

## GRASS LAKE NEWS July 1912

### Local and Personal Items, July 4, 1912

- \*Miss Alma Zick of Kalamazoo visited Sunday at the parental home.
- \*Attend the school meeting next Monday evening. Three members of the board are to be elected.
- \*The German naval visitors pronounced American women the most beautiful, which certainly shows their good taste.
- \*The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corp will meet at the home of Mrs. Hattie Beeman Sunday evening and attend the union service at the M.E. church.
- \*Mr. Rockefeller's pastor at Cleveland has published ten "don'ts" for wives. The man is wrong. What our wives want is not "don'ts" but their "dues".
- \*Harry Olds has added a bathroom to his barber shop. No need to bathe in a fruit jar or tea cup any longer. This is a much needed addition to our village and will be greatly appreciated.
- \*Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Foster, has returned home from the Jackson city hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis a little over two weeks ago. She is improving slowly of which her many friends here are much pleased.
- \*J.P. Henriaty, instructor in piano tuning in the school for the blind at Saginaw, was the guest of Willis Avery last week. He tuned fourteen pianos while here.
- \*Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Carleton and daughter, Lois, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Burchard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Boland of Grey Tower at dinner Sunday.
- \*Owners of dogs need to watch their canines closely during this extremely warm weather, that the community may be protected so far as possible from rabies. And especially is this true with regard to dogs who are given to wandering about the city at will.
- \*W.A. Boland left for Iowa Wednesday to look after his railroad interests in that state. Next week he will proceed to Minneapolis to attend a meeting of prominent railroad officials, after which he will return to Grey Tower for a stay somewhat more prolonged than usual. Miss Gertrude Boland is expected home from Wellesley College in a few days, whence she comes as a graduate. Miss Margaret graduated last month from the high school at Montclair, N. J., with a standing so high that she will enter Vassar College next fall without examination. She returned Monday from Minneapolis where she went to attend an elaborate society function.
- \*The Napoleon brass band will furnish music Sunday at Wolf Lake.
- \*Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Zick have returned to their home at Montreal, Quebec after spending a few days with the C. Eschelbach family.
- \*Mrs. C.E. Wolfinger's Sunday school class gave an ice cream social on the Methodist church lawn Wednesday evening and disposed of ten gallons of cream.
- \*Fred Myers is now a member of the Boyne City ball team, and reported there Tuesday for duty. Fred has been doing excellent this season and is now looked upon by some of the faster teams as a sure winner.
- \*According to Dr. Dixon, secretary of the state board of health, Michigan may be forced to establish a leper colony in the near future. There are now four known cases in the state

and several others under suspicion. The doctor says a little investigation would probably reveal many more cases.

\*While here in attendance at the M.E. anniversary, Rev. F.L. Leonard purchased a fine horse and yesterday Everett Rowe started to ride the horse to Onaway, a distance of about 250 miles. This will take him about seven days to make the journey, and he expects to return by way of Detroit and will enjoy a pleasant trip down the lake. Everett is a good horseman and no trouble is anticipated.

\*Under the supervision of a local commercial organization a thorough test of C.W. Post's theory of artificial rain making will be given in Battle Creek on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The utility of the plan has repeatedly been demonstrated near Post City, Texas. The theory is that repeated discharges of dynamite, along a firing line two miles in length will produce rain. It is based upon the historical fact that rain almost invariably follows a battle in which the cannonading has been heavy. National and public officials, agricultural experts and newspapermen from Michigan and surrounding states have been invited to attend the demonstration.

#### Local Correspondence July 11, 1912

Waterloo: Huckleberries are beginning to ripen.

South Fishville: Several families from here attended the celebration at Wolf Lake on the fourth.

Prospect Hill: Lloyd Negus attended the dance at Francisco Thursday evening.

Dist. No. 6 and Vicinity: Rena and Fern Alber of Ann Arbor are spending a few days with W.D. Alber and family.

Southeast Grass Lake: Bert Teeple and wife and Will Coppemoll spent Sunday at Belle Isle, Detroit.

Sharon: Born to Max Irwin and wife, a son, June 27.

Long Island: C.C. Smith had eight pigs killed by lightning Sunday.

Stone Lake: John Weeks made a business trip to Detroit.

Leoni: The annual school meeting of District No. 1 was held last Monday night. Mrs. Frances Martin was elected director and Rev. Reeve elected moderator.

\*Norvell: Chas. Atkinson and his sister from Sturgis, sailed from Montreal July 5, for a visit with relatives in England.

Francisco: Victor Moeckel and wife of Waterloo spent Sunday with the latter's parents.

West Napoleon: About thirty young people made merry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews on Saturday evening in honor of their eldest son, Forest, who leaves this week for Saskatchewan, Can. If everything is favorable, he expects to take up a homestead, returning next winter however to finish his college course.

Mt. Hope: The people of Mt. Hope will give an ice cream social on the church lawn Friday, July 12. Everybody cordially invited. All those that can furnish cream are requested to bring it to the church Friday afternoon.

Napoleon: The Napoleon band furnished music at Eagle Point, Clarklake, on the fourth.

#### Good Roads, July 18, 1912

The road work in our village this summer has been sadly neglected, whether from lack of funds or material, we do not know, but there is no excuse now for the want of material.

Commissioner Detlor closed a deal for the Collins gravel pit just south of town for the

township Monday, and this pit contains the best of material for a good road and we understand arrangements can be made with the township whereby the village can get gravel from this pit for our streets. Mr. Detlor with his gang of workmen can do more real good and the people receive more for their money in two weeks' time than has been given the public in the past five years.

One of the Jackson officials made the remark that the road just south of our village, which was just completed, was superior to the famous "Henrietta road" that cost \$10,000 a mile and our road here cost less than \$1,000 per mile. Get busy gentlemen and give us decent streets. We can show you places in the state where they draw gravel for seven miles and feel they are making money by it because of the right kind of material. From the Collins' gravel pit would be only about three miles, not a long haul. Let us have good permanent roads!

#### A Horse's Prayer, July 18, 1912

To thee my master, I offer my prayer.

Feed and take care of me. Be kind to me.

Do not jerk the rein; do not whip me when going up a hill.

Never strike, beat or kick me when I fail to understand what you want of me, but give me a chance to understand you.

Watch me and if I refuse bidding, see if there is not something wrong with my harness.

Do not give me too heavy loads; never hitch where water will drip on me.

Keep me well shod. Examine my teeth when I fail to eat: I may have an ulcerated tooth.

That, you know, if very painful.

I am unable to tell you in words when I am sick; so watch me and I will try to tell you by sign.

Pet me sometimes; I enjoy it and will learn to love you.

Protect me in summer from the hot sun. Keep a blanket on me in winter weather, and never put a frosty bit in my mouth, but hold it in your hands a moment first.

I carry you, pull you, and wait patiently for you long hours day and night.

I can not tell you when I am thirsty. Give me clean, cool water often in hot weather.

Finally, when my strength is gone, instead of turning me over to a human Brute, to be tortured and starved, take my life in the easiest and quickest way, and your God will reward you in this life and in Heaven. "Amen".

#### Reading Circle Picnic, July 18, 1912

One of the most pleasant events of the season was the annual picnic given by the ladies of the Reading Circle on Wednesday evening on the beautiful lawn of Miss Ella Rose, secretary of the circle. The evening was one of those pleasant ones which seemed to be made especially for this occasion and everyone was in the best of spirits. Over eighty were present including the invited guests. A number of gentlemen were included in the circle on this occasion.

An excellent program was given and several vocal selections were given by the ladies quartet, which was composed of Mrs. W.F. Shaler, Mrs. W.B. Silkworth, Miss Elnora Clark and Mrs. A.W. Davis. The circle was organized 28 years ago with eight members

and now there are 35 members holding weekly meetings and reading from the best authors which makes it very interesting and instructive. An invitation was extended to Mr. Howard Raymond to give a talk on the Armour Institute of Technology of which he has been connected for the past seventeen years. Mr. Raymond gave a very interesting description of this school and showed marvelous results accomplished in the various departments. His remarks were greatly appreciated.

Last but not least was the excellent supper served by the ladies to which all did ample justice after which they adjourned.

#### Local and Personal Items, July 25, 1912

\*Clarence Wolfinger, wife and children spent yesterday in Detroit and will enjoy a boat ride and visit Belle Isle. This makes a pleasant trip and will be greatly enjoyed by the children.

\*L.M. Jones left at this office two branches of plums that contained 34 plums on each branch only ten inches in length. It looks as though there would be plenty of this kind of fruit at least.

\*The Wilson packing station is now in readiness to receive pickles. Last year they commenced taking pickles the 17<sup>th</sup> of July but the backward season this spring has delayed them this summer, however they expect to receive some this week. The acreage this year is much better than last and a splendid harvest is looked for.

\*The Annual Picnic of the Grass Lake Farmers' Club will be held at Wolf Lake on Wednesday, August 14. It is greatly desired that all members would be present and aid in making this an occasion to be long remembered. Of course we shall have dinner so bring your well filled baskets. Further plans for this gathering will be given through our local paper at a later date.

\*The convention called for last Saturday in Jackson by the Progressive Party was attended by a goodly number and L. Whitney Watkins was chosen to head the ticket for Governor, T.M. Joslin of Adrian for United States Senator and Hull of Diamondale for Congressman at large. A full ticket will be placed in the field.

\*Huckleberries are reported as quite scarce and pickers are not as numerous as usual.

\*One thing about the dry season that suits the lazy man is the lawn needs little attention.

\*A dispatch from Carp lake, as reported from Grand Rapids, says that a light sprinkle of snow fell there last night. Crops were damaged by the cold.

\*Mrs. Mae VanHorn and family and Harry Olds and wife returned Saturday from their outing at Portage Lake and report lots of fish and a jolly good time.

\*Little Miss Dorothy and Vernon Wolfe will celebrate their birthday next Saturday. We have never known a case where the birthday of two children in the same family came on the same day. May they live to see many happy birthdays.

\*E.F. Robinson of Chelsea, while cranking his auto just east of this village last Sunday evening, sustained a double dislocation of the wrist and is visiting at the home of M.V. Smith. Dr. Lake reduced the dislocation and he is getting along nicely.

\*Wm. Bostedor received 30 head of registered Guernsey cattle from Illinois.

\*Miss Katherine Burns, aged 68, and James Burns, aged 82, brother and sister, died within an hour and a half of each other in their home in Jackson Tuesday night. Death in each case was due to old age.