

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
February 28, 1910

Quarantine Restrictions Removed

The Michigan Home for Feeble-minded and Epileptics, which has been in quarantine since the smallpox scare here, has been released and the employees may leave the buildings. The home was in quarantine for two weeks and no one employed in the buildings was allowed to leave on account of the several smallpox cases in Lapeer.

Lapeer County Press
March 24, 1910

NOT FOUND AS YET

INMATES OF LAPEER HOME ESCAPED SUNDAY.

Authorities Have Searched Surrounding Country With No Success
So Far.

(Special to The Daily Journal.)

Lapeer, Mich., March 24.—Although the country all around Lapeer has been carefully searched, no trace has been found of the three young men who escaped from the home for the feeble-minded last Sunday. Authorities at the institution believe that the men headed for Flint, inasmuch as one of them is well acquainted in that city.

Phineas Barnes, Will Fletcher and Leo Sultor are the names of the three. Barnes is 26 years old, Fletcher 21 and Sultor 23. Barnes formerly lived in Grand Rapids and has a brother in that city. Fletcher and Sultor have no homes. Fletcher escaped from the school once before and went to Flint, where he stayed for some time before being returned to the home.

The men escaped Sunday afternoon while out in the yard which surrounds the buildings of the institution. Choosing a moment when the guards were at a considerable distance away, they disappeared around the corner of one of the buildings and have not been seen since. Although the men are of feeble intellect, none of them are considered dangerous.

Lapeer County Press
May 4, 1910

Good Thing

The new bakery at the Mich. Home is completed and is one of the finest ever seen. The cement floors are clean as wax. The oven in which four barrels of flour are consumed daily for bread, besides cakes and other goodies is perfect in its construction and has a handsome white enamelled brick front and is lighted by electricity. Up stairs is a large patent dough-mixer, run by electric power. The dough then goes through a chute below onto a cherry table with boards set up edgewise and smoothed off. It is here kneaded into bread loaves ready for the oven. It is the cleanest and handiest bakery ever seen. A. J. Plumb is superintendent in this department and has a good corps of willing assistants. It is certainly a credit to the institution and much better than is afforded common people. In sampling the bread and cakes we find them far above the average in quality.

Lapeer County Press
June 15, 1910

There are now a waiting list of over one hundred desiring admission to the Mich. Home who cannot be received on account of lack of room. All admissions are now by order of Probate Court and that many orders are now on file for patients that cannot be received.

This is just the right sized town to settle down in and enjoy life. Everything for the comfort of life can be bought here and \$10 will go as far as \$20 will in the larger cities. When you want to leave the farm, come to our town and build a nice comfortable home, and be and live among the best people on earth.

Lapeer County Press
July 5, 1910

The new stone piers at the Michigan Home gates look handsome.

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Lapeer County Press
June 22, 1910

Band at the Home
There has been a ladies cornet band organized at the Mich. Home and Mr. J. England has been engaged as leader. There are a number of ladies connected with the Home who have already been connected with a band before coming to Lapeer and the next musical enterprise will be a go from the start. Seventeen musical instruments have been purchased and practice will begin at once. It will make life cheerful at the Home with but very little expense. It is said also that music of this kind is beneficial in assisting a cure in some forms of disease prevalent in institutions of this kind. Hurrah; let the good work go on.

Flint Daily Journal
July 12, 1910

RESIDENT OF PORT HURON Antone Mark Passes Away the Home for Feeble Minded.

Lapeer, Mich., July 12.—The funeral of Antone Mark, for the past eleven years an inmate of the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded, was held on Monday at 8:30 o'clock from the Lapeer Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. P. Dunigan officiating. Burial was made in the Catholic Cemetery. Mr. Marks was at one time a well known resident of Port Huron, where he resided nearly all his life. After a severe illness his mind became affected and it was found necessary to place him in the institution here.

Lapeer County Press
July 13, 1910

Anton Marks of the Mich. Home died Sunday and the funeral was held at the Catholic church Monday with burial in the Catholic cemetery. He was brother of Chief Marks of the Port Huron police.

Flint Daily Journal
August 4, 1910

1000 FEEBLE MINDS

LAPEER INSTITUTION IS FILLED
WITH PATIENTS.

Many Throughout the State are Now
Waiting to Enter—How the Sick
Are Cured For.

Lapeer, Mich., Aug. 4.—The Michigan Home for Feeble Minded at Lapeer now has an enrollment of 1,000 inmates most of whom are incurable and a large number are still waiting for admittance in different part of the state. The institution is growing very rapidly and it has been necessary to make various improvements in order to accommodate the new pupils.

The baker is aware of this rapid growth probably more than any one employed at the institution for it is he, who bakes all the bread and pastry consumed by the inmates. Each day he bakes 1,050 loaves and the amount of pastry varies. The bakery contains every modern improvement in that line and machinery is used which makes it possible to accomplish much more than could be done otherwise. The bakery is a two story building of white brick and the interior impresses one immediately by its air of neatness and cleanliness. The upper story contains the store room and it is here the bread is mixed by a large machine, a barrel of flour being used at a mixing. It is then placed in large vats where it is left over night. In the morning the dough is sent down a shaft to the bakery below, where the baker in white suit and white caps divides and makes it off in loaves on a large hardwood table. In a few moments, it is then ready for the oven which is so long, that large hooks are necessary to bring the bread out when baked. The institution is noted for its fine bread.

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Flint Daily Journal
September 21, 1910

ESCAPED FROM LAPEER

Benjamin Post Persistent in Efforts to Get Work.

An escaped inmate of the Home for the Feeble Minded at Lapeer with a mania for work was picked up by Sheriff Parkhurst this morning at the farm of Charles Thorn in Flint township, seven miles from the city. The young man, who gave his name as Benjamin Post and his age as 20 years, applied at the farm for work and was not satisfied until he had obtained a place. Thorn telephoned to the sheriff, who recognized from the description that it was a man for whom the authorities at Lapeer were searching. Post applied to the sheriff for a job when he was taken in charge.

Lapeer County Press
October 19, 1910

Mich Home

May Get Two New Cottages From the Next Legislature

The state board of corrections and charities has before it plans and estimates for two new cottages for the home for the feeble minded at Lapeer, the law requiring the board to pass upon the estimates before they are presented to the legislature. Secretary Murray says there are in the infirmities of the state a sufficient number of inmates who should be sent to the home to fill the new cottages, if the legislature provides for them.

Flint Daily Journal
November 3, 1910

Adjacent Towns Are Nervous.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 3.—Dr. F. W. Shumway, secretary of the state board of health, has received requests from the authorities at Bad Axe, Flint, Flushing and Lapeer to establish a quarantine against Saginaw, owing to the smallpox epidemic there. Relative to these requests Dr. Shumway said last night that present conditions do not warrant such stringent action, and that he believed that with the more than usual precautions being taken by the Saginaw officials, they had the situation well enough in hand to prevent a spread of the disease outside of that city.

Flint Daily Journal
October 17, 1910

ROOM IN STREETS

NO HOME FOR FEEBLE-MINDED CHILDREN.

Crowded Condition of Lapeer Institution Is Reflected by Conditions in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 17.—Henry De Hate, a feeble-minded lad of 16, is on the hands of the police and what disposition to make of him is a puzzle. Twice this week the boy was found wandering the streets at night. Saturday night he appeared at a dwelling at 45 Blackstone avenue and was taken to the Scotten avenue station.

Henry is an orphan and lived with his sister at 68 Frontenac avenue. He said she put him out and he had no place to go.

Henry's case discloses an unfortunate state of affairs in the home of the feeble-minded at Lapeer. The boy was committed there by the probate court, but there is no room for him in the institution, it being crowded. Lieut. Bronault, of the juvenile division, says he is informed that there are 200 weak-minded boys and girls in different parts of the state on the waiting list.

The police pick up regularly two girls, one of whom is Tracey Pankowdeck, living on Twenty-eighth street, both feeble-minded. They were also committed to the asylum, but they can't be taken in, so the police simply return the girls to their people, only to find them wandering the streets a few nights later.

When the De Hate boy was found earlier in the week, Truant Officer Steinhebel took him home. His sister did not want him, he reported to his superior, but she was induced to give him shelter.

"We can't send these children to the industrial school because they are weak-minded," said Lieut. Bronault, "and I don't know what we are going to do with them."

It is said the asylum authorities have asked Wayne county to take care of its own feeble-minded on account of the crowded conditions in the institution.

"There is a crying need for another institution such as the one at Lapeer," said Supt. Dolan, of the poor commission. "It is a common thing to turn boys and girls, men and women, back from there because there is no room for them. I believe the waiting list is more like 300. I have no criticism against the asylum. It is well managed and all that, but the trouble is the place has outgrown the population of the state and the proportionate increase in feeble-minded people."

"We have several cases that the police know nothing about."

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Lapeer County Clarion
November 9, 1910

"NOTICE

To the Citizens of the City of Lapeer"

At a meeting of the city board of health, held Nov. 7, 1910, it was resolved that in order to prevent an outbreak of smallpox, such as is being experienced by some of our neighboring cities, that each and every citizen be recommended to be immediately vaccinated, and that any desiring free vaccination may receive same by presenting themselves to the health officer of this city, Dr. J.V. Frazier."

"Miss Emma Bophine, an inmate of the Mich. Home is dead of smallpox and the nurse who cared for her during her illness. Miss Bertha Mosher, has contracted the dread disease and is very ill as the direct result of sacrificing her health to nurse the girl. Miss Bophine came from Saginaw a few weeks ago and brought the disease with her. There are no other cases."

Flint Daily Journal
November 11, 1910

FLINT BLUES TO GO TO LAPEER TONIGHT ON SMALLPOX DUTY

(By Associated Press to The Journal.)

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 11.—Dr. F. W. Shumway, secretary of the state board of health, stated this noon that Governor Warner had agreed, upon the representations of Mayor Johnson and Health Officer Fraser, of Lapeer, to order the Flint company of the national guard to Lapeer tonight to serve as a quarantine guard at the state home for the feeble-minded. There are 17 cases of smallpox among the inmates and attendants at the institution, and four deaths have occurred.

Flint Daily Journal
November 11, 1910

PATIENTS 17; DEATHS 4

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TAKES CONTROL AT LAPEER.

Deadly Malady Has Firm Grip on Home For Feeble Minded—Grounds Being Patrolled.

Lapeer, Mich., Nov. 11.—The alarming conditions at the Michigan Home are becoming more serious each day, as several new cases are reported from different sections of the institution. The contagion is not confined alone to the unfortunate inmates but the teachers are also becoming victims to the fatal malady. The patients now number 17. No case has as yet recovered, four deaths having already resulted from the disease. The strict quarantine on the institution shuts off Lapeer entirely from the terror-stricken little community and everything possible will be done to keep the disease from spreading.

Secretary of the State Board of Health Shumway spent yesterday in the city and after investigating the conditions expressed his opinion that the disease was now under control and congratulated the Lapeer officials and Health Officer John V. Frazier on the manner in which the affair had been handled in the city. Nearly all the school children have been vaccinated.

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Flint Daily Journal
November 14, 1910

Lapeer County Clarion
November 16, 1910

TWENTY-EIGHTH Y

NO NEW SMALLPOX CASES AT LAPEER

SOLDIERS ARE ALL ENJOYING
GOOD HEALTH.

MAINTAINING STRICT GUARD

SITUATION AT INSTITUTION RE-
PORTED IMPROVED.

Four Attempts to Break Through Line
of Soldiers Prove Unsuccessful—
One Victim Buried.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., Nov. 14.—Conditions at the Michigan Home are said to be somewhat improved today. There have been no new cases of smallpox reported this morning, though the deaths of two of the inmates are expected some time during the day.

In the soldiers' camp everything is quiet today. The men have settled down to their routine duties and are well and cheerful.

The physical condition of the men is reported as excellent. All of the men have been vaccinated and it is expected that there will be some more arms for a few days.

Twice since the soldiers went on duty at the Michigan Home the efficiency of the guard has been tested and both times it has been found to be effective.

Tried to Break Guard.

Yesterday afternoon three men employed in the bakery department of the institution started to go for a walk through the country to obtain exercise. They were halted by Privates Mulvan and Graves and forced to return to the building from which they came. They were warned that if they again attempted to pass the guardline that they could be quarantined in the hospital where the suspicious cases are taken care of. This seems to be the only solution of the problem of what to do with those who attempt to break quarantine, for those who try to evade the soldiers cannot be placed in a guard house, because of the fear of infection to the soldiers.

Late Saturday night a plumber from this city, who had gone to the home to do some work and was held when the quarantine was established, attempted to pass the guard line in company with another man. They were halted and returned to the institution. It seems the plumber was addicted to the use of liquor and several days in quarantine had given him an abnormal "thirst."

Prepare for Long Siege.

The soldiers are now on duty two and one-half hours and off duty three and one-half hours. Every fifth day each man will be allowed a full day and night to himself. The tents are warmed with stoves and when the men come in from duty they are given their choice of warm tea or coffee to drink.

A telephone system has been established in the officers' quarters and in a few days each tent will be equipped with incandescent electric lights. It is evident that the officers are preparing for a long siege.

The burying ground for the victims of the scourge is across the railroad tracks to the south of the institution. Only one burial has taken place since the soldiers arrived.

In the absence of men to assist in the burial of this inmate word was sent to a fireman at the boiler house that he would have to act. The fireman promptly secured a ladder and climbed up on top of the boiler and drew the ladder up after him. Then he calmly informed the man who came after him that he was a fireman and willing to do his duty, but drew the line at acting as an undertaker.

No Smallpox Cases in City of Lapeer

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., Nov. 14.—"There is no smallpox in the city of Lapeer, and there is no danger of any here through communication from the home," said Dr. J. V. Fraxler, the local health officer, to a Journal reporter this morning.

"A great many persons out through the state have the idea that the town is infested with the disease that is prevalent at the state institution and I want to take this opportunity to correct this erroneous report that has been circulated.

"One farmer called me up Saturday and asked me if I thought it would be safe for him to come into Lapeer with a load of beans. From morning till night each day I am questioned by persons in regard to the possibility of an outbreak in Lapeer and I want to say there is none.

Many Telephone Calls.

"Another thing that I wish to call attention to is the fact that the doctors who are working at the home have very minute of those time taken up and cannot be bothered answering long distance telephone calls in regard to inmates and employees at the home.

"In case any person at the home is stricken the parents, friends or relatives of that person will be notified of the fact at once by telephone.

"Last of all, there is absolutely no danger of any transmission of the disease through the mail sent out from the home. Every piece of mail

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LAPEER, MICH., WEDNESDAY, NOV 16 1910

IN CHECK

Small Pox at the
Home Under Perfect

Control

No New Cases and All the
Sick Ones Convalescent

The small pox which infested the Michigan Home last week is now under perfect control. There was some little excitement at the time in establishing a quarantine on account of the size of the Home grounds and it was thought necessary to invoke the aid of state troops to rigidly enforce the law, consequently half a company was sent over from Flint. Perfect discipline is now in force and the soldiers are now on duty at the Home.

A dead line is established and no one is allowed to pass the lines without the countersign or pass issued by proper authority just the same as in war time and any person who violates the orders will suffer the consequences. Up to Tuesday noon there have been just

sixteen cases of small pox at the institution and six deaths, the most deplorable being Miss Moses, a trained nurse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moses of Metamora township, and Miss Streeter, others being inmates. Col. Cox,

of the state military department, who is here with the Flint company of the M. N. G., under Capt. Guy

Wilson, during quarantine duty at the Home two miles out of the city, established a "dead line" for visitors 300 feet from the institution. This affects all attaches, in

the institution, as was indicated when Dr. H. Haynes was halted on the home's grounds by a private who was acting under orders from

Col. Cox. A line of soldiers is doing picket duty around the home tonight. While a short distance

back from the home their companies are encamped in tents. Business in Lapeer is normal. There is no

small pox in the city, every report of case being confined to the Home.

The report concerning the exposure of 1,000 people should not be construed to mean that the town is proper has been in danger. The

location of the home, it is believed here, together with precautionary measures that are being taken, make an outbreak in the city im-

probable, and no fears for the safety of the city's residents are expressed by the health authorities or the citizens themselves.

Wholesale vaccinations are being performed under orders of the city health department.

Among the employees who were afflicted are Miss Stearns, the young music teacher from Kalamazoo, and Ernie Stier, of Lapeer. Both of these cases have passed the danger point, however, and are on the road to recovery.

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Flint Daily Journal, November 18, 1910

Soldiers Maintaining Quarantine at State Home for Feeble Minded at Lapeer Fear They May Have to Spend Christmas in Camp

LAPPEER, Mich., Nov. 18.—For the first time in the history of this city the residents are viewing a soldiers' camp at close range. Scores of visitors from town and the surrounding country are daily making trips to Camp Frazier, on the western outskirts of this city, where 40 members of Company A, Third regiment, M. N. G., are encamped, a short distance away from the home.

This unexpected display of soldier life to which Lapeerites are being treated is costing the county about \$100 a day, for the soldiers are here to guard the inhabitants of this community from any danger of the communication of the "black" smallpox, the ravages of which are being felt at the Michigan home for the feeble-minded and epileptic.

Fifteen cases and nine deaths from the dread disease in the record to date at the home, but the epidemic is being checked, the authorities believe, and it is thought that it will soon be stamped out.

Soldiers in for a Long Siege.

The fact that the disease is apparently checked does not mean that the soldiers will be removed at once, however. Major J. V. Frazier, of the medical department of the Michigan national guard, who is also local health officer, declares that the soldiers will remain until there is absolutely no danger of any transmission of the disease to the outside world from the institution. When Major Frazier first decided that it would be a wise move to ask that the troops be sent here to help maintain a rigid quarantine at the home, some of the residents of the city were inclined to scoff. Now the attitude of the residents is changed, and on every side are heard praises for the major-doctor for the efficient manner in which he has checked the spread of the epidemic and confined it to the home.

The boys who are in camp are preparing for a long siege and are even making arrangements for spending Christmas here. In all likelihood it will be January 1 before an order is received to break camp, and it may be longer. The authorities say that they will keep the home guarded for a year, if it is necessary.

No Child's Play.

"By gosh, this soldierin' ain't what

it's cracked up I' be, boy, Hanky," a farmer who sat shivering on top of a load of potatoes which his son and he were bringing to town one cold day was heard to remark as they stopped to take a look at the guards pacing back and forth, while a damp, cutting wind blew across the bleak landscape and whistled through the bare trees.

Anyone who has any reason to doubt this very good guess made by the farmer only has to go out and tramp back and forth in the road in front of the institution for an hour or so to realize that the matter of being on guard duty for that length of time, weighted down with heavy clothes and carrying a Springfield rifle over one's shoulder, isn't a play-spell by any means.

In the daytime the guarding of the institution is an easy matter, for any person who is out in a soldier's uniform can easily be detected and halted. At night, however, the vigilance of the guards has to be increased, for fear that some of the inmates of the plague-stricken institution may make a break for liberty.



GUARD AT ENTRANCE TO INSTITUTION GROUNDS.



DETAIL OF MEN MARCHING TO GUARD DUTY.

The other tents are the mess tents and officers' quarters.

The camp is now lighted by electricity and the tents are heated by stoves. There is a telephone in the officers' quarters. Plenty of magazines and books were taken along from the library in the Blues' armory in Flint, and when the men are off duty they spend their time reading. That a good many of the men are of a mechanical turn of mind is shown by the class of literature they select. Books on popular mechanics are in great demand at all times in preference to the lighter forms of reading.

Turkey for Holidays.

Though the men will have to spend their Thanksgiving and probably Christmas in camp, they will not go without their share of the good things which private citizens enjoy, for Captain Wilson says that regular rations will be abolished on those days and that turkey will be served to the men.

3 KITTENS TIED TOGETHER

Cat's Offspring's Heads All Point Same Way.

Middleport, N. Y., November 18.—Tigress, the large cat owned by James Albano, gave birth a few days ago to three kittens, which were all fastened along the length of their sides to one another; their heads are all faced one way, and almost in a line, and they are perfect in head, body and legs, all three being able to stand at the same time and walk.

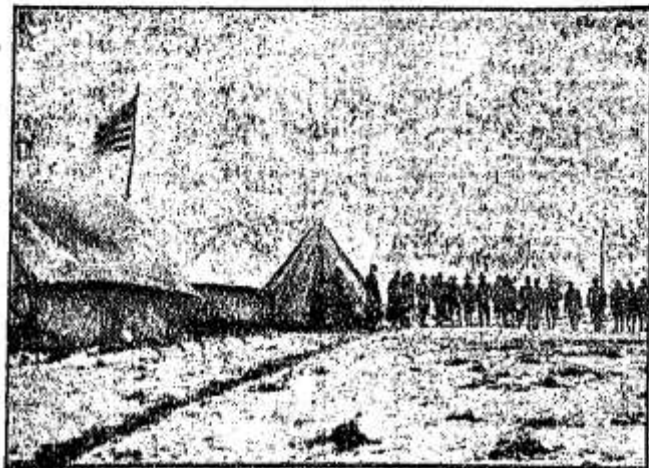
They are very active and bright and were it not for the fact that they are bound or attached to each other by a thick strip of flesh about an inch and a half in length along their sides, they would not seem different from ordinary kittens. Owing to their peculiar color, being reddish calico, white and Maltese, they have been named Red, White and Blue.

Two other kittens complete the litter. The white kitten is the center one of the trio, and seems to be the largest and the strongest.

Dough Raising Utensil.

A patent has been granted on Ohioan on a dough raising utensil which employs the heat from water contained in a lower portion to stimulate the yeast action in the contents of an upper vessel.

Journal Liners Bring Results.



SOLDIERS AT CAMP AWAITING MESS CALL.

The institution grounds proper cover an area of about a quarter of a mile square. To the east and south beyond the grounds are great stretches of land on which are raised the products that help to supply the members of the little community with food. To the west of the group of cottages is a big acreage of timber, and at this point a detail of men is stationed each night, in charge of one of the lieutenants, and an effective guard is established to prevent any escape into the thick woods.

Guard at Gate.

Two gates lead to the highway from the home grounds on the north side, and at each entrance, at which are great stone pillars, a guard paces back and forth unceasingly, day and night, and absolutely no communication is allowed to those outside the grounds with the inhabitants of the home, except under orders of Major Frazier.

When the soldiers are not on duty they can enjoy most of the comforts of home within the Sibley tents. These are the conical-shaped tents shown in the picture back of the line of men.

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ARMS BOTHER THEM

FLINT BOYS IN CAMP HOSPITAL
NEAR LAPEER.

Vaccination Disables Several Members
of Union Blues for Quarantine
Duty—Flint Substitutes.

Capt. Guy M. Wilson, who is in command of the Flint Union Blues detailed for quarantine duty at the Michigan home for the feeble-minded near Lapeer, is spending the day in the city. He expects to return to Lapeer tonight.

"Conditions at the home are not quite so satisfactory as they were a few days ago," said Capt. Wilson this forenoon. "Up to yesterday there had been no new cases for four days. Yesterday, however, four new cases developed, and there were two deaths among the inmates of the institution. All of the patients who have just come down with the disease were vaccinated, in common with all of the other inmates of the home, a few days ago, and for this reason it is hoped that their cases will not be of a serious type. There is not a single case of the malady in Lapeer, and the citizens are now well pleased that the soldiers were called out to maintain a quarantine to protect the city from invasion by the disease.

"The quarantine by the state troops will be maintained for thirty days after the last case at the home has either recovered or died. Some of the members of the Flint company are beginning to be affected by the vaccination which they underwent before they left home, and six or eight of them are now disabled for duty. We have a comfortable and well-equipped hospital in camp, and the boys on the sick list are being given the best of attention by a corps of two good physicians. The condition of none of them is serious, but it will be several days before they are able to return to duty, and in the meantime I am calling on other members of the company who remained in Flint to take their places temporarily.

"It is possible that the Flint company will be relieved from quarantine duty by some other company of the Michigan national guard in a short time, but as yet no definite arrangements have been made in that direction."

Flint Daily Journal
November 23, 1910

MORE WARM CLOTHES

STATE SENDS ADDITIONAL SUP-
PLY TO LAPEER.

Soldiers on Guard at Home for Feeble
Minded to Have Changes of
Raiment.

(By Associated Press to The Journal.)

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 23—Colonel W. G. Rogers, assistant quartermaster-general, is shipping today an additional supply of overcoats, blankets and shoes to the national guardsmen on duty at the state home for the Feeble Minded at Lapeer, where there is a serious epidemic of smallpox. It is proposed to equip each man with two pairs of shoes, in order that he may have dry footwear when he comes in from a tour of guard duty out in the rain or snow for 24 hours.

Colonel J. N. Cox was in Lapeer the first of the week and he says that not a case of smallpox has developed in the city of Lapeer, so rigidly has the quarantine been maintained at the state institution.

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Flint Daily Journal
November 30, 1910

PUTTING THE CITIZEN SOLDIERY TO GOOD USE IN TIME OF PEACE.

[From the Grand Rapids Herald.]

"Every cloud has a silver lining. It seems the height of impropriety to discuss the possibility of such a thing as even indirect advantage in the smallpox epidemic which has been troubling eastern Michigan; and yet we are impressed with a conclusion in connection therewith which is worthy of comment. It deals with the dependability of the Michigan National Guard and the extent to which we unconsciously rely upon our citizen soldiery.

"When the smallpox threatened havoc and panic at the Home for the Feeble Minded; at Lapeer, Captain Wilson of Company A, Third Infantry, Michigan National Guard was ordered to the scene of trouble to throw a picket line around the stricken institution as protection against the escape of the infected, feeble-minded inmates of this institution—a protection which the safety of the people of the state of Michigan absolutely demanded.

"It was an absolutely novel use of the military. It was as serious a use—fully as dangerous as open warfare—as could be imagined. Certainly it was as important a use as exigency could possibly demand.

"The Flint company responded to a man. Within twenty-four hours the boys were detained, encamped, and on guard. Did you ever stop to think what a serious responsibility faced these volunteer troops in this little and apparently harmless situation?

"Here were some thousand feeble-minded inmates of a state institution with a dread disease. Here was the absolute necessity that they be kept in confinement and quarantine. Here was a band of sixty or seventy men entrusted with the final responsibility of keeping these inmates within their bounds.

"What would have happened had panic come and had this great group of feeble-minded people attempted to break quarantine and escape into an uncontaminated world which would have thereby become contaminated? Mere physical strength could not have saved the day and would have invited personal infection. One soldiers could have physically stopped one inmate. What of the other nine hundred? Should guns be fired? Should bayonets be used?

"Just think for a moment of the responsibility put upon that captain and those members of a volunteer company of our state militia!

"And here's the point.

"For such dangerous and vitally important service as this at Lapeer, the people of Michigan have constantly at their service a trained body of trained men who obey the orders they receive. When we need such help, we need it badly; and when we need it, the governor has but to say the word and the word is law.

"Isn't the presence of such a trained troop a social and governmental necessity? Isn't the existence of a body of men who will go where duty calls them—and do the things which private citizenship would hesitate to do—a fundamental asset for the commonwealth?

"Don't they go where private citizenship would hesitate to go? Would you have taken Captain Wilson's place in command of the guard at Lapeer?

"Since this is the situation; since the perpetuation of this citizen constabulary is so vitally essential, it behooves the people of Michigan to promote the interests of the Michigan National Guard at every legitimate turn of the road.

"It behooves the people of Michigan to proceed with a wide measure of liberality in the completion of a system of armories throughout the commonwealth so that these companies upon which we so urgently depend in time of trouble, may be properly housed in time of calm.

"The Michigan National Guard has never yet been called and found wanting. As long ago as the Spanish-American war, it was on the job. In the recent strike disturbance at Durand the tact and genius with which the troops handled themselves served more than any one individual thing to bring order out of chaos and peace out of hostility. The Lapeer exhibit is of the same stripe.

"Michigan cannot too greatly dignify her National Guard. It is a great institution. It should be fostered and respected as it is depended upon when trouble comes."

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Lapeer County Press
December 7, 1910

FRAZIER'S REPORT

On Sanitary Con- ditions at the Home

Maj. Frazier of the medical department of the state troops has transmitted to Col. Cox, adjutant general, his report on sanitary conditions at the Home for the Feeble Minded. The report, addressed to Capt. Guy M. Wilson, commanding the camp of the militia, reads as follows: "In compliance with your verbal order transmitted to me Saturday, Nov. 26, I proceeded on the morning of said day to make a careful and detailed investigation of the sanitary conditions existing in the grounds of the Michigan Home. I found there conditions of the most unsatisfactory and unsafe nature, which conditions must have been existing for a great length of time." The report then states that the most serious of the conditions are the piling full of the incinerators with garbage and refuse and leaving them in the woods and the large pile of bandages, dressings and absorbent cotton which had been used in the hospital and were the accumulation of weeks. A play house was found to be in an unsanitary condition and was ordered burned. When Dr. Chamberlain's attention was called to the state of affairs he took prompt action and had all the refuse burned. The report then goes on to say: "While these infractions of the rules of sanitation were of the most serious nature, I do not believe that they would have been allowed to continue unless the staff of the Home for the Feeble Minded had been worked beyond their capacity during the recent epidemic. They immediately and cheerfully rectified the conditions. It is safe to say that if your inspection had not brought these to light the health of your entire command and of the institution would have been endangered. 'I have observed the interior sanitation of the home hospital from time to time and the same was satisfactory. I would recommend that sentries be placed in the woods to watch as far as they are able at a safe distance the disposition of garbage and report any further unsanitary condition.'"

(Signed) JOHN V. FRAZIER
Major and Surgeon

Flint Daily Journal
December 9, 1910

MORE ROOM NEEDED

POORMASTERS SPEAK IN BEHALF OF LAPEER HOME.

Advocate New Buildings and Accommodations for Physically Defective Children.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 9.—Realizing that the present accommodations at the Lapeer home for the feeble-minded are inadequate to care for the number of children in the state who need the care and attention that can be provided only at an institution of that nature, the legislative committee of the State association of Superintendents of the Poor advocate that the legislature be requested to investigate conditions and grant an appropriation for enlarging the home.

Practically every county poor superintendent in the state agrees with Auditor-General Fuller that the buildings at Lapeer should be enlarged, and Mr. Fuller, who has taken a personal interest in the matter, will use his influence with the legislators to secure an appropriation.

The legislative committee also advocates that the lawmakers take action to provide for the care of physically deformed children who cannot be accepted at the Lapeer home. It is pointed out that there are many unfortunate children in the state that the various counties are unable to care for and the state will be asked to take action along this line. An effort will be made to have the present state law changed so that the annual reports may be filed with the state board of corrections and charities instead of with the secretary of state.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Andrew J. Dolan, Beloit; vice president, V. H. Billings, Grand Rapids; secretary and treasurer, W. A. Prater, Paw Paw.

The next meeting will be held at Ann Arbor and before the next meeting the legislative committee will incorporate the association under the laws of this state.

In an address on the Kalamazoo road system and tramp question, W. H. Bennett, superintendent of poor of Kalamazoo county, told the association that a comparison of the sheriff's book for the months of November, December, January, February and March, the first five months that Kalamazoo county tried the system of working vagrants upon its public highways, shows there was a decrease in the number of vagrants of over 2,300. The jail committee's last report showed ten vagrants for that period. The police report for the month of November, 1910, shows but one arrest for vagrancy. This has usually been one of the heaviest months of the year for "gentlemen of the road."

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
December 23, 1910

SOLDIERS BREAK CAMP AT LAPEER

FLINT GUARDSMEN WILL BE HOME
THIS AFTERNOON.

PONTIAC BOYS ALSO LEAVE

QUARANTINE RAISED AT 10 O'CLOCK
THIS MORNING.

Preparations Made for Leave Taking
With Mixed Emotions—Social
Notes of Lapeer.

Lapeer, Mich., December 23.—Camp Frazier is breaking up today, and at 4:16 this afternoon two companies of happy guardsmen will leave Lapeer for home. The quarantine at the Michigan Home for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic was raised at 10 o'clock this morning, following verbal orders from the adjutant general and written orders from Secretary F. W. Shumway, of the state board of health. The soldiers immediately began to prepare for their departure, the men happy in the realization that they would spend Christmas with their families. The members of the Flint company will reach home at 4:47 o'clock. The Pontiac company will go by the same train to Durand, where they will transfer to a Pontiac train.

Four men, a corporal and a cook, will remain at the camp as a guard and next week, Captain Guy Wilson, of the Flint company, will return to supervise the razing of the tents, which promises to be a difficult task as they are frozen solid to the ground.

Men Get Their Pay.

Yesterday afternoon, Lieutenant Irving, of Flint, returned from Lansing with the pay checks for the men, the second that they received, and all of them now are supplied with Christmas money. Following the announcement that the quarantine would be raised, a present of 400 cigars was received by the soldiers with the compliments of Edwin W. Atwood, of Flint.

When it was first announced that the quarantine would be lifted in time for the soldiers to spend Christmas at home the men went wild with enthusiasm. They sang, and yelled, and congratulated one another and soon the telephone and telegraph wires were carrying many happy messages in which Christmas plans were made. But when the actual preparations for departure began, the men were not so enthusiastic. They have enjoyed life at the camp, notwithstanding its rigor. Many new friendships have sprung up among the men and with the people of Lapeer and the leave taking is not without its regrets. Some pleasant associations end with the dissolution of Camp Frazier but the weeks of guard duty will be a pleasant recollection to most of the members of the two companies.

Lieut. Irving Gets Betsy.

Along with one of the soldiers will go Betsy, a pet cat that has done her share to make camp duty pleasant for the men. Just before Thanksgiving a number of the men attended a feather party. A scrawny little feline appeared and, purring beside one of the soldiers, succeeded in arousing his sympathy. His luck had not been the best and he took her up. Immediately he began to win, turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens coming to him so fast that he was overwhelmed. Others took the kitten and they also won. Pussy became a favorite and was taken to the camp. The boys named her Betsy and when they were preparing to break camp all of them wanted her. They drew lots and Betsy was secured by Lieut. Irving. Betsy is no longer little and scrawny. She has every appearance of prosperity now and Lieut. Irving had to promise that he would take the best of care of her before his envious companions would part with their pet.

The raising of the quarantine at the institution will permit many of the attendants who have been so closely confined for the last several weeks to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. There are still some convalescing patients in the hospital, and this department will remain isolated until the last has recovered.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Lapeer County Press
December 28, 1910

No Danger.

The following is a copy of a letter to C. H. Phillips, Pres. of the Michigan Knights of the Grip, regarding the health conditions in Lapeer. Dear Sir: On investigation by the state board of health and local health board the smallpox conditions in Lapeer are found to be that up to date there have been four cases of a hemorrhage type in the city proper, two of which have died, while two are now convalescent. With the precautions taken by the city health officer there is no anticipation of any further spread in the disease. The quarantine at the Mich. Home was raised before Xmas and it is expected there will be any smallpox either at the Home or in the city itself with the exception of the convalescing cases. (Signed) F. W. Shumway M. D. Sec. State Board of Health; John V. Frazier M. D. Health officer city of Lapeer.

December 28, 1910

An Appeal.

The board of control of the Mich. Home in its biennial report to Gov. Warner stated there were 1,000 inmates in the institution June 30, 1910, and that there were over 100 applications on file at the present time. An appeal is made that the legislature be urged to take immediate action and grant an appropriation whereby an addition to the present buildings may be erected and other needed improvements made. If the legislature grants the appropriation asked for, which is given at \$137,450, two new cottages will be erected that will accommodate 150 more patients, equally divided as to sex. An addition to the present dining hall will be built, a separate dining hall for the employees at the home, a two-story industrial building will be constructed and a house for the home physician will be provided. Other improvements of a less important nature are mentioned.

Flint Daily Journal
January 9, 1911

ONE CASE IN HOME

SMALL POX NEARLY STAMPED OUT
AT INSTITUTION.

Not a Case in the Town of Lapeer,
and None in the County—Visitors
Last Week.

Lapeer, Mich., Jan. 9.—Conditions at the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic continue to improve and there is now but one case of smallpox in the detention hospital, that of Michael Blue, an inmate, who was the last to be stricken with the disease. He is very ill with but slight chances for recovery.

It is thought the disease is checked at the institution and no other outbreaks are looked for as the vaccination has been general and the greatest precaution taken to prevent another epidemic.

The town of Lapeer is entirely free from the disease and all those who were under quarantine have been released. With the exception of the one case at the Michigan Home there is no case of smallpox in the county. Health Officer John V. Frazier, who took strenuous measures to prevent an epidemic in Lapeer, is being highly complimented for the manner in which the disease has been checked and the members of the state board of health are pleased with the management of conditions in Lapeer.

Flint Daily Journal
January 16, 1911

LAPEER IS EXCITED

**INMATE OF MICHIGAN HOME GETS
LOOSE INTO TOWN.**

**Citizens Are Stirred Up, But the Man
Was Only Playing Soldier, and
Had Fun.**

Lapeer, Mich., Jan. 16.—The south-eastern section of the city was thrown in a tumult of excitement Saturday when the news was circulated about that an inmate of the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded here was at large in that portion of the city and could not be located. Front doors were bolted and children were called from the and for several hours alarmed citizens streets until the man could be found, peered from windows with anxious faces to see if they might learn how matters stood. The Michigan Home is still under quarantine for smallpox, though it will probably be raised some time this week.

Early that morning a man was seen running down Saginaw street wearing the blue suit of the institution. As he passed the mill of Elgin Turnbull, one of the employees recognized him as an inmate called out and asked what had happened to his hat. He stopped, however, only a second to say he had lost it in a runaway. Mr. Turnbull with several others started after him with a team, but in the vicinity of Emerson Surtees' home all trace of him was lost. Every possible place of concealment was searched and the party was about to give up when he ran from the Surtees barn towards an open field, the three after him. Suddenly he turned on his pursuers and pulling a large ear of corn from his pocket screamed, "Halt or I'll shoot." It seems the man had been an admirer of the guards during the encampment at the institution and his one ambition since has been to be soldier. He was finally persuaded by Mr. Turnbull to go back to the mill, where he was promised employment. The Home officials were notified and in a short time he was hurried back to the Home.

During the shift of attendants Saturday morning Bruste escaped from a window in Cottage E and crawled down to the fire escape. He has on several occasions attempted to run away before but has been caught before getting very far.

Flint Daily Journal
January 18, 1911

PAY FOR SOLDIERS

**CAPT. WILSON GOES TO LANSING
FOR FINAL INSTALLMENT.**

**Over Two Thousand Dollars Will Be
Apportioned Among Men Who
Served at Lapeer.**

Capt. Guy M. Wilson, of Co. A., Third regiment, M. N. G., has gone to Lansing today to draw the remainder of the pay for the soldiers who were on duty as quarantine guards at the Michigan Home for the Feeble Minded at Lapeer during November and December when the institution was closed because of an epidemic of smallpox. The men will be paid at the U. S. armory tonight.

The payroll, which amounts to something over \$2,000, is for the latter part of December. The most of the men will receive pay for 12 days' services, but 10 men and three officers, who were detailed to stay and remove the tents and were later kept on duty when a new case developed in the home, will receive pay for 18 days.

In addition to the money to pay the local members of the National Guard, Capt. Wilson will bring with him the pay for the detachment of men from Co. E, of Pontiac, who were ordered to Lapeer after the local troops were sent there. Capt. Wilson will take the pay for the Pontiac men to that city tomorrow.

Flint Daily Journal
March 7, 1911

Flint Daily Journal
March 8, 1911

IN HONOR OF DEAD

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MICHIGAN HOME SUNDAY.

In Remembrance of Those Who Died at Lapeer During Smallpox Epidemic.

Lapeer, Mich., March 2.—Rev. S. G. Livingston, pastor of the Lapeer Presbyterian church, will officiate Sunday afternoon at the memorial services which will be held in the chapel of the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic in memory of those who lost their lives during the epidemic of black smallpox at the institution. Special music is being prepared and the inmates and attendants will be present.

Michigan Home Employees Marry.
Miss Emma F. Chere and Elton J. Walker were quietly married Tuesday afternoon in Lapeer, and after a short trip will be at home on the Robert Walker farm near Hunters' creek. Mr. Walker has held a responsible position at the Michigan Home for the past eleven years and Miss Chere was also employed at the institution. Both young people are well known in Lapeer.

HONORS FOR DEAD

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD AT HOME NEAR LAPEER.

The Speakers and the Program—
Child's Finger Nearly Cut Off—
People Who are Visiting.

Lapeer, Mich., March 7.—An impressive memorial service was held Sunday afternoon in the chapel at the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic by Rev. S. G. Livingston, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Rev. N. C. Karr, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church and Rev. Reed of Ontario in memory of the 14 inmates and three employees who lost their lives during the smallpox epidemic last fall at the institution.

The inmates, who were able to be present, marched to the chapel in a body and all of the attendants and employees were present. The choir of the institution sang several hymns and Rev. Karr and Rev. Reed read passages from the Scriptures. Rev. Livingston delivered the memorial address, speaking in a beautiful manner of the lives destroyed. At the close of the service Miss Myrtle Desnoyer sang "Face to Face," accompanied by Miss Louise Lombard. Besides the inmates who died of the disease, Miss Irene Stearns, of Laurence, teacher of music, Miss Streeter, supervisor of the sewing department, and Miss Moses, a nurse of Metamora, all prominent young ladies, lost their lives. The friends and relatives of the unfortunate ones throughout the state were notified of the services and expressed their appreciation.

BRAVERY MEDALS FOR GUARDSMEN

THOSE WHO SERVED IN LAPEER EPIDEMIC REWARDED.

PRESENTATIONS LAST NIGHT

UNION BLUES CELEBRATE THE EVENT WITH A BANQUET.

State Officers of National Guard Attend and Extend Felicitations—
Efficiency and Service Medals.

Reminiscences of cold, stormy days and long, dreary nights spent on the guard line when the wind and sleet beat against their faces as they kept up their ceaseless vigil to protect the outside world from the dread smallpox which infested the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic last November and December; and the more cheerful moments when they were relieved from duty and rested within their sibley tents were told in story and song at a banquet of the members of Company A, Third Regiment, Michigan National Guard, in the Flint Union Blues' armory last night.

It was the proudest night in the history of the local military company. For not only were its members the recipients of felicitations from their officers and the invited guests, but the service they performed for the state of Michigan in maintaining the guard around the smallpox infested institution was substantially rewarded by the distribution of bronze medals commemorating the long siege at Lapeer. Each medal, suspended from a pin on which is inscribed "Mich. Nat'l Guard," bears the coat of arms of the nation and the inscription, "For Bravery Lapeer Epidemic, 1910." They were made at the order of Governor Osborn and designed by Maj. J. V. Frazier, of the medical department of the Michigan National Guard and also health officer of the city of Lapeer. There were also several medals for long service, rifle team work and individual marksmanship distributed to the members of the company. These medals were awarded recently and it was decided to present them on the occasion of the presentation of the Lapeer medals.

The Guests of Honor.

Among the guests of honor at the banquet were Col. James N. Cox, of the Adjutant General's department; Col. Walter G. Rogers, assistant quartermaster general of the Michigan National Guard; Maj. J. V. Frazier, of the medical department, M. N. G.; Capt. Charles S. Martin, Col. James S. Parker, Fred W. Brennan and Frank Buckingham, all former captains of Company A. The following Lapeer citizens were also present: Mayor S. D. Brown, Prosecuting Attorney Herbert Smith, A. Zastrow, Don Carrigan, Adam Urquhart, John Loughnane, Arthur Kudner, Claude McQuinn, Merrill Jones and J. T. Vincent, comprising the "Waterville and Frazier Quartet," famed for the entertainment furnished at officers headquarters in Camp Frazier during the quarantine guard of the home.

The following telegram to Capt. Guy M. Wilson from Adj. Gen. W. T. McTearin who was to have distributed the medals was read by Col. Cox: "Regret that important business en-

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Flint Daily Journal
April 11, 1911

BUDGET TO BE BIG

PROMISES TO EXCEED THAT OF
TWO YEARS AGO.

TO GUARD AGAINST DEFICIT

APPROPRIATION BILLS ARE
FAIRLY LIBERAL.

Home for Feeble-Minded at Lapeer
Allowed \$60,000 for Two New
Cottages.

(From The Journal's Lansing Bureau.)
Lansing, Mich., April 11.—Appropriation bills reported out by the ways and means committee run to an amount which indicates the total budget will be above that of two years ago. Members of the committee assert, however, that it will cover every expense of state government and not cripple the state by forcing a deficit at the close of next year.

Six state institutions have been granted an appropriation for new buildings by this committee, and the house has passed the bills. Under the bills as passed the U. of M. was allowed \$280,000 for a new heating and power plant; the agricultural college \$150,000 for a new auditorium and library; the Kalamazoo normal \$60,000 for a new science hall and \$10,000 for equipping it; the Lapeer Home for the Feeble-Minded, \$60,000 for two new cottages; the Pontiac asylum \$60,000 for a new cottage and other improvements and the Newberry asylum \$55,000 for a similar purpose. In addition the agricultural college was authorized to expend \$50,000 out of the mill tax appropriation to complete the library and auditorium.

Getting these appropriations through required considerable maneuvering upon the part of their friends, all of whom combined their interests. It is expected that the two cottages at the Lapeer home will increase the capacity about 170, and the cottages at Pontiac and Newberry will increase the capacity of those institutions about 100 each.

Twenty Appropriation Bills.

Twenty appropriation bills in all were passed. One was Representative Haviland's appropriation of \$6,000 to reconstruct a portion of the Fort Gratiot turnpike in St. Clair county which year after year has been cut away by the river.

The state highway department was granted \$250,000 a year for good roadmaking.

There was \$175,000 appropriation for the Soldiers' Home.

There was \$1,500 appropriated for the Escanaba fair, this being the first year the upper peninsula has secured a slice of this melon.

Another appropriated \$1,500 annually to provide for inspections of bees.

The Central Normal at Mt. Pleasant was granted \$80,000 with \$11,000 for special purposes.

The College of Mines was allowed \$73,000 and \$65,000 respectively for the two years.

The home for the feeble-minded was granted \$61,000, including the amount for the two new cottages.

The appropriation for the board of geological survey was allowed \$5,000 for the two years work in making the topographical map and the biological survey.

The general budget bill amounting to \$2,083,000 for 1912 and \$1,060,000 for 1913.

For the attorney general's department the sum of \$12,000 was allowed.

The Eastern Michigan asylum was allowed \$70,000.

Alpena Given Hope.

Alpena was allowed the entering wedge for securing a normal school, a bill being passed which appropriates \$1 for taking over from the city a site of 25 acres. Originally the bill carried an appropriation for erecting the buildings, but this portion was cut out.

When the bill came up appropriating \$30,000 a year for the erection of armories for the state militia, Representative Bricker, of Ionia, attracted attention to himself by voting against the bill. Members immediately called attention to the fact that Ionia was the first city in the state to secure a public building at state expense, and it was added that two years ago the Ionia representative worked industriously throughout the session to secure an additional appropriation of \$2,500 to complete the building, which had been erected at a cost exceeding the appropriation. Representative Bricker was not a member at that time but his colleagues remarked that they were not pleased to see the Ionia man assume that so long as his county had secured a plum it was time to close the door against other communities.

VANDERCOOK.

MAKES ANOTHER CUT

GOV. OSBORN STILL WIELDING
THE PRUNING KNIFE.

Appropriation for Home for Feeble-Minded at Lapeer Reduced
\$45,000.

(From The Journal's Lansing Bureau.)

Lansing, Mich., April 22.—Governor Osborn has vetoed appropriation bills to the tune of \$275,000 up to date and more are to follow. In connection with his cut of \$45,000 from the budget of the Lapeer home for the feeble-minded, it is recalled that the committee which visited the institution upon returning from the junket announced that the state had been saved considerable money by reason of the investigation of the needs of the home and a reduction by the committee in the funds requested. The committee approved the budget, but Governor Osborn called in the board of control yesterday and said:

"I want to know what items can be stricken from this appropriation without impairing the efficiency of the institution."

The members agreed that \$45,000 could be cut out with no harm, and that was done. VANDERCOOK.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
April 29, 1911

SLASHED WITH RAZOR

**INSANE MAN AT MICHIGAN HOME
CUTS BARBER.**

**Caught Unawares, the Man Has Nar-
row Escape—Jugular Vein Just
Missed.**

Lapeer, Mich., April 29.—William Perkins, an attendant in Cottage G. at the Home for the Feeble Minded, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon by Grover Henderson, an inmate 28 years old, who slashed Perkins with a razor while temporarily insane. Perkins was shaving some of the inmates when Henderson grabbed the blade and ran the knife across Perkins' cheek with a downward cut, nearly severing the jugular vein. Perkins weighs 200 pounds and is an athlete, but the cutting was done so quickly that he was caught unawares. He was immediately removed to the hospital where 20 stitches were taken.

Flint Daily Journal
July 3, 1911

Miss Charlotte Harring left Saturday morning for Oskosh, Wisconsin, where she will spend the summer. Miss Harring teaches music at the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic in Lapeer and has accepted the position for another year.

Lapeer County Clarion
May 4, 1911

INMATE ATTACKS HIS ATTENDANT WITH RAZOR.

William Perkins, the English man who was with the troops during the quarantine at the Michigan Home, and afterwards took a position as attendant, nearly lost his life Thursday. Mr. Perkins was shaving one of the inmates when another inmate, Grover Henderson, slipped up behind him and seizing the razor slashed him about the face and neck before he realized his danger. Fourteen stitches were taken in the wound.

Flint Daily Journal
July 6, 1911

MEIGS TO SUCCEED WEIDMAN

**Gov. Osborn Makes Change on Board
of Trustees of Lapeer Home.**

(From The Journal's Lansing Bureau.)

Lansing, Mich., July 6.—Another of the recess appointees of ex-Gov. Warner has been supplanted by Governor Osborn, announcement being made at the executive office today that A. E. Meigs, of Detroit, has been appointed a member of the board of control of the Home for the Feeble Minded, at Lapeer, to succeed J. S. Weidman, of Mount Pleasant, for the term ending January 31, 1915. This is the second board member Governor Osborn has displaced. There are rumors that the legality of the changes are to be tested in court, but no definite move in that direction has been made here.

Flint Daily Journal
July 13, 1911

REDUCE DAILY RATE

**LAPEER HOME TO BE CONDUCTED
MORE CHEAPLY.**

**Maintenance of Inmates to be Reduced
From Forty-Eight to Forty-
Six Cents a Day.**

(From The Journal's Lansing Bureau.)

Lansing, Mich., July 13.—At a session of the board of control of the Lapeer Home for the Feeble Minded and the board of state auditors with Governor Osborn this noon, the governor announced his determination to reduce the daily rate of maintenance of the inmates from 48 cents a day to 46 cents. The board in joint session had agreed upon the higher price, but the governor presented figures he had gathered to show that the cost of living is lower, and insisted that the institution ought to be properly maintained at the rate of 46 cents which was in effect in 1909, declaring food prices are lower now than they were then.

"I want the institution properly maintained," he declared, "but I believe it can be done better on 46 cents than it could last year on 48 cents. I know something about the previous management of the institution which satisfies me it can be done. I am willing to take the responsibility of this cut and believe it should be made."

-VANDERCOOK.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
March 31, 1911

O'DELL BILL IS KILLED

Provided For Pro-Creation of Idiots and Criminals.

(From The Journal's Lansing Bureau.)

Lansing, Mich., March 31.—The Arthur O'Dell bill to prevent the procreation of idiots and criminals was killed by the senate last night in executive session. The bill had passed the house. In considering it the senators decided the bill was wrong in principle and numerous amendments were made until finally it only applied to the Lapeer Home for the Feeble-minded. Senator Conley objected to this condition of the measure and it was tabled.

Cuocoiois to death. "The story that I have ever been the head of the Camorra is a legend," he said. "I was neither its head nor its tail."

He admitted that in youth he was arrogant and quarrelsome and even committed some excesses "but," he asked, "what youth of my class in Naples has not been arrogant, quarrelsome and guilty of boyish excesses?"

As the questioning proceeded Erricone showed signs of irritation, finally trembling with excitement. As the thrusts of the president and crown prosecutor went home Erricone's face hardened with anger until he looked like a savage animal about to spring upon its prey. Suddenly he abandoned all attempts at composure and gave free rein to his feelings in a peroration that was truly eloquent.

Flint Daily Journal
October 16, 1911

For the third time, William Fletcher was picked up this morning and held for the Lapeer Home of the Feeble Minded, of which he is an inmate. Fletcher was taken in charge by Under Sheriff Green. He has left the home a number of times and has been captured by the sheriff's officers here three times. The authorities at the Home were informed and they will send a man for Fletcher today.

Flint Daily Journal
December 4, 1911

COUNTRY FACES CRISIS

Ann Arbor, Mich., December 4. — Declaring that sterilization of all persons affected may be the only solution of the crisis which the country is facing in its increasing number of feeble-minded children, Dr. A. Holmes, of the psychological clinic of the University of Pennsylvania, lectured before the educational department of the university and teachers of this city Saturday afternoon.

From one to three per cent of the population at the present time is more or less mentally incapable, declared Dr. Holmes. In Michigan alone it is estimated that there are from 8,000 to 8,000 incapables, while the one institution for this class of unfortunates at Lapeer can accommodate only about 100. About 85 per cent of the cases are due to heredity. If one parent is incompetent, the child will also be mentally incapable; if both are, the rule is almost invariably a feeble-minded child that will be a burden on the state. Alcoholism, he declared, is a most frequent cause of feeble-minded children.

Flint Daily Journal
December 16, 1911

SUPT. HAS RESIGNED

LEAVES HEAD OF MICHIGAN HOME FOR EPILEPTICS.

Dr. G. L. Chamberlain Was Medical Director for Five Years—Dr.

Haynes Succeeds.

Lapeer, Mich., Dec. 15.—Dr. G. L. Chamberlain, medical superintendent of the Michigan Home for the Feeble-Minded and Epileptic, has tendered his resignation to take effect in February. He will remove to California to engage in business. He will leave the institution with the highest regard of every member of the board, who regret the loss of his efficient and valuable service. Dr. H. A. Haynes, assistant service. Dr. H. A. Haynes, assistant medical superintendent, by action of the board, becomes acting medical superintendent, in place of Dr. Chamberlain.

Dr. Chamberlain and Dr. Haynes have served together here for five years. Previous to that time Dr. Chamberlain had been 10 years at the Newberry asylum, and Dr. Haynes four years as physician at the state asylum for criminal insane at Ionia.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
February 28, 1912

TAKEN BACK TO LAPEER

John McConnell Escaped From Institution for Feeble Minded.

After roaming the country since last May, when he escaped from the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptics at Lapeer, John McConnell was found on the street here Tuesday afternoon by Ross Groover, a former attendant at the institution. Groover turned McConnell over to the police who notified the Home officials. An attendant came from Lapeer Tuesday evening and took McConnell back to the institution. A brother of McConnell, who was also an inmate of the institution, escaped at the same time but has not been captured. The attendant who came for the one who was captured yesterday could not tell where the McConnell family lives.

Flint Daily Journal
June 24, 1912

Miss Mabel Sugars left this morning for Ludington to spend a few days with her mother. Miss Sugars will have charge of the primary work at the Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic.

Flint Daily Journal
July 6, 1912

Pacey-Swain.

Announcement has been made in Lapeer of the marriage of Miss Valley Swain of Flint and Claire Pacey of Detroit which took place on Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's brother, Clare Swain in Flint. The affair was a complete surprise to the many friends of the young couple in Lapeer.

Miss Swain was a teacher at the Home for Feeble-Minded and Epileptics at Lapeer, while Mr. Pacey was bookkeeper for the institution. Miss Swain has resided in Flint. After a short honeymoon at St. Clair Flats Mr. and Mrs. Pacey will return to Lapeer where they will reside.

Montague Observer
June 27, 1912

Many Epileptics Now at Large.

Secretary of State Frederick C. Martindale declares that the overcrowded conditions which prevail at the home for the feeble-minded and epileptic at Lapeer, and the Michigan school for the blind at Lansing should receive serious consideration, and he intends to use his influence at the next regular session of the legislature to secure reasonable appropriations that will remedy the present existing difficulties.

"At present the capacity of the Lapeer home is limited to 330, while there are 8,346 feeble-minded and epileptic men, women and children at large in Michigan," said Secretary Martindale. "However, I am informed by a member of the board of control of the Lapeer institution that 1,021 persons are now being cared for, which shows the overcrowded condition of the home.

"Something must be done to relieve this condition. It is the duty of the state to care for these poor unfortunate and money expended in this direction would be not only a just, but a merciful investment. In Wayne county alone, I understand there are 1,568 feeble-minded and epileptic persons, while the waiting list of patients committed to the Lapeer home by probate judges in various counties of the state now numbers 200. Monuments and statues erected in memory of great statesmen are all right in their place, but I consider that it is the first duty of the state to provide for those who are dependent upon the charity of others.

"The Michigan School for the Blind is doing a great work, and should not be handicapped for lack of reasonable funds. The capacity of that school is limited to 150, and there are several hundred blind children in the state that are waiting for a chance to receive an education at that institution. I believe in reasonable economy, but there is such a thing as false economy and I do not consider that the expenditure of sufficient funds to care for the epileptic and blind persons of the state is money thrown away."

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July 8, 1912

PUTS BAN ON MEAT

GOVERNOR CONDEMNES ITS USE
AT LAPEER HOME

RATE FIXED AT 46 1-2 CENTS

THIS IS HALF CENT HIGHER
THAN LAST YEAR.

Dr. Haynes Admits That Experi-
ments Have Proved Meat Diet
Not Best for Imbeciles.

Lansing, Mich., July 8.—At a meeting of the state board of auditors, the board of control for the Michigan Home for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic at Lapeer, and Gov. Osborn, held in the executive office Saturday afternoon, the rate per capita for maintenance of the institution at Lapeer was fixed at 46 1-2 cents for the ensuing year, which rate is one and one-half cents less per capita than allowed by the board of auditors and the board of control of the institution at a meeting held a week ago, at which the governor was not present.

A year ago the rate was fixed at 46 cents per capita only after Gov. Osborn had waged a fight to get the rate reduced. The board of control this year asked for 48 cents, and the state board of auditors allowed such a rate, but it first had to have the approval of the governor. Saturday Gov. Osborn showed beyond a doubt that he was prepared with figures to back his claims that the rate should not be raised, and he only gave in with the understanding that the one-half cent raise would go toward raising the salaries of the attendants at the institution.

Has Studied the Question.

"I have made an exhaustive study of state institutions of Michigan as well as other states," said the governor. "And while I am here to be convinced, yet I want to tell you something about my findings."

The governor told how the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, with as many patients as are at Lapeer, and with no farm to assist in maintaining the institution, were getting along on 44 cents per capita, and that they were doing lots of repairs at the same time.

"I am not disposed to criticize the Lapeer board, for you have all been doing good work," said the governor, "yet I am still of the opinion that the Lapeer institution ought to get along at 46 cents."

It was brought out that the board is giving yearly contracts in advance for the meat supply. This the governor did not think a good idea, as prices were apt to be lower.

Meat Not Suitable Food.

"Paris, London and expert doctors in this country have told me that meat should not be fed patients such as you have at Lapeer, and I would like to see you work along this line. Personally, after obtaining the information, I am convinced beyond a doubt that you should feed no meat at the institution except to the employees," said the governor.

Dr. Haynes of the institution agreed that recent experiments along this line had proved the governor's statement to be true, and no doubt the indicated method will be used at Lapeer, Pennsylvania, according to the

governor, cut down 7 cents per capita by this means, and the patients in their institution for the feeble minded were enjoying better health.

Fire protection for the state institution at Lapeer was another matter brought up, and it was found that in case of a fire the water pressure from the city water works plant would be entirely inadequate.

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September 26, 1912

GOV. OSBORN AT LAPEER

**Spends Afternoon Inspecting Buildings
of Michigan Home.**

(Special to The Daily Journal.)

Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 26.—Governor Chase S. Osborn spent Wednesday afternoon inspecting the Michigan Home for the Epileptic and Feeble Minded, coming here from Flint by automobile. The governor visited all of the buildings and expressed himself as pleased with conditions as he found them.

Governor Osborn was accompanied by State Dairy and Food Commissioner Dams and Tom May, the Detroit cartoonist.

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October 17, 1912

leave.

Thomas Satterlee, an inmate of the Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic at Lapeer, who escaped from that institution last night, was taken into

custody by Patrolman Charles Kohlmetz of the local police department in the south end of the city. Satterlee walked 20 miles along the Grand Trunk tracks from Lapeer and went to the signal tower of the railroad at the Saginaw street crossing early this morning to rest. The tower tender notified the police. Satterlee was taken back to Lapeer on the first train by Police Sergeant A. J. Suff.

Flint Daily Journal
November 1, 1912

ESCAPED FROM LAPEER

**Harry Cadwell and Levy Dorland
Caught by Officers Here.**

Harry Cadwell and Levy Benjamin Dorland, inmates of the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded at Lapeer who escaped from that institution last night were captured at midnight at the Grand Trunk railroad crossing on Fifteenth street by Patrolman Clyde Lanfor. The patrol wagon was called and the men were taken to the county jail. They were taken back to the Lapeer institution this morning. The men walked all of the 20 miles from Lapeer on the railroad tracks in the driving rainstorm and were soaked to the skin when they were caught.

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November 21, 1912

The police received word this morning from the Michigan Home for the Feeble Minded at Lapeer that Voe Peareall, an inmate of that institution escaped last night. Peareall is 23 years old, 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighs 125 pounds; he has red hair and a freckled face. He was dressed in an institution uniform when he left.

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December 2, 1912

PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED, SAYS HEALTH OFFICE

DR. DIXON AROUSED BY RESULT
OF INVESTIGATION.

LAPEER HOME VISITED

EVIL OF INDISCRIMINATE MAR-
RIAGES SHOWN.

Doctor a Convert to Glasner Bill Re-
quiring Physicians' Certificate
With Marriage License.

Lansing, Michigan, Dec. 2.—Dr. R. L. Dixon, secretary of the state board of health, declared in an interview yesterday that since the investigation of the families of 38 inmates of the Lapeer Home for the Feeble Minded, conducted by his department he is more strongly than ever in favor of the "Glasner Bill," and that he will use every effort to get the bill passed at the coming session of the legislature.

The "Glasner Bill," presented by Henry C. Glasner, representative from Barry county, at the last regular session of the legislature, provides that one of the requirements for qualification for marriage shall be a "clean bill of health," physically and mentally. This bill also provides that no marriage license shall be granted to any applicants without a certificate from a legally qualified physician to the effect that the parties to the marriage contract are sound in mind and body.

Advocated by Physicians.

Physicians all over the country are advocating such a bill, contending that this measure is but a protective one for the perpetuation of a mentally and physically sound American race. Such a provision is one of eugenics, and Dr. Dixon declared, after citing parts of the reports illustrated by photographs of the Lapeer home inmates, that he was not only astounded at the data gathered, but that he wished the report might be discussed by some public means to mature persons.

"It is a fearful condition of affairs," said Dr. Dixon, "and the worst part of it is that these things cannot be so discussed and reported on account of the delicacy and propriety of the thing. Mature persons are ignorant of many facts contained in the reports of the investigation, and the real dangers of marriage between incompetent persons, mentally and physically, can only come through some sort of public education."

The recent investigations made by the state board of health show that the subject of feeble-mindedness is of vastly more importance than had been thought even to the members of the board, and the partial report was sufficient to cause considerable alarm. It divulged the fact that the American people are not as careful of laws that govern healthy propagation as they are in the breeding of cattle.

Record of Thirty-Eight Families.

"Who would not be in favor of the 'Glasner Bill'?", asked Dr. Dixon, "after hearing the facts in this carefully conducted investigation. Here is a record of the families of 38 inmates of the Lapeer home. These families and inmates have been carefully studied. What do we find? First, just from a pecuniary point of view as a matter that affects taxes, we find that these 38 inmates were maintained by the state at an expense of \$80,000. But this is a small item compared with the moral cost for there are 113 feeble minded persons belonging to these 38 families, who are running at large, unrestricted to any extent by marriage law's qualifications, and propagating their kind without restraint.

"This is a record for only 38 of the inmates. What must it be for the 1000 in the home? What for several thousand at large? There are many families where a single marriage, which should have been forbidden, has produced a dozen social and civic parasites in the way of feeble-minded individuals.

"This problem can just as well be worked out in this state as anywhere else. The methods of handling the proposition have not worked out well in any state; it is true. But the fact remains that this problem must be solved sooner or later as a protection to society. It is an absolute fact that the crop of feeble-minded persons is increasing at double the rate of increase of normal individuals.

Offers Hope of Solution.

"The 'Glasner Bill' is a step toward

the solution and in its general principle should be supported. The bill provides also for a penalty for marrying disqualified persons or issuing licenses to the same. It also provide for a penalty in the case of fraudulent bills of health which is a good thing in its way.

"But the solution will not be complete with merely a strict marriage law. These people will propagate regardless of marriage laws unless either segregated or rendered sexually sterile. Sterilization laws have been passed in some states, but have not been used systematically enough to give dependable data.

"I sincerely hope," concluded Dr. Dixon, "that the 'Glasner Bill' will receive undivided support at this session. It ought to be passed for it is a step toward the great problem that we, of this country, must solve, and solve at once, else we, like the feeble-minded inmates we have investigated, will become a nation of mental and physical incompetents."

VANDERCOOK.

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January 14, 1913

Feeble Minds At Large In State

REPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

ONLY 800 IN DURANCE

BOARD SAYS MORE THAN 9,000 SHOULD BE DETAINED.

Sterilization and Segregation Are Remedies Advocated After Special Investigation.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 14.—It is estimated that there are more than 9,000 feeble minded in the state of Michigan, only 800 of whom are being cared for, according to the latest report on public health issued by the state department of health at Lansing.

The booklet has been prepared by Adele McKinnie, special investigator of eugenics for the department, and includes a close examination of 26 families representing 38 patients in the Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic at Lapeer.

It contains a plea for more funds with which to carry on the work of investigation and segregation of feeble minded, urging also a law to permit sterilization in extreme cases. To quote:

"Although feeble mindedness is an underlying cause of so many of the so-called 'ills of society,' there seems to be only an awakening realization that we must do something to prevent its increase, and under the misnomer of waywardness or prostitution among many of our girls and women, criminality and vice among many of our boys and men, and incorrigibility and delinquency among many of our school children, it is holding unchallenged sway.

Methods of Prevention.

"There are two conceivable methods of prevention. First, sterilization, in which there has been little authentic experimentation, although it is legalized in eight states, and, second, segregation. We have only a beginning made in applying this method.

"Never has it been so easy for the unit of a species to survive as at the present time. Formerly the struggle for existence extinguished the weakest, but today every charitable measure we support makes it more easy for the physically and mentally subnormal not only to exist but to procreate. Although society must always take care of its weak, it is certainly time that we recognize the science of eugenics, the science which proclaims that every individual has the right to be well born. It is the most profoundly preventive measure we can conceive to combat the degeneracy and decline of our race.

"Regeneration must come through selective breeding.

A Typical Case.

"Here is the case of a woman who was married at 17 to a neurasthenic. In a year a child was born who later was found to be a neurasthenic and became an alcoholic. Soon after his birth, his mother was committed to Kalamazoo for a year, released, gave birth to a second child unclassified. She was sent again for a year; released, only to have three more feeble minded children, one of whom is in a county-house, and the other two are at Lapeer, two died in infancy.

"She went to Kalamazoo and died there. She had a brother insane, three sisters mentally unbalanced, and both parents were insane. Surely sterilization, if she was to be released each time, should have instituted to solve this problem. We have only to look at her parentage and fraternity to assure us of her heritage.

"The information has been gathered in the process of looking up 26 families representing, to various extents, the family histories of 38 patients at the Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic. These were chosen at random, 14 of which represent Lapeer county families. Upon completing the histories, five of these Lapeer families were found to be connected by marriage. From this data the total number found to be normal were 570, total defectives 434.

Estimate of the Cost.

"Roughly, the total cost of maintenance for various members of these 26 families in different state institutions, has been over \$88,000. That is exclusive of the capital invested in the buildings, or of charitable or state aid given in the homes. And while they represent 38 patients who are being taken care of in the home at Lapeer, at an approximate cost of \$35,000 for maintenance, in these families there are 113 feeble-minded at large in the state, who should be segregated. The ultimate price the state must pay is incalculable. In one Lapeer county family alone there is one patient in the home for Feeble Minded, and 24 feeble-minded members of the family at large. This one patient's maintenance has cost \$1,200, while only a part of the cost to the county and to the state, of the rest of her family has exceeded \$12,500. This is exclusive of the cost of maintaining the courts, jails and penal institutions which are filled and are being filled by members of her strain, to say nothing of the price society is paying for the 22 prostitutes who are her kin. Three generations of her relatives were in the county house and all feeble minded.

"Because we see the cost of our

failure to segregate an individual who lived four generations ago, we should apply the lesson today, and prevent society of tomorrow from paying for twice the number of defectives."

SENATE APPROVES ODELL STERILIZATION MEASURE

(From The Journal's Lansing Bureau.)

Lansing, Mich., March 20.—Without a word of discussion the Senate passed the Odell sterilization bill yesterday afternoon. In the form approved by the Senate the bill applies only to mentally defectives and requires a notice of 30 days to relatives of defectives and a decision by courts before it is applicable. There were nine votes against the bill as follows: Senators Amberson, Curtis, Fitzgibbon, Grace, Hanley, Murtha, Frank D. Scott, Weadock, Winegar.

The Senate in its amendments to the bill restricted its scope and the measure will have to go back to the House for concurrence in the changes made before it will be up to the governor.

Among other bills receiving favorable action was the Verdier bill which provides for the state board of registration of nurses, appointing a visitor to inspect training schools of the state and recommend to the board any changes in the courses which are deemed necessary; the Winegar bill which authorizes an appropriation to be used to advertise the agricultural advantages of Michigan; the Rosenkrans bill which provides for increasing the salaries of bank examiners to \$2,500; the Verdier bill allowing the counties of Kent and Wayne to pay county agents a salary of \$1,800 annually, and the Fitzgibbon bill authorizing the organization of companies to insure automobiles.

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March 21, 1913

GOVERNOR READY TO SIGN ODELL STERILIZATION BILL

Lansing, Mich., March 21.—The somewhat celebrated Odell bill, providing for the sterilization of the mentally deficient, which has attracted almost as much attention as the Glanier eugenics measure, has passed the House and Senate and is ready to be submitted to Gov. Ferris. The governor announced today that he has read the bill through and is prepared to sign it the moment it is ready.

The Senate's amendments to the measure were of little importance as affecting the bill. Representative Odell said the Senate had improved the proposal in the few amendments it attached and made it broader in its application. The only material change provides for the adjudication of the proposal to sterilize in any case where the relatives or guardian may see fit to enter objection. The amendments in the Senate were agreed to.

Lawrence, Mass., March 21.—Age is

Flint Daily Journal
April 19, 1913

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO RELIEVE LAPEER INSTITUTION

Lansing, Mich., April 19.—The bill providing for the establishment of an epileptic colony which has in mind the segregation of the feeble minded and the epileptics and will make room for some 800 more epileptics at Lapeer, was passed by the House and is ready for the governor's signature. With the bill is a measure for a commission to investigate proposed sites for the epileptic colony. The passage of this bill probably will cut off \$30,000 asked for for new cottages at Lapeer.

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April 26, 1913

SPEAKERS FOR CONVENTION.

Lapeer, Mich., April 26.—Several good speakers have been secured so far for the convention of the American association for study of the feeble minded to be held here June 9, 10 and 11. Among those listed are Governor Ferris, Prof. Berry of the University of Michigan; Dr. Vaughn of Lansing and Miss Adele McKinnon of Chicago. Mrs. H. Owen of Detroit, Miss Florence Vincent and Mrs. G. R. Buck will furnish music for the occasion.

NAME OF LAPEER HOME IS CHANGED

INSTITUTION WILL BE KNOWN AS
LAPEER HOME AND TRAIN-
ING SCHOOL.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., May 6.—Among the enactments passed by the last Legislature were several pertaining to the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic. One of the first and most important was an act passed changing the name of the institution to the Michigan Home and Training School. The home also was appropriated \$115,000 to carry out improvements for the next two years. Of this amount \$64,000 will be used this year in making some additions and long needed improvements to the institution. The appropriation was only \$4,000 short of what was asked for at first despite the fact that many in the Legislature were in favor of segregation which would lessen the need of more funds at the Lapeer home.

Among the new changes to be made are a new \$35,000 hospital, a new office, an industrial building for keeping inmates engaged, new boilers and an electric unit, a new laundry, pneumatic carrier system and several additions to the home farm. Two more cottages will also be added during the next two years. A law was also passed which effects the status of inmates entered into the institution before 1905. These who heretofore have been subject to back and call of their parents, with those who have since been entered into the home are now taken regularly before the probate judge and committed. Another law makes it a felony for anyone to assist from or marry an inmate of the institution.

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June 7, 1913

SPECIALISTS WILL GATHER AT LAPEER

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
STUDY OF FEEBLE-MINDED
SUBJECTS NEXT WEEK.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., June 7.—The program for the annual meeting of the American Association for the Study of Feeble-Minded here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week has been arranged as follows:

Monday—Business session, 3:30 o'clock; proposals for membership; appointment of committees; "State Provision for Feeble-Minded," Dr. J. M. Murdock, Polk, Pa.; "The Cottage Plan for Care of Feeble-Minded," Dr. G. B. Bliss, Fort Wayne, Ind.; discussion. Evening session, 8 o'clock; "Infantile Cerebral Palsy in a Report of 118 Cases," (with lantern slides) Dr. H. G. Hardt, Lincoln, Ill.

Tuesday—Opening session, 9 o'clock; inspection of schools; "Some Special Types of Mental Defectives," Dr. William Healy, Chicago; "Feeble Inhibitionedness," Dr. C. B. Davenport, Cold Springs, N. Y.; "Classification of Feeble-Minded," Dr. A. C. Rogers, Faribault, Minn. Afternoon session, 3 o'clock; vocal solo, Mrs. G. R. Buck; accompanist, Miss Florence Vincent; "Hace Betterment," Dr. V. C. Vaughan, University of Michigan; "Feeble-Minded in One Michigan County," Miss Adele McKinnis, University of Michigan; "Sterilization," Bleacher Van Wagoner, New York; discussion. Evening entertainment by pupils, "A Trip to Fairyland."

Wednesday—Report of Scientific Observation of Anatomy of Feeble-Minded," Dr. A. W. Peters, Vineland, N. J.; "Relation of Spasmophilia to Epilepsy," J. F. Sedgwick, University of Minnesota; "Diagnosis of Mental Defect," Dr. W. E. Fernald, Waverly, Mass. Afternoon session, 3 o'clock; vocal solo, Mrs. M. G. Owen; accompanist, Miss Florence Vincent; address, Hon. Woodbridge N. Ferris, governor of Michigan. Evening session, 8 o'clock; "Degree of Mental Deficiency of Children as Expressed by Relation of Age to Mental Age," Prof. S. C. Barry, University of Michigan; "Binet-Simon Symposium Tests of 1906 and 1911—Application," Dr. F. Kuhlmann, Faribault, Minn.; reports of committees; treasurer's report; miscellaneous business. The entire 300 persons who will attend the meeting will be cared for at the Home and Lapeer citizens will aid in entertaining them.

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June 10, 1913

37TH CONVENTION OF SPECIALISTS AT LAPEER HOME

THREE HUNDRED SCIENTISTS IN
ANNUAL GATHERING AT
STATE SCHOOL.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., June 10.—The thirty-seventh annual session of the American Association for the Study of Feeble-Minded was opened here Monday afternoon with nearly 300 physicians and brain specialists present from all parts of the United States. The visitors are being entertained at the Home and a number of entertainments have been prepared for them. The Home band and two excellent singers, Mrs. G. R. Buck and Mrs. M. G. Owen, furnish music for the visitors.

A play, "A Trip to Fairyland," will be given Tuesday evening entirely by pupils of the Home and one of the most picturesque spectacles ever given by mentally deficient persons will be witnessed. The pupils have been practicing many months for the occasion and gorgeous costumes have been prepared. The music which is in itself wonderful is under the direction of Miss Charlotte Herring who has produced amazing results with the unfortunate.

Hon. Woodbridge N. Ferris will address the assembly on Wednesday afternoon and Lapeer people have been invited to hear him.

The program for Monday was successfully carried out. Dr. J. M. Murdock of Polk, Penn., spoke on "State Provision for the Feeble-Minded." Dr. George R. Bliss, Fort Wayne, Ind., spoke on "The Cottage Plan in the Care of Feeble-Minded."

In the evening Dr. H. G. Hardt of Lincoln, Ill., lectured on "Infantile Cerebral Palsy in a Report of 118 Cases," accompanied by lantern slides.

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June 11, 1913

LAPEER CITIZENS HOSTS AT BANQUET TO SPECIALISTS

**GOV. FERRIS WILL ADDRESS CON-
VENTION AT STATE HOME
TODAY.**

(From a Journal Correspondent)

Lapeer, Mich., June 11.—A banquet was tendered the visiting physicians of the American Association for the study of the feeble-minded at the Masonic temple here Tuesday night by 40 Lapeer men. The banquet was served by the women of the Eastern Star in the banquet hall of the temple. Bacon's five-piece orchestra furnished the music.

Except for a few brief remarks, no speeches were made as the physicians were to be entertained at the Home at 8 o'clock and no time could be spared. The visitors were taken back to the Home in autos where the play "A Trip to Fairyland" was given by the pupils.

Today closes the convention which is the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the association. The next meeting place will probably be decided upon some time during the day.

Gov. Woodbridge N. Ferris will be the principal speaker today.

The visiting specialists were delighted with the play, "A Trip to Fairyland" which they declared without exception the best performance of the nature they had ever witnessed. The cast was made up entirely of pupils of the Home and the play was staged under the direction of Miss Charlotte Herring, teacher of music. Miss Herring was highly complimented by the physicians on the successful manner in which her pupils were trained.

Flint Daily Journal
July 14, 1913

MICHIGAN HOME CHANGES PLANS

**POSTPONES BUILDING OF EIGHT
ADDITIONAL COTTAGES UN-
TIL NEXT YEAR.**

(From a Journal Correspondent)

Lapeer, Mich., July 14.—The Michigan Home for Feeble-Minded and Epileptic, just west of here, will not make the extra addition of eight more cottages as was at first announced, but will await the results of the new segregation movement. By a recent act of the Legislature the epileptic inmates will be taken from the Lapeer Home and settled on large farms, the locations of which is still undecided. Mentalists claim the association of the epileptic with the feeble-minded is an unwise arrangement and that the latter in no way elevate the other class.

There are in Michigan 800 applicants for admission to the Home and by the segregation more feeble-minded persons can be admitted to Lapeer by the vacating of the epileptic.

Next year it is planned to enlarge the Home considerably, although this year a new store building, a carpenter shop and a larger hospital will be added.

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THE WEATHER—

Showers Tonight or Friday;

Cooler Tonight and Friday.

The Evening Press

TWENTY-THIRD YEAR

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1913.

SENTENCED TO DEATH IN LIFE AMONG THE FEEBLE-MINDED

BESSIE LEWIS IS FREE AFTER SEVEN YEARS

Sent, as a Punishment, to Live Among Imbeciles and Epileptics at Lapeer.

HER GIRLHOOD IS WASTED

But the Rescued Young Woman Is Now Safe with Her Family Here.

After seven years amid the horrors of a state institution for imbeciles and epileptics, to which she had been condemned for mere childish disobedience, Bessie L. Lewis has been returned to her mother in this city and is a free girl for the first time since she was thirteen.



—Photo by Note
The Bessie Lewis of today from a photograph taken since her return her family in Grand Rapids.

ASK LAW TO PROHIBIT But the Rescued Young Woman Is Now Safe with Her Family Here.

After seven years amid the horrors of a state institution for imbeciles and epileptics, to which she had been condemned for mere childish disobedience, Bessie L. Lewis has been returned to her mother in this city and is a free girl for the first time since she was thirteen.

Nine years ago, while the mother hovered uncertainly between life and death and through a well-meaning effort to curb the exuberant spirits of youth, thirteen-year-old Bessie Lewis was committed to the industrial school at Adrian.

Two years later, without assistance of a hearing, without a physical or mental examination, without even a word to the mother and apparently through a determination to make the child an example in the interests of better discipline, the industrial school authorities transferred the girl to the Lapeer institution for the feeble-minded, practically condemning her to a living death in an environment of unfortunate and repulsive humanity such as would test to its limit a much stronger and more mature mentality.

Seven years the grieving mother planned and pleaded for the deliverance of her first born from the horror of a life among imbeciles and epileptics. Vainly she sought assistance to prove the injustice of the verdict by which the child was adjudged feeble-minded. But not until The Evening Press took up the fight and the girlhood of her life had been sacrificed to a monumental error in the Michigan law was Bessie Lewis enabled to walk back a free woman, free to return to her mother's arms and to take her place where she belongs among her more fortunate sisters in the activities of life.

Works to Overcome Obstacles.

In the joy of her deliverance the rescued young woman is seeking to regain her lost girlhood and lost opportunities and cheerfully she is setting herself to the task of overcoming the handicap her seven years' unjust incarceration has put upon her. Before her commitment to Adrian the girl had finished the fourth grade in a country school. Since that time she has been practically without schooling of the sort necessary to give her a standing among working girls of her age and average opportunity. Already she has obtained employment in a downtown department store and eagerly is looking forward to a winter of study in the public night schools.

That any girl could have been unjustly committed to and held in a state institution for the feeble-minded during the progressive years of the last decade in Michigan seems almost beyond understanding and in justice to the institution at Lapeer and the really great work it is doing it should be explained that this is an isolated case in all the some 1,400 patients there. Whether similar cases may have darkened the records of the past none ever will know. In the future there can be no parallel, because the law of this state has been amended to assure judicial review in all cases of transfer and there have been changes in the administration not only of the Lapeer institution, but in the industrial school for girls at Adrian, where the real injustice apparently was perpetrated.

Circumstances Are Deceptive.

Unquestionably there is some justification even for the Adrian authorities, due to an unusual chain of circumstances that helped put a false light upon the family history of the unfortunate little Bessie Lewis. But the fact remains that not only Bessie, but other inmates of the industrial school who ventured occasional disobedience were threatened with commitment to Lapeer and that while the girl was sent to Lapeer upon the allegation of the authorities at Adrian that she was of feeble mentality, there is nothing in her record in either institution to justify the charge and in the even in the unfamously history furnished the Lapeer institution by the Adrian authorities as a foundation for the girl's commitment as a feeble-minded patient.

While she did not learn readily at Adrian there is the unquestioned explanation that she was mischievous and did not apply herself. In music, of which she was passionately fond, she proved an apt and willing student and three of the six afternoons of the week at Adrian which are devoted to schooling were given up to her musical education by the authorities, apparently in a desire to fit the girl for service in the choir, the band and the orchestra and at the expense of more practical and necessary training. She had no difficulty mastering the reading of music and she picked up the cornet with a readiness.

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BESSIE LEWIS FREE AFTER SEVEN YEARS

(Continued from First Page.)
that excludes any doubt as to a fairly normal mentality.

In Lapeer she was given no schooling except in music. She sought instruction in the basic studies and says she was put off with the explanation that she needed a graded school and the institution boasted of no such convenience. And so the girl spent her days in labor, most of the seven dividing her time between the steam laundry of the plant and the care of the low grade imbecile children in the cottage. The hours were long and the periods of recreation few and far between and the girl came out at the age of twenty-two years with the educational equipment of the average child of twelve or thirteen years.

Fates Conspire Against Child.

Circumstances seem to have conspired with certain omissions in the state law relating to the transfer of inmates from the industrial schools to the home for the feeble-minded, to encompass the sacrifice of little Bessie Lewis. Childhood fate began its queer machinations when she was but an infant of two months. Her mother, then a bride of about a year, became a widow when Bert Lewis, employed on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, was killed in an accident on the road.

The young widow went home to her mother, but when Bessie was about two years of age married Charles Stoner, subsequently of Grand Rapids. Two more children, Ethel and Everett, were born as a result of the second marriage. The second matrimonial venture of Bessie's mother proved unfortunate. Eventually there came a separation while they lived at Cadillac. Stoner took the two children in spite of the mother's protest. Mrs. Stoner was in a delicate condition when she was left alone with Bessie. The girl was between twelve and fifteen years and full of mischief. Mrs. Stoner was unable to work, even if she could have obtained employment and hearing of Dr. J. J. Brownson's sanitarium at Kingsley, in Grand Traverse county, communicated with the doctor and was accepted as a charity patient.

Bessie proved a real trial, both to her mother and the people at the sanitarium. As the mother's condition became more critical she lost control of the girl. When the baby came Mrs. Stoner narrowly escaped death and in the weeks of slow recovery she realized her inability to give Bessie the care and attention she would need, and was influenced by the well-meaning advice of those about her to have the girl sent to the Adrian institution. When the complaint was written up and presented for her signature the mother was too weak to sign. The doctor would only permit her to put her cross where the signature should have been. Dr. Brownson's wife supplied the signature.

SAMPLE OF BESSIE LEWIS' WRITING

And - Ther cant any of
the girls go any where
out of the place only on
the Christmas and then
we go down town and
then they cant go alone
in slaps half to go
with them, they cant
go any place on the
ground alone alone
in slaps always go with
them

A page from the manuscript The Press asked the girl held for seven years at Lapeer to write, describing life in the home for the feeble-minded. Bessie's spelling is quaint but there is no evidence of weakness in the firm formation of the words.

Starts on Career at Adrian.

Thus was Bessie L. Lewis started on her career at Adrian. Deserted and little better than an invalid, Mrs. Stoner consented to the adoption of her new baby by a Grand Traverse county family and then she went away. In the meantime Bessie's quick mischief was getting her into difficulty with the administrative officers at Adrian. Repeatedly she was punished for childish infractions of the rules. And about as often she evolved new methods of teasing her teachers and supervisors. Unquestionably she led the authorities at the home a merry chase and soon she was warned that if she didn't abide by the rules at Adrian she would be sent to Lapeer, where she would have to be obedient. At intervals she was threatened with commitment to Lapeer.

And one day in March, 1906, when she had been less than two years at Adrian, she was told that she was scheduled for transfer to the home for the feeble-minded. The girl took this information as she had the threats, without serious consideration; but on the morning of July 6, without having been examined or questioned, she was

told to pack her things. Before night she had taken her place among the imbeciles in the Michigan home for the feeble-minded and epileptic at Lapeer.

At that time the superintendent at Adrian merely sent a formal application blank to the superintendent of the poor of the county from which the girl had been committed. O. P. Carver was superintendent of the poor at Grand Traverse county. He received the forms sent from Adrian, looked through the Justice court dockets and failed to find any record of the case. He so reported, together with the statement that the mother and daughter had appeared at Kingsley and after remaining a few weeks the girl had been committed to the industrial home. Soon after, he reported, the mother had disappeared.

Family History Reported Incorrectly.

Mrs. Susie M. Sickles, superintendent at Adrian, filled in the remainder of the application. Her report stated that the girl had no father; that her mother was a vagrant; that the child was wayward and unmanageable. In answering the form question: "Has she been peculiar from birth?" there appears the following: "Think she must have been."

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The Evening Press (Grand Rapids)
August 21, 1913 (continued)

Q: "I think she must have been."
A: "Is she capable of useful occupation?"
Q: "Not by self alone, but with guidance, yes."
A: "Is she obedient?"
A: "Has to be—otherwise not."
A: "Is she good—tempered?"
A: "If not crossed."

On the last page of the application, blank, written diagonally across the questions having to do with the family history of the girl, is the following in Mrs. Sickles' hand:

"NOTHING KNOWN. IS UNDOUBTEDLY ILLEGITIMATE AND ALONE IN THE WORLD. INCAPABLE OF EVER SUPPORTING HERSELF HONORABLY."

This is the garbled history of Bessie L. Lewis as reported to the Lapeer institution authorities and upon this alone she was considered. The records at the Adrian industrial home say of the girl: "First Year—Not very bright. Second Year—Little improvement."

Apparently upon this showing alone, the conclusion was reached either intentionally or in error, that the girl was feeble of mind. At any rate, in the absence of any provision in the law calling for a judicial review of the case, the girl was committed to Lapeer. She went practically upon the misleading statement from the Adrian school and was received there and given a status as feeble-minded upon information that has been shown by The Evening Press investigation to have been entirely incorrect.

Her Records Were Good.

Dr. Brownson of Kingsley, who advised Bessie's commitment to Adrian, declares he never had reason to question that she was normal of mind.

The girl is not illegitimate. Her mother was unfortunate and the victim of circumstances, but always far from a vagrant. Doctors have pronounced Bessie normal in mentality after seven years of association with imbeciles and amid surroundings calculated to shake the reason of any normal person. There is nothing to substantiate the statement that she would be incapable of honorably supporting herself. There was nothing in her record in either institution to support any doubt as to her natural intelligence. All the evidence would seem to indicate that in view of the obscure family history furnished, the Adrian authorities, without trying to locate her relatives, believed that Lapeer offered a ready and convenient means of ridding the institution of an inmate who was to fall of mind as to threaten the disciplinary system of the school.

Begins Fight for Girl's Liberty.

Immediately she began a campaign to obtain the girl's release. Limited as she was as to finances she could not afford to employ attorneys. The two or three who did write letters charged her at the rate of \$10 a letter, and received only the information that the girl was not fit to be liberated and permitted to shift for herself.

The family was not posted as to the mother's rights, but they persisted, adopting every means at their command to gain the girl's release. Dr. W. A. Polglase was superintendent when Mrs. Hilliker began the effort to gain her girl's release. Then came Dr. Chamberlain and finally Dr. H. A. Haynes, who is in charge today and who granted Bessie a brief leave of absence that paved the way for her ultimate release.

There is nothing in the record of the home to bear out the assumption that the girl was delinquent mentally except the mental test under which she gained a showing of 11.2 in 1910. This is a little better than the normal child of eleven years, but it should be understood that the girl had enjoyed no educational facilities practically since she left the country school in the fourth grade at the age of eleven years. There had been no test in the last three years. But Bessie was working steadily in the laundry, scrubbing the dormitory floor and helping to dress and care for the feeble-minded children in one of the several cottages where the patients were housed. There was a very real affection between her and several of the brighter girls. They were her chums and this helped ease a life that might have become appalling.

Friends of the family recently became interested and went to Lapeer to consult with Dr. Haynes. On this occasion a writ of habeas corpus was obtained to compel the girl's release, but Dr. Haynes voluntarily granted her a short vacation and when she reached Grand Rapids, Drs. Simeon Le Roy and J. R. Hilliker were called in and asked to make a careful mental examination.

Both agreed that the girl was normal and each became deeply interested in the case. The vacation was voluntarily extended and in the meantime, The Evening Press obtained a statement from the girl's mother and carefully checked it over for errors. In every detail her story was substantiated by facts in a hunt covering several counties. Dr. Hilliker and a representative of The Press went first to Adrian and later to Lapeer.

Insisted Girl Was Feeble-Minded.

The superintendent at Adrian was away at the time of their call, but her assistant was in charge. She remembered Bessie Lewis, she said, and stated that the girl had been sent to Lapeer because she was feeble-minded. She denied that the girl might have been sent to Lapeer in order to be rid of her. Mrs. Johnson, the present superintendent, was assistant at the time the Lewis child was an inmate of the school and when Mrs. Sickles was chief.

Dr. Haynes at Lapeer unhesitatingly gave Bessie the very highest recommendation. He said the only reason she had not been given her liberty lay in the history under which she had been committed. The doctor explained that he felt he must first consider the welfare

history under which she had been committed. The doctor explained that he felt he must first consider the welfare of the patient and that while her history during his administration gave no hint of her inability to "honorably support herself," the history furnished from Adrian was too direct to be misunderstood, and without means of investigating the home conditions, and in view of the statements with regard to the mother, he had not felt justified in giving the girl her liberty upon the mother's application.

When the family sent a representative who proved up all right and agreed to

be responsible for the girl's welfare and return, the doctor said he was glad to give her a vacation. He said there was no desire to keep any one in Lapeer who did not belong there, but on the contrary, with a big waiting list, it was imperative that those not requiring the institution's care should be weeded out to make room for the needy. He added that he felt a personal interest in Bessie's case and had hesitated to take a chance on her liberation unless he had some assurance that her home conditions were such as to guarantee her protection against the world.

He agreed at once to grant her an unconditional release upon Dr. Hilliker's assurance that the family is o. k. The doctor has investigated and will so inform the superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliker occupy a modest little house on Ionia avenue, N. W., just north of Hastings. Since her third marriage the mother, now a buxom-looking woman and radiating wholesomeness, has gathered all her children about her and with her husband's boys and girl by a prior marriage has a happy and contented family of six children. Mr. Hilliker is employed as millwright by the Wolverine Brass company's factory. He has taken a keen interest in gaining the release of his eldest stepdaughter and unhesitatingly has spent his hard-earned money that the girl might have her liberty and the advantage of the home he has made for her mother, brother and sisters.

Mrs. Stoner met and married Martin Hilliker a little more than a year after Bessie's commitment to Adrian. She had understood the girl had been committed only until she was seventeen years of age and believed the school was a good place for her. She says that in the spring of 1905 when the girl was transferred to Lapeer, her letters to her daughter remained mysteriously unanswered for a period of several months and when a response finally came it was from Lapeer where a letter had been forwarded. Bessie insists that her mother's letter and her own were intercepted at Adrian until she was well settled at Lapeer. The mother never had heard of the Lapeer institution. She knew the girl was not feeble-minded and jumped at the conclusion that Bessie had been sent to Lapeer to be adopted. This nearly drove her frantic. There followed a rapid interchange of letters and finally it was borne upon Mrs. Hilliker that her daughter had been sent to Lapeer for care as a person of feeble mind and that the girl probably was destined to spend the rest of her life in the gloomy institution.

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The Evening Press (Grand Rapids)
August 27, 1913

GOVERNOR TO PROBE BESSIE LEWIS CASE

The Press Expose of Girl's Un-
just Commitment to La-
peer Stirs Ferris.

HE WILL HEAR HER STORY

(By Henry H. Tinkham.)

Lansing, Aug. 27.—Bessie L. Lewis of Grand Rapids, who was forced to spend her girlhood among the imbeciles and epileptics in the Lapeer institution in punishment for mischievous conduct at the Adrian Industrial school for girls, will be asked to repeat her story given exclusively in The Grand Rapids Press, for the benefit of Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris.

The governor arrived at Lansing Tuesday evening in company with Judge Albert Murphy of Detroit who was his representative in the investigation of the strike situation in the copper country and will be busy for a day or two straightening out this issue. After that he promises to go into the Lewis case.

Governor Amazed at Article.

"I simply was amazed that any such condition could exist in Michigan," said the governor. "The article in The Press seemed literally beyond comprehension. I have been through the Lapeer Institution for Epileptic and Feeble Minded and I can imagine no greater horror than a sentence to live among the unfortunates there. It seems to me the mere fact that the Grand Rapids girl endured the test without loss of reason would be the best possible proof that she was not eligible for commitment to Lapeer in the beginning.

"I am informed that the law has been so amended that such an injustice could not occur again. But this will not interfere with my investigation. I am endeavoring to educate myself in all the details of Michigan's governmental and institutional affairs and I want to be sure that there is no chance for a repetition of the horror of this girl's experience.

"I expect to call on Miss Lewis for an interview and I shall ask her to go over the entire story with me. I want to see her and talk to her and question her, not only on her commitment, but as to her life in the institution. It is hard even now to believe that such a thing could occur in this enlightened era.

Will Sift Case to the Bottom.

"After I have talked with the girl and am in possession of the details of the case I expect to go into the institutional end of the proposition. It is probable that now, with the law changed and a complete change of administrations in both institutions involved, that there can be no improvement wrought through an investigation by this office, but I want to satisfy myself; I am personally interested in going to the bottom of this most remarkable case."

Flint Daily Journal
August 29, 1913

FERRIS TO INVESTIGATE CASE OF BESSIE LEWIS

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 29.—Bessie L. Lewis, the Grand Rapids girl who spent seven years among the imbeciles and epileptics at the state institution at Lapeer after being an inmate of the Industrial School for Girls at Adrian, will be asked to tell her story to Gov. Ferris. The governor has promised to look into the case.

"After I have talked with the girl and am in possession of the details of the case I expect to go into the institutional end of the proposition," said Mr. Ferris. "It is probable that now, with the law changed and a complete change of administrations in both institutions involved, that there can be no improvement wrought through an investigation by this office, but I want to satisfy myself; I am personally interested in going to the bottom of this most remarkable case."

Flint Daily Journal
September 17, 1913

MUST BE COMMITTED BY PROBATE COURT

New Law Governing Feeble-Minded
at Lapeer Home.

Under the new law providing for commitments in the case of feeble-minded persons who are sent to the home at Lapeer, 14 will have to be made in the probate court. The new law provides that each person in the home must be committed through the probate court. In the past relatives, supervisors or superintendents of the poor had the right to send any feeble-minded person to the home without a hearing or any court procedure. The result was that there was no record of the cases.

There are now 14 inmates of the home who were sent from Genesee county and under the new law these must all be committed if they are to remain in the home. Nine of the patients have been already committed since the law went into effect and the others will be committed within a few days.

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The Day (Grand Rapids), September 19, 1913

**PRISONER 7 YEARS
AMONG IMBECILES**



Bessie Lewis.

Bessie Lewis, twenty-two, has returned to her home in Grand Rapids, Mich., after having been a virtual prisoner in the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded at Lapeer for seven years. Nine years ago her mother, ill and destitute, consented to have the girl sent to the Girls' Industrial Home at Adrain, Mich. Later the girl was arbitrarily sent to the Home for the Feeble Minded. No one took any interest in her until this summer, when her mother began making efforts to get her out. Grand Rapids physicians became interested in the case, and on examination found that she was perfectly normal mentally. Her release followed.

Flint Daily Journal, November 20, 1913

One of the Clio Brick company's largest customers is the state of Michigan. Practically all the buildings at the Home for the Feeble Minded at Lapeer are constructed of Clio brick. The federal building at Mt. Pleasant is also constructed of the Clio product. The best architects of the state recommend these brick because of their superior color and heat resisting qualities.

Flint Daily Journal
November 7, 1913

SIX IN ONE FAMILY SENT TO STATE HOME AT LAPEER

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 7.—Six members of one family—the mother and five of her seven children, were committed to the home for the feeble-minded at Lapeer by Probate Judge Hulbert, yesterday.

The mother is 38 years old. Of seven children, only one, a boy of 16, is ordinarily bright. One girl of about 20 has disappeared.

This is the second family found within the last few weeks in which a wholesale commitment was necessary.

Flint Daily Journal
September 12, 1913

LAPEER 'HOME' SCENE OF DOUBLE WEDDING

Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 12.—For the first time in the 20 years' history of the Michigan Home a double wedding was held this week when the marriage of four young people, three of whom are employes and the fourth a daughter of an employe were married.

The weddings took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Desnoyer on the institution grounds. Mr. Desnoyer is chief engineer at the home. One wedding was that of his daughter, Miss Myrl Cora Desnoyer, to Michael McKellar, an electrician. Floyd Lincoln, an assistant engineer, was married to Miss Olive Wilson who has been supervisor of cottage "H."

Only the immediate relatives of the couples attended the ceremonies which were performed by Rev. E. H. Bradfield. The ring service was used in both ceremonies. The house was decorated in salvia. The bridal couples were unattended. Miss Desnoyer wore a gown of white embroidered voile and Miss Wilson was attired in a dress of white net over blue messaline.

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. McKellar and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln will return to the Home where they will take up their work and reside for a time.

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Flint Daily Journal
January 13, 1914

PRACTICAL EUGENICS.

The Race Betterment conference at Battle Creek laid emphasis upon one practical point which may well command the attention of the people of Michigan. A sound paper was presented, urging the necessity that the feeble-minded be kept from parenthood. The speaker considered sterilization not altogether practicable because of sentiment against it. But it was declared that segregation is both practicable and necessary, particularly as applied to feeble-minded women.

Much of the recent talk about eugenics shoots over the heads of practical people and probably may not be applied for years. But here is a practical suggestion which is well enough known properly to receive immediate application. It requires no argument to show that children ought not to come into the world under the handicap of feeble-minded parents. The theory of heredity, which has been undermined with reference to many other matters, seems to hold in this case. Even if heredity did not insure feeble-minded children, it would still be certain that no child could properly be reared by feeble-minded parents.

The state of Michigan has not done its full duty by the feeble-minded. The institution at Lapeer has not since its establishment been large enough to accommodate even a fair proportion of those who ought to have been cared for there. Consequently county homes and private families have been called upon to give the attention for which they had neither experience nor adequate facilities.

It is possible that Michigan may not have found the best way of managing an institution for the feeble-minded. Perhaps a colonization plan, such as was hinted at but not fully explained in the press dispatches, would permit quicker and more economical development of adequate facilities. But it is clear that the

state ought to take hold of this problem with determination and ought to provide means for the complete segregation of the feeble-minded.

Flint Daily Journal
February 12, 1914

TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL AT LAPEER

DETAILS COMPLETED FOR SIX
WEEKS COURSE STARTING
IN JULY.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 12.—Details for the plan for the summer school course in the teaching of defective children that is to be established in connection with the Lapeer home for the feeble minded, have been completed.

The school of instruction is to be open to experienced teachers only, and applicants will be required to have a certificate of recommendation from the superintendent of schools in the city where they have been teaching. The tuition fee for instruction, room and board will be \$60 covering a period of six weeks.

The Lapeer home will form the laboratory for the work, and instruction will be given in the various forms of studies taught, as well as in the psychology of defective children, tests for mental efficiency and other subjects needed for a thorough understanding of the work.

The proposed summer school which will open early in July, was conceived by Dr. H. A. Haynes of the Lapeer home, and Dr. S. Berry of the department of education of the University of Michigan.

The teachers trained in the school will be employed in the defective schools of various cities. The board of supervisors of the new school is composed of Dr. Haynes, Dr. Berry, Prof. Fred L. Koeler, state superintendent of public instruction; Frank Cody, assistant superintendent of Detroit schools, and the head of the work among the defective children here, and C. C. Peck of Port Huron, member of the board of the Lapeer home.

Flint Daily Journal
March 9, 1914

SUBNORMAL CHILDREN

The Study of the Backward Child Is to Be Taken Up.

A summer school for teachers of defective children has been announced to be held at Lapeer, beginning July 6. A school of this kind has never before been attempted in the state. The board of supervisors of the new school is composed of Dr. H. A. Haynes of the Lapeer Home, Dr. C. S. Berry of the Department of Education, U. of M., State Superintendent F. L. Keeler, Frank Cody, Assistant Superintendent of the Detroit Schools at the head of the work among the defective children of that city, and C. C. Peck of Port Huron, member of the Board of the Lapeer Home. According to the estimate of Miss Adele McKinnie, who has been conducting a survey, there are not less than 9,000 feeble-minded persons in the state. Some of these are enrolled in the public schools. Aside from this class are the thousands of higher mentality but who are not fitted to work side by side with normal children. The disadvantage to the brighter child resulting from classification with those of lower mentality must be considered also.

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Flint Daily Journal

Lapeer Home Inmate Swallows Needle; Point Works Way to Surface

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., April 9.—For several days recently Marie MacDonald, 18 years old, an inmate at the Lapeer home for the feeble minded, complained of a pricking in her throat.

When she was taken to a physician yesterday what looked like a small pimple was discovered just above her chest. The physician attempted to treat this and found it was caused by the point of a small needle which was forcing its way to the surface.

The needle had evidently been swallowed some time ago although the girl denies all knowledge of it.

April, 9, 1914

Flint Daily Journal, May 14, 1914

Flint Daily Journal
May 6, 1914

MICHIGAN HOME NOT AFFECTED

TRANSFER OF EPILEPTICS WON'T
CHECK GROWTH OF LA-
PEER HOME.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)
Lapeer, Mich., May 6.—In spite of the
fact that about 300 of the inmates at

the Michigan Home will be taken to
Wahjama in the near future the in-
stitution will in no way be affected
here. It was rumored here lately that
the Lapeer Home had reached the ex-
tent of its growth and that from now
on no more cottages will be added.
This report was unfounded for al-
ready plans are being made to build
two new cottages at the Home and
several other structures will also be
added to the little city. There are
at present over 800 applicants for ad-
mission to the Lapeer Home in the
state. After the 300 hundred epileptics
have been segregated by transfer to
the new home, 300 of these applicants
will have berths in the Lapeer insti-
tution and over 500 hundred will still
remain to be provided for.
Even at the rate of two new cot-
tages per year for five years the state's
feeble minded would not all be cared
for. There is little foundation for any
belief that the Lapeer Home will be
materially affected by the building of
the new home.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS OF DEFECTIVES

TWO FLINT TEACHERS ARE TO
ATTEND.

SESSIONS AT LAPEER HOME

FIRST ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH
SUCH A SCHOOL.

Supt. Keeler Expresses Confidence in
Success of New
Project.

Two Flint teachers, Edna Wisler
and Alice Campbell, will attend the
summer school for teachers of defec-
tive students, which is to be held in
Lapeer for six weeks beginning on
July 6. Those two teachers have
been named by the school board and
superintendent to take charge of the
rooms that will be started next fall
for the defective children. There will
only be 25 teachers in the school and
the Flint applicants think that they
have been especially fortunate in get-
ting their applications accepted.

Keeler Confident of Success.

This is the first time that a school
of this kind has been attempted in
Michigan and Superintendent of Pub-
lic Instruction Fred L. Keeler be-
lieves that it will be highly success-
ful.

The board of supervisors of the
new school is composed of H. A.
Haynes of the Lapeer Home, Dr. C. S.
Berry of the department of educa-
tion of the University of Michigan,
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Flint Daily Journal, July 7, 1914

SUMMER SCHOOL AT LAPEER HOME TO OPEN TODAY

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL STUDY MENTALITY OF DE- FECTIVES.

Lapeer, Mich., July 7.—The first school of its kind in America for the instruction of public school teachers in dealing with pupils on a basis of mental efficiency was ready to open at the Lapeer state home for the feeble minded today.

Classes will continue for six weeks and the students, many of whom are already here, will be taught the most scientific methods, including the use of the Binet tests, for determining and classifying the relative mentality of pupils in public schools. The work is expected to be especially valuable in grading pupils and in leading to a more distinctly individual development than is possible with the present school methods. This is said to be the first instance in which a public institution like the Lapeer home has co-operated with the educational authorities in endeavoring to solve the problem of dealing with backward children.

Governor Ferris and Superintendent Chadsey of Detroit are among a large number of lecturers who will speak here during the summer session, which will be in charge of Dr. H. A. Haynes, medical superintendent of the home.

REPEAT CANTATA.

Lapeer, Mich., July 18.—The cantata "Boy Blue" was successfully repeated at the opera house at the Michigan Home last night by inmates of the institution for the benefit of the teachers who are studying at the summer training school. These entertainments have come to be recognized as very select exhibitions by Lapeer people and this city gave its usual good crowd to the audience. "Boy Blue" was given some time ago and was such a success that the repetition was called for last night.

Flint Daily Journal
July 18, 1914

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Flint Daily Journal
July 30, 1914

DR. SADLER SEES GREAT PERIL IN FEEBLE MINDED

ADVOCATES SEX STERILIZATION
AT EUGENICS CONFER-
ENCE.

Bay View, Mich., July 30.—Before the eugenics conference yesterday, Dr. William S. Sadler, dean of the Chicago post-graduate medical school, advocated sex sterilization. He said in part: "Feeble-mindedness is the greatest danger that threatens the American people. It is spreading faster than insanity. Its influence is more insidious than alcoholism. Because the feeble minded breed rapidly, this weak and deficient stock increases 10 times as fast as normal healthy stock. In every union between a strong minded and a weak or feeble-minded individual, 75 percent of the children will be affected with feeble minds.

"When people are born with a feeble mind, they contract alcoholism, dope habits, become lazy and shiftless, turn into vicious and lawless habits. But they do not stop breeding. Therefore, I advocate a national law, to establish boards of examiners whose duty it shall be to pass on every defective child in the public schools.

"Where the case is hopelessly feeble-minded, let it be sex sterilized. Then it can live its span of years out, according to natural habits, and society will not have to bear the awful burden of its descendants.

"Every sterilized individual should be registered.

"The surgical operation of sterilization is painless, and prevents reproduction of the species. It does not curtail individual liberty. It saves the state, and is the only cure for many evils which now beset our society."

Flint Daily Journal, August 20, 1914

Two boys from the home of feeble minded at Lapeer, William Carson, 15, and Harold Davis, 14, were found this morning sleeping in a box car by Deputy Sheriff Chesnut. They are being held for the authorities of the home. The boys left Lapeer Monday and since that time have been sleeping in cars and getting their meals wherever they could, often going without anything to eat.

Flint Daily Journal, September 14, 1914

CRAMTON PROBES BOYS' SCHOOL AT CAPITAL

Finds Operating Expenses Exceeds
Those at Lapeer Home.

(From The Journal's Washington Bureau)

Washington, Sept. 14.—Congressman Louis C. Cramton, as a member of the House committee on expenditures in the Department of Justice, is taking a deep interest in the proposed investigation of the National Training School for Boys in Washington. This is an institution corresponding to the Industrial School at Lansing, to which minor offenders in the District of Columbia or against the federal laws are sentenced.

Mr. Cramton has been making a comparison of the cost of operating this institution as compared with the cost of operating the home for the feeble-minded at his home in Lapeer, Michigan. The fact that the cost per inmate of operating the latter institution was 52 cents a day as against 85 cents in the National Training School for Boys was what excited Mr. Cramton's curiosity. The investigation will be thorough and will probe into the cost of operation as well as the methods of reformation employed in the institution.

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the **Mohlgan home**, and Miss Bertha Chamberlain, who has been employed in the hospital there, were married at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Maude Kingsbury. Rev. Mr. Bublitz performed the ceremony. Herman, supervisor of K. cottage at

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EUGENIC RECOMMENDATIONS

More effective control over foreign immigration by state and federal authorities as it is contributes many insane and mentally defectives.

Maintain a more centralized control and supervision over all institutions having custody and treatment of insane, mentally defective and epileptics.

Appointment of field worker by each institution caring for insane and mentally defectives, and continuance of systematic supervision over those who have been discharged from these institutions.

Wider publicity of dangers from venereal diseases which result in insanity, epilepsy and nervous degeneracy.

Education of the public to an appreciation of the dangers of intoxicating drinks because of the known influence which alcohol has in the production of insanity and physical degeneracy.

That no child should be admitted to any state institution caring for juvenile dependents without a mental examination by a person regularly employed for this purpose.

State institutions should furnish state board of health with necessary statistical information concerning mentally defectives in their custody.

That the names of all insane, delinquent, mentally defective, dependent and epileptic patients in state and private institutions be filed confidentially with the state board of health.

That law should be passed requiring county clerks to ascertain from state board of health whether applicants for marriage license are insane, mentally in-

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STATE ASKED TO SEGREGATE DEFECTIVES

Commission Appointed to Investigate Conditions in State Makes Report.

MARRIAGE LAWS ARE LAX

Permitting Feeble-Minded to Marry is Piling Up Expense for Future.

(From The Journal's Lansing Bureau)

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 9.—Although it is not likely that the 48th legislature will be asked to pass an "eugenics bill" similar to the one proposed by Rep. (Hessner two years ago, it is apparent that an effort will be made to restrict the marriage of those who are considered unfit to bear children.

At the last session of the legislature a bill was passed creating a commission to investigate the extent of feeble-mindedness, epilepsy, insanity and other conditions of mental defectiveness in Michigan, and the report of that commission, which will be filed in the near future and the statistics gathered by this commission are so startling that it is not improbable that the lawmakers will be moved to advocate some radical remedial legislation along these lines before the present session has completed its deliberations.

State Institutions Visited.

In determining the extent of feeble-mindedness and the factors relating to it, Dr. Albert M. Barrett of the University of Michigan and his assistants visited the Lapeer home, Industrial School for Boys, Industrial School for Girls, and county infirmaries. Dr. Harry W. Crane of Ann Arbor, was in charge of the field work, and he was assisted by Miss Adele E. McKinnle, Miss Sara McKay, Miss Pauline Buck and Dr. Charles Webber, recognized experts in this line of endeavor. For the last 18 months this corps of experts scoured the state for information and the report is the most complete ever prepared upon conditions touching the subject in this state.

According to the findings of the commission there were 7763 inmates in the Michigan institutions caring for the insane on June 30, 1914. Since 1905 the state has appropriated for their maintenance in public institutions and for special purposes the sum of \$12,327,259. In 1905 the per capita cost for the maintenance of the insane was 27.74 cents, while in 1914 the cost had increased to 45.24 per capita.

Ratio in Michigan not Excessive.

It is said that in Michigan the ratio of insane in institutional care is 27 per 10,000 of the general population. This rate is about the same as that of states having the same geographic position and less than in certain older states with larger facilities for caring for the insane.

In the report of the commission it is shown that there has been an increase of 43.7 per cent in the total admissions to the Michigan state hospitals for the insane in the past 14 years, and that the annual admissions of new cases of insanity has increased 62.7 per cent between 1901 and 1914. The foreign born population furnishes a much larger proportion of the annual admissions to the state hospital than the native born. The ratio for 10,000 of foreign born being 8.9 and for native born 5.4. The counties of the upper peninsula have relatively higher rates in proportion to the population than those of the lower peninsula.

More Males Than Females.

"In general, males contribute a relatively larger proportion of insane individuals than do females," says Dr. Barrett. "There has in recent years been a relatively larger increase in the proportion of male admissions than females. Alcohol is the direct cause of insanity in 3.1 percent of admis-

sions to Michigan State hospitals for the insane.

"Alcoholic insanity is 9.3 per cent as frequent in males as females. Alcoholic insanity is relatively frequent among females, this sex contributing 13.2 per cent of all cases of this disease, and 31.2 per cent of the insane are more than moderate in their use of alcoholic drinks.

"Drug habits are productive of only a small proportion of the insane admitted to the state hospitals.

"Syphilis is the cause of 12.9 per cent of the cases of insanity admitted annually to the Michigan State hospitals. It was the direct cause of insanity in 17.5 percent of all males and 6.6 per cent of all females admitted, while it is shown by the Wassermann test that 21.6 per cent of all insane have syphilis.

"The mental status of 3,354 individuals resident in the 79 county infirmaries of the state were studied by this commission. Of this number two-fifths were either insane or mentally defective. There were 407 who were insane, 114 were epileptic, 710 were feeble-minded and 81 whose mental defectiveness was unclassified.

Feeble-Minded Big Problem.

"Of this group, the feeble-minded both because of the largeness of their numbers, and because of their excessive cost to the public, are by far the more important. While the av-

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erage term of residence at public expense, for each of the individuals of normal mentality in the county infirmaries was only 3.2 years, at a total cost for each individual of \$552, the average term of residence for each feeble-minded individual was 9.3 years, at a total cost for each individual of \$1,419.

"The 710 feeble-minded individuals now resident in our county infirmaries have cost the public for maintenance in these infirmaries over \$1,000,000. One of the feeble-minded individuals who is now a resident in a county infirmaries of the state has, together with other members of the family who also have been in the county infirmaries of the state, cost the public for their maintenance over \$17,600.

"The state and counties are themselves very largely responsible for this immense burden. Of these 710 feeble-minded individuals nearly half were born in the state of Michigan. Moreover, of those who were born in the state, 60 per cent were born in the county which is now supporting them. This means that the state—even that the county—is very largely breeding its own feeble minded class.

Permitted to Marry.

"This breeding is taking place by allowing those of defective mentality to marry and have offspring. In some instances, the county officials are even instrumental in bringing about such marriages. Cases of this sort sighted were found by this commission. In one case, the county officials allowed the marriage of a feeble-minded woman who only had the mentality of a child of seven and one half years, and who had already given birth at the county infirmaries to an illegitimate child. This woman had been a county charge for three

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years and the county officials in order to escape a further cost of supporting her allowed her to be married from the county infirmary by a man of questionable mentality. They were too short-sighted to see that in a few years the county would have to support the feeble-minded offspring which will doubtless result from this union.

"The number of feeble-minded is also increased by the unmarried feeble minded woman of child bearing age, when she is not properly segregated. Over 30 per cent of the feeble-minded women in the county infirmaries have given birth to illegitimate children. Consequently, so long as the state does not provide for their effective and permanent segregation, they will go on giving the state feeble-minded children, which the state in turn will have to support.

Lapeer Home Overtaxed.

"There were 137 women of child bearing age in the county infirmaries. Most of these women are not effectively segregated, and many of them are only temporarily in the custody of the county. There were on June 30, 1913, fifty women of child bearing age on the waiting list of the Lapeer Home and Training School. Until all these cases are permanently segregated, the state is menaced by them.

"Moreover there are continually being discharged from the Adrian Industrial Home for girls, those of child bearing age, who are of defective mentality. Of the 386 girls in this institution who were examined by the investigators of this commission, 131, or 34 per cent were feeble-minded. These girls cannot be detained in this institution after they are 21. They go forth potential mothers of feeble-minded children. How many more millions of dollars their offspring and the offspring of the remainder of the feeble-minded women who are not under permanent custodial care are going to cost the people of Michigan cannot be estimated. But if we do not want to pay millions tomorrow, we must pay thousands today in order that this class may be placed in institutions where they will no longer be able to reproduce after their own kind.

"The feeble-minded girl at the in-

OWN KID.

"The feeble-minded girl at the industrial home at Adrian also complicates the problem of the reformation and training of the normal delinquent girls in the institution. This same statement may be made concerning the feeble-minded boy at the Lansing Industrial School. One hundred and seventy-one, or 21 per cent of the 809 boys examined at this institution were feeble-minded. The feeble-minded delinquent cannot be reformed. Placed in a reformatory institution he simply clogs the machinery of the reformation. He should otherwise be taken care of."

Special Institution Needed.

In view of the fact the laws prohibiting the marriages of defectives are not enforced; that the sterilization act is infrequently used; that the expense of segregation may be decreased by its application to one sex; that feeble-minded women play a more definite and tangible part in the problem of defectiveness than does the feeble-minded man; that there are at least 137 feeble-minded women of child bearing age in county infirmaries who are neither effectively nor permanently segregated; that there are at least 131 feeble-minded girls at the Adrian school who are neither subjects for the reformatory treatment nor desirable as mothers after their discharge; that the capacity of the Lapeer home is already overtaxed, the commission recommends that adequate state provision be made either in the establishment of a special institution or by increasing the capacity of the Lapeer Home and Training School for the custody of feeble minded women of child bearing age.

The restriction of immigration, better control of patients discharged from these institutions and wider publicity of the dangers of venereal diseases are advocated by the commission.

More Stringent Marriage Laws.

More stringent marriage laws to prevent the union of mentally incompetents are also advocated, and like new domestic relations act, the eugenic commission would require that the names of all insane persons, mentally incompetents and those suffering from epilepsy or venereal diseases be posted at the office of the state board of health and that marriage licenses be denied to this class.

In all probability legislation along these lines will be instituted soon, and while there is bound to be tremendous opposition to the proposed measures, it is believed that the report of the eugenics commission which is signed by Dr. Albert M. Barrett, Dr. John L. Burkart, Fred L. Keeler and M. T. Murray, will have a great bearing on the bill.

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February 26, 1915

Pomona and Goodrich Organizations Meet at Goodrich.

A program of unusual interest was given by Genesee county Pomona Grange and Goodrich Grange yesterday afternoon and evening, at the town hall in Goodrich. J. F. Rieman gave an address on "Our Boys and Girls," which aroused a great deal of enthusiasm by showing the effect of heredity upon the human family and the duty of thoughtfully choosing one's mate, that the future should have a better race. He cited his experience in school work and statistics from the Lapeer home for feeble minded. He lamented the fact that children were obliged to sit cramped up in unhealthy school rooms through so many of their tender years.

D. D. Aitken caused a high tide of enthusiasm to sweep over the audience by his clear and forcible portrayal of their duty in a general effort to keep Genesee county in the dry column; answering the claim of the wets that the license money reduces the taxes. The debate following this speech indicated that all the members were in favor of having Genesee county dry.

Mrs. E. J. Creyts of Lansing gave a patriotic address in the afternoon and told of the historic places she visited in the south this winter. In the evening Mr. Boomer gave an interesting talk on the horse and his care. Mrs. Pheobe Morrish narrated her trip in California.

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March 10, 1915

Dr. Haynes, superintendent of the **Michigan Home** and Training School at Lapeer, reported to the Flint police this morning that John Cooley, aged 31, an inmate of the institution, had run away and was headed toward Flint.

HIS HEAD CAUGHT BETWEEN BARS OF BED, PATIENT CHOKES

Joseph Thiry Dies at Lapeer Home During Epileptic Convulsion.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., April 5.—Joseph Thiry, an inmate of the Michigan Home, was strangled to death Saturday as the result of having caught his head between two rods in the end of his bed during an epileptic convulsion. The accident was of a peculiar nature and was not discovered by the attendant in charge until too late to save the unfortunate man's life. Thiry was one of the epileptics confined to bed on account of seizures.

The attendant in charge was not at fault for the accident, nor was any of the home officials. It was of such a nature that no one could be held responsible for Thiry's death. At the first sign of any trouble in the dormitory where the accident occurred the attendant responded in the usual manner to bring an inmate out of a seizure. It was then that he discovered Thiry dead, his head wedged between the rods at the head of the bed.

The coroner's inquest held immediately afterward reported: The death of Joseph Thiry, aged 35 years, of Detroit, was due to suffocation following a single epileptic convulsion.

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April 16, 1915

Edward German, an inmate of the **Lapeer Home** who escaped from there several days ago and for whom a search had since been conducted, was picked up by Patrolman George Wright at the Grand Trunk station yesterday afternoon. German said that while the officers had been searching for him he had spent one night at the Genesee county jail and was released the next morning. Officers of the Home were notified of his capture.

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MEDICAL STUDENTS ATTEND CLINIC AT TRAINING SCHOOL

Hear Lectures on Causes of
Feeble-mindedness at
'Lapeer Home.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., April 16.—About 30 seniors of the Detroit College of Medicine under the direction of Dr. H. E. Ives, of Detroit, arrived here this morning for a medical clinic at the Michigan Home and Training School. The young men came in a special car and are to be the guests of Dr. H. A. Haines and his assistants at the home. They will remain all day and return this evening.

The seniors of the college annually make a trip to some state institution where they are given a clinic by the physicians in charge. Here an interesting and educational program will be given for the benefit of the students as follows: "Care and Treatment of the Feeble Minded," Dr. W. A. Haines; "Causes, Pathological Condition," Dr. Byron E. Biggs; "Types and Classifications," Dr. J. H. Douglas; "The Binet Test," Miss Mabel Sugars; "Moron," Dr. M. E. Wilson.

Dr. Haines in his address will impart the knowledge he has gained of how best to care for the mentally deficient. He is an authority on the subject and can be expected to carry

the subject well.

Dr. Biggs will speak on the causes of feeble mindedness and the relation of their physical condition to the mental. He is occupied most of the time here with the care of the health of the inmates and has carefully studied the relation of the bodies and mentality of feeble minded persons.

Dr. Douglas' talk will have to do with the classifications of inmates as to their mental capacity. Miss Sugars' test for mental deficiency will also be very interesting as well as instructive. Dr. Wilson's talk on the moron is to be one of the most important. This class of feeble minded is the brightest type and most often found among apparently normal persons. The relation of this class to sociological conditions is one of the greatest problems of today in the study of mentally deficient persons.

FIRST SUPERINTENDENT OF LAPEER HOME

Dr. William A. Polglase Dies in New
York City.

(Special to The Daily Journal)

Lapeer, Mich., May 11.—Word has been received here of the death in New York City of Dr. William A. Polglase, who was the first superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training school. Dr. Polglase came here from Detroit when the institution was first opened and had only two buildings. He guided the institution through the period of its greatest growth, remaining at its head for 19 years. He removed to Detroit following his resignation from the superintendency of the home and practiced medicine there for several years. He went to New York City to live about five or six years ago.

Dr. Polglase leaves his wife and two children, Dean Polglase, who is a civil engineer in New York, and a married daughter, who was Miss Mignon Polglase.

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July 1, 1915

LARGE TRACT IS ADDED TO FARM AT MICHIGAN HOME

Authorities Expect to Raise
Large Portion of Food
Supply.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., July 1.—The Michigan Home farm and grounds now consists of one tract of 716 acres. Several important real estate deals have recently resulted in a large addition to the home. Lands were purchased last week of Andrew Yager adjoining the home grounds on the south which consisted of 73.28 acres. This amount of land will enable the authorities of the home to raise a large portion of the food used and there are plenty of hands to do the work. The new hospital and cottage are now nearing completion and will soon be ready for use.

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EXPLOSION AND FIRE DESTROY STATE BUILDING

Laundry Plant at Michigan
Home, Lapeer, Is Total
Loss.

OTHER STRUCTURES SAVED

Valuable Machinery Ruined and
Institution Seriously
Handicapped.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., Aug. 7.—An explosion of unknown cause about 8 o'clock last evening unroofed the laundry building at the Michigan Home and Training School and resulted in a fire which completely destroyed the laundry with a loss estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000. All of the contents are a total loss, including clothing for the 1,200 inmates and several hundred employees and machinery that will be hard to duplicate. The position it has put the institution in is a difficult one to reckon with as there is no laundry in Lapeer that could begin to handle the amount of work that is daily done at the Home.

The fire last night broke out all over the building at once just following a dull explosion that was heard clear down to Lapeer. Employees, who were near at the time, say that the entire structure was wrapped in flames in an instant after they heard the crash and the volunteer fire department which was on the scene within three minutes could only keep the flames from spreading to the other buildings of which the laundry was one of a group. The building was situated within a rod of the boiler house and three lines of hose under pressure, the like of which was never exerted in Lapeer before, were powerless to cope with the blaze. The department did commendable work in saving the other nearby buildings. The laundry was the only building at the Home that did not have underground tunnel connection. If it had been connected this way the tunnel might have added to the seriousness of the fire.

Before the embers of the old building were cold, Dr. H. A. Haines, superintendent of the Home, had a squad of men at work salvaging what machinery was of any value and a temporary laundry will be in operation within a few days.

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HOG CHOLERA AT MICH. HOME.

Lapeer, Mich., Nov. 18.—The County Sanitary Live Stock commission reported today that hog cholera at the Michigan Home had been checked by the use of the serum obtained from the Michigan Agricultural college at Lansing and that all the hogs vaccinated had lived. They used it on the Vaughan farm Tuesday and it is expected it will prove as beneficial as in the Home farm cases.

Flint Daily Journal, November 30, 1915

LEONARD-CLIFF.

Lapeer, Mich., Nov. 30.—David Leonard and Miss Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cliff, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. S. G. Livingston on Thanksgiving Day. The bride is a graduate of the Lapeer High school, also Lapeer County Normal, and had been teaching near Postoria this year. She resigned her school work to become a bride. Mr. Leonard is chauffeur at the Michigan Home and Training school. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith. Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mr. Leonard. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard spent several days in Detroit and will make their home in the suite of rooms occupied by Mr. Leonard at the Home.

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December 28, 1915

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.

Lapeer, Mich., Dec. 28.—The Christmas pageant, "Bethlehem" which was presented at the M. E. church, portrayed in a beautiful way the story of the Christ Child. An immense scene showing the city of Bethlehem formed the background of the stage and fully 75 people participated in the pageant. The music was especially good and many complimentary remarks were heard about the orchestra. The crowds taxed the capacity of the church and the league room was thrown open and soon filled. People lined the walls and many were forced to go home. It is the first time a pageant of this sort has ever been attempted by a Sunday school and those who had the work in charge and participated have every reason to be proud of their success. Monday evening the pageant was repeated for the benefit of the inmates of the **Michigan Home**. Those who took part were conveyed to the home and treated to a 5 o'clock dinner.

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The marriage of Milton McMullen and Miss Anna Gibson of Manistique which took place in February, 1915, has just been announced. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen are employed at the **Michigan Home** and Training school.

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February 3, 1916

SMALL BLAZE AT THE **MICHIGAN HOME**, LAPEER

(Special to The Daily Journal)
Lapeer, Mich., Feb. 3.—A small fire in the bakery of the **Michigan Home** and Training school this morning caused about \$200 damage before it was extinguished by employees of the home. It is thought to have been started by spontaneous combustion.

Flint Daily Journal, February 17, 1916

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT.

Lapeer, Mich., Feb. 17.—The following program has been arranged for the Masonic entertainment to be given Monday evening, February 21: College Minstrels, by boys from the **Michigan Home** and Training school under the supervision of Claude MacQuinn; musical number, "We Will Have to Mortgage the Farm," mixed quartet; solo, Marie McKeller. Curue, "Getting Ready," Nicholas Neverslip, a modern husband, Noll Snyder; Matilda, Neverslip's wife, Belle Giles; Pat Dolan, an Irish lad, Poo Larry; Miss Hpyall, a gossip, Bernice Beale; Biddy Crogan, a domestic, Alice Yorker. A Tableau, Part I., with musical accompaniment, "A Dream of Fair Woman," Helen of Troy, Ethel Bennett; Iphigenia, Elvah Roylan; Cleopatra, Lena Tucker; Jephtha's Daughter, Myrtle Price; Rosamond, Jessie Irwin; Queen Eleanor, Lolla Snyder; Sir Thomas Moore's daughter, Jane Cary; Joan of Arc, Valley Pacey; Queen Minnor, Josephine Giles; reader, Mabel Kniets. Part II, "Nearer My God to Thee," Marie McKeller; "Three Graces," Marie McKeller, Myrtle Price and Ethel Bennett; "Mother," Myrtle Price.

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Daniel Burke and Miss Blanche Heckman were married yesterday by Rev. C. E. Brown. Mr. Burke is a farmer living in Oregon township and Miss Heckman has been an employee of the **Michigan Home** and Training School. They will make their home on the farm.

Flint Daily Journal, June 27, 1916

BOOST LAPEER SCHOOL PER CAPITA RATE

(By The Journal's Lansing Bureau)

Lansing, Mich., June 27.—The board of state auditors has fixed the rate of maintenance for the Lapeer Home & Training school at 51 cents per capita per day. This is an increase of two cents over last year, but the state auditors and the members of the board of control were of the opinion that the increased cost of building materials and food stuffs necessitated an increase. The per capita rate of the Epileptic Farm Colony at Wuhjamega was set at \$1.05 per capita.

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In the case of Albert Tyler charged with a statutory offense against an inmate of the **Michigan Home** Tyler was bound over to the circuit court for trial with bail fixed at \$1,000.

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July 24, 1916

NEW HOSPITAL IS OPENED AT MICHIGAN HOME

Lapeer Institution Boasts Last
Word in Hospital
Construction.

IS ENTIRELY FIREPROOF

Tubercular Patients Have
Third Floor of \$45,000
Building.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)
Lapeer, Mich., July 24.—The new hospital at the **Michigan Home** and Training School has been formally opened and reflects much credit upon the officials of the institution. The building is 60x130 feet, consisting of three floors, and full height

basement. The cost of construction, including furnishing, was \$45,000.

The general plan of the hospital consists of large wards on either end of connecting corridors, with private rooms on either side of the corridors. The hospital is entirely fireproof, being built of reinforced concrete throughout, including the floors, stairs, walls and roof.

Large Kitchen in Basement.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Haynes a personal inspection of the hospital was permitted. In the basement there is a commodious kitchen with steam cooking apparatus together with a large hotel range, electrically equipped. Off the kitchen are located cold storage, food supply rooms, and scullery for preparing of vegetables. On the south side of the basement is a large dining room and play room for convalescents. The basement also contains the laboratory of the research department, dental room, X-ray room, engine room for operation of elevators, also the machinery governing the heating and ventilating system. Communication from the basement to the other parts of the hospital is by means of dumb waiters and an electrical automatic passenger elevator.

Employees' quarters on each of the three floors are arranged in suites, consisting of bed rooms with connecting baths and sitting rooms. There are sixteen employees in the building including the principal. Some higher grade patients are used here as in all departments of the institution in assisting the nurses and

attendants in caring for patients.

Complete Lighting System.

The building is beautifully lighted with a system of semi-indirect electric lights. The hospital is heated by indirect steam distributed to the various wards and private rooms through separate air flues by a fan system. The corridors and rooms are also furnished with adequate foul air outlets. The heating and ventilating is so arranged that the air may be changed in the entire building every two minutes. The fan may also be used in summer to cool the building by operating it with no steam turned on. In connection with the heating and ventilating, the temperature is entirely controlled by thermostats, so that each individual room may be carried at a different temperature, ranging anywhere from 65 to 90 de-

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grees, the thermostat automatically opening up or cutting off the heat supply as the required temperature may demand.

On the first and second floors are large wards on either end with private rooms off the connecting corridors. These private rooms are so arranged that a patient suffering from any one of the various contagious diseases incident to childhood may be cared for without the least possible chance of other patients in the hospital contracting the infection. Off the wards on either end are large balconies, completely screened, protecting both the patients and those outside, no patients of the hospital, from infection by either flies or insects. On the first floor is also located the operating room which is complete in every particular. During the day, light is received both from side windows and a large skylight, and at night by an ingeniously arranged electric light system which makes it impossible for the surgeon to cast a shadow upon his work. Off the operating room are three rooms, used as anaesthetic room, physicians' dressing room and sterilizing and instrument room.

Tuberculosis Ward.

The third floor is given over entirely to tubercular patients. Both open and incipient cases are cared for. The arrangement of the third floor differs from the first and second, only in that a large open balcony is built on all sides with sufficient width so that a bed patient wards or private rooms to the balcony may be moved with ease from the balconies. There are also the private also the private rooms with large rooms with large French doors opening directly on the balcony.

There are now 100 patients in the hospital, mostly helpless inmates, who are placed in the hospital where they can receive regular hospital care and while the building accommodates 100 patients, another

Complete in All Details.

The most impressive part of the perfection was the evidence of com-

pleteness of the hospital. Up-to-date lavatories, running fountains, comfortable closets, the necessary boards, broom and mop, practically nothing gotten and many improvements not existing in any hospital. A last word about the hospital. Most of the superior intelligence among them former teachers who watched the infant care they bestowed on "mental defectives," blind who said, "Suffering children to come into the hospital through the mind. The hospital gives the credit these women deserve for what they are doing. It is human kindness and not represented on their makes them pat these helpless children on the head on them so kindly.

TEACHERS OF DEFECTIVES IN ANNUAL SESSION

Summer Conference Conducted at **Lapeer Home** and Training School.

DR. C. S. BERRY IN CHARGE

Teachers Trained to Recognize Needs of Backward Children.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., Aug. 3.—The third annual session of the Lapeer Training School for teachers of backward and mentally defective children is in session here under the supervision of Charles Scott Berry, Ph.D., who is consulting psychologist for the Michigan Home and Training school as well as associate professor of education at the University of Michigan. Dr. Berry's home is in Ann Arbor and he has been a member of the university faculty for the last eight years. Dr. H. A. Haynes, medical superintendent and Dr. Byron E. Biggs, assistant medical superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training school cooperate with Dr. Berry in every way, delivering lectures each

day along the lines of work this training demands.

Mentally Deficient Children.

"All of the larger cities now employ special class teachers, teachers of exceptional children, auxiliary class teachers or teachers of the backward children," says Dr. Berry. "Few people realize that, measured by school standards, 3 per cent of the children from the first to ninth grades are mentally deficient. This is the present tabulation of the general survey and keep in mind this survey was made from normal children. Do not assume these children are idiots, imbeciles or morons. They are simply of low mentality, often due to ill health, poor eyesight, environment, etc. The teachers in attendance at the Lapeer Training school are adequately trained to recognize the needs of these backward children and give them the needed training and instruction."

"Only persons of intelligence and successful teaching experience should undertake the training and instruction of backward and defective children and for that reason the entrance requirements of the course are placed high. A knowledge of chair-caning, basketry, handwork and speech defect are requisites of the teacher who intends to become a special teacher."

Training Course.

The course includes five weeks training at the Ypsilanti State Normal college where the opportunity of studying normal children is afforded and one week's training at the Michigan Home and Training school at Lapeer, in order that the students may have the opportunity of observing and studying large numbers of defectives of all types, as well as becoming acquainted with the institutional methods of training, instructing and caring for the feeble-minded.

Those in attendance are Miss Felling, special class teacher of the Grand Rapids schools; Miss Griffin, trained nurse of the special classes, Detroit; Miss Inez Cramer, senior training teacher of the Michigan

Home and Training school; Miss Alice M. Metaner, blind examiner Detroit public schools; Miss Anna M. Engel, special class critic teacher, Detroit; Miss Jessie Baumgart, Flint; Vera K. Neeley, Lima, Ohio; Marion Cameron, Detroit; May Van Norn, Newark, Ohio; Ida Deckel, Keyser, W. Va.; Lillian R. Poepke, Columbus, Wis.; Sarah A. McDermott, Grand Rapids; Louise Sullivan, Grand Rapids; Marie E. Dyer, Detroit; Rose M. Abiling, Detroit; Ruth M. Wolfe, Lima, Ohio; Mabel Creswell, Detroit; Edna M. Decker, Covington, Ky.; Mary L. Mason, Perry, Mich.; Mrs. Margaret Hindelang, Chelsea, Mich.; Mrs. Mae Weir, Muskegon, Mich.; Julia Rohrlern, Monroe, Mich.; Julia J. Sturm, Clinton, Mich.; Kathryn C. Kelly, Bay City.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal, August 8, 1916

Just two are languishing in the county jail these torrid days, being, Eugene Croft, charged with stabbing the Indian, Peter Chatfield, and Albert Tyler, charged with improper relations with an inmate of the **Michigan Home** and Training School.

Flint Daily Journal, August 16, 1916

450 STATE WARDS WHO REALLY BELONG IN LAPEER HOME

Gov. Ferris Gets Information
From Heads of State
Institutions.

(By Associated Press to The Journal)

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 16.—Governor Ferris was informed this morning at a conference in the executive office, which was attended by heads of the various state institutions, that in the Industrial School for Boys at Lansing, Industrial Home for Girls at Adrian, and the state public school at Coldwater, there are approximately 450 inmates who are defective mentally and properly belong in the **Lapeer Home** and Training school. Officials of the **Lapeer home** informed the governor that the institution is already overcrowded, and that there are 275 now on the waiting list.

Supt. Frost of the Industrial School, declared that 100 of his 800 boys should be committed to Lapeer, while Superintendent Johnson of the Adrian school said 100 of her 400 girls properly belonged at Lapeer. Supt. Montgomery of the state public school at Coldwater, says he has between five and 10 children in his institution who should be transferred to Lapeer.

The school for the blind and the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint have no mentally defectives, according to Superintendents Holmes and Wright, while the employment institution for the blind at Saginaw has a few who should be transferred

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450 STATE WARDS BE- LONG IN LAPEER HOME

(Continued from page one.)
to the epileptic farm colony at Wah-lamega, according to the superin-tendent.

Governor Ferris called the con-ference in the hope of obtaining in-formation that will enable him to recommend changes in the laws governing these institutions at the next session of the legislature. Mem-bers of the boards of control believed that greater care should be exer-cised by the probate judges in committing children to Adrian and Lansing when they properly belong at Lapeer.

Flint Daily Journal, August 25, 1916

THREE INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASES IN LAPEER COUNTY

New Case Near Lum and
Another at Michigan
Home.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., Aug. 25.—Another case of infantile paralysis has de-veloped near Lum, in the family of Mrs. John Rooney. The victim is her three-year-old son, Rob-ert. Dr. Haynes, superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training school reports one case, that of an inmate child who had visited her mother in Detroit. The case devel-oped about five days after the child was brought back to the institu-tion. Dr. Haynes wishes to state that there is just the one case and it is being carefully watched. The entire floor of the hospital where the case is confined is in quarantine and every precaution for the pre-vention of the disease is being taken. The local health authorities are maintaining a strict quarantine in all cases.

Flint Daily Journal,
September 9, 1916

School opened at the Michigan Home and Training School this week. Several new teachers are on hand this year. Miss Edith Miller of Rome, N. Y., has been engaged as gymnasium instructor. Miss Katherine Ferguson of Dopere, Wis., is supervisor of music. Mrs. Elizabeth Gillman of Glenwood, Ia., is industrial teacher and Miss Lillian DesJardins of Lapeer is primary teacher. Miss Mildred Jackson of Vassar is in charge of the kinder-garten and Miss Z. Pauline Butts of Vassar, psychology instructor. The principal, Mrs. Lyons, remains this year, also Miss June Collins of Howard City, Miss Anna Towner of Ypsilanti, Miss Marie Inge, Miss Ruth Bohne, Miss Inez Cramer, Claude McQuinn and Jay England.

Flint Daily Journal
September 19, 1916

MOTHER OF ALBERT ROSSE SOUGHT HERE

The police were requested by the officials of the Lapeer home this morning to try and locate in Flint Mrs. Ella Hume, mother of Albert Rosse, who died at the institution. Mrs. Hume is supposed to be visiting Mrs. Mary Bonewell here, but the police have been unable to learn where Mrs. Bonewell lives. Notice was given the police that Rosse's body would be held but 36 hours be-fore being turned over to the uni-versity of Michigan.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Tri-City Times
September 21, 1916

POOR HOUSE BURNED AND A HARD WINTER AHEAD

9-21-1916
Fire broke out in the southeast corner of the roof of the Lapeer County Poor House, northwest of Lapeer, Friday afternoon, and the four story brick building was entirely consumed, together with much of the contents and also the brick laundry and milk house on the south side. A high wind prevailed from the west and prevented the destruction of the barns and outbuildings. The inmates, thirty in number, being six women and twenty-four men, mostly helpless, made their escape and were taken to the Mich. Home for temporary quarters, Dr. Haynes kindly volunteering the apartment to the homeless ones. Supt. Joe Lewis was at Fairview on business at the time, leaving all the responsibility for Mrs. Lewis, and she managed it well. The loss was about \$25,000 and is insured. Nothing is left but the stately silent walls to tell the tale.

Flint Daily Journal, September 27, 1916

INFIRMARY INMATES OF LAPEER BROUGHT TO OTHER COUNTIES

Genesee and St. Clair Will
Take Care of a Few
From Lapeer Home.

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 27.—Arrangements have been completed by the Lapeer county poor board to care for about 20 of the infirmity inmates made homeless by the recent fire. Three of them, the Lawrence brothers, will remain permanent inmates of the Michigan Home and Training school. Twelve go to the St. Clair county infirmity, five to Genesee county infirmity and negotiations are now being made with the authorities of Oakland and Tuscola counties to care for the remaining inmates. They will be taken to the various counties Friday.

No action has been taken as yet for building a new county infirmity. Supt. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis will remain on the farm and attend to the stock and crops. The brick cottage belonging to Mr. Challa, across the road from the infirmity will be rented for them.

AUDUBON SOCIETY.

Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 21.—Lapeer Audubon society are making plans to convert Mt. Hope cemetery into a bird sanctuary. The local society are very enthusiastic bird lovers and has a membership of nearly 250. Each member has pledged himself to construct a bird house and to protect and propagate bird life.

LAPEER LOCALS.

Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 21.—Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Karr of Ishpeming, formerly of Lapeer, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bostick, Wednesday. They had attended the conference at Detroit and were enroute to their home at Ishpeming.

Mrs. Lottie Lyons of Wilson, N. Y., has been the guest of Lapeer friends for some time. She is now visiting relatives at Flint.

Judge Williams is disposing of many cases, the last batch are as follows: Bertha Clark vs. Frank Clark, divorce, decree granted; Herbert Siegel vs. Stephen Gould, attachment, judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$511.61; people vs. Albert Tyler, assault on inmate of Michigan Home and Training school, defendant out on parole; people vs. Arlington Tucker, seduction, continued for term; people vs. Eliza Coulter, violation local option law, passed; people vs. Bruce Kennedy, larceny, continued for the term; people vs. Herman Nixon, assault with intent to commit murder, continued.

ELBA MAN CHOICE OF DEMOCRATS FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR

John S. Smith Takes Place of
General Kirk on
Ticket.

Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 27.—Through the appointment at Detroit last week by the Democratic state central committee of John S. Smith of Elba as the Democratic nominee for the office of lieutenant governor, Lapeer gained another distinction as the home of political sons. Smith's appointment gives to Elba still more reason to feel elated, on account of the fact that former Governor John T. Mich came from that village and up until last spring, when he moved to Lapeer, had always made his home there. Besides the former governor and the newly appointed nominee for lieutenant governor, Lapeer boasts the present speaker of the state house of representatives, Charles W. Smith, Congressman Louis C. Cramton and several well known political men.

John Smith is at present a merchant and produce dealer of Elba. For many years he has been recognized as the most prominent Democrat in Lapeer county and has always voiced the sentiment of the Lapeer delegation to the state conventions. As a member of the board of control of the Michigan Home and Training school here he has been one of the most ardent advocates of the many recent improvements and developments of the institution.

Mr. Smith was born in Hadley about 54 years ago and spent most of his younger days in that village. When a young man he taught school in Dryden, coming to Lapeer about 15 years ago to become affiliated with George Churchill in a local grain elevator. He later moved to Elba and has been actively engaged in the produce business there for several years. Mr. Smith's family consists of his wife and three children, Howard, Harold and Blanche Smith.

Flint Daily Journal, September 21, 1916

Flint Daily Journal
October 25, 1916

COURT OFFICER IS HELD FOR ABUSING FEEBLE MINDED GIRL

(Special to The Daily Journal)

Lapeer, Mich., Oct. 25.—Tony Taro, said to be an officer in a Detroit court, is held at the county jail here on a serious statutory charge as the result of alleged abuse of a mentally defective girl he was taking from Detroit to the Michigan Home and Training School here. Taro came to Lapeer from Detroit Monday night with the girl, officers say, and took her to a local hotel where she was kept all night, and then took her to the **Michigan Home**. Dr. Byron E. Higgin, assistant medical superintendent there, during the customary examination given new inmates, discovered conditions that led to his making complaint against Taro, who was immediately locked up.

Flint Daily Journal
February 14, 1917

GETTYSBURG SPEECH IN LIEU OF PRAYER

(By The Journal's Lansing Bureau)

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 14.—In the absence of a preacher to open the House with religious exercises Tuesday afternoon, Clerk Charles S. Pierce read Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. It made a great hit with the members and they applauded long and vigorously. Some of the members propose a revision of the rules whereby the speeches of Lincoln be substituted for the devotional exercises, as some of the preachers have been inclined to pray at considerable length before the House has been able to get down to business.

On third reading Rep. Ivory's bill making it possible to admit a child of any age to the Lapeer institution was passed unanimously and given immediate effect. Heretofore no child under the age of six years has been received at the Lapeer Home and Training School.

Rep. Frank Smith's amendment to the constitution giving the state power to acquire the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad, passed the House in committee of the whole without a dissenting vote.

HAYES.

Flint Daily Journal, June 27, 1917

The **Michigan Home** and Training school has completed the excavating and the foundation walls for the colony buildings number three. This colony when completed will house and care for 60 adult males. Gov. Sleeper has approved the rate of maintenance as fixed by the joint board namely, 66 cents a patient a day. This is an increase of 15 cents a day over 1917. The increase is occasioned by the increase in the cost of food stuffs and material.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
July 16, 1917

Michigan Home.
The teaching corps at the **Michigan Home** and Training School will include an extra primary teacher this year. Miss Adela Cramer who has taught sense teaching for several years, has resigned and her place has not been filled. Claude McQuinn, manual training teacher, has also resigned. The new teachers for next year will include Miss Mae Ford of New York, who will teach primary, Miss Mary Ogerby of Vassar will teach industrial and primary work. Miss Helen Mahlar of Milwaukee, will be the physical instructor and Miss Mildred Whelton of Norwood, Mass., will teach craft work.

Flint Daily Journal
July 16, 1917

217 MEN CALLED IN FIRST QUOTA FROM LAPEER CO.

Four Hundred Names Are
Will be Picked.
Drawn From Which List

(From a Journal Correspondent)
Lapeer, Mich., July 26. — Four hundred men were drafted from Lapeer county, from whom 217, the county's quota will be selected: Si-

The men whose residence are indicated outside of Lapeer county are mostly residents at the Michigan Home and Training school, as all the inmates and attendants were required to register. This list includes some of Lapeer's most prominent business men.

Flint Daily Journal
August 28, 1917

Pearl Smith, a boy inmate of the **Michigan Home** and Training school at Lapeer, who escaped some time ago, was found on the street here this morning by Detective Arthur Cladden. He is being held for the home authorities.

Flint Daily Journal
September 8, 1917

TWO GIRLS ESCAPE FROM **LAPEER HOME**

Supt. Haines of the Michigan Home and Training school today requested the police to search here for Agnes Darga, 18, and Sarah Platt, 25, who escaped from the institution yesterday. Dr. Haines says two women driving an Oakland automobile came to the Home and asked to be allowed to take the girls for a walk through the grounds. An hour later when the girls did not return attendants became suspicious and found the women had driven them away in their machines. The women are describe das being about 24 or 25 years old, and both stout.

Flint Daily Journal
September 9, 1912

DOCTOR MISSING AT LAPEER HOME

(Special to The Daily Journal)

Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 11.—Search is being made today for Dr. J. H. Douglas, 34 years old, a member of the medical staff of the Michigan Home and Training school, who has been missing since Monday night. Dr. Douglas has been in poor health for some time and recently submitted to an operation, and officers of the home fear he may have ended his life. He is a graduate of the Detroit College of Medicine, and is married. His mother resides in Pittsburgh.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
September 17, 1917

Dr. J. H. Douglass of the **Michigan Home** who mysteriously disappeared several nights ago, returned Saturday. It is thought that ill health caused him to become despondent and that his mind was temporarily unbalanced.

Auto thieves were at work again Friday night when a car belonging to D. P. Sullivan was stolen together with robes and coats from other cars.

Several cottages at the **Michigan Home** have been quarantined as a result of several cases of diphtheria which have broken out there. Thus far the disease has been confined to one attendant and several inmates. All attendants and teachers have been vaccinated.

Flint Daily Journal
October 16, 1917

Mrs. Margaret Schlee, who was arrested on a charge of abducting an inmate of the **Michigan Home** and Training School here, had her examination yesterday and was bound over to the circuit court for trial December 6. She is at present out on \$500 bonds.

Flint Daily Journal
October 16, 1917

LAPEER GIRLS KNIT FOR THE RED CROSS

From the Home for the Feeble-minded at Lapeer comes the announcement to the Woman's Committee, Michigan Division, Council of National Defense, that a class of 50 at that institution is engaged in knitting for the Red Cross. They are students in the training school of the institution.

Flint Daily Journal, October 23, 1917

THREE GIRLS ESCAPE FROM **LAPEER HOME**

Dr. Haines, superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer has requested the police to watch here for three girl inmates who escaped from the institution Sunday evening. The girls all wore gingham dresses and only one had a coat on when they left. They are Anna Neuman, 20, Agnes Dorga, 18, and Nellie Couvenenun, 15.

County Press?, January 9, 1918

Mrs. C. P. Cole has a position at Cottage At Mich. Home. Last Tuesday she brought a half dozen of her charges down to the city to see the Christmas displays and other interesting things.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal, January 17, 1918

LAPEER RECOVERING FROM STORM EFFECT

Lapeer, Mich., Jan. 17.—With the exception of the fuel question, conditions here have returned to normal and the city is recovering from the effects of the storm. Trains are running on both railroads and all roads are opened up. The only coal in the city consists of that recently taken from the churches and the schools. Coal was also confiscated from several families now spending the winter in the south. All business houses open at 9 o'clock and close at 4.

Fire last night partially destroyed the garage at the Michigan Home and Training school. The fire originated in an automobile belonging to Irving Strew, on which the exhaust had become overheated, igniting the floor boards. About 10 or 12 cars are stored in the garage, the upper part of which is occupied by the coachman, David Leonard, and family. All cars excepting Strew's were removed unharmed. The amount of damage is at present undetermined.

The fire department was called last night to a house belonging to George Dent on Howard street. The blaze was extinguished before any great damage was done.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

County Press?, January 30, 1918

FOR RENT—Three rooms, with bath, toilet, electric light, etc. 80 Park street, or **FRED ABBEY**, at Mich. Home.

Flint Daily Journal
February 13, 1918

MICHIGAN HOME HALF-HEATED

Lapeer, Mich., Feb. 13. — On account of the extra cold weather recently experienced, the supply of coal at the **Michigan Home**, which had been thought sufficient to last until the first of May, has been rapidly depleted and the condition there is rapidly becoming serious, since it is practically impossible to secure coal in sufficient quantities. At present only about half of the institution is being heated and wood cut by the inmates is being used to as large an extent as possible.

Flint Daily Journal
February 23, 1918

Officers of the **Michigan Home** and Training school at Lapeer reported to the police today that three young boys ran away from the institution last night. No descriptions of the missing boys were furnished.

County Press?, March 13, 1918

SPLENDID CONCERTS

Aided by R. A. Hungerford as French horn soloist, and Master Kenneth Henderson in a number of readings, the Mich. Home band gave two very enjoyable concerts Monday and Tuesday evenings, which were planned to show the development reached in the organization. The events were well attended by citizens as well as by employees of the institution. The band, which is composed of about 20 members, all inmates of the institution, under the direction of J. J. England with the cooperation of Dr. Haynes, has reached a high degree of perfection and now ranks among the best bands of the country for this class of institutions.

Flint Daily Journal
March 29, 1918

COURT KNOCKS OUT STERILIZING LAW

Lansing, Mich., March 29. — The law passed by the legislature in 1913 authorizing the sterilization of mentally defectives maintained wholly or in part at public expense in the public institutions of the state, was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court Thursday.

The case was brought to the supreme court from Lapeer county, where the circuit judge had sustained the order of the probate judge in refusing to entertain jurisdiction on the petition of Dr. H. A. Haynes, superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training School, for a hearing to determine the sanity of one of the inmates whom Dr. Haynes considered a fit subject for an operation.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

County Press?, April 4, 1918

**KNOCKS OUT
STERILIZING**

The law passed by the legislature in 1913 authorizing the sterilization of mentally defective maintained wholly or in part at public expense in the public institutions of the state, including the Mich. Home at Lapeer, was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court Thursday.

The case was brought to the supreme court from Lapeer county, where the circuit judge had sustained the order of the probate judge in refusing to entertain jurisdiction on the petition of Dr. Haynes of Lapeer for a hearing to determine the sanity of one of the inmates whom the doctor considered a fit subject for an operation.

4-3-1918

Flint Daily Journal
April 10, 1918

George Langmore, who is said to have escaped from the Michigan Home and Training school at Lapeer, was taken into custody by Patrolman Clarey on the street here Tuesday night.

Flint Daily Journal
April 11, 1918

Officials of the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer have asked the police to search here for Amanda O'Brien, an inmate of the institution, who ran away Wednesday.

County Press?, April 17, 1918

RINGNECK PHEASANTS

4-17-1918
Flint Daily Journal
September

One of the purposes of the game license was to encourage game birds. The Department is now ready to begin this great work. I propose to place in this county from the big game farm at Mason, Mich., a few hundred eggs for hatching. The entire state will have about 40,000, so we ought to get a goodly number for a starter. A number of the birds and a number of settings will be placed with the Mich. Home for their reserve. The balance I wish to place with farmer sportsmen, at least one setting in each township. The only consideration being that you pay the express on the eggs, post your farm (if not already posted) and liberate the birds according to directions. Write me today for application blank. DO IT NOW. Next week. The Press will contain a full description of these great game birds and their habits, etc.—E. J. THRASHER.

County Press?, May 19, 1918

GOING WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleditch are packing up and are about to move to Seattle, expecting to get away next week. Ray Spears of the Michigan Home, has bought their place on Monroe street. Mr. Middleditch expects to serve Uncle Sam in the army and then go to the northwest and settle on a farm.

Flint Daily Journal
June 17, 1918

Fred McKillen of Imlay City is working on one of the new colony buildings at the Michigan Home and Training school. He will move his family to Lapeer in a short time. Two colony buildings, to accommodate 75 each, will be erected this summer; and possibly a dairy barn.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

June 26, 1918

C-26-1918

Lansing.—The law passed by the legislature in 1913, authorizing the sterilization of mental defectives, maintained wholly or in part by public expense in the public institutions of the state, has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court.

Lapeer County Press

June 26, 1918

The Mich. Home have purchased of Harvey Tryon, local representative, a new Republic Truck, for use on the farm. It will do the work of many horses.

Lapeer County Press

July 10, 1918

TY PRESS, LAPEER, MICH

7-10-18
MICH. HOME TEACHERS

There will be five new teachers at the Michigan Home and Training School the coming year. Miss Ruth Davis of Boston will teach vocal music; Miss Thompson from Indiana and Miss Thweat of Detroit, primary industrial work; Miss Marie Dowd of Detroit, basketry and loom work, and Miss Cummings of Chicago, assistant kindergarten work.

The teaching corps in full will be as follows:

- Mrs. Lyons, principal.
- Miss June Collins, primary.
- Miss Kathleen Ferguson, music.
- Mrs. Payne, domestic art.
- Miss Helen Mohler, physical training.
- Miss Mildred Jackson, kindergarten.
- Miss Hazel McMullen, primary.
- Miss Cummings, assistant kindergarten.
- Miss Ruth Bohne, primary.
- Miss Mildred Dusenbury, primary.
- Miss Ruth Davis, vocal.
- Miss Thompson, primary industrial.
- Miss Thweat, primary industrial.
- Miss Marie Dowd, basketry and loom.

Flint Daily Journal

July 25, 1918

SEEKING RUNAWAYS FROM LAPEER SCHOOL

Police were requested by the authorities of the **Michigan Home** and Training school at Lapeer on Thursday to watch for the appearance of three boys who ran away from the institution Wednesday night and were last seen headed in the direction of Flint. Two of the boys are 16 and small for their ages and the third is 18. None of their names was given.

July 31, 1918

MICHIGAN HOME NEWS.

Mrs. Len Smith sick for a few days.

Mrs. Winnie Brown from Port Huron visited her niece, Mrs. C. P. Cole, on Wednesday with Mrs. Lyman Tuttle.

Miss Burger is out of the city.

Mrs. Blanche Schook at her mother's, Mrs. Schook, in Oxford on Thursday.

Big crowd at the Home this week on business.

A number of from the Home attended the circus at Flint the 16th.

Mrs. C. B. Cole and granddaughter, Grace Gray, were entertained at Mrs. Lyman Tuttle's home on Genesee St., on Friday p. m. with her aunt, Mrs. Winnie Brown, of Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson visited

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July 31, 1918

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1918.

MICHIGAN NEWS

4,080 PUPILS UNFITTED FOR SCHOOL WORK

Need of Other Means of Education Shown in Supt. Keeler's Report.

LAPEER HOME CROWDED

Of 25,218 in Rural Schools
7,384 Are Found Below
Their Grade.

(By The Journal's Lansing Bureau)

Lansing, Mich., July 31.—The superintendent of public instruction, Fred L. Keeler, makes the statement in his annual report that there are at least 4,080 children in the rural schools who are feeble minded and should be educated by other means. During the past year a careful survey has been made to ascertain the extent of feeble-mindedness among children in the rural schools and the number reported was astonishing to Superintendent Keeler.

Until the state enlarges the Lapeer Home and Training School or builds a similar institution somewhere else, there is little chance that these children will be properly cared for by persons skilled in the handling of the feeble minded.

The Lapeer home is now filled to capacity, and probate judges throughout the state are slow to commit more children to that institution on that account.

More Than 7,000 Below Grades.

According to Superintendent Keeler, a careful study of the pupils enrolled in the rural schools of nine counties reveals the following facts: Out of a total enrollment of 25,218 there are 7,384 who are below their grade in school. Of these, 4,392 are below grade one year, 1,936 are below grade two years, 764 are below grade three years, and 231 are below grade four years.

Causes for this retardation are enumerated as follows: Late entrance, 811; illness, 427; frequent change of schools, 877; irregular attendance, 1,508; defective sight or hearing, 281; physical defects, 205; inability to speak English, 424; other causes, 241; feeble-mindedness, 186.

892,787 Children of School Age.

The school census for the year ending June 30, 1917, shows that there were 892,787 children of school age, an increase of 26,217 over the previous year. Ninety percent of this increase comes from eight counties named in the order of growth: Wayne, Genesee, Oakland, Ingham, St. Clair, Muskegon, Jackson and Kent.

The net expenditure for public schools last year was \$27,549,985.94, an increase of \$3,480,171.76 over the previous 12 months. The total salaries paid teachers in the public schools was \$13,837,995.08, an increase of \$1,135,133.61. The estimated cost of maintaining the parochial schools was \$5,000,000.

Aiding Patriotic Work.

During the past year the public schools have promoted war activities along four lines—the Junior Red Cross, Liberty loan and war savings stamp campaigns, education for fuel and food conservation, and moulding public opinion to patriotism.

Teachers' examinations in his-

tory for three successive examinations have been based on President Wilson's war message. The examination in history for the eighth grade graduates last May was based upon the President's message of last December. More than 75,000 copies of this message were used in the public schools.

The teachers' retirement fund board has retired 32 teachers. The produce intelligence and sustain total amount of their annuities is \$13,145.22 a year.

GURD M. HAYES.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

August 7, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pacey and baby Patricia left for Royal Oak Monday where they will make their home. Mr. Pacey has been the bookkeeper at the Michigan Home and Training school for several years and he and his wife have many friends here who regret to have them leave.

August 21, 1918

F. L. Morris has recovered from diphtheria and is out of the hospital at Michigan Home.

Frank McHenry sold 100 bushels potatoes to the Mich. Home at \$1.25 per bu.

Flint Daily Journal

October 10, 1918

By order of the medical superintendent, **Michigan Home**, and Training school was closed today to all visitors. This action was taken to prevent an epidemic of Spanish Influenza.

October 30, 1918

WANTED—Carpenters, bricklayers and plasterers. — MICHIGAN HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL, Lapeer. 10-30-1918

Mrs. Elmer Newton has resigned her position as saleslady with the Michigan Stores and gone to the Michigan Home to assist in the store.

August 19, 1918

Fred McKillen of Imlay works on one of the new Colony buildings at the Mich. Home. He moves his family here. Two Colony buildings to accommodate 75 each will be erected this summer and possibly a dairy barn.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
November 20, 1918

WOULD PLACE ALL SHERIFFS ON SALARY

State Board Reports Plan
Working Satisfactorily in
24 Counties.

OTHER CHANGES URGED

Board of Corrections and
Charities Files Biennial
Report.

Relief Urged for Lapeer Home.

Recommendation is made that the capacity of the Michigan Farm Colony for Epileptics at Wahjamega be increased so as to relieve conditions at the Michigan Home and Training School, the state hospitals and the county infirmaries. The board believes the law relating to commitments to the Farm Colony be amended so as to apply to all classes of epileptics, and not merely those designated in the present act as "lunatic."

"The need for additional quarters at the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer is apparent to any one who has given the situation serious thought," said Secretary Murray. "In our judgment it is imperative that the home be extended as rapidly as possible, and we urge that special consideration be given the subject."

It is suggested that farm lands owned by state institutions where the employment of outside farm labor is required, be sold, as it is claimed these farms are operated at a loss and with no direct benefit to the residents of the institutions. The board refers to the farms owned by the State Public School at Coldwater, the School for the Deaf at Flint, and the School for the Blind at Lansing.

Flint Daily Journal
January 30, 1919

GIRL ATTENDANT AT LAPEER HOME IS DEAD

(From a Journal Correspondent.)

Lapeer, Mich., Jan. 30.—Miss Electa M. Threshouse, aged 18 years, died of pneumonia following influenza, at the Michigan Home and Training School Wednesday. The young woman was a valued attendant at the institution and had many friends. The body was taken to Vassar for burial. Her parents and sisters and brothers were at her bedside when she died.

Flint Daily Journal
March 11, 1919

Lapeer, Mich., March 11.—Dr. J. H. Parker has taken a position at the Michigan Home and Training School, to fill a vacancy of some duration caused by the resignation of Dr. Douglas. Dr. Parker is a graduate of a medical college at Louisville, Ky., and spent a year in a Philadelphia hospital after his graduation. He came here from Fulton, Mo., where he was in hospital work. He has a wife and two children, aged three and five.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

March 19, 1919

NEW CEMENT PAVEMENT FOR MICH. HOME ROAD

CITIZENS TO VOTE IN APRIL ON PROPOSITION OF BONDING FOR \$40,000 FOR GREATEST IMPROVEMENT EVER FOR THIS CITY.

The City Council last night passed a resolution to submit the proposition to the voters at the April election of bonding the city for \$40,000 for the construction of a concrete highway from the Michigan Home to the west end of Nepeessing street pavement and connecting on the east end, extending to the city limits on the east-town line.

The road to the Home has been almost impassable of late. Every year it has been necessary to repair almost the entire stretch with gravel and sand, amounting to nearly the cost of a concrete pavement. This road concerns every person in Lapeer inasmuch as it will directly connect the great institution with the city.

3-19-19

Frank Rutheford is getting along nicely as herdsman at the Mich. Home.

March 26, 1919

News Of Cement Road To Home Received With Joy

The news of the paved way connecting the Michigan Home to the Nepeessing street pavement was met with as great enthusiasm at the institution Tuesday night as it created in the city.

For years this road has been repaired after a fashion and as much money has been spent in gravel and

repairing to completely build the concrete way. At the end every season has seen the same condition prevail, in some instances making the trip to Lapeer almost impossible.

Indications point that this road will win when the votes are counted at April's election. 3-26-19

WANTED
at

3-26-19

Michigan Home and Training School
ATTENDANTS
Both Men and Women
Have a few vacancies for married
couples.
Make Application to
H. A. HAINES
Medical Superintendent
LAPEER, MICH.

Flint Daily Journal

April 1, 1919

Lapeer, Mich., April 1.—At the election to be held on April 7, the proposition of paving the road from Lapeer to the Michigan Home will be voted upon. The outlook is very encouraging, as practically everyone is in favor of paving the road. There is a great amount of traffic on it, but during certain seasons of the year it is practically impassable.

April 2, 1919

MISSING SIX WEEKS; FIND BODY IN RIVER

EDWARD FERRIT WAS AN INMATE OF THE MICHIGAN HOME.

The body of Edward Ferrit, 18 years old, inmate of the Mich. Home was found in the river below the Home farm, Thursday by employees of the institution. He had been missing about six weeks. His parents, in Detroit, were notified and the body sent to that city for burial.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal, April 18, 1919

ADA STATESMAN HOLDS UP FUNDS FOR LAPEER HOME

**Senator M'Naughton Tries
to Force Action on Farm-
ers' Scheme.**

(By Associated Press to The Journal)
Lansing, Mich., April 18.—De-
termined to force the House com-
mittee on constitutional amend-
ments to report out his concurrent
resolution authorizing the submis-
sion of a constitutional amendment
providing for the expenditure of
\$5,000,000 by the state to con-
struct and operate a system of ter-
minal warehouses, Senator Thom.
McNaughton, of Ada, Kent-co.,
says he will hold up the appropri-
ation for the maintenance and op-
eration of the Lapeer home and
training school until the House
committee acts.

Senator McNaughton is the auth-
or of the terminal warehouse reso-
lution which was put through the
Senate by trading votes in favor
of the amendment to permit the in-
crease of salaries of justices of the
supreme court during their tenure
of office. It has been held up in
the House committee on constitu-
tional amendments because Rep.
Wm. Ivory, of Lapeer-co., chairman
of the constitutional amendment
committee, says a majority of the
farmers in the House oppose the
proposition.

Rep. Ivory, coming from Lapeer-
co., introduced the appropriation
bill for the Lapeer home and train-
ing school, which cares for several
hundred of the state's feeble mind-
ed and epileptic. The bill carries
an appropriation of approximately
\$1,000,000 to run the Lapeer insti-
tution during the next two years.

This bill passed the House with-
out dissenting vote and Senator
McNaughton had it referred to the
state affairs committee in the Sen-
ate of which he is a member. He
says he will hold it there until
Ivory reports out his warehouse
resolution in the House. "I consid-
er my amendment just as import-
ant as Ivory's bill," said McNaugh-
ton.

LAPEER HOME PERILED BY BAKER'S ACT

(Continued from page one)
Wilcox are emphatically opposed
to the plan, and declare that any
attempt to cripple the Lapeer in-
stitution will not meet with their
approval. They are in favor of
putting the appropriation through
at once.

Women Taking Hand in Affair.

Senator Charles Scully of La-
peer-co., though not a member of
the committee, declined to state
his opinion of the action of his col-
leagues in holding up the Lapeer
appropriation.

"I do not favor the action of
Rep. William Ivory of Lapeer, in
telling up the warehouse amend-
ment," said Scully. "I have noti-

fied the officials at the Lapeer home
signs of reporting out the amend-
ment authorizing the state to spend
to the state affairs committee. I
feel that I have done my duty."

Club women in various parts of
the state, who have taken an inter-
est in the Lapeer institution are
beginning to show some anxiety,
and unless the Senate acts early
next week, it is claimed there will
be a delegation of women here
from Detroit in an effort to get the
committee to act.

Let Us Save Your "Sole"

OR

Any other part of your Shoe

County Press?, April 23, 1919

County, Census 1910, 29,053

MICH. HOME APPROPRIATION BEING HELD UP

FIGHT AT CAPITOL IMPERILS MUCH NEEDED BILL FOR INSTITUTION

Inasmuch as four of the seven members of the Senate committee on state affairs have stated positively that they do not favor an adjournment without passing the appropriation bill for the maintenance and support of the Lapeer Home and Training School which cares for several hundred epileptic and feeble-minded children, it is claimed by Senate leaders that Senator Herbert Baker of Cheboygan, and Senator Thomas McNaughton of Kent, will not succeed in their plan to withhold support from this state institution until the House committee on constitutional amendments reports out McNaughton's terminal warehouse amendment.

Senator William Blerd of Bay Co. is chairman of the Senate committee on state affairs to which McNaughton, at Baker's suggestion had the Lapeer appropriation bill referred.

Chairman Blerd would not state positively that the appropriation would be permanently held up in the event the House Committee did not act on the warehouse resolution.

Club women in various part of the state, who have taken in interest in the Lapeer institution are beginning to show some anxiety, and unless the Senate acts early next week, it is claimed there will be a delegation of women there from Detroit in an effort to get the committee to act.

In the meantime the House committee on constitutional amendments is sitting tight and shows no consideration for the appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the construction and adoption of terminal warehouses.

Rep. William Ivory of Lapeer is chairman of the committee.

"I have canvassed the House and find 67 members against the amendment," declared Mr. Ivory. "It requires 67 votes to pass the amendment through the House. With the sentiment against it, I do not favor reporting it out."

However Senator Scully claims that the sentiment of the House is in favor of the amendment and insists that the House committee should put it up to a vote of the representatives.

4-23-19

BIG CARD PARTY AT THE MICHIGAN HOME

The Tuesday Club will give a card party at Mrs. H. A. Hayne's on Wednesday afternoon, April 30th. A fee of fifty cents will be charged the proceeds to be used for Armenian Relief Work. Everyone is invited. Arrange your own tables if you choose, play any game you like. If you don't play cards bring your knitting.

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THE PRESS GUARANTEES A LARGER BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION

LAPEER COUNTY PRESS,

LAPEER TO SEE BIGGEST BUILDING BOOM IN HISTORY OF CITY THIS SUMMER. MANY HOMES PLANNED

\$300,000 WORTH OF IMPROVEMENTS AT MICHIGAN HOME, CYCLONE BUILDING AND NEW MISSION—HEADS LIST OF BUILDING ACTIVITIES HERE THIS YEAR.

With \$300,000 worth of building at the Michigan Home, the new Cyclone Insurance building, a new city mission, many new houses and a possible expansion of the Tractor-Truck Company, Lapeer faces a building boom greater than any other city the size in Michigan.

The Michigan Home expansion, which will consist of some five or six new buildings is not expected to commence immediately but work on the Cyclone Insurance building will start at once, likewise the new houses which a branch of the Commercial Club is now progressing rapidly according to Secretary E. T. DesJardins, and planning to build as soon as organized. No definite plans have as yet been made public but it is expected the organization will erect several modern houses, selling them to reliable persons on contract. It is believed that thirty of the new homes will come near answering the housing problem which is rapidly becoming greater in this city.

Work on the new city mission to be erected upon its present site will commence at once. Attendance at the mission has outgrown the present frame building on Court street near the Grand Trunk tracks and a new building, modern in every detail with ample room to accommodate the visitors will be erected.

At Lake Nepessing, 20 new cottages have been started and in the city many new buildings are planned by private land owners.

It is the belief of many business men that as many new families will locate as there are new homes.

METAMORA OAKDALE

While playing ball Friday, Elton Stocker was hit in the eye by a ball and knocked down. He suffered with nose bleed for a long time and the eye was swollen shut.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rhodes and Master James McKinley were at Detroit for the 16th Engineers parade and saw their son, Lieut. Ralph G. Rhodes just home with that regiment.

A farewell reception was given Rev. Bagnall Monday eve. at the home of M. N. Kelley. The house was crowded. A fine program was given, punch and wafers were served, with Mrs. Dora French presiding at the punch bowl. Everyone had to earn their refreshments and it was a most laughable time. We never realized before what beautiful singers and stunt performers we had here. Rev. Bagnall goes to the U.P.

The following committee were appointed for Decoration: Speaker—M. H. Barnes. Decoration—Chas. Walker and Son, Gleason. Music—Mabel Francis, Grace Plumley. Program—Bessie McMonagle and Flora Barber. Flowers—Mrs. Nelson Lewis, Mrs. Lillie Wickham and Lizzie Ober. Transportation—Les Cork. Thomas Reid, Aaron Francis, Harry Anders and Marion Barnes. By Order of Committee, Ira Reed, Chairman.

There was a very nice Liberty Loan entertainment given here Tuesday eve. by Lapeer and Michigan Home Talent. The Liberty playlette given by the Michigan Home pupils was exceedingly well rendered and the singing was fine. The play "Lest We Forget" by Lapeer talent was very interesting. Kenneth Henderson has the same hearty laugh as when a Metmora lad. The "Chicago Trio" were repeatedly encored. Aviator Gryce gave a very instructive talk. Then Mr. Fenton, State Manager, Mrs. Clara Mills of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Lapeer talked on the Liberty Loan.

All of us: "We like to criticize. We don't like to be criticized."

May 14, 1919

Another new building for Lapeer is in prospect. It is the erection of a new mission on the site of the old one now standing on the corner of Court and Howard streets, near the Grand Trunk Junction. W. J. Goddard, keeper of the Fourth ward grocery store has been soliciting subscriptions for a fund with which to build the new structure and has raised quite a large amount. Many good citizens have donated, some have given large amounts and some small amounts. All are thankfully received. It is a laudable project and every citizen should be willing to assist. It would be fine if a ten thousand dollar edifice could be erected on the site.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

June 4, 1919

Michigan Home Honors It's Dead

While the band was playing Friday and the soldiers were marching to honor the veterans of "61," another impressive ceremony was being held in Lapeer, at the cemetery of homeless children who have passed away at the Michigan Home.

There weren't many mourners, to be sure. But upon each of the 220 graves, a quiet little cemetery placed aside from the institution, a bright red geranium was placed and a simple word of prayer was offered.

You and I haven't thought of these unfortunate children before. But the attendants and teachers of the Michigan Home who had seen the children struggle along, had grown to know them and bear with them, did think about it. And every year at this time the same ceremony is enacted and these unfortunates who have struggled through life handicapped in their fight to learn and live are remembered.

6-9-19

July 2, 1919

Michigan Home Will Celebrate

Children of the Michigan Home are not to be without their celebration July 4th.

While there will be no fireworks display the children will participate in athletic sports and other entertainment.

The program of sports contains; 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, potato race, sack race, three legged race, tug of war and ball games.

Throughout the day there will be music and song services.

Alfred Sidebotham is working at the store at the Michigan Home.

June 18, 1919

MICH. HOME INMATE DROWNS IN SWIMMING OAKDALE BOYS STROLL TO YOUNG'S LAKE ONE LAD DROWNS

Some boys who are inmates of the Michigan Home stole away and strayed over to Young's Lake, about a mile distant for a swim. They took a boat from the shore and drifted out into the lake. One of them dove into the water to swim to shore for the oars to the boat. He did not come to the surface and the lad was drowned in sight of the other boys. The body was recovered and given proper burial.

6-18-19

Oakdale in the Newspapers

July 9, 1919

The most significant event in Lapeer's history occurred in 1895. That was the year the present Lapeer State Home and Training School was opened, just west of the city of Lapeer.

The Home is now a city of 5,000—1,060 employees and an average of 4,000 mentally retarded patients, three quarters of them fated to spend the rest of their lives there.

The State Home, with an annual payroll of nearly \$5,000,000, is the single most important factor next to agriculture in the county's stability.

MORE THAN 90 per cent of the Home's employees live and shop in the county. It means as much to Lapeer's economy as the entire mill industry—and the income is dependable, good times or bad.

The Home is the biggest of five in Michigan. Until recent years it was the largest institution for the mentally retarded in the world.

"The Home is our biggest employer. If it closed, it would be the worst thing we could have," says Mayor Rowden.

"It's been a blessing to us,"

ALTHOUGH county leaders appreciate the value of the Home to them, there was a time when relations weren't so good.

Old files tell of the winter of the "Small-Pox Rebellion" back in 1910-11.

It seems there was an outbreak of small-pox. There were deaths both in town and at the institution. But citizens believed the Home was the source of the trouble.

National Guard troops were posted around the fence for months to keep employees from leaving and spreading the infection.

THE APPEARANCE of the Home is changing. Until recent years, staff members say, mental institutions were the "forgotten stepchildren" of Michigan.

Now the situation is getting better. The Legislature has voted millions for new facilities.

The role of the Home is different now, too. No longer simply a place to keep unfortunate youngsters, the accent is on education and training—as much as the inmates' crippled minds can take.

July 30, 1919

Michigan Home Boys Have Camp

Saturday and Sunday, Davis Lake resembled a small soldier camp when about 100 boys from Colonies 2 and 3 of the Michigan Home pitched army tents and camped the two days. The boys are all farm hands and enjoyed the swimming, fishing and other sports during their vacation.

7-30-19

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August 21, 1919

Louis Smith of the Michigan Home and Training school was badly burned by steam when a pipe broke, the steam striking the side of his face and one hand and arm.

September 24, 1919

FOR RENT—Piano in good condition for nine months. Call MICH. HOME, Phone 172.

The Michigan Home whistle blowing at 7 a. m., 12 m. and 6 p. m. telling the time of day to the farmers for miles around is a great convenience and much appreciated by all concerned.

Flint Daily Journal
September 8, 1919

SIX NEW TEACHERS IN LAPEER SCHOOL

(From a Journal Correspondent)
Lapeer, Mich., Sept. 8.—The school of the **Michigan Home** and Training school opened today in the new building. The corps of teachers under Principal (Miss) Nelson is as follows:

Miss Marguerite Clement, orchestra; Miss Ruby Olson, sewing; Miss Virginia Brandes, primary grade; Miss Catherine Wanniger, grade work; Miss Helen Rinderer, grade work; Miss Eva Thompson, French; Miss Hazel Hanahan, physical training; Miss Marie Dowd,

basketry; Mrs. Frances Paine, lace work; Mrs. Mary Leonard, grade work; Miss Grace Clark, rug weaving; Miss Shirley Thweatt, broom and brush making; Miss Dorothy Cummings, kindergarten; Miss Mary Dowgoff, vocal.

There are six new teachers in the list: Miss Marguerite Clement of Marinette, Wis., Miss Ruby Olson of Navins, Neb., Miss Virginia Brandes of Mattison, Ill., Miss Catherine Wanniger of Alma, Mich., Miss Helen Rinderer of Chicago, and Miss Grace Clark of Massachusetts.

Only one native species of wild geese breeds well in captivity. That is the Canada geese, which, under suitable conditions, can be bred as easily as the ordinary farmyard variety.

The spider crab decks itself with seaweed in the hope of escaping the notice of its enemies. Where sponges abound, it scrapes off its seaweed and replaces it with pieces of sponge.

Flint Daily Journal
October 23, 1919

SWAIN-BOSTICK.

(From a Journal Correspondent)

Lapeer, Mich., Oct. 22.—Miss Menta Bostick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bostick of Tur-rill-av, was quietly united in marriage to Earl Swain Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Bryan of the M. E. church. Mrs. Swain has been book-keeper and stenographer at the Bostick Stove Co. Mr. Swain is employed at the Michigan Home and Training School. The happy couple left on a wedding trip to Chicago and Great Lakes, Ill.

November 19, 1919

Genesee street to Mich. Home is being repaired for winter travel.

Joe Shinake's folks have moved to Detroit and live at 58 Kinsman St.

Mrs. Carrie E. Jones of Boyne City is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Philo.

11-19-19

NEW HOSPITAL FOR DEMENTED SLEEPER PLAN

Governor Believes Lapeer
Large Enough Now, With
2,000 Patients.

1,000 MENTAL DEFECTS

This Number Room State and
Should Be Cared For,
Reports Show.

(By The Journal's Lansing Bureau)
Lansing, Mich., Oct. 23.—Should Governor Sleeper decide to assemble the legislature in extraordinary session for the purpose of strengthening Michigan's anti-trust laws and consider other legislation to be recommended by the committee of prosecuting attorneys appointed to draft bills aimed at the high cost of living, it is certain that the chief executive will recommend legislation which will enable the city of Saginaw and other municipalities to increase their bonded indebtedness in order to remedy certain emergencies and he may incorporate in his call, if one is issued, a request that immediate attention be given to some plan which will relieve the overcrowded conditions at the Lapeer Home and Training School.

While the legislature, during the regular session last winter, was generally inclined toward all state institutions and increased the appropriation for the Lapeer Home and Training School so as to provide for the erection of additional cottages, it is recognized that with the increased facilities it will be impossible for the Lapeer institution to care for the hundreds of feeble-minded and epileptic persons in the various counties who are permitted to roam at large because there is now no institution to care for them.

Lapeer Home Large Enough.
This deplorable situation confronts the state of Michigan, and Governor Sleeper, who has discussed the proposition recently with Probate Judge Henry Hulbert of Wayne and some of the leading physicians of the state, says it is time that some action be taken. Whether he will recommend to the legislature, in the event of a special session, that a new institution similar to the Lapeer home be erected in some other part of the state, is a matter which he has not definitely settled in his own mind.

"I believe that the Lapeer Home and Training School is as large as it should be," said the governor. "Already it has a population of approximately 2,000. I am informed by those who are an authority to speak on this subject that it would neither be wise nor practical to increase the size of the Lapeer institution."

4,000 Need Care.
Reports gathered from probate judges in the various counties indicate that at least 4,000 epileptics and feeble minded persons have not been sent to a state institution because there is no room for them at Lapeer and other state hospitals do not care for this class. Governor Sleeper received a letter a few days ago from a probate judge calling his attention to a father and mother and five children, all hopelessly feeble minded, who could not be confined in the county jail owing to inadequate accommodations. They cannot be sent to Lapeer which is filled to capacity.

It is apparent from the investigation which is being made by the governor that he intends to ask the legislature to solve this problem and inasmuch as he will have retired from the executive office before the next regular assembly, he must either bring it up at a special session or leave it to his successor.

GURD M. HAYES.

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LAPPEER, MICH., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1919

Great Need of More Room For Feeble Minded Children of Michigan Being Discussed In Capitol

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