

November-December 1921 Grass Lake News

Will Celebrate Armistice Day

Grass Lake will celebrate Armistice Day on the evening of Friday, November 11th. The celebration will begin at 7 p.m. with a reproduction of the one we had in 1918. A big bonfire, a parade, lots of noise and a real good time. If you were here three years ago, well, nuf sed.

Bring something to make noise. Be sure and come. With Marshall Foch and other World War Celebrities now in this country and with the enthusiasm growing out of the American Legion convention at Kansas City, Armistice Day will be celebrated with great enthusiasm this year. Join us at Grass Lake Friday evening, November 11.

AD—Be Sure of Yeast Vitamins. Take **Grants Vita-Vim**—guaranteed to produce satisfactory results. It contains the yeast, oil and water soluble vitamins that build health and strength, preserve youth and create vitality. Get a bottle of Grants Vita-Vim today at the **Grass Lake Pharmacy**.

AD—COMING—Browne's Metropolitan Jubilee Sextette. Monday Eve., Nov. 7, M.E. Church. Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Admission 50c and 25c. Tickets on sale at Grass Lake Pharmacy.

AD—Are You a Weak, Nervous or Run-down Woman? A Beautiful Woman is Always a Well Woman. Read this Advice: Lansing, Mich.—“As a tonic and nervine, I have found **Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription** to give excellent results, and I highly recommend it to all women who have become weak, nervous and run-down.”—Mrs. Ila Grosnickle. You can quickly put yourself in A-1 condition by going to your druggist and obtaining Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in tablets or liquid. Also write Dr. Pierce, President Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N.Y., for free advice.

AD—**Lucky Strike Cigarette**—It's Toasted. Notice this delicious flavor when you smoke Lucky Strike—it's sealed in the toasting process.

Advice to the Stout Woman—The woman who is at all inclined to be stout or to have hips that curve must be well corseted or else shun the tight bodice.

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Administrator's Sale—The undersigned will sell at public auction on the farm known as the Jacob Walz farm, located 5 miles north and 2 miles west of Grass Lake, 1-2 mile west and 1 mile south of Mt. Pleasant school house, on Thursday, Nov. 10, personal property. Frank Ferris, Administrator.

At the Special Meeting called for the purpose of voting on the advisability of purchasing the Episcopal Chapel for school purposes, there as a large majority vote in favor of the plan.

Mr. Wm. Myer who has been confined to his home on Maple Street for some weeks was able to walk down town on Monday.

Word received this week from Devere Carter says he is still traveling toward the setting sun. He has gone on to Kansas City.

Watch for the date of the Improvement Club Minstrel show. This show will be the hit of the season in Grass Lake.

South Fishville—The pupils of the Prospect Hill School who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month were Glen Pittman, Mura Mackey, Edna and Maxine Pittman.

Trist—Miss Lillian Faist, daughter of Jacob Faist, was quietly married to Orman Siegrist Saturday evening at the St. Jacobs Parsonage at Waterloo, Rev. Haase officiating. The bride and groom were attended by Mrs. Rose Frinkel and Theodore Faist.

Mrs. Harry Servis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Wolfe, while her husband has gone north hunting.

The Haselschwerdt Motor Sales Co., have recently sold a Ford Sedan to J.W. Hazelworth, a touring car to Frank Blough, and a tractor and plow to Roy Heath.

Mr. George Musbach has had a new experience. Two men jostled him on the Interurban car and lifted his bill book. He says they were pretty smooth at the game.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox were among those who saw Madam Olga Petrova in the White Peacock at the Majestic Wednesday evening. Petrova is perhaps the greatest living dramatic actress and the White Peacock gives a splendid opportunity to display her remarkable talent.

The following pupils in District No. 11 who were neither absent nor tardy during the month of October are Ruth and Evelyn Taylor, Odena, Winefred, Wilma and Vera Moeckel, David Gibbens, Ruth Wooster, Gean Winters, and Frederick Gauss.

Mr. E.W. Hobart who went recently to Rochester, Minn. for treatment by the Mayo Bros. has submitted to an operation which seems to have been very successful. Mrs. Hobart writes that he is sitting up and they may be coming home soon.

Representatives of the Palm Art Studio in Jackson were in Leoni this week and took views of a number of residences and attractive spots in the village.

Leoni—Mr. B.W. Hewlett is having the basement of his store refinished and is also installing a new oil filling station. Messrs. Carl Cooper and Wm. Patterson are doing the work.

Mr. H.J. Crouch who has been seriously ill at his home south of Grass Lake remains about the same.

Friends of Rev. J.H. McIntosh, a former pastor of the M.E. Church of this place have received word of his recent death at the home of his daughter at Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. W.A. Maurer caught her hand in her power wringer a few days ago and bursted some blood vessels which let the blood out under the skin and made the arm swell to the elbow. She went to Jackson and had her hand operated on Wednesday and it is now thought that she will soon recover the use of it.

Mr. David C. Crouch and Miss Ethel Niles were quietly married at noon Wednesday, Rev. Dudgeon officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch will be at home after Dec. 1 at the groom's father's farm south of Grass Lake.

The Starr Commonwealth of Albion has bought 30 acres of land of the Mott ranking estate on the shore of Cedar Lake between here and Chelsea and it is understood that they will open a school for orphan girls.

Waterloo—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Riethmiller have returned from their wedding trip and will be at home to their friends on the Andrew Riethmiller farm.

Leoni—Mr. Anton Orban is erecting a new tool shed. Miss Clara Clancey was united in marriage to Mr. John Carlson of Rives Junction on Thursday last week.

Word comes from George Brown who is in Wyoming and teaching school, and in addition he is starting a Sunday School. The Federated church will furnish supplies for his use in Wyoming.

Great Highway Nearly Completed

The great Concrete-Asphalt highway running east and west through Grass Lake is nearing completion. The asphalt is all on from here to Jackson except a short space at the Leoni crossing of the M.C. railroad.

A great change has come to Jackson County in the last two years as 158 miles of new road in the original program has now been built giving Jackson Co. a system of roads which is not surpassed by many counties in the state.

This great task has been accomplished under the direction of the Jackson Co. Road Commission, of which our fellow townsman, E.A. Croman, was a member for nearly two and one-half years. He was one of the most active and tireless workers on the Commission and it was largely through his efforts that we have this great Concrete Asphalt highway running through Grass Lake for which the state and Federal Government pays 75 per cent and the County 25 per cent.

The original bond issue covering this program of road building was \$1,400,000 and the commission will have some \$200,000 left. One will get some idea of the work which has been done when we find that no farmer now living in Jackson Co. is more than three miles from a good trunk line road.

Horrible Accident Causes Death of Prominent Farmer

Mr. Nathan Fish, a prominent farmer living southeast of Grass Lake met with a most terrible accident while operating a pop corn husker at his home last Friday. In some manner his glove was caught in the rolls and drew his hand in and in the almost superhuman effort to extricate himself he kicked the platform down on which he was standing and jammed his other hand into the rollers and hung with both hands being chewed by the vicious teeth of the machine until men could get the machine stopped.

With both hands terribly mangled he was rushed to the hospital in Jackson by his physician Dr. McColgan and the surgeon Dr. Robinson dressed the bleeding wounds.

Mr. Fish seemed to recover from the shock but soon suffered hemorrhage of the stomach, caused either by injury at the time of the accident or an ulcerated stomach. The great loss of blood weakened him so much that it was decided that only transfusion of blood could save his life. Many men answered to the call for blood and after careful tests it was decided to use the blood of a cousin, Herbert Hatt, who gave 16 ounces to the injured man.

Under this stimulation Mr. Fish rallied for a time but passed away at 3:30 Thursday morning.

His remains will be brought to Grass Lake Sunday and the funeral services will be held at the Federated Church at 2 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. W.A. Cutler. The interment will be in East Cemetery.

Obituary—Nathan A. Fish was born in 1875 and died 1921. He was the son of Crandal and Caroline Fish, and born on the farm which he owned and where he lived.

He was one of seven children, the only one now surviving is Mrs. Chas. Hickman of Grass Lake. He also leaves a daughter, Evelyn of Jackson.

He was a kind, dutiful son and a loving brother and father. His sister visited him the day before he passed away, and although very weak, he talked quite a little. One thing he said, if he lived, he would work more for the Lord.

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The Grass Lake Public School Lecture Course—Supt C.W. Price announces the first number of the Lecture Course on Dec. 13th—**Reno the Magician**. Tickets on Sale Tuesday, Nov. 29. Watch for further announcements.

AUCTION—Having decided to quit farming, I will sell at public auction at my farm, Corwin farm, 2 miles north of Grass Lake on Nov. 29. Dr. H.A. Orvis, Prop.

NOTICE—Masquerade Dance at Washburn's Hall, Friday evening. Music by Peters' famous orchestra. Contest pool game by James Cadwell, Wilbur Comstock, Dr. Olthouse, Ben Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lockwood and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kappler will spend Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolfe.

The Haselschwerdt Motor Sales report the sale to Mr. W.A. Shelly of a flock of Fords. A sedan, two touring cars and a roadster. It is reported that Mr. Shelly is planning to take his friends with him on a trip to California.

We heard of a woman in town the other day who would not take the Grass Lake News but admitted that she borrowed her neighbor's. We find satisfaction in the fact that her brass led her to reading the News.

Bad Railroad Crossing Accident—A.W. Davis was struck by a through freight and was quite seriously injured while crossing the M.C. tracks on Lake Street in a Ford Roadster. The engine hit the rear end of the auto and threw it in the air. It cleared the track and fell on its side. Mr. Davis was painfully cut in the face and injured in the back and shoulders. He was taken at once to Jackson where Dr. Lake dressed his wounds and it is hoped that his injuries will not prove to be serious.

The following pupils in District No. 5 were neither tardy or absent for the fall term: Rozella and R. Dean Tisch, Enid McCurdy, Marian Dorr, Lila and Charles McGauley, Nellie McGee and Glen Swetland.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, Mr. Geo E. Starr of Grass Lake delivered an address at the Annual Convention of the Vegetable Growers Assoc. at Albany, N.Y. His address was upon the subject, "The Seed Problem from the Growers Standpoint."

Mr. Floyd Gage who has been in the Welding and Vulcanizing business in Brooklyn for the past year has opened a shop in the former Grass Lake News Office in the Teufel Block.

AUCTION—Will sell at a public auction at the N.A. Fish farm, 3 miles south, 2 miles east of Grass Lake. M.D. Wheaton, Admin. (Note: Only a week from his passing away!)

AUCTION—The undersigned will sell at public auction at his farm, 20 rods north of the North Leoni Grange Hall, at Wildcat Mills. J.W. Hobson, Prop.

The Diversity Club met at the home of Mrs. George Rank on Wednesday afternoon and evening for their annual Christmas party, where they were royally entertained. A fine oyster dinner was served at six o'clock. After the dinner very pretty gifts were exchanged.

A spelling match was given and the hostess gave prizes. As there were three who stood up the longest, butts were drawn and Mrs. Shaler won the first prize, and Mrs. C.W. Smith received the consolation prize. It was Mrs. Shaler's birthday and the ladies presented her with an aluminum roaster and she also received a number of cards. It was a most felicitous occasion.

Mr. W.S. Cummings, of Detroit, who has been here for the past nine months and built the gravel road running north from our school house to the Mt. Hope church, left for his home Tuesday. One of the Inspectors of roads said it was one of the best roads he had inspected. Mr. Cummings made many friends while here and they wish him success where ever he goes and hope he will get more contracts.

Leoni—In celebration of National Education Week, the Leoni Village School held open house on Friday afternoon. A most interesting and profitable time was spent by the parents and friends who availed themselves of the privilege of attending.

AD—Xmas Gift Ideas from SNYDER & FULLER, Grass Lake.

FOR MOTHER—Damask Toweling or Sheeting will make her heart glad.

FOR FATHER—Ball Band Rubbers, wool sox, flannel shirts, then there is always smokes.

FOR SISTER—Very pretty Polly Prim Aprons, silk and wool hosiery.

FOR BROTHER—Neckties, belts, silk and wool sox, garters, arm bands and cuff links.

FOR BABY—Nice wooly blankets for the bed and carriage.

FOR FRIENDS & RELATIVES—Towel sets, suspenders, tumblers, wool gauntlet gloves, hair ribbons, combs and handkerchiefs.

Obituary -- Washington Beemer

Washington Beemer, son of Enas and Mary Beemer, was born in Carroll Co., Ohio, Dec. 5, 1833. At the age of 11 years, he moved with his parents to Allen County. When thirty years of age, he was united in marriage to Miss Malinda Powell, on March 6, 1863. To this union were born six children. John D., Flora E., and Philip S., who passed away in early childhood. Those who survive him are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Bidlack of Oakwood, Ohio, and Mrs. James Grimes of Leoni. A son, Mr. Wm. Beemer of Grass Lake. Twenty two grand children and eighteen great grand children.

In the year 1867 he moved with his family to a farm in Paulding Co., Ohio where he underwent many hardships during the pioneer days. Here he built a beautiful country home where he and his family resided until the year 1910, when he moved two and one half miles north west of Grass Lake.

At the age of twenty-one he united with the M.E. church in Allen County, Ohio, and lived a faithful life until he was called away, November 24, 1921.

“Thru the pearly gates of heaven Passed the one we loved so well. God tho't it best to take him from us Tho he left our home so drear. Sleep on dear father and take thy rest He took you home, He tho't it best.”

Obituary -- Henry Jackson Crouch

Henry Jackson Crouch, youngest son of Ambrose S. and Mary Rhoades Crouch, was born in Liberty township, Jackson Co., Michigan, August 25, 1848. He was one of children, only one of whom survives.

He was married on Oct. 31, 1869, to Ann M. Warner, who died May 30, 1884. Of the four children born to them, none are living. On Feb. 2nd, 1885, he was united in marriage with Hattie Clymo who preceded him to the home above, May 19, 1917. To this union five children were born, one dying in infancy.

At an early age he united with the Wesleyan Methodist church in South Jackson, later transferring to the M.E. church in Grass Lake.

He was an upright Christian man, a kind and loving father, strictly honest in all his dealings and respected by all.

His last illness began early last spring and he has been a great sufferer throughout these months, death coming as a peaceful release from his sufferings, Dec. 8th, 1921 at the age of 73 years, 3 months and 13 days.

He is survived by two sons, Raymond and David of Grass Lake; two daughters, Mrs. Emilia Kennedy of Allegan and Mrs. Elsie Carlton of Grass Lake; one grandson, Henry Crouch Kennedy; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Jane Stubly of Pittsford, Mich., and a large circle of relatives and friends.

A prayer service was held at the residence, Saturday noon, Dec. 10th, and the funeral service was held at 3:30 p.m. in the South Jackson church, Rev. W.J. Dudgeon being the officiating clergyman. The interment was in the beautiful cemetery near the church.