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LOCAL

Mrs. E. Goss has gone to Monticello, Tennessee on a visit.

After a two weeks vacation school was resumed in the Richmond district last Monday.

George Bailey returned to Ann Arbor Monday after spending two weeks vacation at his home here.

Mrs. Alice Cook who has been visiting a brother in Albion, Illinois came home last Friday.

Regular communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, January 14th.

Winnie Fisk who has lived on the Stoker farm, east of town for the past two years, will move to east Almena soon.

Hear the sequel to the "Prodigal Son" next Sunday at 11:00 A. M. at the Presbyterian church by Mrs. Clara Woodman.

Byron Rix, John Haworth, James Bale and Roy Mosier, all east of town gentlemen, were Kalamazoo visitors on Monday.

Sunday last was A. W. Mosier's 77th birthday, and he spent the day with his grand daughter Miss Evelyn, who made her first birthday cake for him.

Ralph Smith had rather bad luck in getting home with his auto last Saturday. He had to telephone for some one to come and tow him in.

The Republican State Convention will convene in the city of Lansing on Tuesday, February 18th. Van Buren county is entitled under the call to eighteen delegates.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Ryan of Bangor have gone to California to spend the winter. Mr. Ryan has been a successful merchant of Bangor for many years, and both he and his wife are well known in Paw Paw.

Attention—L. O. T. M. The officers Banner Bearers, and Color Bearers are requested to meet at the Memorial Hall on Saturday at 4:30 P. M. for rehearsing Installation and Initiation.

Miss Katherine Merritt departed Saturday after a two weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Miller. Miss Merritt resides in Blue Island, Illinois where she is a teacher in the schools there.

The death of Theodore Roosevelt is mourned by the entire world. He was one of the greatest Americans of all time and the record he has left, and the influence he has exerted, will live on through the generations to come.

At a joint session of the Legislature Wednesday afternoon, to honor the memory of the lamented Theodore Roosevelt, Senator B. G. Davis, and Representative Lynn J. Lewis of Van Buren county were among the members to deliver eulogies.

Miss Winifred Merritt who had been a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Miller, during the holidays, returned to Jackson Saturday to resume her school duties there. She was accompanied by her mother, who will visit there for several weeks.

The Ladies of the Coterie will meet next Wednesday afternoon, January 15th, at the Surgical Dressing Rooms and assist in the work there, instead of the regular meeting at the Club Rooms. The afternoon will be in charge of Mrs. Elvira Morrison and Mrs. Josephine Tyler.

Superintendent O. W. Kaye of the local schools delivered a fine address at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning. Mr. Kaye is not only a successful superintendent of schools, but is a logical thinker, a profound student and a fluent speaker as well. His Sunday morning "Sermonette" was appreciated by the large audience.

The anxiety is at last over for Mr. and Mrs. John Haworth, for they have received a letter from their son Raymond in France. This is the first word from him since the armistice was signed, and naturally was a great relief to them. He is well, and says that on Thanksgiving day the members of his company purchased a 150 pound pig, had it roasted, and in addition made a pie three by four feet in size. Some dinner Raymond says.

Mrs. C. W. Van Tassel spent Monday last in Kalamazoo.

Leonard Bush and family are all very ill with the Influenza.

Attorney Earl L. Burhans has been in Circuit Court in Hastings, Barry County this week.

W. F. Warner and wife of Grand Rapids came on Tuesday to attend the funeral of W. R. Serrine.

Miss Franc Warner is spending the winter in the Mrs. Bertha North home on North Kalamazoo street.

Miss Virginia Roach who spent the holidays with Paw Paw relatives has returned to her school work.

Mrs. James Nelson has so far recovered from her recent operation as to be able to return to her home.

Mrs. Jane Roach is home from Grand Rapids to spend several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Broughton.

Master Volney Smith who spent the holiday vacation with relatives in Paw Paw returned to his school at Nazareth Academy in Kalamazoo, Monday.

Dr. F. A. Racette who spent the holiday week with relatives in Muskegon returned to Paw Paw last Friday. Mrs. Racette was unable to return with him.

The W. R. C. will hold their regular meeting on Saturday afternoon of this week. There will be initiation and installation of officers. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Charles Morton who underwent an operation in Kalamazoo some weeks ago is improving slowly. Mr. Morton has been confined to the home on account of illness this week.

O'Grady Bros. advertise a big January Clearance sale on Overcoats and Sweaters. Look the "ad" in this issue over carefully and take advantage of extraordinary values offered during the clearance sale.

Leonard Morton has been honorably discharged from the army and spent several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morton, before returning to Flint, where his old job at the Buick plant awaits him.

There will be a regular meeting of Paw Paw Chapter O. E. S. on Wednesday evening, January 15th. There are matters of importance to come before this meeting and all officers and members are urgently requested to be present.

Dr. Van Vleck and family returned from Macon, Missouri last week Friday. The Doctor has fully recovered from his serious illness and is again attending to his practice. He received word the first of this week that his brother was seriously ill in Wyoming.

Mrs. Bertha North came home from Grand Rapids on Tuesday to attend the funeral of W. R. Serrine. She returned to that city on Wednesday where she will remain with her daughters for several weeks yet, and then go to Chicago to spend the balance of the winter with her son Ralph and family.

The defeated side in the recent contest in the L. O. T. M. will serve a six o'clock dinner at the Hall on Monday evening, January 13th, followed by installation and initiation. The new members who have only received the obligation are requested to be present. An enthusiastic meeting and old fashioned good time is anticipated.

There will be a social dancing party at the Maple City Hall on Tuesday evening, January 14th. Brocato's Big Saxophone orchestra of Kalamazoo will furnish the music. A series of dancing parties is planned for the winter, and this will be the first. Everybody is invited, fine music assured, and a royal good time promised. Fix to be there.

On Saturday evening January 4th, after a bountiful dinner, the new officers in Paw Paw Grange for the year 1919 were duly installed by State Chaplain, Olivia J. C. Woodman. At this meeting it was decided to hold several debates during the winter, on questions of general interest to the community. The first one will be held at Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, January 18th. The meeting as well as the debate will be open to the public, and the hall should be crowded. Seven forty-five is the hour.

Miss Frieda Porter is very ill with Typhoid Fever.

Advertised letters—Mrs. Anna Warren, O. D. Newell, Miss Ora Jackson, S. B. Galstin.

Constance Talmadge in "The Studio Girl" at the Idle Hour Saturday and Sunday nights.

Dr. J. C. Maxwell attended a meeting of the State Board of Health in Lansing this week.

The True Northerner has several interesting letters from the soldier boys in France which will be published in next week's issue.

There will be initiation and installation at the next Rebekah session on January 15th. Every member is requested to be there.

A string of twenty-five Liberty Motor Army trucks passed through Paw Paw Wednesday enroute from LaFayette Indiana to Camp Custer.

C. C. Young has recovered from his fall from the Baptist parsonage roof some days ago, and is able to be at work again. It was a bad fall and a close call.

Leslie DeHaven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi DeHaven of Bangor, died at his home in that village last week. Influenza was the cause of death. He was but thirty years of age, and one of the prominent young business men of the county.

Manager Reeves of the Idle Hour theatre announces Constance Talmadge in "The Studio Girl" for Saturday and Sunday nights next. The new electric piano will be in operation Saturday, and this will add much to the enjoyment of the feature.

W. C. Mosier and wife were called to Dowagiac last Monday by the serious illness of their son, Carl, his wife and two children. All were in the hospital there, suffering with the dread disease, Influenza. Later reports state that they are getting along nicely and are practically out of danger.

The Surgical Dressing Shop is open every afternoon and evening, except Sunday. Every afternoon and evening we need at least twenty workers. We have been asked by Central Division to finish all our pads and all material here. Come and help finish up the work quickly. Watch the bulletin board in the Emporium window.

Clare M. Allen of Glendale who enlisted in the Tank Corps some four weeks prior to the signing of the Armistice has recently arrived home. He was at Camp Polk, North Carolina then transferred to Camp Green, thence to Camp Custer where he received his honorable discharge. Clare is looking fine and speaks in the highest terms of his branch of service.

This is the last day of the two day extension school being held in Paw Paw for the benefit of the farmers of the county. Lectures demonstrations and discussions are being given on the following subjects:—Marl, by L. T. Chase of Lawrence; Soils, by G. M. Grantham, M. A. C.; Dairying, W. K. Miller, Almena; Poultry Husbandry, E. C. Foreman, M. A. C.; Farm Management, W. C. Eckard, Paw Paw.

Deputy Postmaster Arba Hawley has recovered sufficiently from his protracted illness to be able to resume his work at the post office. He is unable to walk yet however, and is taken to and from the office in a machine or on a hand sled. He is at the home of his brother, Eo Hawley. He has had a long siege at the hospital, and his host of friends are elated to see him back on the job, and on the road to a complete recovery.

The first number of the Lecture Course is announced for Thursday evening, January 16th, at Longwell's Opera House, at 8:00 o'clock. The Chicago Festival Quintet has the opening number, and the organization is said to be one of the best. The Lecture course this year is under the auspices of the schools, and it is a patriotic duty for the citizens of Paw Paw to support it. There must be quite a number of tickets sold yet, to insure the financial success of the course. If you haven't yet bought, get so before the opening number and get five evenings of real enjoyment. The course will run through the months of January, February and March.

Regular convocation of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening, January 13th.

Mercury reached the lowest mark of the winter last Friday, when the thermometers registered ten below.

John H. Britton of Bangor was shaking hands with Paw Paw friends the first of the week.

C. W. Reynolds has returned from Chicago where he spent the holidays with Lee and family and Miss Ione.

Rev. Percy Nickless who has been doing army Y. M. C. A. work is expected home the latter part of this week.

Julio Sheldon is slowly recovering from painful bruises sustained in a bad fall on the icy sidewalk last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Showerman left Tuesday for California where they will spend the balance of the winter.

Miss Nahdene Lyle left on Monday to resume her school duties after spending two weeks at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lyle, recovering from the Influenza.

Delos Mitchelson was taken to Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo last Monday for an examination and probable operation. He has been in failing health for a number of years, and has grown rapidly worse for several months. His hosts of friends are hoping for a speedy recovery to health.

The Circuit Court for Van Buren County will convene Monday, January 13th. Following the usual custom, the jury will not come until the second week. The calendar is unusually large for the January session and contains a total of 93 cases divided as follows:—Criminal, 6; Law, 37; Chancery, 35. Cases in which no progress has been made in one year, Chancery, 9; Law, 6. There are a total of 21 divorce cases to be disposed of.

Eugene Salsbury says "That a pig is a pig until it is one year old and then it is a hog." Continuing he says:—"I have just killed two pigs just eight months old, that dressed—one weighed 320 pounds, the other 290. Now we think that by keeping these two pigs for our own use, we can be well fed, and that we will be less liable to rheumatism and other kindred diseases, the Influenza included." Gene is a good feeder and knows what he is talking about when it comes to good things to eat.

The Board of Supervisors are in session this week and their work will probably run well into next week. The business up to this time has been of a routine nature, and there are several important matters to be disposed of. The proposed tuberculosis sanitarium for the counties of Kalamazoo, Cass, Allegan and Van Buren is one of the big problems, and a committee went to Kalamazoo on Wednesday to confer with the supervisors of that county relative to the matter. The report of the session in detail will receive attention next week.

A pleasant function was enjoyed at the I. O. O. F. hall last Monday evening, when the subordinate lodge gave a banquet to Jake Reid Past Noble Grand; M. H. Young Chaplain and a number of Red Cross ladies. The function was in appreciation of services rendered in caring for sick members of the order during the recent epidemic. Covers were laid for 140 and all were filled. After the sumptuous spread a literary program and dancing were enjoyed throughout the evening. It was one of the most enjoyable functions ever planned by this lodge.

One of the pleasant features of the year was celebrated by the Coterie in their club rooms on Wednesday evening, when the members with their families sat down to a fine pot luck supper. This is an annual custom with the Coterie, in the evening following the election of officers. Covers were laid for about a hundred, and there were plenty of good things to eat and to spare. A social hour was enjoyed after the banquet. Following are the newly elected officers:— Mrs. Harriet Anderson, President; Mrs. Eva Adams, First Vice President; Mrs. Mary Brown, Second Vice President; Mrs. Lena Irely, Secretary; Mrs. Clara Woodman Treasurer; Mrs. Jennie Buskirk, Member Executive Board.

John C. Kennedy, one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Van Buren county passed away at his home in Almena township last week Friday. He was Supervisor for a number of years, and always prominent in the affairs of his township. He had been in failing health for a number of years, and the end was not unexpected. The funeral was held from the home on Monday.

Mrs. B. L. Breed and daughter, Mrs. Hattie Burhans, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Showerman were in attendance from Paw Paw.

Wonder if it has occurred to any one, that the increased vote which will be polled at the regular spring election in April will necessitate different arrangements at most of the polling places in the county? The women can vote in this election for the first time, and the important amendment which comes before the electors at this time, will without doubt, double the vote of any previous election in this county. The normal vote in Paw Paw township is approximately from six to seven hundred. It would be utterly impossible to accommodate double that number or any where near it, with the present voting facilities, and the same condition undoubtedly prevails in other precincts. The probable increased vote will undoubtedly necessitate two polling places instead of one and the township boards should take the matter up in time to provide ample room and voting machinery to accommodate every vote.

Cyril Bailey who arrived home last Tuesday, has received his discharge from the army after eighteen months in the Military service. Like most of those who served in this country, he was disappointed not to have been sent "over seas", but reports good treatment by the government and is glad to have been in the Army. He was in the Ambulance Corps at Allenton, Pa., for nine months and when this was discontinued he was assigned to the Army Medical School at Washington D. C. where he studied bacteriology and chemistry, preparing for work in the Sanitary corps. Preferring a combatant branch of the service, however, at the first opportunity he secured a transfer to the Field Artillery Officers Training school at Camp Taylor. But as the war then appeared to be nearly over, so that he would not be likely to get across as an officer, he resigned from the training school to go to France as a private soldier, but was prevented from doing so by the signing of the armistice a few days before his contingent was to leave.

The following tribute to the Prowess of the American soldiers is from the lips of a captured German Officer, and published in the soldier paper, "The Stars and Stripes." The remarkable tribute will be of special interest to Paw Paw people, as the division referred to is the division of which our own Raymond Haworth son of Mr. and Mrs. John Haworth east of town, is a member.

From a captured officer in the German army comes a remarkable tribute to the fighting prowess of the First Division of the American troops whose work will go down in history as among the most remarkable of the present war.

He declared the Germans did not believe the Americans could produce within five years, a division such as they had found the First Division to be. The German when taken, had seen four years of severe fighting. This is what he had to say yesterday.

"I received orders to hold the ground at all costs. The American barrage advanced toward my position and the work of your artillery was marvellous. The barrage was so dense that it was impossible for us to move out of our dugouts.

"Following the barrage closely were the troops of the First Division. I saw them forge ahead and knew that all was lost. All night I remained in my dugout, hoping vainly that something would happen that would permit me to rejoin my army. This morning your troops found me, and here I am, after four years of fighting, a prisoner.

"Yesterday I knew that the First Division was opposite us, and I knew we would have to put up the hardest fight of the war. The First Division is wonderful, and the German army knows it.

"We did not believe that within five

years the Americans could develop a division such as this First Division. The work of its infantry and artillery is worthy of the best armies of the world."

W. R. SIRRINE

"Uncle Reid Serrine" as he was familiarly called by his host of younger friends in the community, passed away at his home in this village last Saturday night. He has been in failing health for a number of years, but was able to be up and down town until about two weeks prior to his death. The funeral was held from the home of his son, Elmer Serrine, on Tuesday, under the auspices of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. of which he had been an honored member for a number of years. Some years ago, he outlined the plans for his own funeral services and had the same reduced to writing. The plans were carried out by the family as far as practicable.

Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman delivered an eloquent funeral address, from which the following lines are taken:

Wm. Reid Serrine was born in Gustavia township, Trumbull County, Ohio, on March 23rd, 1835. His childhood days were spent in Ohio and Pennsylvania until sixteen years of age when he came to Paw Paw, and this place has since been his home. From youth to maturity, and from maturity to old age, he has greeted his neighbors and acquaintances with a cheery and hopeful expression all these years. He loved you with the tender ties of friendship; Your troubles and sorrows were his also; and your joys and victories he shared in rejoicing with you. The strangers in the village he sought out and expressed his pleasure at their coming, and helped them to feel that they had met a friend.

Way back down the years, he gave expression of his loyalty to his country, and in the early springtime of 1856 he went with a company from Ottawa, Illinois to Iowa City, where he joined a company of about five hundred men in command of Jas. Lane of Iowa, and went with them to Lawrence, Kansas. Soon after reaching there he went with a command to drive the border ruffians out of LeCompton, releasing a number of Northern men held as prisoners. Here he saw John Brown many times, returning to Michigan in time to vote for John C. Fremont for president of the United States.

November 11th, 1858, he married Miss Mary Warner and for forty-seven years the family was unbroken. A son Elmer D. Serrine, and two daughters Eva O. Fish and Mrs. Lura Bates of Pentwater were born to them. Mrs. Fish has tenderly cared for him during his declining years, and the other daughter Mrs. Bates was with him during the last weeks of his life. The son, Elmer has a position in Jackson but came to see his father as often as circumstances would permit.

When the Civil war was in progress Mr. Serrine enlisted in Company "H" 13th Michigan Infantry, and marched and fought with them until Lee surrendered at Appomattox. He marched with Sherman to the sea, from there to Richmond and on to Washington where he was in that memorable review when that brave and mighty host marched down Pennsylvania avenue in Grand Review. He was mustered out of the service July 25th, 1865 wearing the honors of Second Lieutenant. He has been very fond of his comrades and is the last man to go that was in the company in which he served.

As a citizen in private life, he considered its every day duties a patriotic service. He held several positions of trust and responsibility.—Sheriff Supervisor, Justice of the Peace and other offices. He was a faithful and true member of the Masonic order, Past Patron of the O. E. S., and Past Commander of the Local Post and Corps. He was a charter member of Paw Paw Grange and retained his membership in all these orders until his passing.

He leaves his son and daughters, six grand children, a brother John Serrine of Los Angeles, California one sister Mrs. Sarah Barnard of Paw Paw, and a half brother Buell Bonfoey also of Los Angeles.

The community has lost an honorable upright citizen a kind and obliging neighbor and a true loyal friend. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him.

His remains were laid to rest in the family lot at Prospect cemetery.