

**GRASS LAKE NEWS**  
**June, July, August 1913**

**Remain In School** June 12, 1913

Every child in this state under the age of sixteen must be in school or regularly employed, without regard to whether or not he or she has passed the eighth grade, according to an amendment of the compulsory school law, which Governor W. N. Ferris has recently approved. Heretofore those children who had passed the eighth grade satisfactorily were exempt from the provisions of the law regardless of their age. Beginning August 15, any child claiming exemption on account of having passed the eighth grade must secure a work permit from the county commissioner of schools or from the graded school superintendent and must be regularly employed at some lawful work if physically able.

**Missionary Meeting** June 12, 1913

On Friday afternoon of last week the ladies of the Missionary Society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Boland and Mrs. Burchard at Grey Tower. About 50 were present. Mrs. Preston was the presiding officer. She gave an exceptionally fine report of the district convention held at Jackson recently. Her concise account of the choicer things said there with occasional touches of humor was appreciated by all present. Mrs. Shaler had charge of the program: The New South West. What impressed the hearers was the astounding present day condition of our Mexican South West—its ignorance, superstition, and vice. The account of the annual pilgrimage of the Penitentes, with its scourging and blood recalled the barbarities of the Mediaeval age, and forced upon all Christian workers the urgency of our Home Missionary frontier work. The day gave the first promise of summer; the spacious lawn at Grey Tower was a spot of rare beauty in its bright coloring of spring flowers and a delightful social hour was enjoyed by all those present.

**Local and Personal** June 12, 1913

The Leoni drum corp was down here Saturday night and made things lively for a short time. Come again, gentlemen.

A jolly crowd of fishermen from Jackson was on the Island, Sunday. A jolly good time was had even if they didn't get any fish.

The D. J. & C are making more and decided improvements in and around their depot on East Main St. A lot of shrubbery has been set out and the grounds will be beautified. But the great question is, when will the depot be opened to the public?

“A good place to live” is the cry sent out from Detroit, but if we can believe the newspapers we would say—Nit. According to paper reports there must be more devilry going on there than in any place we know of. A woman is not safe on the streets there even in the daytime. It looks to us like a good place to stay away from.

The eleventh annual summer camp for boys under YMCA auspices will be held this year at Little Pleasant lake on the Sanford shore, beginning June 30. This promises to be the best camp ever conducted by the “Y”, both from points of interest and the ideal nature of the location. At least one Sunday will be spent at the lake and divine services will be held. A large number of the boys are making their plans to start their vacation in this camp.

The frost Monday morning was the hardest ever known in this section at this time of year. The amount of damage done cannot be estimated at this time.

Miss Vera Bradley and friend, Miss Ethel Ruth of Valpariso, Ind. came home last Thursday. The ladies made the trip in Miss Bradley's car, a distance of 205 miles in 8 hours.

### **Court Scathingly Criticizes Audience** June 1913

Jackson—"Not guilty" announced the foreman of the jury in the case of Joseph Davison, the convict charged with having fired the binder twine warehouse at the state prison, as the 12 men filed in after having been out 35 minutes. There was a round of applause from the audience, which the judge indignantly checked with a wave of his hand and a threat to clear the courtroom. "If I had the men before me who started that I would send them to jail", he declared. "This is a court of justice, not a town hall meeting, and I supposed you had more sense than this. The jury is here to do its duty according to the law, and is not to be applauded for doing so." Davison asked permission of the judge to thank the jurors, but the judge said that it was not necessary, so Davison contented himself with smiling and waving his handkerchief at the twelve men as he was led out to return to his cell at the prison. Davison and three other men have been "in solitary" since the fire last October, but now it is likely they will be returned to their work in the shops.

### **Perry Day Celebration** June 1913

Perry Day is to be officially observed by the schools of Michigan on September 10, the hundredth anniversary of that notable victory of Perry and his fleet on Lake Erie. The importance of this victory to Michigan is incalculable so the department of public instruction is earnestly urging that Perry Day shall be fittingly observed in every schoolroom in the state. It is suggested that the program be of a patriotic theme with suitable tributes to Perry and his heroes predominating. The Michigan legislature at the recent session appropriated \$30,000 toward the million dollar memorial which is being erected at Put-In-Bay.

### **Black Bart to Leave Prison** June 1913

"Black Bart", whose name in the late eighties was a word of terror throughout northern Michigan, will soon be a free man. His 40 years sentence in Jackson prison will shortly expire. Just when the prison doors will open for the once famous desperado will be determined by Atty. Gen. Fellows who has been asked to determine the amount of "good time" coming to Black Bart for exemplary behavior while in prison. Black Bart's real name is Reimund Holzhey. In the early days of the upper peninsula, he roamed the woods, robbing stage coaches and plundering wagons, which were practically the only means of transportation at that time. Sheriffs and federal marshals sought in vain to capture him, and his exploits were heralded far beyond the confines of the state. Finally, he shot a man and was caught and convicted, and in 1889, while less than 25 years old, sent to prison for life. In prison he was incorrigible, and was finally transferred to the hospital for the criminally insane at Ionia. While there an operation on the skull was performed, which apparently changed his whole character. Since that time he has been the mildest of men. (Reminds me of Kesey's book, One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest).

## Local and Personal Items June 1913

Mrs. Emma Kappler of Manchester and Mrs. Lydia Lockwood of Grass Lake were callers in Sharon vicinity last Thursday.

The Junior Reception held at the Casino, Wolf Lake, June 12, was pronounced a success by all in attendance. About eighty banqueted after which Miss Margarete Hayes gave a toast to the Seniors.

Monday the thermometer registered 104 and a number of cases of prostrations are reported throughout the state.

Miss Marion Updike, who resides with her brother on the Updike farm one mile north-west of Grass Lake, while tearing paper from the wall last week one day, fell and dislocated the leg at the knee. It was three hours before Miss Updike was found.

W.K. Crafts and wife and John Malnight and wife of Jackson took an auto trip Saturday going through Jackson, Ingham, Eaton, Barry and Ionia counties. Will says that of all the d--- roads, Jackson county roads beat them all.

The sprinkling wagon is doing duty again with Mr. Mount at the throttle. Automobiles grind the dust of the streets to an impalpable powder which every breeze raises in suffocating clouds, rendering sprinkling an imperative necessity. Besides the water serves to cool the air on sultry days.

The school board has contracted with the following for the ensuing year: A.W. Dorr, Supt.; Vera Haven, Principal; Florence J. Ganiard, high school; Edna E. Dorr; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades; Hazel Martin, Manchester, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades; Ruth Martin, Hillsdale, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades; Merle F. Kenyon, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and kindergarten; music and drawing not yet supplied. The Misses Martins are not related, and both hold certificates from the State Normal (Eastern Michigan University). The board wishes to employ college graduates only. The outlook is very promising for next year.

Last Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock the new barn and store room at the rear of the Home Telephone Co's property was discovered on fire. It was only through the desperate work of our citizens and assisted by the water supply tank that Mr. Wing had installed more as a fire protection than anything else that the flames were extinguished. We hope to see the day when Grass Lake will be protected against fire by a good water system.

Every boy who happens to be born this year runs the risk of being named Woodrow.

Enough time is wasted in this country rolling cigarettes to build the Panama Canal.

There is no poetry in an alarm clock. Give us the robin that sings outside the window.

The new editor's family will occupy the home of Mrs. Fannie Dwelle about the first of August.

Mrs. E.J. Notten, who lives just north of Francisco, is suffering from a badly scalded foot caused by upsetting the tea kettle.

Chas. Hamilton and Will Smalley attended the races at Jackson on Wednesday.

The village council requests that people clean up the alleys and all places needing attention.

It was decided at the Village Council meeting that unless people are more careful about speeding, the ordinance regarding bicycle riding on the sidewalk and speed limit for automobiles, will be enforced.

Roy Wilcox, who works on the farm of L.E. Dwelle, was quite seriously injured Monday while unloading feed from a freight car. The ligaments of his leg were badly torn and sprained.

The intense heat during the past few days caused a sidewalk in Dowagiac to explode, pieces of the cement being hurled nearly fifty feet from the explosion. Water used to cool off the walk with, had in some way leaked down into a crevice in the cement. The intense heat beating on the walk caused steam to form, it is believed, and so great became the pressure on the walk that the explosion followed. Luckily, no one was near the walk when it blew up.

Chas. Pease and family, who recently moved to Grass Lake from Ft. Wayne, are occupying the Carleton house. It is said that Mr. Pease will work on the seed farm.

A.L. Scott, who has been working for Wm. Brady, the contractor on Kendall's barn, fell through the scaffold and struck on his head. He was in a serious condition for a time but recovered sufficiently to return to his home in Jackson.

Dr. Lake wishes to announce that he has a telephone in his residence which is on the same line as the office phone. Office phone is No. 8—2 rings. Residence phone is 8—3 rings.

Rev. C.B. Wilcox, Ph. D., the new editor and publisher of the Grass Lake News, has taken charge of the office and extends greetings to all the patrons of the paper.

### **Horses Blinded** June 1913

That a large number of horses in Chicago have been deliberately made blind to make them more easily managed is the report of agents of Anti-Cruelty society, whose curiosity was aroused. "These horses have been blinded by men who guarantee to purchasers that they will not shy and will not need blinders," said Hugo Krauss, superintendent of the society. "A needle has been jabbed through each retina. The wound is scarcely noticeable, but a horse so treated will never see again. Peddlers in particular desire horses which are quiet, and the blinding of the animals has been put on a commercial basis." In South Water street market 50 horses were found that had been blinded, presumably by this method.

### **Killed, Wounded and Missing** June 1913

The record of automobile and motorcycle accidents in the papers each day reads like the casualties of warfare. Every large city, every day, has its list of killed, wounded and missing—missing ones being the riders and drivers who got away. The total for the whole country, taking in the mishaps in small towns and on country roads, would make a showing like an old fashioned Fourth of July. Juries are beginning to take a hand in the matter in a way that may bring at least a partial remedy. Not long ago a Chicago jury found a driver guilty of third degree murder, and the officials gave out that future offenders would be tried on murder charges. Yesterday a New Jersey man, whose father happened to be an intimate friend of the president, was actually sentenced to a term at hard labor in the state prison for manslaughter. Sentences will make the ordinary careless driver behave better. But there still remains the willfully reckless kind that cares nothing

for laws or other people's safety, and the variety that drives with a mixture of gasoline and booze in their mental carburetors.

### **Most Children Have Worms**

Many mothers think their children are suffering from indigestion, headache, nervousness, weakness, costiveness, when they are victims of that most common of all children's ailment—worms. Peevish, ill-tempered, fretful children, who toss and grind their teeth with bad breath and colicky pains, have all symptoms of having worms and should be given Kickapoo Worm Killer, a pleasant candy lozenge, which expels worms, regulates the bowels, tones up the system, and makes children well and happy. Kickapoo Worm Killer is guaranteed. Druggists sell it, or get it my mail. Price 25 cents. Kickapoo Indian Medicine Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

### **Drowning at Wolf Lake** June 1913

While out fishing in a duck boat Sunday afternoon, James Arthur Fielding, age 18, was drowned in water about thirty-five feet deep at Wolf Lake. In the boat with him was M.L. Lacey, who is working out a string of horses at the fair grounds. Lacey was rescued by George Tubbs and Glenn Pelham with a launch. An insecure grasp on Fielding's fingers by Pelham as the launch passed him lost the last chance of saving his life. Mr. Pelham was lying on the bow of the boat to make a grab for his hand, which was all that was above the water as the launch moved toward him. It was a rather high power boat and although only one cylinder of the engine was working, the launch was running at fair rate of speed. Pelham made a grab for the hand. He caught his fingers, but they were wet and slippery, and he did not get a strong enough hold on the drowning boy to save him. The fingers slipped away and that was the last seen of the boy.

"We were looking for a place to anchor," explained Mr. Lacey after he had been removed to a cottage on the Wolf Lake Wildwood side. "The lake was rough, and while we were looking over the boat to see if we were at the right place, a big wave washed over, filled the boat and it began to sink. We stood in it until we were over our shoulders in water. The last I saw of the boy he was floundering in the water." It was well over toward the west end of the lake where the accident occurred. The water is very deep in that section, but there is a short sand bar, and it was this they were looking for to anchor on. Along about two o'clock when the boy drowned the wind was blowing hard, and the white caps were rolling high.

Mr. Fielding came here from Ontario about six months ago and was residing with his sister, Mrs. Onsted. He was employed at the Michigan foundry. Mrs. Onsted said her brother was a good swimmer, and that he injured the drum of one ear while diving in the Detroit river. It is possible he was stricken with cramps.

### **Michigan State Fair Biplane** July 3, 1913

Owing to the unusual advantages offered by the Michigan State Fair grounds as an aviation field, Eddie Korn, whose great Benoit tractor biplane will give daily exhibitions during the Fair, has consented to carry a passenger with him on every flight. Mr. Korn is a firm believer that the public wants to be convinced of the practicability of the modern

aeroplane. He is under the impression that a demonstration of the feasibility of the biplane for carrying more than the driver is more appreciated by the onlookers than spirals and volplaning and the like. The broad level expanse at the Fair grounds and the unexcelled opportunities for fluttering to the earth in the case of a serious accident makes it an ideal place to give passenger-carrying exhibitions. Then, too, the same level expanse practically eliminates the chances of dangerous air currents interfering with the demonstrations.

“You are going to ask how is it that so many aviators are killed every year if a birdman’s life is comparatively safe. I’ll tell you why. Simply because they were not content with an ordinary flight, and in their confidence they lost control of their machines while executing a fancy spiral of some sort. Carelessness is the cause of two-thirds of the deaths and inferior machines account for a good many of the others. I have always maintained that a powerful engine was necessary for successful operation in the air, to overcome any adverse conditions that may arise from changes in consistency of atmosphere. I have an engine in my biplane which almost makes my exhibitions independent of weather conditions. I don’t have to wait for a calm day in order to perform.”

#### **Poultry Notes** July 3, 1913

- Pekins lay from 120 and 170 eggs a year.
- Forcing for eggs out of season is unprofitable.
- Keep the hens’ nests clean and provide one for every four hens.
- If fowls are compelled to roost in foul and damp houses, it causes illness.
- Sell off your old rooster and get a better one than you ever had from one of your neighbors.
- The chick that is alive ten days after hatching has most of its dangers behind it.
- Laying hens drink a very large amount of water if it is clean and kept constantly before them.
- The old rule of improving the human race while beginning with the grandparents applies also to poultry raising.
- Do not let young birds roost with old hens as they are liable to catch diseases which old hens are subject to.
- A shelf a couple of feet below the roosts is handy to catch the droppings and handy to clean. And don’t forget to clean it.
- A few nails thrown into the drinking pan will give poultry all the iron they need, but they should not be allowed to remain there. Clean the vessels every day.

#### **Country Swelters** July 3, 1913

The hot spell which began last week continues unabated with the thermometer hovering near the one hundred mark. In the cities thousands are sleeping on roofs, porches, in back yards and on sidewalks. Every public park is crowded with people unable to sleep in their homes. There have been many deaths and hundreds of prostrations from heat in the last few days. It has been years since the mortality among infants has been as great. The occasional showers, while welcome, do not bring relief as yet from the heat.

Hot weather hints to save your life: Eat only plain, unseasoned food. Housewives should use their eyes and noses on everything they cook before feeding it to the family. The ptomaine, most deadly of poison baccilli, thrives mightily in this weather. Pasteurize all milk—it is the most dangerous of all foods when it isn't absolutely pure, clean and fresh. Don't place too much faith in that "guaranteed under the pure food law" label. Boil all water that you aren't sure is pure as the breath of heaven.

### **Advertise Michigan** July 10, 1913

Beginning July 1, Michigan is to be actively advertised as a good place to live. A.C. Carton, land commissioner and head of the immigration department, will be the official advertising director of the state with \$10,000 at his disposal. The first effort of the bureau will be directed towards relieving the labor troubles of the farmers in the state. Foreign laborers who land in New York will be induced to come to Michigan. Here they will be given work on the farms. Farmers who desire laborers are directed to write Mr. Carton, informing him how many workers they need, whether male or female, and what the work consists of. The board will also send forth large numbers of circulars describing Michigan lands and urging them upon those who "desire to go back to the soil."

### **Airship Passes Over Grass Lake** July 10, 1913

Did you see the big balloon which passed over us going east Saturday just after dinner? The great bag was one of the four balloons which left Kansas City, July 4, in a long distance race. One was sighted crossing Indiana but this one crossed Lake Michigan and driven by the high wind was making due east. Three of the four balloons starting in the National Elimination Race landed in Michigan. All left Kansas City on July 4. The balloon winning first place landed at West Branch, having traveled 652 miles. Second place was won by the balloon which descended at Goodrich, having traveled 630 miles. The balloon which won third place traveled 615 miles and landed in Manchester. This is the one which passed near Grass Lake and was seen by many people. All of the balloons encountered serious storms as they neared Lake Michigan.

### **Local and Personal** July, 1913

The stork visited the home of Warren Musbach and left a fine boy on June 30.

H.H. Longstreet lost his entire flock of sheep by lightning in Saturday's storm.

Will Coppernoll experienced a peculiar accident this week when he swallowed his false teeth.

Jack O'Connor, while picking cherries, was blown from the tree and sustained severe bruises.

Roy Wilcox, who was severely injured while unloading grain at the depot last week, is so much improved that he has returned to work.

James Green, of Leoni, who is suffering from gangrene in his foot, will be operated upon this week hoping to save his life by the amputation of the diseased member.

One of the prettiest sights about Grass Lake is the chicken yard of Casper Schmidt. In it he has three hundred and fifty Danish White Leghorn chickens. The stock was imported from Denmark and they are certainly beauties.

Dr. Olthouse performed three cryptorchid operations at South Grand Rapids.

The storm that passed through last week did considerable damage on Geo. Dorr's farm southeast of town.

Mrs. Harry Redding sprained her ankle badly this week when she slipped off the back porch.

The splendid auto car of William Boland is handled superbly by his daughter, Miss Gertrude, who is familiar with every detail of the propulsive power of the machine.

The Journal on a couple of steel cars broke Sunday, letting them down on the tracks. The wrecking train came immediately and the tracks were cleared in a few moments.

Last Saturday evening a bicycle belonging to a young man from out of town was stolen from in front of the Jones hardware store.

The storm Sunday afternoon did some damage to the home of A.A. Kennedy, living about 2 ½ miles southwest of here near Wolf Lake. The wind blew down some peach trees, took off part of the rear porch and moved the silo. The lightning struck a few places but no damage was done.

The new silo being built by Porter Shaw near Leoni was blown down by the storm Sunday.

W.A. Shelly is building a large new chimney from the ground up at his home on Main street.

Will Kennedy has purchased two Jersey of the Flying Fox stock from the Blackmar herd at Brooklyn.

Vernon and Dorothy Wolfe left Monday to visit for a week with Mrs. Clyde Lockwood about four miles from here.

John Ellsworth, a traveling salesman of Detroit, says the east cemetery in this village is the handsomest and best kept country cemetery in the Peninsular state.

About twenty telegraph poles were blown down by the Sunday storm, along the Michigan Central tracks just east of Grass Lake, which caused quite a commotion when a passenger train ran into them. The damage was soon repaired.

C.S. Bradley has purchased a new 1913 model Ford Runabout for mail service.

John Harrison reports that he picked and sold 40 bushels of cherries from nine trees. Who can beat this record?

The surveyors began Thursday to survey the state improvement road between Grass Lake and Jackson. This will be a part of the trunk line between Chicago and Detroit.

One hundred and thirty eight Jackson county men comprising companies L and M are at Calumet aiding in quelling the riot of the striking miners. Dr. Faye Palmer, the popular Grass Lake dentist, is among the number. The Jackson companies have each been detached from the regiment and are now guarding the shafts at the Tamarack and Red Jacket mines. M company has been placed on permanent duty at shafts 1 and 2 of the Tamarack mine, where the fires were lighted for the first time tonight and the pumps again placed in operation, which was done without any demonstration being made.

We received the other day a barn book that contains four plans for farm barns—two general purpose barns, a large cow barn and an 8 horse barn. There are full plans, details and printed specifications for building. And it is free; no catch about it.



### **There Should Be More Sheep** July 1913

There should be more sheep on every farm. It is always admitted that a few horses, or a few cattle, a few pigs and some poultry must be kept on every farm because they are necessary and economical—so why not sheep? If the dogs bother the sheep, shoot the dogs. A farmer in southern Illinois told the writer that his flock paid 85.7 per cent on the investment. He said that the lambs each year sell for as much as the mothers cost and that the wool pays the cost of their keep. Each year the flock produces as many lambs as there are ewes. A 100-pound lamb sells for seven dollars, as much as the mother cost. The mother will shear a nine-pound fleece that will sell for \$1.80, and this will pay for the keep of the ewe and the lamb. The average ewe will weigh 120 pounds, and at five cents will bring six dollars, a profit of 85.7 per cent on the investment. Sheep delight to clean up neglected places—in the potato patch, the pig lots, the stubblefield, fence rows and everywhere. In Minnesota it was found that out of 480 kinds of weeds there were only fifty kinds that sheep would not eat.

### **Annual School Meeting Report** July 1913

The Annual School Meeting of the Grass Lake High School, District No. 9, Grass Lake, Jackson county, Michigan, was held at the school house on July 14, 1913, and was called to order at 8 p.m. by the moderator, Dr. James McColgan. The Director's report was then given as follows: To the Patrons of the School and Taxpayers—Your Board of Education report ten months of school the past year. Eight were graduated from the High School and were given diplomas: Ethel Knicherbocker, Ellen Wyer, Florence Baldwin, Beulah Ray, Etta Whipple, Lydia Keobbe, Earl Hayes, David Crouch.

Contracts are made for the coming year beginning Sept. 1, 1913, for ten months for the amount given:

A. W. Dorr, Superintendent	\$1,050.00
Vera Haven, Principal	575.00
Florence Ganiard, High School	575.00
Edna E. Dorr, Grammar	525.00
Ruth Martin, grade	450.00
Hazel Martin, grade	450.00
Merle Kenyon, primary	475.00

Many applications for the position in music are on file, but no contract made as the Board wish this meeting to express itself on the divided issue. Some opine that we should add another teacher, devoting a part of the time to the teaching of music and also teaching drawing and helping in the grade work. Others would drop out music from the school entirely.

### **Receipts**

\$1,299.85	Amount on hand July 8, 1913
611.43	August 15, One mill tax
1,482.55	Fund
25.87	Library
3,000.00	Jan. 16, 1913, General Tax
367.00	Foreign Tuition

11.45	Bank Interest
2.00	Window breakage by pupils
8.00	Diploma Receipts

### **Expenditures**

\$4,200.00	Paid Teachers
360.00	Paid Janitor
20.00	Paid Scavenger
117.21	Paid School House and Grounds
418.30	Paid Coal
9.60	Paid Lights
33.75	Paid Scientific apparatus
20.39	Paid Printing
9.80	Paid Laundry
18.00	Paid Diplomas and lettering
30.00	Rebate on foreign tuition, year 1912
44.93	Paid Library books
99.84	Paid Incidentals and all other bills
1,447.58	Cash on hand July 14, 1913

### **Car Ownership** July 17, 1913

Washtenaw county has one automobile to every 47 inhabitants. These figures come from the secretary of state, who has just completed a compilation, showing the number of automobile tags issued up to June 16, 1913, and the counties to which they have been sent. Up to the first of the month he has issued 47,198 automobile licenses, 13,199 more than were issued in the same period during 1912. Ingham county leads the state with one car to every 41 inhabitants. The population figures are from the 1910 census. Jackson county has 808 licensed automobiles. In the same period the number of motorcycle licenses jumped from 2,029 to 4,775.

### **Seining of Wolf Lake** August 28, 1913

The attempt to seine Wolf Lake of dog fish and other undesirable species made last week was not a success. Owing to the height of the weeds and water plants, the dog fish swam under the nets and the wardens failed to catch anything but bass, which they threw back in. Another attempt to seine the lake will be made in the fall when the weeds will not interfere with the work so much.

### **Drought Hurts Crops** August 14, 1913

While wheat has been a bumper crop all over the country corn and fall crops will be short. The government's August grain report, eagerly awaited because of the reported serious damage to corn from drought and other conditions, has been issued. It shows the condition August 1 as follows:

Corn condition: 75.8 per cent of normal; indicated yield 25 bushels per acre.

Winter Wheat: Preliminary estimate of yield, 16.5; quality 93.7 per cent.

Spring Wheat: Condition 74.1; yield, 12.5.

Heat in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma is unabated, and the United States weather observer here could see no traces of relief either in the form of rain or cooling air currents. The prospect was that yesterday's maximum temperature from 98 to 108 over the three states would be equaled before night fall. Various sections of Kansas are suffering from a failure of water supply. The apple crop in Michigan will be very short. The shipments of apples from Michigan this fall will not be one-quarter as large as they were a year ago.

### **Local and Personal** August 1913

It has now been announced that the Panama Canal will be finished by the first of October. The canal will be completed a year and three months in advance of the promised time. It will be a wonderful achievement, realization of a dream of 400 years.

Prof. Hubert W. Mumford, head of the Animal Husbandry department of the University of Illinois, was a Sunday guest at Grey Tower. Prof. Mumford recently purchased the William Boland farm near Ann Arbor. He has just returned from Brazil and the Argentine Republic where he was sent by the government to look after Live Stock and Agricultural interests.

Harold Chappell entertained eleven of his friends Monday afternoon in honor of his tenth birthday. The boys report having a jolly time and after having refreshments of ice cream and cake returned to their homes wishing Harold many returns of the day. Those present were: Howard Beatty, David Beatty, Oscar Bower, George Brown, Maurice Davis, Harold McCall, Harlan Shelly, Leon Simpson, Charles VanHorn and Weld and Lynn Wolfinger.

C.D. Burlingame, who recently purchased the store at Leoni, has an announcement in this issue. They should have a share of our patronage.

A.R. Beal, a pioneer Dexter merchant who was closely identified with the town in the 1860s when it was a leading wool and grain market, died Sunday morning.

Ford Cars—See Gale Willis, Agent for Grass Lake and Leoni Townships.

E.J. Wolfe, who lives four miles southwest of town, brought to our office a stem of Burbank plums eighteen inches long, which has on it one hundred and ten plums. Can anyone beat that? (Ed Wolfe was my great-uncle, brother of Grandma Lydia Lockwood).

Three double-deck cars of hogs on an east bound Michigan Central freight were found to be suffering intensely from the heat when the train reached this station Saturday, and they were unloaded from the cars, fed and watered, and when reloaded the cars and stock were thoroughly drenched with water from two big lines of hose from the water power plant.—Chelsea Tribune

Mrs. Clarence Trolz was seriously injured this afternoon when the horse which she was holding on Main street ran away and threw her to the street. She was taken to the Dwelle home nearby, where she was cared for temporarily. The horse was uninjured, but the rig was badly smashed.

Mrs. Cynthia Smith, living two miles south of here, has a row of regular southern cotton. The seed was planted May 1. The cotton balls are forming now and the cotton is of a very fine texture.

Twenty cars accommodating the steel gang of the Michigan Central pulled into Grass Lake Monday morning and the men are busy relaying the road bed with new rails.

Already the migration of birds to their southern haunts during the cold term at the north has set in, and as a consequence but few robins, blue birds, bob-o-links and other specie of the feathered tribe, are to be seen about the woods and fields. The blackbirds will soon gather in flocks and take their departure also. It was notable that more robins were seen in this section this year than last, the scarcity last year being attributed to their wholesale slaughter in the rice fields of the south. At Atlanta, Ga., the market was glutted with them, the birds bringing only a cent apiece.