April 1st. One is fresh now and two will be fresh in April.

The Masonic fraternity of Paw Paw Lawrance, Lawton and Mattawan assembled at the lodge room in this village on Wednesday evening for a school of instruction under the direction of Grand Lecturer, Frank O. Gilbert of Bay City. The ladies of the Eastern Star served a fine supper at 6:30 o'clock, and received many compliments for the excellence of the spread and the manner in which it was served. Paw Paw lodge conferred the third degree in the evening, after which the "work" was reviewed by the Grand Lecturer.

CAPITOL NEWS

By Representative Lynn J. Lewis

The State Board of equalization has been severely criticized for apparent favors extended in the past to Wayne County; this Board consists of the Chairman of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, the Auditor General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary of State and State Treasurer. Under the present law the State Tax Commissioners present the valuation of the State, by counties to the Board of Equalization as a basis for the assessment of the State Tax; Every year this Board of Equalization has gone over the heads of the State Tax Commission and arbitrarily, it appears, reduced Wayne County's valuation many millions, and then spread this cut among the other counties of the State; in 1916 they cut Wayne county's valuation the enormous sum of \$222,000,000.00; in 1918 a similar heavy cut was made. By reason of these unusual allowances being made to Wayne County, the other counties have been forced to suffer unreasonable burdens. In 1918 Van Buren county paid over \$13000.00 of the Tax that should have been paid by Wayne county. It is openly charged

about the legislative halls that these favors have been extended for political reasons. The fact that Wayne County has nearly 300 votes in State Convention when State officers are nominated may or may not have something to do with this situation. To remedy this situation, Representative Read of Kalamazoo county has succeeded in getting his bill out of the Committee on General Taxation, though strongly opposed by its Chairman, A. Ward Copley of Detroit; this bill eliminates some of these State officers and places in their stead the other two members of the State Tax Commission. The matters were brought to light by the searching eye of John C. Ketchum, Master of the State Grange. A warm battle is in sight, and Detroit papers admit that the bill will pass the House, but claim they have the votes to stop the bill in the Senate.

The bill to abolish the State Fish Commission and transfer its activities to the Public Domain Commission was badly defeated in the House Thursday only nineteen votes were recorded in its favor.

Senator Amon's gravel bill after passing the Senate, met defeat in the House on Thursday by a close vote, its advocates, however, secured its reconsideration and it was laid upon the table; later, I believe the bill will pass; this Bill is important to State reward roads of the gravel type; it allows 25 per cent more award on each 5 per cent increase on the "richness" of the gravel between 60 and 80 per cent, but in no event to exceed the award allowed for class "E" roads.

Molesting or worrying game birds by aircraft is prohibited in the Sawyer bill which passed the House last week; the occasion for this is the fact that in and about aviation fields, the aviators seem to enjoy chasing flocks of geese, ducks and other wild fowl.

The Read Bill relative to seed advertising, imposes a penalty upon all who falsely advertise the qualities of agricultural seeds, plants, trees, etc. After this session it will be unlawful for a person to draw upon the highway more than two trailers behind his truck or car, according to the Howe bill, just passed the House.

Senator Clark's bill, permitting all electors who are absent from their election precinct on business on election day, or who are ill and cannot get to the polls without an attendant, to vote the absent voter's ballot, is now up to Governor Sleeper for his approval.

Hereafter when the County School Commissioner calls a meeting of the school district officers of the county to talk over school affairs, the entire school board will be expected to attend, and each member will receive his expenses, but no per diem. Such are the provisions of the Bierd Bill, which has passed both Houses.

The new Prohibition Bill passed the House 82 to 6, and will pass the Senate before this letter is read; the only opposition recorded against the bill appeared from Detroit and the Upper Peninsula. Immediate effect will be given the act, and Commissioner Woodworth and the State Constabulary will soon have an effective weapon to use against booze smuggling.

FARM BUREAU NOTES

By W. C. Eckard

Treat Oat and Barley Seed

Without a doubt farmers will be sowing their oats and barley in the next few weeks. How many will prevent disease in their fields of these grains during the coming summer by treating their seed at sowing time. If the Farm Bureau office has its way about the matter, every one will treat for it pays and pays big.

The cost is not great, enough formaldehyde to treat fifty bushels of seed can be procured from your local druggist for from 40 to 60 cents, and three hours labor of one man will treat the fifty bushels of seed.

Last Spring, James Bale Jr., east of Paw Paw, treated the seed oats for his entire field with the exception of enough seed for two drill widths to act as a check on the treatment. At harvest time Mr. Bale and the County Agent made the following count on the treated and untreated plants. In one place on a given length of drill row there were on the treated row 46 heads, no smutted heads, while only 7 inches away on the untreated row there was a total of fifty heads with 14 smutted heads. At another place on the treated row there were 83 heads, no smutted, and on the untreated row a total of 70 heads with 12 smutted heads.

Can oat growers afford to treat their seed? Answer: Can they afford not to treat their seed?

Barley is being grown to quite an extent in Van Buren county. For years the barley stripe disease has been a serious disease of this grain in Wisconsin, and last season nearly every field in Michigan had a great deal of this disease which cut the

yield down greatly. According to Dr. G. H. Coons, Plant Pathologist of M. A. C., the barley stripe disease is controlled to a marked extent by treating the seed with formaldehyde. Dr. Coons finds that soaking barley seed for from one to an hour and a half in a solution of one pint formaldehyde to 25 to 30 gallons of water will cut down the damage from barley stripe to from 2 to 3 per cent, and treating seed by the new concentrated formaldehyde, or spray method will reduce the damage to 3 or 4 per cent. Because of the ease with which the concentrated or spray method can be used it is in the opinion of the writer the one which should be adopted by the average farmer. However, both methods will be given and each man can use the one best adapted to his needs, but be sure and treat.

Sprinkling System

1. Use one pint of formaldehyde to 40 gallons of water. 2. Use two quarts of this solution per bushel of grain. 3. Cover two hours. 4. Dry and sow as soon as possible.

Spray Method

1. Use one pint of formaldehyde to 50 bushels of grain. 2. Cover for four hours. 3. Air well and sow as soon as possible.

Caution.

1. Follow directions closely. 2. Do not use too strong a solution, or keep covered longer than given in directions, as it will injure the germinating power of the seed. 3. Do not let the wet grain freeze, mold or sprout, as this also injures the grain. Treat grain on a warm, dry day if possible.

For a circular on oat smut control which will give detailed information, see local druggist, as this office will supply every druggist in the county with these circulars, or write to this office. Anyhow treat every bushel of seed oats and barley.

New Spray Bulletin Out.

Just received copies of the latest spray bulletin. Ask for your copy. Report of Van Buren County Cow Testing Association for the Month of

February, 1919

The number of cows producing 40 or more pounds of butterfat for the month is again quite large. There were 6 at the Sherman Dairy Farm near South Haven. One of these, Florence, a 4 year old grade Holstein produced in one day 60.3 pounds of milk containing 2.1 pounds of fat, making 65.4 pounds per month. Her milk for the month sold at 8 cents per quart, would bring \$74.76. Mr. Sherman is quite proud of her as she is a product of the Sherman Dairy Farm. Harry Crawford of Lawrence has 6 cows producing over 40 pounds of butterfat. One of these produced 56.4 pounds and one a heifer about 2 years old, 40.8 pounds of butterfat.

Then Mr. Lemuel Nichols had 5, Bela Kennedy 3, Mrs. Kittie Hathaway 3, and T. A. Slaughter 2 cows producing over 40 pounds of butterfat each for the month.

But the cow producing the greatest amount of fat was Fancy, a large grade Jersey, the property of L. A. Bregger of Arlington. She produced 67.5 pounds of butterfat for the month. She is a splendid cow with a high test and a good flow of milk. Another of Mr. Bregger's cows produced 46.9 pounds of butterfat. Mr. Bregger is a new member of the association, this being the first month his cows were tested and it is noteworthy that his 7 cows produced 277.1 pounds of butterfat, or an average of 39.6 pounds per cow for the month.

Wm. K. Miller, Tester.

PROSPECT VALLEY

Mrs. Austin Griffen was in Kalamazoo last Saturday.

Charles Shieley is suffering with a bad throat and is taking treatments of the doctor every day.

The south side club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Will Frohman.

Charles Maloy has been granted a vacation of three months and will spend his time looking after his farming interests.

Elmer Baugher is expected home today. He has been working in Pennsylvania.

Wilbur Marshall has a very sore throat and was unable to return to his work in Dowagiac this week.

Albert Campbell and wife are moving to Paw Paw this week. They have purchased a home there.

Mrs. Sarah Hall and sister Miss McCone and Miss Esther Smith were calling in this valley Monday.

Edmund Bills has returned to Dowagiac after visiting with his mother several days.

Mrs. Wm. LaGrotta and Mrs. Wm. Watson returned to their home in Chicago on Thursday last after a week's visit at the R. E. Boomer home.