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## INTERESTING

## 33 YEARS AGO

Paper Read at the 44th Reunion of the 22nd Mich. Vol. Inf. by Mrs. Thomas Wiley, of Owasco

Through the kindness of J. S. Stockwell of Pontiac and other friends in our village we are pleased to present the following paper read by Mrs. Sarah Wiley of Owasco, who has many warm friends in her old home town. It is a very interesting, graphic and touching description of the early days of the war, and it will be appreciated by our older readers, as it was by all who heard it read, especially the old soldier boys.

Mr. President, Comrades and Friends: This is a day that Tom and I have been longing for, to have you good people of dear old Birmingham invite the 22nd regiment to meet with you and I know you are glad to have us here, and maybe will be glad to have us go.

When Hiram Daniels told us last summer that he hoped to get this reunion here but did not know just how we folks would go ahead about it. We told him to go ahead with the proposition for we felt sure we would be welcome and now don't we see it in all our faces?

This is my home town. I was born here, went to school and played upon your streets, and although changes have come, not many of our dear playmates are left, some in different parts of the world and many "over board," yet I still claim this as my old home. Co. D. of this regiment was raised here and in the adjoining town of Ocar had already gone with the 16th Mich. and he was going too. Well my father and mother had heavy hearts but they were true blue for the Union and could utter no protest. So on this eventful 9th day, a large number went to Pontiac to enter their services to Uncle Sam and it seems to me as though that that was the longest day in the life of this little village. And what toward night the train pulled in, and what did we see—brothers and sons transformed from boys to soldiers who had pledged their lives, if need be to defend our flag and our country's home dear. To say we were proud of our boys in their suits of blue but faintly expresses the feeling in each heart. The terrible realities of war were yet unknown to us but alas they came very soon.

The 14th of August they all left us again to be mustered into service, then we began to understand and they too that their home comings were soon to end and a life of service now to all was opening for them. Can you forget comrades while yet in camp in Pontiac how we all came from afar and near to see our soldiers, bringing baskets of good things for you to eat and drink, and might be hungry for mother's cooking. Now draws near the day of your starting for the front. I can never forget it, although the day was bright with sunshine, the gleam of the sun settled heavily upon many homes and as the long train whizzed rapidly through here, not stopping, I can see your faces as you crowded to the doors and windows calling to the little village young eyes until lost in the distance. Then came the days of waiting for the promised letters and our little post-office was crowded at all time and as quickly we hurried away to read them to the ones anxiously waiting at home.

So the time fraught with dread and anxiety rolled along and the news of the battle of Chancellorsville drew over the wires bringing sorrow and grief, awful feeling that we could not express. Could only look into each others face whispering, "our boys are in it" and when it was over, these same message news, nothing reliable, came several days, then the terrible truth came into our hearts, such news were killed, such taken prisoners, and "others" wounded. I need not tell any more of these scenes, it is too deep in your hearts and lives Comrades, as well as ours, to have it repeated. We thought, we realized, what was being done but we did not know the cruelities and horrors until our boys began to come home sick and wounded and our Hiram came to us a poor starved wreck of humanity from Andersonville prison, just one of the thousands that he had left behind to their fate of starvation. I will not say too much more of your time, only to say that I enlisted on that 9th day of August, and the day whatever came my way for the soldier, and I have never been mustered out of it because a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and glad to aid our veterans in their work of

The following items were published in this paper by the same publisher.

C. Hoy, our baker, moved to Plymouth, Mich.

Miss Belle Bacon of Washington, D. C. is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Allen Bugelov.

Miss Xenia Post is teaching school at Hanover, Mich.

Miss Mamie Harrison of Grand Rapids is visiting Miss Minnie Daines.

James O. Beattie collected \$15.15 for the yellow fever sufferers.

A merry set of maidens helped Miss Gracie Camp to celebrate her sixteenth birthday.

Died in Southfield, of diphtheria, Willie, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Cannon, aged 14 years.

O. Poppleton gave \$10. for the yellow fever sufferers.

Married—At Pontiac, John S. Lawson and Miss Kitty Chase, both of Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ebling celebrated their crystal wedding in Big Beaver, on Monday.

Mr. J. L. Aldrich sold a blind horse to New Baltimore parties. (By correspondence)

In the fashion notes we noticed that the plated polonaise with a yoke and very wide belt will be popular.

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## ONE MORE ISSUE. ROYAL OAK'S JOY

And Then, the Beautiful Eccentric Piano Will Find Its Permanent Owner. Who is She?

The Eccentric Piano voting contest is now rapidly closing. All participants should at once hand in their subscriptions, for now you have your very last bonus offers and proposition from the donors of the piano.

Those who have not been very busy should get their subscriptions in now. Those who have been very busy, will get busy all the more.

Time is short. The worker gets the money. Money talks, and persuades the piano to come his way.

We have no doubt many of the canvassers are weary, tired, exhausted and all that, but cheer up! The best is yet to come.—to the hardest worker.

The Bonus offers now are as follows: For every seven new subscribers; 6,000 extra, a total of 10,200 votes.

For every 7 back subscribers; 4,000 extra votes, a total of 6,800.

For every 40 merchant's coupons; 1,000 extra votes, a total of 2,000 votes.

For every three 3-year new or renewal subscriptions; 25,000 extra votes, a total of 40,000 votes.

For every two 20-year new or renewal subscriptions; 75,000 extra, a total of 135,000 votes.

Special. Special. Special. The three 3-year subscriptions may be for either one, two or three parties. The two 20-year subscriptions may be for either one or two parties.

There are now but a few more days in which the candidates engaged in the Eccentric piano voting contest have to work for the several prizes offered. The voting comes to an end on Saturday September 23rd. at 4 o'clock p. m. and immediately thereafter the counting will be commenced to see who will be declared the owner of the splendid Oakland piano and the other beautiful and useful articles offered to those who are making an endeavor to land the premiums. It is not believed by the donors of the piano that any one will be so foolish as to neglect this important thought that any particular person has the grand prize cinched at the present, but there are several in the race who have a good chance to land it if they only hustle.

There are three young ladies who appear to have the best of the others, but none of them have a sure cinch on being the ultimate owner of the grand prize. If one of these contestants who is away down the list should take it into her head that she was going to win, to win the big premium she could easily do so, but that was what was expected when the contest opened. Several bunches of seven new subscribers or of renewals in groups of seven would put the lowest candidate in the race up among the leaders.

For those who wish to vote with our competitor seeing them, the Eccentric desires to state that cash with your subscription, telling where the paper is to be sent and to whom, the votes shall be given can be placed in an envelope and deposited in the First National Bank. The Judges will open these envelopes as soon as they start to count and will credit all votes including the Bonus, in order to secure Bonus votes on Merchant's coupons they must be counted at the Eccentric office before being voted.

Saturday September 23rd., at four o'clock p. m. the voting will cease. This is but a short time ahead and is worth while of candidates to get among the people and work like Trojans from now until the ballot box is closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the day mentioned.

No ballots will be received after 4 o'clock p. m. Saturday Sept. 23rd. The ballot box will be placed in the First National Bank, Saturday Sept. 19th, where it will remain according to the terms of the contest, until the close of the contest, which will be Saturday September 23rd.

Oh, You Contestants! Get Busy!!

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Will be the New Bernadette Asphalt Macadam Road Which Will Give the Village Advantage to Detroit

At a meeting of the township board Monday evening held in Attorney George A. Dondore's office, bonds were accepted for the building of two miles of Bernadette asphalt macadam which will give the village advantage to Detroit.

This is the good roads proposition and of vital importance to every resident of the township.

Anson Green of Grand Rapids is the contractor and work on the road will be rapidly pushed forward. The contract is for the sum of \$41,307.35 and the first shovelful of earth was thrown this morning—it means an advancement for the whole township.

Two miles of the road will be completed by Nov. 15 of this year and the whole will be finished by July 5, 1912.

The road commences from the base line of Woodward avenue south of the village and extends to the Main street of Royal Oak, along Main street to the corporate limits and then north for a distance of 1 1/2 miles in the township of Royal Oak. Sixteen feet will be the width of the road.

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U. P. Church Notes. First of all we desire to thank the Eccentric office for their kindness and courtesy in publishing our notes and items about our church and its work. We highly appreciate these favors.

The communion of Troy church will be next Sabbath, preparatory service Saturday at 12:30 p. m. The pastor will preach at Birmingham at 10 a. m. The Bible Training class will meet at 7 p. m. Lessons 48 and 49.

We wish that the friends for their kindness and well wishes and we assure them all that we shall never remember our stay in Michigan and Birmingham with the greatest pleasure. May God bless you each and every one.

No Need to Stop Work. When your doctor orders you to stop work it staggers you. "I can't," you say. "You know you are weak, run down and falling in health; day by day, but you must work as long as you can stand." If you need an Electric Bitter to give tone, strength and vigor to your system, to prevent breakdown and build you up. Don't be weak, sickly or ailing when Electric Bitters will benefit you from the first dose. Thousands bless them for their glorious health and strength. Try them. Everywhere it is arranged to satisfy. Only 50c at C. J. Shain's.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES. Sunday Services, Sunday morning, "The American Sabbath;" evening "Soul Thirst Satisfied."

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6 p. m. Topic, "Christian Culture Day."

The pastor gives his entertainment "At the Mercy of the State" at the U. P. church in Southfield on Thursday evening.

The greens side in the B. Y. P. U. contest will hold a baked sale Saturday afternoon of this week.

The contest between the whites and the greens will close and be decided at the experience social Tuesday evening, Sept. 19, at the church. The experience to be told by each side together with a program will make it a lively occasion.

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## History Extract

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It will be our aim to conduct an EXCLUSIVE GROCERY STORE, carrying goods of a high quality at lowest price consistent with good service to the public. We will accept thankfully, and consider carefully, any suggestion for the betterment of our business. We will not attempt to tell you here our plans for your better service—By their fruits you shall know them."

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