

## THE GRASS LAKE NEWS

### August 1912

#### Archie Rupert Assaulted, August 1, 1912

Last Saturday evening Perry Coppernoll was arrested for assault and battery on Archie Rupert. Rupert and Coppernoll have been at swords point for some time. Coppernoll is accused by some of stealing upon Rupert from behind and assaulting him, and after Rupert was down he kicked him in the face and body. The fight took place in front of Ernst Strassburger's harness shop. It is expected that Coppernoll will stand trial Aug. 6.

#### June Deaths, August 1, 1912, Lansing, Mich.

There were 2852 deaths reported to the secretary of state during June, a decrease of 440 deaths as compared with May and an increase of 251 deaths over the month of June 1911. There were 468 deaths of infants under one year of age; 142 deaths of children aged one to four years; and 890 deaths of elderly persons aged 65 years and over.

Important causes of death were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 178; other forms of tuberculosis, 40; typhoid fever, 42; diphtheria, 32; scarlet fever, 12; measles, 17; whooping cough, 18. There were 5,270 births during June, an increase of 127 births as compared with the month preceding.

#### Prison Escape, Niles, Mich., July 28

Six prisoners gained their liberty by sawing the bars of an outside transom at police headquarters. On account of overcrowded conditions they were put in an outside corridor. Other prisoners locked in cells who witnessed the delivery say the job was done by Charley Harris of Detroit, arrested Saturday night on a charge of drunk and disorderly. The men had been gone several minutes before being discovered, and although the local police and sheriff's forces started a search immediately, none has been captured. They were all awaiting trial for petty offenses.

#### Lifeless Body, Bay City, Mich., August 1

William H. Bishop, aged 25, employed as a lineman by the Michigan State Telephone company, was electrocuted yesterday afternoon, while working on top of a pole. A telephone wire came in contact with the wires of the Bay City Traction Company. Bishop's body hung lifeless on the pole for half an hour before the current was shut off by the firemen. Bishop had been working for the telephone company but a short time. His home is at Coldwater.

#### Local and Personal Items, August 1, 1912

\*The Leoni Gleaners will give an ice cream social at their hall next Thursday evening.

\*The Bowser Medicine Show Co. arrived here Monday morning and pitched their tent on the vacant lot just north of the Grass Lake Elevator.

\*Will Frey, who has been working for Franklin Dwelle, was arrested Monday on a charge of refusing to pay alimony. An adjustment of the trouble has been made.

\*Mrs. Wesley Burchard, who resides at Grey Tower, in some unaccountable manner sustained an impact fracture of the hip, Sunday at her home. Dr. McColgan and Dr. Robinson were called and did all possible for the suffering of the unfortunate lady.

\*The W.F. Shaler Est. is installing a Round Oak furnace and bath room in Mrs. Minnie Clark's home. Mrs. Clark has made other extensive improvements.

\*I bought a quantity of new buggies from a factory at a big discount that are going to make automobiles instead. If you want a buggy, better see me at once. E.J. Foster.

\*Numerous complaints have been made in regard to Canada thistles that have not been cut down. Someone will pay dear for their neglect, as the law is very strict in this matter.

\*What's an aquaplane? Read the ad in this issue telling you what is going to happen at Wolf Lake on Aug. 15. This will be a rare treat for our people as it is something unusual and out of the ordinary. Plan to go.

\*The Congregational Sunday school will picnic at Wolf Lake on Friday, Aug. 2. All families connected with the church or Sunday school are urged to go. The car will be at the church at nine o'clock a.m. returning at six p.m. The fare for the round trip is 15 cents. Children belonging to the Sunday school will have free transportation. Bring a well filled basket, cup, knife, fork and spoon. The tickets will be on sale at the church and Livingston & Clark's on the 9:00 and 9:45 cars.

\*Archie Davis is excavating for a cellar and expects to begin building in a short time.

\*During the storm last Tuesday afternoon lightning struck the residence of Edmund Detlor entering through the door-bell and knocking off some of the plastering.

\*Melville Fowler is a champion fisherman. Wednesday morning he caught three bass, one weighing three pounds and a number of smaller ones. It was certainly a fine catch.

\*Miss Alice Chappell is suffering from scarlet fever. Steps are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease and it is hoped that it will be confined to the one unfortunate home.

#### Man Sent to Jackson, Ann Arbor, August 1, 1912

Carl Tessmea, who was convicted in the Washtenaw circuit court of maiming a horse, and whose conviction was this week affirmed by the supreme court, was brought before Judge Kinne and sentenced to two and a half years in Jackson prison. Tessmea's offence was the most brutal ever known in the county. Because a team he was driving last Thanksgiving balked at the foot of the hill, he beat one of his horses with a fence rail, and then tying a strap about its tongue, pulled the tongue out by the roots. Then he drove the team 25 miles, at the end of which one horse dropped dead of exhaustion and the one he had maimed had to be shot.

#### A Costly Human Act, August 1, 1912

About a year ago when he gave up his farm, J.E. Howe of Flint sold a team of old work horses that he had raised from colts. He sold the horses for \$100 with written agreements, signed by witnesses, that the purchaser should keep the animals in as fat and good-looking condition as he received them. A clause in the contract gave Howe the privilege of buying back the animals at the same price as he sold them, in case there was any violation by the purchaser. Several days ago, Howe discovered that the man to whom he had sold the horses was working them so hard that they were getting very poor and had

sores on their shoulders. He demanded the horses back, but the man who had them refused to give them up. Howe then went to Sheriff Parkhurst and showed him the contract. After reading the document the sheriff went out with Howe to the farmer's home and advised the man to sell them back. The man gave up the horses after Howe had paid him \$100. The purchaser then found a neighbor who agreed for \$5 to shoot the animals and bury them.

#### Reforming the Rural School, Lansing, August 5, 1912

Agriculture becomes a required study in every primary school district in Michigan this year, according to the new course of study which has been outlined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Luther L. Wright. The legislature gave the superintendent the power of definitely outlining the course of study which must be followed in every district school in the state. Before it was optional. On account of the lack of preparation on the part of teachers, Supt. Wright only requires one-half year of intensive study with a text-book, this to be given in eighth grade. In addition to this intensive study, a course in nature study, beginning in third grade and advancing through school and home gardening, crop planting and allied subjects is recommended as most desirable supplementary work.

#### Struck By Pitchfork, Hudson, Mich., August 3, 1912

Glenn Frazier, who has been working for Orlando Parks this season, was serious and perhaps fatally injured Friday afternoon while employed on the farm one mile east of the Brown schoolhouse. He was working in the hay mow, and when through, threw the pitchfork down and, after descending the ladder part way, jumped backward and impaled himself on the pitchfork handle, tearing internal organs and causing terrible injuries. He was carried to the Park's home and Drs. Nelson and Spaulding were called, relieving him as much as possible. His parents were notified, and came by auto from Raisin Center. The young man was taken to the Lake Shore train to be taken to Bixby hospital, Adrian.

#### Local and Personal Items, August 8, 1912

\*Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Bohne of Francisco will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Thursday afternoon at their home in Francisco. This aged couple have a host of friends who will rejoice with the immediate relatives that they have been spared to see fifty years of wedded life. While they have endured hardships and privations through these long years, to-day they only look upon the bright and happy years spent in each others companionship and feel that life was most pleasant. May this worthy couple live to see many happy years is the wish of their many friends.

\*W.L. Wolf, who lives with his son Will on East Main street, is reported to be critically ill.

\*I am now ready to supply your wants in white and light colored pressed Felt Hats; also the latest new white trimmings. Mrs. A.M. Walker.

\*Prof. Dorr, who will superintend our school the coming year, is here with his family looking for a house to live in. Not an empty house in town and several parties looking for a place to rent. Why don't some of our monied citizens build a few more houses to rent? We believe it would be a good investment.

\*Our bins are full of the best lump coal we ever had. Won't you try some. E.J. Foster

\*Wouldn't it be a nice thing for our merchants to give an old fashioned picnic to the people of our vicinity. Close their stores to go to Wolf Lake or some other place and enjoy a day of recreation and extend an invitation to everybody. Make a family gathering of it. Let friends meet and enjoy themselves. Think this over. Let all join hands and make a merry day of it, free from labor and worry.

\*Several from Leoni attended a reunion of the Leoni Girls' Association at Wolf Lake.

#### Brooklyn Man Drowned, August 8, 1912

Considerable of the sensation attended the visit of a party of Adrianites to Brooklyn on Sunday inasmuch as they assisted in locating and recovering the remains of George Ryer, who was drowned in the millpond. The group from Adrian strolled the millpond and spied a large pickerel, which had been caught and placed on a stringer, and of course, they admired it and talked of taking possession, and commented also on the fact that a fishpole with no owner in sight for the pole or fish was noticed in the water. Some of the party drew the pole from the water and baited the hook afresh. A chair close by indicated where the fisherman had been at work. Then they wandered on and in about five minutes a woman appeared and wanted to know if they had seen the fisherman but they had not, and joined with her in the search. Finally reaching down and pushing the grass aside in the pond, one of the men saw the skin of a foot glisten through a hole in a rubber boot, and soon after the body had been secured, death having occurred about an hour before. Mr. Ryer was about 26 and was subject to poor spells, and had dropped off into the millpond when one of the spells came on.

#### Local and Personal Items, August 22, 1912

\*Mrs. Lydia Lockwood and Mrs. Olga Greenwood were guests of Mrs. John Haselschwardt in Sharon on Friday.

\*A horse belonging to L. Silveus was badly cut by barbed wire Sunday night.

\*Mrs. McVay spent last Friday with her sister-in-law at the Chelsea M. E. Home.

\*Ezra Moeckel and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl born Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*What about waterworks? Why not give us fire protection? Some of these days we will not need fire protection as we will all be burned out so why delay?

\*O.D. Somerville brought some of the largest huckleberries to this office we have ever seen and the branches were heavily loaded. They are the fruit of his marsh.

\*Will Snyder, who has been employed at Smith's Grocery in Jackson has severed his connection therewith and is now in Detroit for a short vacation before entering Cleary's Business College. Will is after a business education.

\*Verne Smith of Eaton Rapids made a trip in a small canoe via Grand River to Portage River into big Portage lake making the return trip the same way. This made a fine trip of about 70 miles. Verne is 19 years of age and enjoyed the trip very much.

\*Chas. Schoening, who is building a house just east of town, has his home nearly completed, and last Saturday while the children were playing in the upstairs in the new house, one of them, a little six year old girl, fell through the hole made in the floor for the chimney and fell through to the cellar and strange to say was none the worse for her experience, except for a few slight bruises.

\*C.C. Dorr will leave Friday for New Mexico with a carload of sheep.

\*James McGee, who resides with his son and who is 90 years of age, is suffering from an attack of whooping cough.

Notten Reunion, August 22, 1912

One of the pleasantest events of the season took place at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Elert Notten at Francisco on August 17<sup>th</sup> when one-hundred and fifty relatives gathered there. After a sumptuous dinner the relatives were called to order and organized an annual reunion to be known as Notten Family Reunion. Fred Notten was appointed chairman and Rena Notten, secretary. The following program was carried out: Music, Notten's band; remarks, Fred Notten; address, Rev. George Nothdurft; recitation, Edna Waltz; solo, Kathryn Notten; music, men's quartet; recitation, Katie Reimenschneider; music, men's quartet; music, America by all present.

After the program the married men and boys engaged in a baseball game in which the boys were victors. The older relatives and ladies talked over old times and some interesting things were told of the pioneer ancestors of the family. William Notten, great grandfather of the present generation was father of twin boys, John and Elert, born in 1802. Leaving the old world in early manhood they came to new York where Elert joined the guards and was often sent against hostile Indian tribes. John was a sailor making many voyages to foreign ports. Finally leaving New York, John came to Michigan putting up at Faulkner Inn near Grass Lake. Walking northeast across country near the farm which later became his, he was followed by a pack of wolves which he kept at bay with a heavy stick. In 1835 John and Elert took up the land from the government which now belongs to Henry Notten and part of Elert Notten's farm.

Many more interesting stories were told of these brave hardy men who were known for many miles around. Mention should be made of John William Notten now residing in Ventura, Cal., and William Notten, deceased, who served their country during the Civil war. At a late hour the relatives took their departure declaring they had not spent so happy a day in years. The reunion next year will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Notten. Relatives were present from Hastings, Woodland, Stockbridge, Root's Station, Munith, Chelsea, Lima, Grass Lake, Waterloo and Easton Rapids.