

**FEBRUARY 1917**  
**GRASS LAKE NEWS**

**Grass Lake to Have Own Library** Feb. 1, 1917

Rev. Wm L.B. Collins, State Manager of the Howland Library Association of Cincinnati, has been in town this week in the interest of a movement to establish a public library. The plan has met with the cordial support of the leading citizens of the town and Mr. Collins told a representative of the NEWS that the library was an assured success. The library exchange will be located at the Bell Telephone Co. and Mrs. Elsie Cottrell will be the librarian. Members of the local association can take their books back to the exchange Friday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 and have them exchanged for new books.

The Howland Libraries are established for the express purpose of cultivating a taste for the best books, and it has the hearty endorsement of the influential citizens in every community where they have been established. The NEWS is glad to endorse this movement and do all it can to push the good work along; and it urges the public-spirited citizens to co-operate with each other in making the library the big success it deserves to be. Persons wishing to join the association can leave their names at the bank, at the Bell Telephone office with Mrs. Fox or see Mrs. Cottrell, the librarian. The cost of membership, including the price of one book, and the total cost of running the library for one year is \$1.87 per person.

**A Pleasant Meeting** Feb. 1, 1917

Sixteen members of the East Side W.C.T.U. of Jackson met last Thursday with Grass Lake Union, who furnished refreshments at the home of Rev. Pollock's, fifty-two being present. East Side Union furnished the following program: Opening exercises followed by a reading, Mrs. Lucy Logan; Vocal solo, "White Ribbon", Miss Ruth Dewey. Miss Dewey's songs were greatly appreciated, as evidenced by the encores she responded to. Paper, "The Power of the Press", Mrs. C.C. Dewey. She told how the newspapers had grown from very small beginnings to be one of the greatest factors in the world; how James Gordon Bennett was the first editor to use illustrations. Advertisers were alert to see the power of the newspapers. The telegraph and telephone made their power known in gathering news. Years ago one pair of arms could only pull a few copies from the press in an hour. One now can do the work of five with a typesetting machine. The paper was one of the very best, along the lines of progress, for which she gave the press the credit.

Address on Suffrage—Mrs. A.S. Blagdon. By her earnest and convincing talk, we are confident she must have won many to her way of thinking. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed and we hope the reciprocity day programs will be continued.

(Linda Note: W.C.T.U. definition from Wikipedia—"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an active temperance organization that was among the first organizations of women devoted to social reform with a program that linked the religious and the secular through concerted and far-reaching reform strategies based on applied Christianity." It was formed in 1874. Temperance—"Moderation or self-restraint in action, statement, etc.; self-control; habitual moderation in the indulgence of a natural appetite or passion, especially in the use of alcoholic liquors." Also, a refresher on "suffrage"—"the right of women to vote in elections.")

**Obituary—Mary Jane Longstreet** Feb. 1, 1917

Mary Jane Dennis was born April 19, 1841 in Yates county, New York. She married Royal Call in 1860. He died in October, 1873. Of this union one son was born, John Call, of Jackson, Mich. In November, 1874, she married H.H. Longstreet. He died Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1916. To this union two children were born, Frank T. Longstreet of Jackson, and Fred A. Longstreet, who lives on the home place in Waterloo township. Two step-children, Chas. R. Longstreet of Jackson, and Mrs. Etta L. Standish of Stockbridge, survive. The immediate cause of Mrs. Longstreet's death was pneumonia, with complications of heart trouble. She was a woman of amiable disposition and had many friends. The funeral was held in the family residence on the west side of Portage Lake Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was had in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Rev. W.A. Cutler, pastor of the Congregational church at Grass Lake, officiating.

**Local & Personal** Feb. 1, 1917

Ads: Wolverine Chemical Closets—No Water, No Sewer, Odorless and Sanitary—T.B. Jones.

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Reduction Sale of Men's and Boy's Overcoats and Winter Suits. Mackinaw Coats and Sweaters, Flannel Blankets. Rugs—Room size Rugs in Axminster and Tapestry Brussels, sizes 9 x 12 and 11-3—6 at big reductions in price during this sale. FOSTER BABCOCK.

Sleighting Time—Find us well prepared with Cutters and Bob Sleighs. If you contemplate buying, I am sure you will make it pay you to see us before buying. E.J. FOSTER. Grass Lake. Michigan

EAR CORN. Have a Car. Call us if you need some. FEEDS—Bran, Middlings, Sucrene, Larowe Feed, Gluten, Cotton Seed and Hog Feed. GRASS LAKE ELEVATOR Co. Clarence E. Wolfinger, Mgr. Home phone 17. Bell 5.

Mr. Couch Dorr, Poor Commissioner for Washtenaw county, was looking after a poor family which moved to Flint this week.

T.B. Jones, John Rohrer, D.E. Carpenter and Dr. Palmer were among those who attended the Detroit Auto Show in Detroit last week.

Miss Cassida, Miss Ethel Cowden, Miss Alva Sova, Miss Esther McCall, and Miss Laura Eschelbaugh were among those who heard the Boston Symphony concert at the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor last Friday evening.

Dr. Faye Palmer, who recently returned from the Mexican border as First Lieut. Of the 31<sup>st</sup> Michigan Regiment, resumed the practice of dentistry in Grass Lake Tuesday and will be found each day at his office in the Teufel Block.

On Thursday afternoon, Jan. 25, the L. L. girls enjoyed a sleigh ride to Alda Henderson's. The hostess had various games planned for entertainment which were carried out in a very pleasant way. At 6 o'clock an elaborate supper was served after which the girls departed, each declaring the hostess an excellent entertainer.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock Rev. W.A. Cutler officiated at the funeral of Patrick O'Brien at Michigan Center. The interment was at Woodland cemetery in Jackson. At the close of the burial service an automobile was in waiting that took him cross country to Mrs. Longstreet's funeral on the west side of Portage lake in Waterloo township, which was at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Then he got back to Grass Lake in time for his mid-week service at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On Saturday quite a serious fire started in the Patchen Candy store. The fire department was called out and heroic work saved the building.

Sharon—The children of Mr. and Mrs. Esch are confined to the home with the mumps. Esther Troltz and Clarence Troltz and Clarence Troltz and wife of Jackson were home Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lewis Troltz.

Southeast Grass Lake—It is reported the Hookway farm has been sold to Chelsea parties. Bert Teeples has bought several cords of wood of Lew Price and is getting ready to buzz.

South Fishville—Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nocolas spent a number of days with Harry Coppernoll and family and Wm. Curtis and family and O.O. Curtis and family.

Bessie Lake—Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Alger called on Mr. and Mrs. Brower on Tuesday evening. The time was spent in pedro-playing. Sam Lutz dropped in during the progress of the game and said he considered Clayton a good pedro-player.

Sylvan—H.W. Hayes attended the school officers and teachers' meeting at Ann Arbor. H. Grabemeyer of Dowagiac was in this vicinity last week and purchased three shorthorn heifers of H.W. Hayes.

Munith—G.H. Mayer is preparing to build a new garage in the spring. The funeral of Mrs. John Lantis, an old resident, was held at her late home Tuesday, January 30, at 1 o'clock. Interment in the Pixley cemetery. Mrs. May Snyder Dooling has sold her farm at the Corners and expects to locate near Big Rapids.

### **Michigan Brevities** February 1917

Ann Arbor—T. Dewitt Henning, who escaped jail here last October while awaiting trial on a charge of passing forged checks, and who was caught in Cincinnati, told of the easy time he had getting away. He had saws concealed upon his person when arrested, he says. After escaping at about eight o'clock in the evening, Henning says he went to the public library and read for an hour and then went to a local roller rink and skated for an hour. He walked to the city limits after that and took an interurban car to Ypsilanti city limits, walked through the city, took the next car to the city limits on the other side of the town and rode to Detroit.

Alpena—William Chatalol, thirty years old, of Onaway, was killed, and Frank Hughes, also of Onaway, was painfully injured when a 12-gauge shotgun discharged as Adam Harscher, who was carrying the weapon, tripped and fell while the men were hunting rabbits. The contents of the gun struck Chatalol over the heart and a few stray pellets of shot struck Hughes in the face and neck. Harscher could with difficulty be prevented from killing himself.

Holland—Arthur Smith, a senior student in Holland high school, proved himself a hero when he jumped into a bobsleigh, crawled to the seat, grabbed the reins and stopped a runaway team of horses. The animals mowed down a hitching post and grocery signs and many children had narrow escapes. The team was owned by Joe Baker, a farmer living east of Holland.

Cadillac—Louis Mabe, a wood cutter, helped Curtis Holland, of whom he had purchased a shack, out of his door with the toe of his boot when Curtis called to collect money due him on the house. Mabe was found guilty of assault and battery and fined. He attempted to draw his wages in advance to meet the fine, but found Curtis had brought garnishment proceedings to collect his debt. Mabe stayed in jail.

Muskegon—All efforts to locate Leslie Bogart, beneficiary of an insurance policy taken out by Stanley D. Bogart, his brother, a private in Muskegon Company G, 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry, who was drowned in the Rio Grande river, near El Paso, Tex., several weeks ago, have proved unavailing. Bogart lived in Muskegon about two months before enlisting to go to the border.

Grand Rapids—Arnold Osgood bit his tongue nearly off when he fell while coasting. His chin struck the rear of his sled. He is four years old.

Grandville—Removing hogs' teeth is dangerous business Mr. and Mrs. Corydon Cook and Fred Compton believe. All three are taking the Pasteur treatment for rabies as a result of pulling a sick pig's teeth two weeks ago.

### **Local and Personal** February 15, 1917

The Grass Lake Gun club will hold a blue rock shoot Saturday afternoon.

The horse races on the ice Saturday in Grass Lake are creating great interest and there will be a large crowd to witness them. Come and enjoy the sport.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dorr are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday at the home of Mrs. Dorr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rohrer. He has been named Charles Couch Dorr in honor of his grandfather.

Velma Jackson, who has been working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Starr, was taken seriously ill with some form of mental trouble and has been taken back to her home at Grove Hill, Ohio. Friends have heard that she is no better and that she seems to be worrying over a friend who is in the U.S. Navy.

What promised to be a serious fire was discovered by Mrs. E.W. Crafts at their home on East Main street Monday evening. It seemed to have caught from a pipe and was well under way when first seen. A telephone call brought Messrs. Rowe, Sawyer, Cutler and Wolfe, who were first on the scene to fight the flames. They were soon joined by many others and the house was saved.

Dutch Wolfe expects to move his pool and lunch room either into the old bank room or where the Haynes barber shop is now located.

Bronchial coughs are not trifling. They are even menacing if they are allowed to hang on all winter. Foley's Honey and Tar will check them. Sold by Grass Lake Pharmacy.

Horse and Auto racing on Grass Lake ice. Sponsored by Grass Lake Sport Club.

Feb. 25—Last Saturday a large crowd was attracted to Grass Lake to see the horse races on the ice. The weather moderated so much that water stood on the ice and made a poor track but in spite of this handicap the races were spirited and enjoyed. Maurer won

the auto race. Bessie D. won the free-for-all pace and Lewis Alber's mare won the trotting race.

At the Corporation Caucus held Tuesday at the town hall the following ticket was placed in nomination for Village Officers: President—A.W. Davis; Clerk—T. Marrinane; Treasurer—W.K. Crafts; Trustees—Chas. Barnes, Clarence Wolfinger, Will Wolfe; Assessor—Stanley E. Cooper; Village Com.—E.A. Croman, George Preston, T.B. Jones. No ticket has yet been placed in nomination by the Peoples Caucus.

**Michigan News Tersely Told** Feb. 25, 1917

Calumet—Four hundred pupils were saved by fire drill when the Tri-Mountain school south of here was destroyed at a loss of \$15,000.

Cadillac—Several cases of smallpox have developed in Copemish township. Public meetings have been discontinued and the schools may be closed.

Albion—When the farm house of Charles Harris, north of the city, burned to the ground, more than 100 bushels of potatoes stored in the cellar were destroyed.

Bay City—Fire broke out in the Children's home because of a defective chimney. The matron was aroused by a child, and she, in turn, awakened all 30 inmates and escorted them to a place of safety.

Pontiac—Three mothers' clubs remonstrated to the city commission against the proposed amendment of the milk ordinance which would admit pasteurized milk into Pontiac as well as tuberculin tested milk.

Detroit—While prying frozen coal into a chute from a coal car Isadore Becker slipped as the coal loosened in a deluge and was carried with the coal into the chute. When extricated he was dead. Becker was 22 years old

Monroe—Harry Vandeventer of Dundee township, who is alleged to have beat and tortured a donkey to such an extent that it had to be killed, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve 90 days in county jail.

Saginaw—Dr. M.L. Holm, former state bacteriologist, conducted an investigation of chemical contamination of the Saginaw and Tittabawassee rivers in preparation for the commencement of court proceedings against chemical companies along the streams by the state public domain commission.