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LOCAL

Mrs. Florence Harris is visiting in Glendale this week.

Saturday of this week is "Tag Day" for the Boy Scouts.

Miss Wyneta Holcomb is the guest of friends in Kalamazoo this week.

Robert Beattie is visiting his son Gladstone Beattie and family this week.

Mrs. Grace Miller left Thursday morning for points in Pennsylvania, where she will visit relatives and friends.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey combined shows will exhibit in Battle Creek on Thursday, August 7th.

Mrs. S. Lindsley and sister, Mrs. Charles McDougall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackwood in Kalamazoo on Thursday.

Mrs. Lulu Mason and children who have been spending several weeks at Three Mile Lake left for their home in Chicago on Tuesday.

Chautauqua August 23 to 29 inclusive. Lay aside a little for a season ticket. No one can afford to miss the Chautauqua this year.

B. L. Colburn and son Myron left for Fruitport, Michigan the first of this week where they will visit among relatives and friends for an indefinite period.

It is the duty of every returned soldier of the late war to be present at the meeting in Memorial Hall Saturday evening of this week to assist in the organization of a local branch of the American Legion.

While cutting rye for George Walker one day last week, John Owiassny had the misfortune to have a bad runaway mixup. In their mad flight, the team ran into a tree, completely demolishing the binder and reducing it to a heap of scrap iron.

The annual picnic of the Progressive Farmers' club will be held on the lawn at the Clarence Richmond home in the village this Friday, July 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings who leave soon for their new home in Los Angeles, California will be guests of honor.

A. W. Showerman received a message the first of the week, that their son, Lieutenant Glenn Showerman had arrived from overseas, and would soon be at home. The homecoming is anxiously awaited by Mr. and Mrs. Showerman.

Huckleberries are very plentiful this year, but are bringing a high price. Four dollars a crate is the prevailing price in the vicinity. There are plenty of opportunities however for those who desire to pick their own berries at ten cents per quart and pick as many as you like.

A dense smoke settled over this community on Monday last. No fires in the immediate vicinity have been reported and it is probable that the smoke had drifted down from northern Michigan and Wisconsin where fierce forest fires have been raging for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Aseltine left this week for an automobile trip to New Jersey. They are using the same car in which they toured the west and south two years ago, and which has already covered over 23,000 miles. Their son Leland and wife comes from the North to take charge of the farm.

The Waste Way Gates at the Land-pear Pond went out early Tuesday morning, and the waters of the pond rushed down into Maple Lake. No damage was done however except for the owners of the property. It is owned by Mrs. George Cate and George Watrous and to rebuild the waste way and make the necessary repairs will entail a heavy expense.

Merlin E. Valleau, for many years a resident of Waverly township, and well known here, is on a speaking tour of the state. The bills announcing the time and place of his meetings hail him as "The People's Candidate for President of the United States." Another statement on the circular to attract attention is as follows: "I will debate with any American Citizen on questions of Public Policy."

Frank Shaefer is in Grand Rapids this week.

Royal Decker now drives a new Buick touring car.

Blaine Warner now drives in a new Oakland "Sensible Six" Sedan.

George A. Cross of Lawrence had business in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Royal T. Hall of Grand Rapids sent Sunday last with Paw Paw relatives.

Miss Ruth Hill of Lawton is visiting at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pike.

Miss Mildred Shepard is "Scribe" in the Courier office this week during the absence of Editor Spicer.

Theo Clap and Larue Chappell are in Detroit this week. They will drive new Ford automobiles home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vermeulen of Kalamazoo are guests of her sister Mrs. Delia Engel this week.

The Royal Bees will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Shaefer this Friday afternoon. All are invited.

J. E. Packer is marketing some choice tomatoes this week, picked from the vines in his own garden.

Eugene Ballance of Chicago arrived last week for a visit at the home of Lee Ballance and family, east of town.

Mrs. H. W. Barr and children, Miss Betty and Master Bobby of Orlando, Florida are guests of Paw Paw friends.

The Misses Viva and Mildred Coon of Elgin, Illinois are the guests of their Aunt, Mrs. G. W. Farr near Pugsley's lake.

The Beattie-Decker-Donovan-Watson Pickle company purchased two more pickle factories last week. One at Lacota, the other at Breedsville.

Owen Pike and family of Battle Creek are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pike. This is the beginning of their long trip via auto to California.

Mrs. Delia Engel motored to South Haven on business on Tuesday. She was accompanied by Martin Yonker and her guests Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vermeulen.

The "Royal Bees" cleared the neat sum of \$45.00 on the dinner served for the Funeral Directors' Association meeting in Memorial Hall last Friday.

Fred Alexander of Kokomo, Indiana came the first of the week to join his wife for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sheldon.

A. F. Hayes, who has been employed on the True Northerner for the past year, left Wednesday morning to accept a position in Des Moines, Iowa. He has a sister living in that city.

Herbert Geddes who has been in South Dakota the greater part of the past two years, returned to Paw Paw last Sunday and has assumed his old position on The True Northerner.

Dr. B. O'Dell of Kalamazoo spent several days in Paw Paw this week. He states that Mrs. O'Dell has recovered from her injuries sufficiently to walk without the aid of cane or crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrison were in Bangor, Thursday to attend the funeral of the late Myron Stebbins. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. John Sebring, and an old resident of Bangor.

Eber Bennett has been discharged from Military service and is enjoying himself among Paw Paw relatives and friends. Eber was one of the contingent sent into Northern Russia and has been through the trials and hardships incident to service in that frozen country. He is back safe and sound however, in the best of health and feeling fine.

Automobile traffic has reached a point never dreamed of by the most optimistic person of ten years ago. Not a day passes but some car of a distant state passes through Paw Paw on a trans-continental trip. It is no uncommon thing to see a car bearing a Montana state license or one from the far eastern states, while a horse and buggy is fast becoming a relic of by-gone days.

Frank Miller was a business caller in Battle Creek this week.

Mrs. S. Lindsley is entertaining a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDougall.

Edmund Babbitt of Battle Creek was a week end guest of his Aunt, Miss Jennie Bale.

C. A. Downing of Grand Rapids was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Warner.

Miss Edith Van Fleet of Eagle lake was a caller at the home of Mrs. Jane Hutchins on Tuesday.

Miss Natalie Boomer and niece Dorothy Jacobs, left Thursday for Jackson for a visit with Ray Boomer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Symonds and children of Chicago have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Kenyon this week.

Freeman Phillips and sister, Mrs. Elga Kiser of Chicago are visiting at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith.

Lieutenant Lloyd Harvey has been transferred from San Antonio to Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas and is in charge of the Eleventh Squadron there.

Mrs. Willard Warner entertained Mrs. Otis Gleason, Mrs. Will Kandzie of Chicago and Mrs. Mollie Thynne of Grand Rapids to luncheon last Friday.

G. A. Ironsides of Hastings has been spending the week with his wife and daughter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cross.

It is said that wedding bells will ring out loud and clear during the early fall months, probably during the month of September. "So Mote it Be."

Deputy Harry Cross was called to a lake south of Decatur on the Cass-Van Buren county line last Sunday to hold an inquest over the body of a young man drowned in the waters of the lake there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Cole, her sister Mrs. John Peterson and family of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson, also of Chicago, are enjoying a two weeks outing at the Durkee cottage at Eagle Lake.

The village was practically deserted Wednesday when all business places were closed, and the inhabitants of the village and surrounding country gathered for the annual "Community Picnic" at Engleharts Landing, Four Mile lake. It was one of the most successful events of its kind ever held in Paw Paw.

Miss Marie Williams, a former teacher in the local schools was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Kenyon and other Paw Paw friends the first half of the week. Miss Williams taught in the Detroit City schools the past year, but does not intend to continue school room work during the coming year.

We are informed that the State Highway department is about ready to advertise for bids on the West Main street pavement extending west to the village limits. Work is also progressing on the paved way near Oshemo and the complete job will be finished during the summer months.

About fifty neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bale last Saturday evening for a farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Clapper, who left Tuesday for their new home in Cleveland, Ohio. Refreshments were served and a most delightful evening passed. The True Northerner joins the host of friends in best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Clapper in their new home.

John Livingston, president of the Gleaners Association of Michigan, died recently at his home in Detroit. For more than twenty years he had worked faithfully and loyally for the success of the organization, and will be missed by more than eighty thousand Gleaner officers and members. At a meeting of the Supreme officers of the organization in May, Mr. Livingston was presented with a beautiful gold watch, inscribed, "On Duty 1895-1919 Gleaners." Each Arbor in the state is asked to adopt resolutions and forward the same to the Temple in Detroit, and it is ordered that the charter of each Arbor in the state be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Attorney T. J. Cavanaugh was in Battle Creek Wednesday.

Ed M. Bailey of Detroit spent the week end with his family here.

The Friday club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. George L. Tuttle this Friday afternoon.

Mrs. R. M. Dickerson and son Beverley are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hattie Sanger.

The Misses Neva and Dorothy Hirleman of Battle Creek are visiting Gertrude Bailey this week.

Charles Giddings and Roll Larkins were in Toledo this week and drove home a new Overland car for Mr. Larkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rich and Mr. and Mrs. George Weber motored to Kalamazoo last week to attend the races.

Herbert Bassett of Pittsburg, Pa., is expected next Sunday for a vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Bassett.

The annual Spiritualist Camp meeting for Southwestern Michigan will begin in Vicksburg next Sunday and be in session for three weeks.

Al Hindenach and wife were called to Marshall Sunday to attend the funeral of a friend. Mrs. Hindenach remained for a visit with friends there.

Ray Clark of Missouri was in Paw Paw Thursday. Ray formerly lived here and was a clerk in the Sellick store. He is now a prosperous shoe merchant.

W. J. Warner and family motored to South Haven last Sunday and spent the day there. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Broughton and Miss Virginia Roach.

While at the Fish Hatchery at Glen Springs on Monday, Fred Bassett observed an Airplane pass over, going east. The time will undoubtedly come when airplanes will be as common as automobiles are today.

H. L. McNeil was in Jackson this week to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Odd Fellows home in that city. Mr. McNeil has been president of this board for the past two years.

John Boat, wife and little daughter Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Kerigan of Chicago motored from Paw Paw Lake last Monday and spent the day with N. G. Merchant and family. Mr. Boat is a brother of Mrs. Hubert Merchant.

Dr. George Horton and son of Tennessee are calling on Paw Paw friends this week. The Doctor will be remembered as a former resident of Paw Paw, a tonorial artist in the Roy Taylor barber shop. He is now a successful practitioner in the medical profession.

A. D. Benway of the Michigan Fruit Exchange of Lawton was in Paw Paw Thursday morning. He spent the winter in Florida and is back to remain until after the grape season is closed and settled. He states that he has leased a 160 acre tract of land in Florida and will return there this fall and plant the entire acreage to potatoes. He is thoroughly in love with the southern state.

A quarter page advertising space in this issue gives particulars about the Annual Picnic and Rally of the Gleaners of Van Buren county, which will be held at Hall Spring Brook, Alma, on Wednesday, July 30th. It is confidently expected that this will be the greatest gathering of Gleaners ever held in the county. State Senators H. F. Baker and B. G. Davis are among the speakers of the day.

The Boy Scouts plan a "Tag Day" for Saturday of this week. This is the first time that this organization has asked for financial assistance, and it is hoped that the business people and all residents of the community will contribute liberally. The Boy Scout organization is a grand thing for the boys, a credit to the community and should be encouraged to the limit. Some money is needed in any successful organization, and the only way the boys can raise a fund is by the generosity of the public. Don't turn them down when approached on Saturday. What you can spare to them goes to a worthy cause, and insures the stability and permanence of the organization.

W. J. Warner and family were in Kalamazoo on Wednesday.

Clyde Burhans has been mustered out of military service and is at home again.

Dr. A. J. Scott and family of Los Angeles, California are visiting among Paw Paw friends, and spending some time at Pugsley's lake.

Failing health has compelled M. J. Grenell to abandon his work at Pugsley's lake. He suffers from a large tumorous growth in the thorax and plans to go to a hospital and have the same removed as soon as he has had time to get a little rest.

Mrs. Wm. Killefer, W. A. Prater and E. A. Aseltine gave a pleasant reception last Saturday afternoon at the Killefer home in honor of Mrs. J. A. O'Leary of Dallas, Texas, who is here on a visit. Refreshments were served and a delightful afternoon spent. The O'Leary's have a host of friends in this community who remain steadfast through all the years since they were residents of this village.

Frank Sanger is home from the west for a weeks visit with his mother and old Paw Paw friends. He is enroute home from Atlantic City and other eastern points, where he has been a delegate to the National Convention of Elks. Frank is a practicing attorney, and has been wonderfully successful in his chosen profession. He is prominent in civic and political affairs and is at present a member of the legislature in his home state.

The Christian Sunday School Base ball team played a good game of ball last Saturday with the Lawton Baptist, the result being 3 to 2 in favor of Lawton. Simmons for Paw Paw pitched an excellent game, errors being responsible for all of Lawton's runs. Brown had a great day in center field by fielding ten chances cleanly. The Lawton infield in particular played good ball. Next Saturday at 4:00 o'clock on the Lawton diamond, these two teams will clash again. A good game is promised.

There will be a meeting of World War soldiers at Memorial hall on Saturday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting will be the organization of a local branch of the American Legion. The intent and purpose of the new organization will undoubtedly be similar to the Grand Army of the Republic, which was organized soon after the close of the Civil War, and which has continued through all the succeeding years.

Major Arthur S. Libby will be an extra attraction at the Chautauqua this year, an dwell speak on the first afternoon, Saturday, August 23rd. The Major was the American attaché at Frankfurt, Germany and was in Berlin when the war broke out. He saw the Kaiser draw his sword and heard his famous speech. He was held a prisoner as a suspected British spy and escaped. He brings a constructive message based on facts and information gleaned on the other side of the German curtain.

Oran W. Rowland arrived from Detroit Monday for a visit with his Grandfather, Capt. O. W. Rowland and other relatives and friends. Oran has been in a hospital in Detroit for several months, recovering from shrapnel wounds received on the battle front in France. He is now feeling fine, but hasn't recovered the full use of his shattered arm, and probably never will. "I haven't any kick coming though", he says, "I am much better off than a lot of the fellows, and am tickled to know that I am alive."

The following item is clipped from the Daily News of Daytona, Florida, of Saturday, July 12. "A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Weston at 4:00 o'clock this morning, at their new home on Goodall Avenue Daytona Beach. Both Mrs. Weston and young daughter are doing nicely. Dr. H. L. Merryday was the attending physician. Mr. and Mrs. Weston now have a typical American family, a boy and a girl." The parents of this little Miss were formerly numbered among the boys and girls of Paw Paw and attended the public schools here. The True Northerner joins the home friends in congratulations.

Clyde Bassett and family are at Three Mile lake for the remainder of the summer.

Roscoe Paskett, recently returned from France spent several days the first of the week at the Leo E. Prater home.

The Daily News of Daytona, Florida states that "D. A. Weston is enjoying a short vacation from his duties as assistant cashier at the East Coast Bank."

Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Prater spent last week in Northern Michigan, visiting G. E. Prater Jr. and family in Cadillac, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Smith in Big Rapids.

Sergeant Roscoe Plaskett, recently arrived in Paw Paw after spending two years in Military service. Eight months of the time was spent overseas, with Base Hospital Corps, No. 110.

Supt. O. W. Kaye has entered the employ of the Decker-Beattie-Decker Buick Company and will sell Buick cars in the townships of Decatur, Hamilton and Keeler during the summer vacation.

Tom Brown has exchanged his residence in the village for a farm near Four Mile lake known as the "Coy Place." We understand that his billiard parlors are for sale, that he intends to move to the farm in the spring, and become a full fledged farmer.

Wm. A. Prater returned Saturday from Humbolt, Tennessee and is spending a few days with his family here. He is in the employ of The North American Fruit Exchange, and will leave soon for Trenton, New Jersey in the interest of the company. Mrs. Prater will accompany him on this trip.

The Tri-county Funeral Directors and Embalmers association, embracing Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties held their annual convention in Memorial hall last Friday. About sixty undertakers and their wives were present, and a fine program was carried out. A fine dinner was served by the R. N. A. Lodge. Our townsman, Charles Lake was elected to the office of Vice president of the society.

The Chautauqua perhaps more than any other institution, has been instrumental in arousing public sentiment, molding public opinion and educating the masses of the great middle class. With these things in mind, the program this year has been prepared. It contains food for thought an daction. The "Camouflage" will be stripped away and there will be music, fun and frolic quite as much as figures and facts. It will be a great program from start to finish and every man, woman and child within driving distance from Paw Paw should have a season ticket this year. The dates are August 23 to 29, both days inclusive.

This has been quite a busy week for the sheriff's force and considerable work on the criminal calendar of the court is the result. Jesse Bronson of Covert was taken into custody charged with statutory rape on one Bell Hines, twelve years of age. Had it not been for the vigilance of Prosecutor Adams at the time the parties were apprehended the girl would have been a suicide. She jokingly told the officers that she would not be here at the time of the trial. They thought nothing of it until Adams saw her attempt to drink something from a glass tumbler He grabbed the glass from her hand and found it contained enough paris green to kill several persons. The examination of Bronson was held in Covert on Thursday and he was bound over to Circuit court for trial.

The girl was turned over to County Agent, A. F. Hulbert. Another pair, Esther Hale and Albert Hines, both of Covert, were arrested on a charge of adultery. Hines has a wife and two children, but is alleged to have been living with this young woman for several months. They waived examination and were bound over to Circuit court where they will undoubtedly plead guilty to the charge. Richard Hoekstra of Grand Rapids was arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, plead guilty before Judge Rowland and paid a fine and costs amounting to \$42.10.