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Amusing Story of Logging Days At Old Brockway

James H. Moore Came to Brockway in 1869.—Tells of His Early Life Here.

My first impression of the U. S. was rather a jolt to a Canadian who was brought up to believe that it was a terrible crime to even carry an extra suit of clothes on Sunday.

I arrived in Old Brockway on a Saturday night, January 29, 1869, to visit my sister, Mrs. John Ard, and was awakened early Sunday morning by hearing a terrible yelling and whipping of horses, and profane language that was new to me. I jumped out of bed and said, "Is this Sunday?" My sister laughed and said this was only lumber teams hauling supplies to the lumber camps and I would, soon get used to that which I did.

Well, you ask me to tell all I know about Brockway's early settlers. The first settlers who came to lumber were Lewis and Elliott Brockway, who bought up all the land around Brockway from the government, which was heavily timbered with white pine trees of great size and height. These they cut and floated down Mill creek into Black River and on River St. Clair to Detroit.

Lewis Brockway built the first hotel, the Brockway House, and run it for a number of years. Then came a number of sturdy settlers, Joseph Leonard, Oliver Ashley, Stephen Balmer and Jas. Moore, better known as "sheep-skin" Moore, who, with his fifteen children helped to swell the population very materially, as eleven of them were boys. The old man, though a small man, had to carry his hundred pounds of flour from Port Huron, twenty miles, on foot. We today would call that some job. The first store was kept by Brockway & Boyce, who also kept the postoffice. The first blacksmith was Steve Balmer, who was foreman for the Brockways. The first physician was our old Dr. Gowan, then quite a young man, who looked after the health of the sparsely settled district from Lapeer on the west to Lake Huron on the east; Cass River on the north and Ridgeway on the south. He was also the first lawyer.

After this settlers began coming in quite fast. Randall McDonald, Nick Hayes, father of the Centennial Tent. Local chairman, Mrs. N. B. Herbert, and by the way, the writer sold the soda crackers that fed her and her twin brother George; John Conroy, Bartley McMullin and Old Squire Grinnell and many others I can't recall.

The first school house was built about sixty years ago on a site donated by Lewis Brockway and on which now stands the brick school house in present use.

The first church in Brockway was built in 1865 as a union church by the Baptist, Presbyterians and Methodist Episcopal, and I think the first sermon was preached by our old Lester Clark, who travelled this district for so many years as a missionary doing good for his Master. I think the first school teacher was Miss Maggie McDonald.

The first grist and saw mill was built by the Brockways and was run by water power, and the grinding was by the stone process.

Some of the amusing incidents of those early days were watching the running of logs down Mill creek. The most perilous was riding a big log over the dam. But two men had daring enough to do it. The water just below the dam was thirty or forty feet deep and man and log would go over the dam and clear out of sight, man and all, in the deep hole, and come up right side up.

Another amusing incident I will call the "Battle of the Pine Logs," a genuine marine battle with about a hundred young river drivers on each side. The crews were those of Sandy VanWagoner and Alex Christie, and the battle took place on saw logs in the Brockway mill pond. One crew had their drive pretty well through the dam, all but their rear, when the other crew came down with their jam and wanted to get it ahead of the other rear, and the one crew would drive their logs against the other fellows' log so as to knock him off into the creek. It lasted all Sunday forenoon and there was scarcely a man who did not take his Sunday morning bath.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Everyone who likes to sing is urged to join the Community Chorus under the direction of Mr. Shubert. It is a fine opportunity and the instruction will be of great value to those who are interested in chorus and four-part music.

Yale has much undeveloped musical talent, and we can have a community chorus here that we will be proud of—if we all work for it.

There will be musical work for the grade children in the pageant, with chorus work, under the direction of Miss Lambkin. Mrs. J. E. Staley, Chairman Music Committee.

LOST—Somewhere on streets of Yale or in school house, a pocket book containing between five and six dollars. Finder please notify Fred Smith and receive reward.

Just received, a car load of plaster. Yale Lumber & Coal Co.

Governor Groesbeck's Proclamation

The text of Governor Groesbeck's statement issued Monday, March 7th, 1921, reads as follows:—

"A famine, one of the most alarming in history, is today sweeping five provinces in China, covering twice the area of the entire state of Michigan, and cutting down a population of 45,000,000 at a terrific rate.

The latest advices from our diplomatic and consular agencies in China, indicate that more than 6,000,000 people must be fed between now and June, when the next harvest is due.

Local government and established agencies are doing everything within their power, but the magnitude of the disaster makes it necessary for them to look to America for relief.

To be effective, help must be granted quickly. Again the citizens of Michigan are given an opportunity to show that prompt and generous response, with which they have invariably met the call of distress.

The Chinese have increasingly looked to our citizens for counsel and effective friendship. Their students in our universities and colleges here, give substantial evidence of their devotion and gratitude for the service which our churches have rendered thru their religious and medical missionaries, their schools and colleges and various philanthropic institutions. Since this call comes now, not only in the name of humanity, but also because of the friendliness which we feel for the people of a great sister Republic in distress, I feel that it is my duty to call this most urgent situation to the attention of our citizens, with full assurance that in spite of many demands here at home they will respond to the extent of their ability to this distant but appealing cry for help.

In order that the funds may be cabled to the famine area as rapidly as possible, where our representatives will use them to the best advantage, I have invited a state-wide committee to lend their aid to the American Committee for the China Famine Fund, of which Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, of New York City is National Chairman."

ALEX. J. GROESBECK.

Modern Improvements



ELMWOOD CEMETERY NOTICE

The clerk of the city of Yale desires the addresses of interested lot owners or the heirs of deceased holders of lots in Elmwood cemetery. Friends and relatives will please assist in securing the information asked for. Below is a list of unknown lot owners:—

Blackford, Wm.	Bettes, John
Beadle, Wm.	Bean, —
Bowman, Eph'm	Brown, Francis
Buell, Nathaniel	Clark, Benj.
Clark, Mrs. Marion	Clark, F. S.
Clark, Sylvester	Cheney, Wm.
Cowing, W. W.	Cook, Emma
Coats, Presley	Currie, C. W.
Evans, Mrs. D. S.	Ferguson, Allen
Fry, Edward	Grant, Leslie
Grandy, Wm.	Hansman, David
Hallead, Elza E.	Holcomb, Chester
Hudie, John	Jackson, Sarah J.
Johnston, John	Johnston, W. B.
Johnston, John	Lankin, Wm.
Lowrey, C. E.	Luther, Aaron
McLaren, John	McLaren, Joe
McLaughlin, Isaac	McGregor, Rose
McArthur, David	McGregor, Rose
Middleton, Cora	Middleton, Jos.
Middleton, Mrs. Ellen	Nims, A. D.
Middleton, Mrs. D.	Morgan, Jos.
Morgan, Wm. J.	Pletcher, Wm.
Phillips, Abram	Reid, Solomon
Reddcliffe, Mrs. Wm.	Saville, W.
Roswell, Chas.	Robinson, Justin
Rochford, S. S.	Stanley, Geo.
Schram, Catherine	Stevens, Geo.
Schram, Mrs. Mary	Geo. Stevens
Schram, Wm.	Sheldon, Eliza
Stewart, Mrs.	Spring, Wm.
Smith, Jas.	Smith, Francis
Stones, Anson	Strong, Wm.
Stonhouse, C. B.	Stronger, J. R.
Turnbull, John	Tetzler, Mrs. J.
Townsend, Chas.	Turnbull, Wm.
VanNorman, Lyman	Walker, Mrs.
VanSlyke, Martin	Waring, Elzda
Wanklin, Wm.	White, John
Wilson, Chas.	Eddy, Lulu

A Letter From Levi Lane

We received the following letter from one of Brockway township's former residents in the pioneer days. He is the present post master of Oconto Falls, Wis.:—

Oconto Falls, Wis., Mar. 10, '21
Mr. J. A. Menzies,
Yale, Michigan

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find check for \$2.00 for another year's subscription to the Expositor.

I noticed in your last issue a story of pioneer days. I don't agree with Mrs. Kelley in regards to the first school. The first school was held in a little board shanty built on the bank of Mill creek, just across the road from the new school house and was taught by Sarah Smith. The first scholars were Israel Osborn, Levi Lane, David and Omar Stephens, Othello and Abraham Phelps, James and Robt. Rix, Mary Jones and Emma Jane Vanderberg. I will never forget it, for I had a mile to go to school and had nothing to travel but a deer trail.

The rest of the story is very interesting to me as it brings back memories of olden days.

Truly yours,
LEVI LANE

OLD LAND-MARK RAZED.

Workmen have been busy this week tearing down the old blacksmith shop, corner Main and Mechanic streets, which will be replaced by a fine filling station by the Standard Oil Co.

This old land-mark was built in the early seventies by Darcy Bros. (Thomas and William) and was used as a wagon shop. The product of this firm is still in use by some of the older farmers and every once in a while we see a wagon driven into town with their trade-mark on it.

Thomas Darcy, who continued the business after the death of his brother, sold the shop to Lewis Armstrong about twenty years ago, when he and family moved to Los Angeles. Mr. Armstrong sold the property to Shaw & Johnston, who continued in the old stand until Mr. Shaw had to retire on account of sickness, he selling his interests to Thos. Johnston, who sold to the oil company.

There are only a few of the old land-marks left, and we think it would be a good idea to have photographs of them taken to hand down to future generations.

Got His Complement of Deer

The following write-up was published in the Trenton Times about twenty years ago, and through request of some of the members of the club we are reproducing it. The bunch make the trip each year and Chef Kelley, who prepared the menu, accompanies them.

Dr. Holden returned Friday from a three weeks' hunt in Iron county and reports a most enjoyable outing. On account of the total lack of snow the hunting was of course not up to the average, and only two besides himself of a party of one shot their complement of three deer each, viz. M. S. Brown, of Saginaw, and Grant Holden, of Yale. The party however went for the recreation and pleasure as well as for game and that they lived well is evidenced by the following sample of their menus:—

Camp Brown, Iron Co., Nov. 23.
Bean soup, roast venison, venison steak, baked rabbit, partridge pot-pie, mashed potatoes, boiled cabbage, boiled carrots, baked parsnips, stewed onions, hot biscuits, maple syrup, soda biscuits, butter, sweet and sour pickles, horse radish, minced (venison) pie, cookies, fruit cake, coffee, cigars.

Members of club:—M. S. Brown, H. L. Rutherford, Saginaw; Grant Holden, J. C. Holden, Yale; B. T. Bearss, Fostoria; A. E. Morrish, Dr. L. A. Harris, Gaylord; Chef, C. H. Kelley, Yale. Guest, Dr. H. Holden, Trenton.

Farm Wanted—Anyone having a farm to rent, please write me, giving full particulars as to soil, condition of buildings, fences, etc. Address J. H. Alley, Freeland, Mich., care F. E. Knight.

REVIVALS AT M. P. CHURCH

The evangelistic campaign opened in the Methodist Protestant church Sunday, March 13th, with Rev. Fred S. Weaver in charge. All were pleased with the earnestness of the speaker, and the meeting promises to be one of unusual interest. Every service will be a help to your spiritual life. Come and hear good gospel preaching.

Flashes From Weaver's Sermons

The measure of faith must be the measure of blessing.
God wants pillars in the church and not sleepers.

If a person is saved they will know it. If they don't know it, it's a pretty good sign they're not saved.

If you had a baby five years old and it hadn't cut a tooth you would think something was wrong. Yet we have some babies in the church 20 and 40 years old and they have never cut a testimony or a prayer tooth yet.

A fellow says, "I don't believe in a revival." Neither does the devil, the saloonkeeper, the gambler, or the thief, therefore you have company.

Some people live and work for the Lord by fits and jerks, like the man who said he had been a Christian off and on for about 40 years.

What a man does is a test of what he is.

There is perhaps no greater hindrance to prayer than stinginess. The generous man is the mighty man in prayer.

The stingy man is the powerless man in prayer.

If the Christians would tithe their income, then the churches could meet their obligations promptly and the Ladies' Aid wouldn't have to shovel ice cream or oysters down the sinners' throats to draw from them a few dimes and quarters to keep the church doors open.

There are three ways of conveying messages these days—telegraph, telephone and tell a woman.

Greenwood Township Caucus

The Republican electors of Greenwood township met in caucus at the Town Hall last Thursday afternoon and placed in nomination the following candidates to be voted for at the coming April election:—

Supervisor—Wm. H. Wurzel
Clerk—George Pohly
Treasurer—Adrian Hull
Comm. of Highways—Grove Willey.

Overseer—Lewis Lohr
Justice—John Robertson
Ed. of Review (full term)—George Holt.
Ed. of Review (vacancy)—Constables—Francis E. Watson
Stephen Stafford, Carl Polley, Arthur Ulrich.

FOR SALE—Upright piano in good condition. Reasonable. Inquire of J. E. Wellman, over Dr. Merrill's office, Yale.

Newsy Notes From Our Neighboring Cities and Towns

OUTLINE RULES FOR COMING CONTESTS

Essay and Pioneer History To Be Written By Students

The school children are quite interested in the essay and pioneer contests which are to be staged in connection with the Yale Centennial Celebration and home-coming scheduled for July 4th and 5th. The committee in charge of the essay and pioneer contests have outlined the following rules for the observance of the contestants:—

- 1—The story must be a pioneer story.
- 2—Any school child of any age is eligible.
- 3—The minimum length of the story is approximately 600 words. The maximum length 1500.
- 4—Give, when sending in paper, age, grade, school, subject.
- 5—Write in ink or with typewriter on one side of paper only.
- 6—Paper should be large tablet size.
- 7—Story must be pupils own work. Teachers should render only suggestive help.
- 8—Students may receive assistance in punctuation, grammar, spelling and paragraphing.
- 9—Time to begin—at once.
- 10—The essays of pioneer stories will be in the hands of the local chairman, A. T. Greenman, not later than May 1st. All rural schools are invited to participate in the pioneer story contest under the direction of the teacher. The best one of each set will be sent to W. L. Jenks, Port Huron, by May 15th.

Essay Contests

The other contest is the essay contest to which rules 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 of the pioneer story apply. Other directions are as follows:—

- 1—Minimum length 100 words.
 - 2—Maximum length 2000 words.
 - 3—Each essay must be treated locally.
- Following is a list of subjects for village or city school essay contests:—
- 1—History of local public schools (location, teachers, school boards, graduates.)
 - 2—History of local lumbering and logging industry.
 - 3—History of local shipbuilding industry.
 - 4—My city in the Civil War.
 - 5—My city and the Patriot war.
 - 6—Indians and Indian relics in my locality.
 - 7—French in Yale history.
 - 10—The banking history in Yale.
 - 11—Transportation in Yale's history. Note: From carrying of packs, to stage, coach, ferry, railroad, interurban, sail and steamships.
 - 12—History of street lighting in Yale.
 - 13—Yale's mayors.
 - 14—Some interesting ordinances in Yale's history.
 - 15—Roads and trails in my locality (old).
 - 16—Citizens from my town who have become famous.
 - 17—Men who have helped to make my city.

It is suggested that the student outline his story or essay before the committee. It is further suggested that use be made of description as to place, circumstances, dress, manner, customs, homes, etc., rather than the mere writing of the incident or subject.

SERMON SUBJECTS

For the remainder of the week and next Sunday Mr. Weaver will speak on the following subjects:—

- Thursday evening—"The Man Up a Tree."
- Bridal evening—"The Ideal Home; or, Pa, Ma and the Baby." Everyone is requested to wear a white ribbon or flower in honor of father and mother.
- Saturday evening—"Jonah's Excursion Trip."

Sunday, March 20
10:00 a. m.—"How to Win Souls to Christ."
2:30 p. m.—Great Mass Meeting for Men. Subject, "Men, Mushrooms and Mollycoddles." (Male quartette will sing.)
7:30—"Five Ways to Hell."

Just received, a car load of cement. Yale Lumber & Coal Co.

Thumb Tales Tensely Told—Interesting Items Gleaned From Our Exchanges

Five families are still quarantined for scarlet fever in St. Clair.

Bad Axe people will spend \$60,000 on paving and waterworks extensions.

Many Brown City citizens are being vaccinated, the result of a small-pox scare.

The Port Huron Times-Herald is publishing the St. Clair county delinquent tax list.

The Michigan Fruit Company will build and equip a cannery at Caro to employ 115 people.

Lapeer will stage an out-door pageant, "History of Lapeer City" on its streets late in June.

A mild type of smallpox is prevalent in Brown City, and has moved to apartments in the Keenan building.

Before the end of 1921, it is said that the Handy Bros. railroad will be extended from Marine City to Detroit.

A new fire-proof garage with all modern facilities, is being built in Algonac by Aura Stewart and C. J. Moore.

The Gordon Lumber Co., at St. Clair, has changed its name and will now be known as the Great Lakes Lumber Co.

The Deckerville Construction Co. will build the road from Deckerville to the Huron Shore Pike, a distance of 8,625 miles.

An auto line will be run between St. Clair and Romeo, taking in intermediate towns by McLeod & Tasic, of St. Clair.

Dr. George Waters, of Memphis has been made a member of the Court of Honor, Port Huron Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Frank Davis, 20 years old, of Wheatland township, Sanilac Co., died last week after three weeks illness from blood-poisoning.

The cement of the shore pike between Port Huron and Lexington, is said to be standing the heavy traffic well, only a few spots breaking.

A petition is being circulated in Snover to retain Mrs. Thomas McElhinney as postmistress at that place. George W. Paine is the Republican candidate for the position.

John McConnell, night respected resident of Forester, Sanilac county, since 1877, died last week at the age of 90 years. He had been blind and helpless for a number of years.

Mrs. Wm. Grice, of Lexington, recently celebrated her 83rd birthday, and a number of the local O. E. S., of which she is the oldest member, went to her home to offer congratulations.

The W. R. Roach Canning Co. gave the second annual banquet to former friends this week at Acadia hall, Crosswell. The Presbyterian ladies served chicken dinner to about 500 people.

Seven hundred people attended the horse drawing contest at Melvin last Saturday. William Molesworth won the \$25 prize when his team moved 9,500 pounds of stone and 20 men about a foot.

The Sanilac county jail and residence has been completely re-decorated with paint, paper, and plaster. The county grounds will be beautified as soon as the weather permits, and here the ladies are invited to help.

AMONG THE SICK ONES

Donna Caldwell is very sick with pleuro-pneumonia. It is hoped she will soon recover her health and strength.

Chas. A. Wilt is confined to his home south and east of this city, and is a very sick man. A trained nurse has been employed. Charley's sickness seems to baffie the physicians.

Mrs. George Mann does not improve in health very rapidly, as her age is against her. Mrs. Thos. Grimes, her daughter, is caring for her.

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