

The Grass Lake News
January-February 1915

Local and Personal

- Leoni: A merry party of young people spent New Years eve at Porter Shaw's. They watched the Old Year in, refreshed by an abundance of pop corn and candy, with a whole lot of fun thrown in for there were over twenty five of them.
- SE Grass Lake: J. Smith is putting down a new well.
- Mt. Hope: E.S. Dunbar of Ann Arbor was in the vicinity last week looking after his farm interests.
- Tim's Lake: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cadwell were pleasantly surprised by a few of their friends Saturday evening. Progressive Pedro was played, the ace prizes were awarded Mrs. O.D. Somervill and George Facey.
- Sharon: Haselschwardt Bros. delivered one hundred fat lambs to Manchester last Monday. Wm. Haselschwardt purchased a fine black team at the auction.
- West Napoleon: The many friends of Mrs. Mary Hatt Strong are glad to learn that she is recovering from the effects of the serious operation she recently underwent.
- North Grass Lake: Misses Lola and Mae and Frost Updike spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Morrissey.
- Monday morning E.W. Hobart sold to Chas. Binder ten steers, which averaged 1,225 lbs. apiece. They were certainly a fine bunch.
- One of the jolly holiday festivities was the watch party given by Miss Fannie Mellencamp at her home southwest of town on New Years eve. A sleigh conveyed the young people to the Mellencamp home and contests and charades helped to furnish amusement during the evening. Dainty refreshments were enjoyed and at an early hour in the New Year and after a short sleigh ride the party returned to the village each declaring that Miss Mellencamp had certainly lived up to her reputation of being one of the best hostesses. Among those present were Misses Anna Wakeman, Marian McConnell, Ruth Dwelle, Marie Carter, Margaret Hayes and Margaret Bell; Messrs. Earl Durbin, Loyal Reynolds, Milton Mills, Warren Haselschwrtd, Willard Rohrer, Harry Myers, Andrew Cole and Clare Bostedor.
- Mrs. P.S. Willis pleasantly entertained her Sunday school class at her home.
- A fine box of fruit sent by George Schatz of Fresno, Cal, was received for Christmas by Mrs. Joseph Schatz and children, Will Schatz of Chelsea and Mrs. Will Hayes of Grass Lake. The box contained peaches, apricots, plums, raisins, figs, oranges, etc.
- L.D. Kenyon of Tecumseh, former clerk in the Hookway store, has a very sore hand as the result of an accident which occurred Tuesday. He was manipulating a meat grinder in a grocery at Tecumseh and in some way caught his hand in the machine. A part of the thumb was completely cut off and there was a large gash in the fore finger.
- Mrs. Earl Allen received during the holidays a box of Oregon "greens" from her brother, Walter Fraser of Cornwallis, Oregon. Among the contents were mistletoe, holly and several kinds of evergreen.

- Rev. Wood will give his popular lecture on “Indians of Michigan and Famous Chiefs I Have Known” at Leoni Friday evening, Jan. 15.
- West Ninevah: Chas. Curtis and Mrs. May Bretelle and Asa Banchard and wife visited Geo. Curtis and family last week.
- Napoleon: Revival meetings are being held at the Baptist church.
- East Napoleon: Elmer Fransted and wife spent the weekend in Jackson.
- Mt. Pleasant: J.K. Glenn and Harold Glenn attended the meeting of the Home Guards in Jackson Monday evening.
- B.J. Goldsmith and family who have worked on the Wolfe farm have moved onto the W.J. Gauss farm at Wolf Lake.
- Farmers around here have started to fill their ice houses.
- Waterloo: The Swastika Club met with Will Artz and wife New Years eve.
- Ninevah: Several men from this vicinity are working on the ice in Norvell.
- Prospect Hill: Harry Lammon and wife spent a few days last week visiting Chas. Mount and wife of Waterloo.
- Sylvan: Wm. Eisenbeiser purchased a horse in Ypsilanti Monday.
- Fishville: Nathan Fish entertained at a New Years dinner Chas. Hickman and wife of Grass Lake and son, Ray, E.S. DeVerna and daughters, Helen and Inez, and Leonard DeVerna and wife.
- Warren Haselschwardt left Sunday for Topeka, Kan. where he will work for the Royal Baking Powder Co.
- Mrs. Gertrude Lemm has been acting as supply teacher in the 5th and 6th grades during the absence of the teacher, Miss Ruth Martin.
- Come friends, and let us work together for the good of the Farm, Home and School. The Farmers’ teachers’ and pupils’ institute for Jackson county will be held in several locations during January. The topics to be discussed are Farm, School and Rural Life. The principal speakers are Agricultural, Hon. A.M. Berridge; and Educational, Dr. E.C. Lindeamn and Dr. E.L. Grover.
- Special Notice: After January 20, I will take taxes at Grass Lake Laundry on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week only. C.F. Kalmbach, Treasurer.

Kelly-Farr wedding Jan. 21, 1915

Another happy couple was launched out on the sea of life together when Mr. Clyde G. Kelly and Miss Nellie Farr became husband and wife. The solemnization took place at the spacious home of the bride’s aunt, Miss Sarah Allen, on the Wm. H. Clark farm, Thursday, Jan. 14, when promptly at high noon, as Mendelssohn’s Wedding March was played by Mrs. Wm. Wolfe, the wedding couple accompanied by Miss Ethel Allen as bridesmaid and Mr. John Kelly, brother of the groom acting as best man, took their place under a bower of evergreen where in the presence of about forty guests the ceremony was performed by Rev. H.R. Beatty. The bride was becomingly dressed in white voile and carried a large bouquet of white roses while the groom wore the conventional colors. Immediately after the ceremony the guests sat down to a bountiful dinner with Mrs. Frank Glenn as caterer. Guests were present from Jackson, Wayne, Michigan Center and Grass Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly left for a

wedding trip to Albion and other Michigan points and will be at home to their friends on the Elnora Clark farm, March 1.

Horns Not Needed Jan. 21, 1915

Except in cases of cattle that are to be used for exhibition purposes all dairy animals should be dehorned. In the wild state cattle needed horns for protection, but in the present state of domestication horns serve no useful purpose and are a source of considerable annoyance. On the adult animal the horns may be removed by the use of the saw or clipper. In either case the cut should be close enough to the head to leave a ring of hair on the part that is removed, otherwise there is likely to be a stubby growth of horn appear in the course of a year or two. The best and least cruel method of removing horns is by means of an application of caustic potash to the horn buttons while the calf is from one to four days old. The hair is carefully clipped from the button and the moistened end of a stick of caustic potash is then rubbed on the spot until the skin bleeds slightly. Care should be taken to prevent the liquid caustic from running off the button, but if only a small amount is rubbed on there will be no danger from this source. If the caustic has been properly applied there will be a dent in the skull where the button appeared and no horns will develop.

Ford Cars Jan. 28, 1915

Henry Ford of the Ford Motor Car Co., Detroit, has announced that a European nation, the identity of which he kept secret, had ordered 40,000 cars for immediate shipment. Ford admitted that despite the money utilized in the profit sharing plan in force in his factory, his annual profits last year were \$25,000,000 or \$28,000,000. The Ford concern, he said, is a close corporation controlled by eight people with a nominal capitalization of \$2,000,000. The machines will be used in military operations, he said.

Michigan News Briefs February 1915

- Hilda Rowell, aged 2, of Kalamazoo, died from burns sustained when she tipped over a pan of boiling water.
- The voters of Munising have decided to adopt the commission form of government. There will be a mayor and two commissioners.
- Mrs. Elizabeth S. Perkins, 79, the oldest Saginaw-born resident, died Friday night. She was born in a part of the old Saginaw fort when there were only 12 white families here.
- Finding a revolver in the house while his mother was away from home, Raymond White, of Crosswell, 14 years old, accidentally shot himself in the head and was fatally injured.
- Henry Like, living near Portland, has accepted an offer of \$250 from the National Museum of History at New York for the mastodon's tooth found by him on his farm last May.
- John Muresan, 40, accidentally killed himself while hunting near Ovid Sunday. His gun was discharged when he stumbled in a hole, the charge entering his heart and causing instant death. Muresan had planned to send for his wife, who remained in Rumania when he came to this country two years ago.

- It is now practically certain that the Petit Salt Co., of Milwaukee, will either this year or next, erect a million-dollar salt plant near Ludington. Ludington already claims to be the largest salt-producing city in the U.S.
- Peter Alverson Wisley, said to be the last real “Son of the Revolution”, is dead at Mt. Pleasant. He was born in 1827 when his father, James W. Wisley, who served throughout the Revolutionary War, was 69 years old.
- The Thomas Canning Co. of Grand Rapids, will establish a branch pickle factory in Ovid, farmers in the vicinity having agreed to raise 100 acres of cucumbers.
- An oil well producing seven barrels of oil daily has been “shot” on the Henry May farm near Port Huron by an eastern drilling concern. The company has struck oil in small quantities at several spots on the farm, but this is the largest yet found.
- James Wellwood, a retired farmer who has lived at a \$4 per week hotel at Cadillac for two years, died at the local hospital Friday night. Two days previous he made his will, leaving all of his estate, worth more than \$5,000, to the socialist party.
- Mrs. William B. Gorsline, 25 years old, a well known school teacher of Battle creek, was found dead by her husband on his return home Monday. She was overcome by fumes from a leaking gas stove while taking a bath.
- Rev. T. Augustus Reed, stepfather of Charles Kimbrough, the Negro accused of killing Rose Laundry, eight years old at Saginaw, has issued an appeal to Negroes of the state for contributions to Kimbrough’s defense fund. Rev. Mr. Reed declares Kimbrough is being persecuted.
- Brook trout are being observed by the Calhoun Medical association in an effort to find the cause of goitre. A census of all goitre sufferers in Battle Creek is being taken.
- Prof. A. E. Curtis of Adrian, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy Wednesday morning while trying to save books from his library during a fire which practically destroyed his home, died that night without regaining consciousness.
- “Dead Man’s Crossing” at Kalamazoo Saturday claimed A.C. Forsythe, of Pontiac, as another victim, the man being instantly killed while trying to cross in front of a Michigan central passenger train. His head was severed from his body and only small portions of it could be found. Not until a card was found showing his membership in the Moose Lodge, Pontiac, was his identity made known. He came to Kalamazoo about two weeks ago.
- A mental and physical standard for all workmen will be established by the Palms-Anvil Mining Co., which will open a new mine employing 1,000 men at Bessemer within a few weeks. The purpose of the rule is to make the operation of the state workmens’ compensation law less severe for employers.
- Twelve students enrolled for the first course in aeronautics ever given at the University of Michigan.
- James Gordon, a grocer, and his wife of Homer, narrowly escaped death when their store was destroyed by fire, believed of incendiary origin, at 3 a.m. Monday. The Gordons occupied rooms over the store and their loss includes valuable papers and considerable money. Charles Bunnell’s clothing store, Schumaker’s restaurant and the Raby barber shop were also destroyed.

- The monthly mortality report of the Secretary of State's office gives the number of deaths in the state during January as 3,237, as compared to 5,904 births. There were 570 deaths of infants under one year of age, and 1,137 deaths of persons 65 and over. There were 161 deaths from tuberculosis of the lungs, 313 from pneumonia and 192 from cancer.

Republican Club February 18, 1915

In answer to the call of the township committee, the Woodman Hall was crowded Wednesday evening by Republicans who gathered for a lunch and smoker. The situation was canvassed, speeches were made and enthusiasm ran high. E.A. Croman, chairman of the township committee, presided. Such was the intense enthusiasm of the meeting that a township republican club was organized with the following officers: Pres., C.B. Wilcox; sec'y, Frank Shelly; treas., Henry Mellencamp. These three officers with the members of the republican committee, will form the executive committee and will push the campaign in Grass Lake township.

Democratic County Convention February 18, 1915

The Democratic county convention was held at the council chamber in Jackson for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention. Delegates elected from the townships were: At large—E.J. Marrinane, Grass Lake; Bert Blair, Rives; George Facey, Grass Lake; Arthur Landon, Springport; William Ford, Tompkins. From the townships: Blackman, Lewis Forner; Concord, Edward Hungerford; Columbia, William Randall; Grass Lake, Nelman F. Wing; Henrietta, Charles Murray; Hanover, O.P. Richards; Leoni, M.L. Noon; Napoleon, Fred Andrews; Norvell, Howard Schofield; Pulaski, Frank Howard; Parma, Walter Hobbins; Summit, Verne Badgley; Sandstone, Floyd Anderson; Springport, Samuel McClellan; Spring Arbor, George Wheeler; Tompkins, George Hawkins; Rives, Edward Lee; Waterloo, Charles Vicary; Liberty, William Choate.

Bull Moose County Convention February 18, 1915

A mass convention of the progressive party of Jackson county was held in room 404 of the Dwight block last week Tuesday afternoon. Following is the list of delegates chosen to represent Jackson county and the state convention: Norvell, L. Whitney Watkins; Fifth Ward, Frank Wilcox; Hanover, Alfred Folks; Second Ward, Wm. F. Ward; Grass Lake, A.N. Sova; Fourth Ward, Wilcox and Stephens; Third Ward, M.E. Kinney; First Ward, Reasner and Beebe; Summit, Arthur VanGeison and H.F. Probert; Concord, W. Wallace Heath; (several more Jackson wards); Grass Lake, E.M. Sanford and J.F. Rohrer and S.D. Craft; Norvell, L.M. Harris; Columbia, Joseph North; Leoni, M.J. Draper.

Deadly Barb Wire February 18, 1915

It has remained for an American to devise the most murderous form of fortification that can be used in the present European War (The Great War, The War to End All Wars, years later renamed, World War I). Since the latest inventions in big siege guns have made ordnance fortifications not only useless but death traps to their garrisons, barbed wire entanglements have come into general use to hold the enemy at bay.

But where was the kind of barbed wire necessary for this work to be found? A Kokomo, Indiana, manufacturer has answered the question to the satisfaction of some of

the nations at least. A plant at Kokomo manufacturing wire has just completed special machinery for turning out a murderous type of barbed wire for use in the European war. The special wire has barbs more than an inch long, wound on a one-eighth-inch steel rod. The barbs are placed in sets of four at one-inch intervals along the steel core, the points standing out at right angles. The barbs are sharper than those on the usual barbed wire and are capable of inflicting severe injury to a horse or man. In spite of the size of the core rod the wire is flexible to a remarkable degree and is wound on ordinary reels for shipment. The local company expects to turn out immense quantities of this special wire in the near future.

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- John Klumpp and Ben Washburne still hold the championship as “euchre players” of Sharon. Some of their neighbors are almost frantic over being defeated, especially “Hank and Clifford”. The other evening three of Jackson counties’ experts ventured over the line only to sorrowfully return home at a late hour without their scalps. Isn’t it strange why so few understand scientific euchre playing? Who next? Come try again.
- Every fellow and his best girl will be at the oyster eat.
- The Buell Auto Co. received another car load of Dodge Bros. cars on Tues.
- Mrs. J. Graham left Tuesday to join her husband in Deadwood, Dak., where Mr. Graham holds a fine position as sup’t of the gas plant in that city.
- The Buell Auto Co. have sold 46 Dodge Bros. cars. Among those who bought last week were Geo. J. Bower, David R. Cohen, A.J. Cummings, R.P. Cooper and J.M. Horning.
- At the M.E. church on Wednesday evening, March 3, 1915, a big oyster supper will be served. You are invited to attend a supper which will be furnished by the members of the Unity Class and served by the Business Men’s Class from 5:30 to 8:00. At 8:00 you will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rogers, instrumentalists, Mrs. Eugene Carter, reader, Ladies’ Quartet and Miss Hannah Cochrane, soloist. Supper and entertainment 30 cents. Entertainment 15 cents.
- Waterloo: A sleigh load of young people from here attended the Valentine social at the 1st U.B. church at North Waterloo Friday night.
- Sharon: The box social held last Friday evening for Dist. No. 9 netted about \$26.00. Bernis O’Neil sold the boxes and did extremely well for an amateur.
- Waterloo: Leonard Loveland entertained last week his sister of Greenville and brother of Galesburg.
- Munith: “Bill” Huttenlocker of Waterloo has been in this vicinity the last week threshing beans and buckwheat.
- Waterloo: Freemont Rappelye was quite seriously injured Saturday when his horses became frightened and ran away, throwing him from the buggy in which he was riding. One of the horses was hurt in such a manner that it bled to death.
- The races scheduled on the ice for Saturday had to be postponed on account of the ice thaw.
- Miss Ethel Cowden, Oliver Haynes, Mrs. C.B. Wilcox and Margaret Bell heard the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

- Joe Quigley, who has been suffering from a severe cold for some time, is very much improved.
- Rev. H.R. Beatty conducted services at the German M.E. church at Francisco.
- Miss Fadelia St.John underwent an operation for the removal of the tonsils and adenoids Saturday afternoon at Dr. Lake's office.
- G.W. Foster was in Chicago last week attending the Style Show and purchasing their spring merchandise.
- Norman Davis was elected Vice President of the Jackson County Farmer's Club.
- Mrs. Geo. Watkins had the misfortune to drop a flat iron on her foot last week injuring it badly. She is however, recovering nicely.