

## GRASS LAKE NEWS

### January 1916

#### Michigan News Briefs

The quarantine again has been ordered on Saginaw dogs by the state live stock sanitary commission because of recurrence of rabies.

Arthur Marcelle, 36, a cage conductor of the Brier Hill shaft at Norway owned by the Pennsylvania Iron Mining Co., absent mindedly walked into the shaft thinking the cage was at the landing and fell 1,000 feet to his death.

While Gust Meyer and John Boman were building a fire in their room in a Bessemer boarding house they poured some oil on it. The house caught fire and while Meyer escaped through a window, Boman was overcome and burned to death.

Chemists at the laboratory of the Dow Chemical company at Midland have developed a process for making indigo blue dye. This week a half-ton shipment was sent to the Pacific Mills, at Lawrence, Mass. This is believed the first manufacture of this dye on a commercial scale in the country.

Paid for chiefly by penny contributions by the 7,000 children of Jackson, a \$125 diamond ring was Christmas morning presented to Edward Cummings, city superintendent of schools, who shot himself accidentally some days ago while cleaning his shotgun. The physicians have pronounced Mr. Cummings out of danger.

Michigan Central railroad has spent \$30,000 in the last few weeks enlarging the track facilities of the Jackson yards. The action was taken after the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce represented to officials that the yard facilities were insufficient to take care of the freight and local manufacturers were complaining.

The body of Jacob Shirts, 82, who wandered from his home at Laingsburg Friday night, was found Monday covered by snow near the Michigan Central tracks north of that village. It is believed he lost his way in the storm and was struck by a passenger train.

Miss Amy Nicholls, 15 years old, is dead at her home in Hawks, Presque Isle county, from injuries received Halloween when, on leaving a party, she was tripped by some unidentified person. The fall injured her spine and she had been confined to her home.

Herman, 8-year-old son of George Phickey, Ashley farmer, was instantly killed and his parents both so critically injured that their recovery is a matter of doubt, late Saturday, when a team of horses driven by Phickey ran away and collided with a motor car on the Ann Arbor railroad. As the party approached the crossing on the Ann Arbor road, the horses became frightened. They rushed on the tracks directly in the path of the electric which had no time to stop. The boy was killed instantly, as was one of the team.

Detroit's 15<sup>th</sup> annual auto show takes place January 15 to 22. In addition to the brand new 1916 model fresh from the New York show and the unusual decorative scheme, one of the features of the Detroit auto show will be a good roads exhibit. Owing to the wide interest in the good roads movement, the proposed highways running north and south on either side of the state and cutting across to the lake Michigan shore, also the famous Wayne county road system now being copied in foreign countries, it is expected that the exhibit will attract many of the visitors during show week.

**Local News** January 6, 1916

Rev. Wood has been extended an invitation by the Baptist Society of this village to remain as their pastor.

The Senior class gave a party at the home of Wilma Carter on New Years eve. The evening was spent playing games and making resolutions for 1916.

A private dancing party was given New Years night at the Wells Hall by a number of young people of Grass Lake. All enjoyed the evening especially the refreshments consisting of bread and water.

A number of our citizens were in Battle Creek yesterday attending the good roads meeting.

The collections taken by the Sunday Schools Sunday for the St. Joseph Children's Home amounted to \$10.00.

Roy Davidson has bought a lot on South street of Dwight VanHorn and is planning to build a home in the spring.

A total number of 746 marriage licenses were issued during the year of 1915, the largest number ever issued in one year in the history of the office at Jackson.

The public meeting of the Grass Lake Farmers Club held at the Town Hall last evening was well attended considering the unpleasant weather conditions. Prof. Lindeman of the M.A.C. gave a fine talk on "boys and girls agricultural clubs", which was followed by a most instructive and entertaining address by Mrs. Munger on the subject of "Uses and Habits of Michigan Birds", illustrated by stereopticon views.

The new auto license law gives the county road fund one-half of the license money collected in that county. It is estimated that there will be 150,000 licenses issued during 1916, at an average of between \$10 and \$15, which will give the state highways \$1,500,000.

William C. Miller has sold his 204 acre farm five miles from Grass Lake in Waterloo township together with all of his horses, stock and personal property to John Mason of Indiana, consideration \$18,000. Mr. Miller took in exchange a large department store and an 80-acre farm in Indiana.

**Beware of Pneumonia** January 13, 1916

Beware the pneumococcus! It'll get you if you don't watch out.

The pneumococcus is the germ of pneumonia. It is everywhere, but it is not seriously harmful unless there are predisposing factors. But—keep dry; avoid colds; eat regularly; be prepared against sudden changes in temperature, and take adequate exercise in the air. These are suggestions of state health authorities to those who would avoid the deadly pneumonia and its allied diseases.

The season of the year is at hand when the diseases of the respiratory system take their heaviest toll. In Michigan, pneumonia leads in deadliness among all diseases. It isn't the cold weather directly that causes the diseases. Most are due to bad air. Pneumonia is almost unknown among residents of the Arctic countries, and its prevalence in Michigan is due almost entirely to carelessness and the breathing of bad air in street cars, theaters, churches, and in other place where large crowds assemble.

### **Serious Runaway Accident** January 13, 1916

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard DeVerna met with a serious runaway accident last Sunday afternoon when returning home from Grass Lake where they had been spending the day with Mrs. DeVerna's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hickman. When about a mile from town the horse became frightened at a piece of paper beside the road and started to run, breaking the harness and making it impossible for Mr. DeVerna to manage the frightened animal. Mr. DeVerna jumped from the buggy thinking he might stop the horse and Mrs. DeVerna was thrown out striking her head.

Mr. DeVerna escaped with but slight injury, but Mrs. DeVerna was more unfortunate and was seriously injured. She was brought to Grass Lake and Dr. McColgan found it necessary to take six stitches in her forehead, which was badly cut and bruised. That Mrs. DeVerna escaped death is almost a miracle. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is getting along nicely and no serious results are looked for. The carriage was a complete wreck.

### **Foreign News** January 1913

War News: The Montenegrin consulate issued a statement at Paris to the effect that an Italian steamer from Brindisi with 425 Montenegrin recruits from the United States ran into a mine near San Juan de Medusa and was sunk. Two hundred passengers were lost. (I typed this on 11/28/15, a week after Hutch and I returned from a trip to the Adriatic region, visiting the former Yugoslavia, where we visited beautiful, historic Montenegro—so this item caught my eye.)

War News: Tragedies, disappointments and heroism of the British, the fanatical bravery of the Turks, flat disagreement over the withdrawal from the upper positions on the Gallipoli peninsula between Gen. Ian Hamilton and Lord Kitchener—all told in a report of Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, disclosed to the world's view in the Official Gazette in London. (The "British" in the Gallipoli battles during WWI consisted mostly of the ANZAC troops—Australia and New Zealand. ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance on April 25th in Australia. "When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and the new federal government was eager to establish its reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the British Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire and an ally of Germany. The ANZAC troops landed on Gallipoli on April 25." Thousands died before the Commonwealth troops were evacuated from the peninsula.)

Several Americans, in addition to Consul R.N. McNeely, were aboard the torpedoed liner PERISA, and probably were lost as was the consul, according to a dispatch received at London from Lord Montagu, who was landed at Malta.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, presented to Secretary Lansing at Washington a proposal to pay indemnity for Americans lost in the LUSITANIA disaster, and thereby conclude the controversy, and gave assurances that any German submarines in the Mediterranean would not attack noncombatant ships of any character without warning or destroy them without opportunity for noncombatants to reach a place of safety.

## **Michigan News**

William Terbush, 75, a resident of DeWitt since 1881, died Wednesday morning of injuries sustained Monday when kicked by a cow which he was milking. He had practiced as a veterinarian and was a pioneer blacksmith of this place.

Max Frankel, a New York traveling salesman, who was injured at the Harrington Hotel at Port Huron when he became caught between the elevator floor and landing, died. His wife arrived a few hours before he died.

Of 418 deaths in Muskegon during 1915, 122 were of infants.

The Copper Range Mining Co. today announced an increase of 5 per cent in wages affecting 3,000 men. Since Nov. 1 the company has raised wages 15 per cent.

A petition bearing 150 names, enough to place the name of Henry Ford on the Republican primary ballot, has been filed with the Secretary of State.

## **Local News** January 1916

All subscriptions to the News are payable in advance.

The Bell telephone building of Grass Lake has been treated to new paint and paper.

The Royal Neighbors held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Will Wolfe.

Dancing party at the Well Block Hall Friday evening. Good music and all are invited.

John J. Curtis spent Tuesday in Lansing attending the Poultry Show and a meeting of the Rhode Island Red Club Association. Mr. Curtis was proud to find his birds among the winners.

By a vote of 15 to 10, the resolution presented before the board of supervisors to submit to the people at the spring election the proposition of doing away with the county road system, was lost when the ayes and nays of the members of the board were recorded.

In spite of the sleet and rain a large number of the members of the Baptist church and society had a good social time with Pastor Wood and family Wednesday. Mrs. Sova on behalf of the ladies, presented Mrs. Wood a well filled purse, while the men left a large number of substantial tokens of their visit.

You cannot afford to miss Prof. Will's entertainment at the Baptist church on Jan. 19. Prof. Wills has trained Congressmen in Washington D.C., lawyers in St. Louis, Mo., and has graduates in elocution and oratory all over the country. Admission 15 and 25 cents, except the High School pupils who are admitted for 10 cents regardless of age.

Rev. Thomas Towler of Owosso, who was pastor of the Congregational church in Grass Lake from May 1869 to May 1871 was brought here for burial Monday at the East cemetery. Mr. Towler was 88 years old. All five of his sons were present.

The Juniors of the high school are practicing for their play which they plan for Feb.

All the desks in the north room of the high school have been newly varnished. The week before Thanksgiving vacation was spent in scraping the paint from them. Everyone that occupied a seat did his share voluntarily until all was finished.

Butter 28c, eggs 30c, wheat \$1.14 and \$1.16, oats 36c, beans \$3.40.

Mrs. Wm Spokes, Miss Jessie Naldrett and Mrs. John Ahrens are among the many Norvell people who have been battling with lagrippe the past week or so.

The various district schools of the township of Norvell will hold a spelling contest.

West Nineveh: Van Orban called on B.F. Clements Saturday. Mrs. Mamie Taylor has been very ill with bronchitis and grippe but is better at this writing.

Waterloo: Nearly everyone is sick with the grippe around here. The young people had a skating party on the pond Saturday night.

Eight degrees below zero Monday morning.

L.C. Watkins is attending the auto show in Detroit.

Mrs. Wm. Meyers fell on the ice Saturday morning, breaking the small bone in her wrist.

Deputy Sheriff Worden was in Detroit last Friday and arrested H.B. Evans for jumping a board bill in this village. The complaint was made by Mrs. Jewell with whom Evans and a partner by the name of Mitchell boarded a couple of days while trying to get up an advertising directory the latter part of October. Evans was brought to Jackson, pleaded guilty and paid costs and fines amounting to \$23.50. Mitchell is still at large but Harry says he will "land" him in a few days.

A young man who has been stopping at the Chelsea House, disappeared Monday and took with him a diamond stick pin, ring, revolver and a few buffalo nickels from the room of Albert Naylor, who has been here setting the glass in the new Faist building. The officers have been unable to locate the thief.

The firm of Snyder & Fuller made a delivery of 50 barrels of Gold Medal flour to the farmers of this vicinity the first of the week.

Eugene Close and family are now residents of this village. They occupy the Dorr residence on Church street.

A social club has been organized by the business men of Grass Lake. Club rooms have been nicely fitted up with billiard and pool tables over the bakery.

Mrs. Simon Weber of Sylvan suffered a serious injury last week when she fell and broke her hip. Although she is 97 years of age, she is recovering rapidly and was able to sit up a little yesterday.

"Will you please insert this obituary notice?" asked an old gentleman of an editor. "I make bold to ask it because the deceased had a great many friends here who would be glad to hear of his death."

Jackson county will not get that mile of concrete road that was ordered by the board of supervisors last fall. That body has reconsidered its action and will spend the \$14,000 on other roads throughout the county.

### **Creamery Co. Doing Fine Business**

The amount paid the patrons of the Lakeside Elgin Butter Co. for the month of December was \$7,807.32, paying 40c per pound for butterfat. Those whose gross earnings were over \$50.00 are as follows: F. Dwelle, U.V. Shelly, H.B. Mellencamp, L.E. Dwelle, Croman & Wyer, W.D. Rowe, Shelly & Reynolds, W.M. Gage, W.T. Greenwood, G.H. Fry, Kelly & Clark, P.S. Willis, B.C. Whipple, G.W. Gutekunst, G.M. Dorr, Crafts & Myer, C.N. Winters, Pardee & Raymond, Wm. Beemer, Schittenhelm & Ahling, P.W. Shaw, A.H. Cain, A.A. Lee & Son, Musbach & Wooster, Moon & Bunker, E. Kappler, Dwelle Est & Decoster, W. Krausse, W.D. Alber, Hobart & Barnes, C. Wakeman, M.K. Preston, P.A. Cooper, Charles Kalmbach, Mrs. M. Kalmbach, Knight & Crouse, E.J. Wolfe, W.E. Sova, Tucker & Dailey, Earl Updike, C. Zick, Hobart & Teeples, G.P. Crafts.

**Albert Lee Killed** January 27, 1916

Albert Lee, a well known farmer whose home is five miles southwest of Grass Lake, was instantly killed Monday forenoon when his team became frightened and ran away, throwing him out of the wagon onto his head and breaking his neck. (Linda: When I was a kid growing up on the family farm on Lee Road, the Lee property was down the road approximately half a mile west of S. Portage Road.)

The accident happened at Clark's crossing in the west part of the village as Mr. Lee was returning from delivering a load of milk to the creamery. He had a buggy hitched onto the back of his wagon which he was taking home for a neighbor, and everything went well until he reached the D.U.R. tracks, when the bell sounded for the approaching car, the noise making the team nervous. He crossed the track ahead of the car all right, but had gone but a short distance when one of the thills of the buggy dropped to the ground and became buried in the mud, causing the buggy to be thrown upright and back to the ground, which frightened the horses and they started to run. Turning the corner the rope holding the buggy broke, upsetting and smashing the buggy, all of which added to the fright of the horses which became unmanageable. In attempting to turn the corner at the Grosvenor farm, Mr. Lee was thrown from the wagon, striking the ground with such force that death resulted instantly.

Deceased was a very highly respected citizen and his untimely death is a great shock to the family and many friends. He was 57 years of age and is survived by a wife and one son. The funeral will be held at the home this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

**Sick Cattle** January 27, 1916

Charles Wakeman and Walter Rowe have each lost a cow from hydrophobia, which is the cause of considerable excitement out in their neighborhood. Mr. Wakeman, having had his hand in the cow's mouth the day before she died, has taken the necessary precaution by going to Ann Arbor to the Pasteur Institute for treatment. Just how the cows became affected is not known but it is thought they were bitten by a dog.

**Local News** January 27, 1916

August Riethmiller of Waterloo killed himself Monday afternoon with a 32-calibre revolver. The deceased was an unmarried man about 52 years of age. He had been at the store at Waterloo a short time before committing the rash deed.

If you enjoy a good concert don't fail to hear the Columbian Entertainers next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J.H. Cochrane and son of Jackson and Miss Lillian Cochrane of Ann Arbor were Sunday guests of E.H. Cochrane and family.

Rev. Conover, who is in Jackson making arrangements for the revival to be held there soon, gave an excellent address at the M.E. church Sunday night.

Albion has an outbreak of smallpox, three cases having been discovered there. They claim to have the disease well under control and do not expect to have any serious trouble with it.

A short time ago a man near Fenton is reported to have been fined \$15 for lending his hunter's licenses. The borrower was fined a like amount. Don't lend or borrow your hunter's and auto licenses.

All hunting licenses expire April 1 and are not good after that date. New licenses cannot be granted before August 24, so that hunting will be tabooed from April 1 to August 24—Springport Signal.

The state checker championship is still undecided, but may yet come to Chelsea. The tournament started in Jackson during the holidays, the present champion Mr. O'Mealley of Hillsdale being tied with B.B. Turnbull of Chelsea. The final contest between these two players will be played shortly and local checker experts are predicting that the championship will surely come to Chelsea—Chelsea Tribune.

North Leoni—Many of the people from this vicinity are having the grippe. Leslie Trumbull is entertaining the chicken pox.

Sharon—C.C. Dorr was in Chelsea on business Friday. Albert Forner has rented his farm to Fred Alber and will move to Chelsea soon. J.J. Curtis made a fine showing of his Rhode Island Reds at Clinton last week receiving a number of prizes.

Francisco—Lewis and Walter Kalmbach of Detroit spent Sunday at home. Mrs. E.J. Notten spent the latter part of the week in Detroit. The Cavanagh Lake Grange will hold their next meeting with Wm. Locher and wife Feb. 8 in the afternoon.

Dr. Faye Palmer has taken the agency for the Chevrolet automobiles. Read his ad. He sold his first Ford roadster to Dr. Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wolfe attended the Poultry Show at Clinton Jan. 20. Mr. Wolfe's birds won several prizes.

Patrick O'Leary, a well known and highly respected citizen, died very suddenly of heart trouble at the home of Mrs. Charles Burns in Waterloo last Saturday morning, aged 39 years. The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 a.m. at St. John's church, Jackson. Interment was in St. John's cemetery.

Wm. Bostedor was in South Haven Friday and bought 18 head of registered Guernsey cattle.

The owner of a lost pocketbook containing a small sum of money, can have same by calling at the Village Bakery.

The Grass Lake Farmers Club will hold a public meeting at the Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 12, both afternoon and evening, at which meeting will be speakers from the M.A.C. (MSU) who will speak on matters of interest to all and especially to the farmers.

The high school boys and the Scouts are to put on an evening of Basket Ball and Scout stunts at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are going to charge a nominal entrance fee of five cents. If by any chance anyone puts in ten or twenty-five cents they will not be put out of the hall as it all goes to help pay electric light and coal bills. It is a lift for clean sports in the High School. Ladies, as well as gentlemen, are invited.

During the first semester five seventh graders were neither tardy nor absent—Isador Carter, Robert Dowling, Harold McCall, Paul Marrinane and Weld Wolfinger. Two new studies have been added to the school course of study this semester. The Civics class has fifteen students enrolled and the Botany class thirty. Nearly all of the students are back in school as the epidemic of grippe has almost passed. The Drawing I class is beginning new work. They are drawing charcoal pictures of living models.

