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Local & Personal -- April, 1920

Leoni—While in Jackson Sunday afternoon Mrs. Frances Shaw was struck by an automobile. She was brought to her home in this village and confined to her bed. The extent of her injuries has not been ascertained.

Trist—Norris Riethmiller is moving from the Andrew Riethmiller farm to F. Randolph's farm near Munith. Little Joe Weinhold is on the sick list. Frank Lantis is suffering with a sore foot.

Sharon—The North Sharon Sunday school was organized last Sunday with the following officers: John Lehmann, Supt.; Chas. Moser, asst. supt.; Robert Struthers treas.; Lois Ordway, sec.; Edith Irwin, organist; Elmer Gage, chorister.

If you have a good wheelbarrow and don't need it, and would like a little money, just run it around to the NEWS office, so we can look it over.

WANTED: to buy a few swarms of bees. Write or phone price and kind of hive. T. Durbin, Grass Lake, Phone 100.

NOTICE: Horse clipping, gardens plowed and all kinds of team work. Milo E. Havens.

FOR SALE: 6 tons marsh hay. Emory Runciman, Munith. Waterloo phone.

FOR SALE: Fence posts at a reasonable price. Davis-Shelly Lumber Co.

Miss Ruth Foster will go to Ann Arbor next week Monday where she will attend the play given by the young men of the University.

Miss Laura Echelbach, after an illness of several weeks with the Flu, was able to resume her duties in Foster-Babcock's store last Monday.

Roy Raymond has sold his house on Maple street to H.B. Marks of Jackson. The transfer was made through the Fuller and Badour Realestate co.

Workmen are busy this week taking up the M.U.T. track on Main street of Grass Lake. This is preliminary to the building by the State of the great highway through the village.

Mr. Owen Sayers was chosen chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the ensuing year and Mr. Walter Rowe, our popular Supervisor, was placed on the following important committees: Indebtedness of towns and rejected taxes and sheriff and criminal claims.

The following pupils of our High School will graduate in June: Horace McColgan, Charles Gauss, Ralph Cain, Darle Lantis, George Brown, Roland Burtch, Martin Cook, Francis Butterfield, Hazel Barnes, Revella Barnes, Helen McCoy, Anna Walker, Margaret Esch, Dorothy Curtis, Josephine Watkins, Virginia Whipple, Eulalie DeVerna, Edna and Eva Dorr. This is the largest class that has finished school here in a long time.

Leoni—Thursday afternoon the residence of August Lantis was discovered to be on fire. A volunteer fire department immediately responded to the summons for aid. Owing to the high wind the flames spread rapidly and all efforts to save the dwelling proved futile. Within a very short time the entire structure was burned to the ground. Most of the contents on the lower floor of the house were saved. It is believed the fire was caused by sparks from a passing engine on the M.C.R.R. The house was insured for about one-half of its value.

Leoni—A deep gloom was cast over our village Sunday evening when the sad news went forth that Mrs. Johnson Sponsler had passed away. For several weeks this good little woman has bravely struggled with death. All that medical skill and loving hands could do

was done to combat the grim destroyer which was so steadily and certainly accomplishing its ghastly work. Today those who knew and loved Icy Sponsler are beaten and bowed in grief at her untimely death. The deepest sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved husband and children.

Miss Lois Carleton of Grass Lake and Dewey Weaver of Jackson were quietly married Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse in Jackson. They were attended by the bride's mother, Mrs. M.G. Carleton of Grass Lake and Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Schlottman of Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver will be at home after May 1 in Jackson.

Marie Bently Snyder -- Obituary

Marie Bently, wife of Mr. Will Snyder, was born in Hillsdale, Oct. 7, 1896 and died Thursday morning at 3 o'clock at the Foote Memorial hospital in Jackson.

She grew to womanhood in Hillsdale, graduating from the high school and from a business course in Hillsdale college. On Sept. 15th, 1917, she was married to Mr. Will Snyder and to this union was born one son, Donald, on Sunday April 4th, 1920. After one short week, Baby Donald died Sunday evening, April 11.

Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W.J. Dudgeon and the burial was in the Oakwood cemetery in Grass Lake. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bently and her brother, Don of Hillsdale and her brother Ralph of Chicago, and many relatives and friends.

Baby Donald, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Snyder, died at Foote Memorial hospital Sunday evening. The baby was buried in the bosom of his mother.

Milla Icy Grimes Sponsler -- Obituary April 1920

Milla Icy Grimes was born in Paulding Co., Ohio, November 8, 1883. In the spring of 1904 she was united in marriage to Johnson Sponsler of Defiance Co. She resided at the place of her birth until the spring of 1911 when she moved to Leoni village at which place she resided until called away April 4, 1920, at the age of 36 years, 4 months, and 26 days. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, seven children, two brothers, LeRoy of Ohio and James Grimes of Leoni; three sisters, Mary Mell of Ark., Anna Wilder of Sherwood, Mich., Mina Kohn of Ohio and a host of relatives and friends.

Road Work -- April 1920

The road machinery has arrived and work on the great highway through Grass Lake will begin today by starting grading near the Chas. Smith farm and work west, so that they will soon be in Grass Lake. Mr. E.A. Croman, our representative on the Jackson Road Commission, is much pleased with the early start obtained on the road in this vicinity. This great highway will have a concrete base with an asphalt top. We believe that every farmer in the east half of Jackson County is as much interested as the Road Commission. Teams are needed at \$8.00 a day for 9 hours work. All farmers are urged to spare a team as much as possible so that the work may be pushed to an early conclusion.

Ladies' Night -- Friday Evening, April 16, 1920

The next monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Improvement Club will be held at the parlors of the Federated church. This meeting will be one of the big events in the history of the club, in that it has been planned by the committee to make this the "Ladies Night".

All members are particularly requested to be present, and to bring their wives, daughters or sweethearts.

The entertainment features will be somewhat varied. A good orchestra has been secured. There will, in addition, be a short musical entertainment, entitled "Cox and Box", presented by some excellent talent. While this number is an old classic, composed by Gilbert and Sullivan, it contains some very tuneful music as well as some very amusing situations.

Mr. George Starr will be the toastmaster of the evening and there will be at least two good speakers, one of whom will talk to us on the subject of landscape improvement in connection with the home grounds. This speaker is a noted landscape gardener, and his address should prove to be of much interest to both the men and women present. The other speaker will present a subject which will be of more interest to the members who are interested in agricultural topics.

Important—It is very important that the committee shall know just how many to provide for, and it is urged upon the members that they obtain tickets some days in advance. Tickets may be purchased from Mr. Bradford Carter at the Grass Lake Pharmacy.

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Lansing—A proclamation issued by Governor Sleeper calls upon all communities to adopt eastern standard time during spring and summer.

Albion—Bert Scouten was severely injured as the result of being dragged by a horse he was leading, the lead rope being tied to his arm. The horse stepped on his head and probably fractured the skull.

Fowlerville—A double funeral was held here for Mr. and Mrs. William Caskey. Mrs. Caskey, 67 years, died of typhoid pneumonia, and Mr. Caskey, 68, was stricken while he was arranging for the burial of his wife.

Flint—David D. Griffith and party of 22 motion picture players, including Lillian and Dorothy Gish, Robert Herron, Richard Barthlemess and other stars, have arrived here to begin work on new features. Locations have been selected in the lake region south of the city.

Kalamazoo—Charles Cunningham of Plainwell is declared to be the champion muskrat catcher of western Michigan. He brought to this city 300 rat skins that he had taken in 13 days along the Kalamazoo river. He disposed of his catch for \$1,305.

Detroit—Alleging the sting of a bee from the adjoining farm of Adam Novak injured his son, Louis Toth, Jr., the father has filed suit in the circuit court, asking \$10,000 damages from Novak. The boy was stung in the left eye, destroying his sight, according to Toth.

Traverse City—Twenty-three years ago George Helmforth, a farmer, hauled 2,400 bushels of potatoes to Traverse City and sold them for 6 cents a bushel. Last week he sold potatoes to the same man who bought from him 23 years ago, this time for \$3.06 a bushel.

Lansing—During the calendar year 1919 the state paid \$91,924.96 to owners of condemned cattle, when 1,447 animals were slaughtered in tuberculin tests. In that period 26,837 animals were tested and of this total, only 1,580 were classed as reactors, placing this percentage remarkably low at 5.9 per cent.

Marquette—Frozen in an iceberg at the shore line near Crisp Point, the body of William J. Reilley, assistant engineer of the ill-fated steamer John Owen which sank in a terrific storm on Lake Superior last November 13, was found by coast guards. Around the body was a life preserver, and in the vest pocket was an identification card giving the man's name and address. It is the only body of the crew of the missing boat that has been recovered.

Battle Creek—Charlie Chaplin had nothing on the Lew Phillips family during the recent tornado in Johnstown, Barry County. First Orson Phillips, 10 years old, was carried skyward and dropped into a huckleberry marsh. Then the father opened a door to assist his son, when Eleanor, aged six, was blown so hard against his stomach that she knocked him down. A fire started in the house and while the family extinguished the fire, the wind removed the porch, then part of the roof and finally the outbuildings.

Grand Rapids—Unless the movement of farmers to the city is immediately arrested America will be importing food from other countries within the next five years, says the secretary of the Western Michigan Development Bureau.

Charlotte—Mrs. Eva Martens of Nashville attempted to ford Quaker Brook, swollen by spring floods. The buggy upset throwing Mrs. Martens and her small son into the water. She was able to save herself and the small boy. A crate of eggs was rescued with only one egg broken.

Kalamazoo—Judge Weimer in circuit court has decided it is cruel for a wife to refuse her husband a kiss upon his return from France. Benjamin Edwards sought a divorce on such grounds. After taking the case under advisement for several weeks, the court ruled the wife's conduct constituted extreme cruelty and granted the former soldier a divorce.

Big Rapids—While preaching in the Rushfield church, Rev. A. Howlett of Lakeview was struck by a bolt of lightning. Members of the congregation carried his stiffened body outside of the church to a pool of water. After immersion in the water the minister regained consciousness two hours later and will recover. His left side was badly burned.

Albion—Twenty-two men have been canvassing Calhoun County for membership in the Farm Bureau. Of 2,400 farmers in the county nearly 2,200 joined.

Detroit—Louise Muhlbach, 16-month old daughter of Alois, died of poisoning. The child chewed the end of a broom handle, the varnish dissolving and causing an illness which resulted in death.

Houghton—Because of the high cost of entertaining girl friends, students at the Michigan College of Mines have made a compact. It is that no flowers shall be sent girls invited to dances. The penalty is that the student who sends flowers to a girl shall be compelled to dance with her only throughout the evening, other escorts refusing to "trade" dances.