

January 29, 1920

Leonard Yates, is out again. This 14-year-old boy, who has stolen more horses and made more escapes than any half dozen individuals in the county, has made his escape from the Lapeer home for the feeble minded, according to a letter received by Judge Bush. The boy was received at the home from this county on January 16 and escaped one week later.

Flint Daily Journal

FEBRUARY 11, 1920

MISCELLANEOUS.

ATTENDANTS, both male and female, at the Michigan Home and Training School, a state institution, for the feeble-minded. Have a few vacancies for married couples. Make application to Dr. H. A. Maynes, supt., Lapeer, Mich.

CARD OF THANKS.

Flint Daily Journal

March 4, 1920

**LAD TAKES HORSE TO
ESCAPE LAPEER HOME**

A horse and a cutter were stolen at Lapeer last night. The sheriff's office here was notified and about an hour later officers found a Flint lad who had been taken to the Lapeer home a couple of weeks ago, coming toward Flint on horseback. It appeared that he had stolen the horse and cutter and drove, it around to a side street where he found a horse with a saddle on it. He took the saddle and left the cutter. He will be taken back to Lapeer.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1920

**LAPEER COUNTY SEES
BIG INCREASE THIS
YEAR IN DAIRY LINE**

**MICHIGAN HOME HOLSTEIN IS
FIRST IN LAPEER COUNTY
ASSOCIATION**

Lapeer county is advancing rapidly as a dairy county. With the city of Detroit and local creameries furnishing a ready market for the whole milk and cream produced on the farms in the county, the big question confronting the dairymen is that of economical production. This problem can be overcome either with higher producing cows or by better methods of care and feeding. That the farmers are awakening to the fact that it pays to have good cows was proven at the sale of Wm. Rossman of Lapeer when two of his pure-bred Holstein cows sold for \$856 to local men. Mr. Rossman's entire Holstein herd of ten head sold for \$2506 to local men.

The matter of economical production is being emphasized by the dairymen more and more. The County Cow Testing Association organized recently by the County Farm Bureau is doing splendid work along this line, and several high producing cows as well as a number of border cows have been discovered. There are 319 cows on test in the association and of these 47 are showing a production of better than 40 pounds of butterfat, (50 pounds of butter), per month. The ten high cows of the association with their butterfat records to date are as follows:

No.	Owner	Lbs. butterfat per month.
1—	Mich. Home, Lapeer	71.38
2—	Mich. Home, Lapeer	62.81
3—	Geo. Cardwell & Son, Imlay	62.16
4—	H. C. Cramton, Hadley	61.89
5—	G. Cardwell & Son, Imlay	59.29
6—	Mich. Home, Lapeer	56.85
7—	A. M. Lilley, Lapeer	53.73
8—	Jay Donovan, Imlay City	53.59
9—	Mich. Home, Lapeer	53.44
10—	H. C. Cramton, Hadley	51.97

Oakdale in the Newspapers

March 24, 1920

BOY ESCAPES LAPEER HOME; ROBS 4 PLACES

Leonard Yates, 14, an inmate of the Lapeer Home for the Feeble Minded, escaped and rode a freight train to Durand, his former home, where he committed four robberies, including that of the village jail, before being caught. The boy entered a hardware store and two barns and finally cut the lock off the village jail and stole all the blankets off the cots. The marshall discovered the robbery at the jail when he locked Yates up. 3-24-1920

April 14, 1920

FRED ABBEY QUILTS MICHIGAN HOME

The insurance field has lured Fred Abbey, for 18 years popular and efficient storekeeper, away from his position at the Michigan Home.

Mr. Abbey is one of the best known men in this vicinity, having lived here the greater part of his life. For the past few years he has represented the Grange Life Insurance company and the business here grew to such an enormous volume that it became necessary to devote his entire time to the insurance business.

He now covers Oakland and Lapeer counties.

SAD DEATH OF NORTH BRANCH YOUNG MAN

Joe Kohler, a young man from North Branch, with one arm, came to Lapeer to work and while here was taken sick with lung trouble. He was a K. C. and the ladies of the order interested themselves in his behalf, and nursed him at Hotel Elaine for a time. Finally an operation was deemed necessary. He was taken to the hospital at the Mich. Home and operated on. A large amount of pus was found on his lungs which was removed. His condition was so weak he could not rally and he died soon after. His mother and sister came from North Branch to comfort him. Remains were taken to North Branch for burial. 4-17-1920

Flint Daily Journal

May 26, 1920

TAKES HIS LIFE IN MOMENT OF DESPAIR

Lapeer Mich., May 26.—Following an altercation with another inmate in which he had come out a loser, Chas. Hamilton, inmate of the Michigan Home and Training School, committed suicide by drowning, Saturday night. The body was not found until Monday when an inquest was held and the above verdict rendered. Hamilton was about 25 years of age and his home was in Hastings, Mich. Other inmates claim that Hamilton had threatened on other occasions to do away with himself as he was subject to attacks of depression. The brother of the dead man took charge of the body.

Lapeer County Press

June 2, 1920

The two boys between the ages of 18 and 20 years, who have been scouting about in the vicinity of Oakwood, frightening the people and stealing things to eat and also entering the Theo. Reed home on Saturday, were apprehended by Deputy Sheriff Green Monday. When questioned it was discovered they were escaped inmates of the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer. They were returned to that institution that evening.—Oxford Leader

July 7, 1920

Plays Cave Man For a Week Under Court House

Although mentally deficient in some respects, Leonard Yates, a 14-year-old lad at the Michigan Home has all the yearnings of any normal boy for fun and excitement. Week before last he simply felt that he couldn't stand the confining and uninteresting life among the common-place at the Home so he sneaked down town. Coming in a roundabout way he found Geo. Petrie's pony in a pasture. This brought visions of a good time, so he took the horse, found an old buggy and then helped himself to a harness from Elgin Turnbull's barn. Just as he was hitching up he thought someone noticed him, so jumping on the horse bareback he galloped towards the country. Fearing capture he turned the horse loose after going a short distance and sneaked back to town. He was just in time to find the carnival in full swing and his eyes fairly bulged out at all the fun bunched right there together for him. Then his heart sank. He didn't dare mingle along the midway with the town boys who were having a good time for he knew by this time that he would be missed at the Home and officers would be on the look-out for him. But he couldn't bring himself to go back to the state institution

while there was a real merry-go-round, a snake charmer, pretty girls and everything right there in front of him. Well, he guessed not. Leonard was puzzled as to how to take in some of the fun without getting caught.

Finally he found an opening under the court house. Crawling into this he crept along until he was under the front steps. There he could see and hear and see some of the fun. Town boys discovered him there but they wouldn't squeal for the world any quicker than Tom Sawyer or Huck Finn would. Leonard's scheme appealed to them and they agreed to carry food to him every day. The boys stuck by Leonard and he fared well. At night when all was quiet he would sneak out for exercise and to wander around among the carnival tents and pet the merry-go-round horses and wish with all his boyish heart that he was like other boys and could have their good times. As the gray dawn crept across the sky Leonard crept back to his hiding place and watched and yearned.

But all good things come to an end and finally, after nearly a week, Home attendants found his "cave" and took him back under their charge.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

Flint Daily Journal
January 6, 1921

Flint police received a report from the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer yesterday that three male inmates of that institution had escaped. It is believed that they caught a freight train and were coming to Flint.

Flint Daily Journal
May 2, 1921

Carl Vanderslew, aged 15, who escaped from the Michigan Home and Training school at Lapeer, has been captured by sheriff's officers

Flint Daily Journal, July 27, 1922

LAPEER INMATE IS CAPTURED IN MACOMB

Mt. Clemens, Mich., July 27.—John Cochrane, prisoner No. 1016 of the Lapeer School for Feeble-minded, was captured by Sheriff John M. Spaller, near Chesterfield, after he had been enticed into a farmer's home and held for the sheriff. The boy escaped from the Lapeer institution some days ago, and had been wandering about the country since then. When found he was in a state of near exhaustion from lack of food.

Flint Daily Journal
April 14, 1921

DEPORTATION STARES MOTHER OF STATE WARD

Albion, Mich., April 14.—An unique deportation case has arisen in Albion. Mrs. Mary Rak came to Albion in 1912, after her husband had been here a few years, the immigration officials at Ellis island letting her through at that time without any objection. It has since developed that a child brought with her is an inmate of the Lapeer home, and for this reason the government has taken steps to deport her, though three children born since the time are American citizens. U. S. Immigration Inspector Gangewere of Detroit is handling the case.

Lapeer County Press
June 8, 1921

HOME INMATE COMMITTS SUICIDE

JUNE 8 1921
L.C.P.

John Mohr, 32, of Saginaw county, an inmate of the Michigan Home and Training School, committed suicide Sunday by standing in front of No. 6, eastbound passenger train. Mohr lived in one of the Colony buildings and was walking across the field when he noticed the train approaching. He deliberately climbed the fence and waited until the engine was too close to stop and walked into the center of the tracks with his back toward the engine. He was instantly killed. He was committed to the institution last August. The father came from Saginaw Monday to claim the body.

Flint Daily Journal, June 10, 1921

JUMPS IN PATH OF TRAIN, DIES

**John Mohr, 32, of Michigan
Training School at Lapeer
Ends Life.**

Lapeer, Mich., June 10.—John Mohr, 32, of Saginaw-co, an inmate of the **Michigan Home** and Training school here, committed suicide Sunday by standing in front of No. 6, eastbound passenger train. Mohr lived in one of the colony buildings and was walking across the field when he noticed the train approaching. He deliberately climbed the fence, it is said, and waited until the engine was too close to stop and walked into the center of the track with his back toward the engine. He was instantly killed. He was committed to the institution last August.

Flint Daily Journal, August 25, 1921

The marriage of Dr. Henry M. Delohanty to Miss Hazel Hanahan, both of the **Michigan Home** and Training school, will take place Monday, Aug. 29, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Flint Daily Journal, August 27, 1921

The following teachers for the **Michigan Home** and Training School have been engaged for next year: Mrs. O. M. Blakesley, principal; Mrs. A. H. Horn, assistant; Mrs. H. A. Haynes, basketry; Miss Hazel Hanahan, physical training; Miss Katherine Wanniger, grade; Miss Marguerite Clement, music; Miss Frances Holmes, vocal; Miss Ann Connors, assistant kindergarten; Mrs. Frances Payne, lace-making; Miss Helen Benson, grade; Louis Smith, broom and brush making; Mrs. Nora Smith, loom and rug weaving; Mrs. Grace Wells and Mrs. Mary Leonard, grade teachers.

Lapeer County Press, September 7, 1921

CAN'T CARE FOR FEEBLE MINDED

STATE COMMISSIONER STATES
REPRODUCTION GOES ON
FASTER THAN BUILDING.
ADVOCATES STERILIZA-
TION

This letter is from a retired cigar maker and intended for Michigan church members—a retired cigar maker appointed by Governor Greenback on the State Institute Commission supposed to look after the feeble-minded, the deaf, the blind, and the orphan.

At the state public school at Coldwater are 268 children, not bad children but simply unfortunate, the normal and sub-normal together. On the walls of this institution are the favorite mottoes, "In God We Trust" and "God Bless Our Home."

Now, honestly, good people, if God is the all seeing eye, what would He have seen besides these mottoes and seen that while the children are sitting around the tables and reverently with bowed heads saying their prayers, swarms of flies come in through the unscrupulous windows. The sucking habit, especially in the nursery, is a disgrace. The laundry is so hot and ill-ventilated that you can smell it in a hurry. The children's clothes are cheap and poor and most of the buildings are dangerous fire traps.

The superintendent of this institution asked the last legislature for \$112,225 and he needed every dollar, but it was cut to \$92,175. Do not blame the legislature. They would gladly do more but they have their ear to the ground and have to do our bidding. When we examine it is always with "The Least of These."

If that legislature had proposed to take down the religious mottoes or to discontinue the prayers in that institution all the churches throughout the state would have joined hands and let out a yell that would have vibrated around the world, but when that same legislature cut down the much needed appropriation one-third did you hear a peep from one of them?

Visit The Home at Lapeer

The next visit was at the Michigan Home and Training School, the home for the feeble-minded, at Lapeer. Here are 1708 inmates and it is estimated that there are about 4600 feeble-minded running around the state who should be segregated. Michigan handles this problem most efficiently. We build a building, then fill it up, build another building and fill it up and the feeble-minded on the outside keep reproducing themselves faster than we can afford to erect buildings to care for them. There is only one way to stop this menace. The legislature could empower a board of reliable citizens, qualified to judge those who are feeble-minded, to have them sterilized so they could not reproduce. But what stands in the way of this much needed reform?

The Church. If the legislature could propose a practical measure you would see the Church lead in its protestations.

I wish it were possible to take all the bishops, priests, ministers, rabbis and Christian Science Practitioners into this institution, take them into wards. Here are herds of men and women. In ages they range from 12 to 70 years. See them with their distorted heads and distorted brains.

If I could paint a pen picture of half I would let you see that room. If I had my way I would have all the leaders of the different denominations in that ward at least 24 hours. I would give them one day a week until they solve this problem. If we have no, we would soon find a way out.

The next visit was at the school for the blind at Saginaw. Occasionally some one goes and talks to these unfortunate about the "sweet by and by" but he says nothing about the camp, thin, hard, dirty matresses that have not been cleaned or renovated for 17 years and as he rolls his eyes heavenward he repeats over and over the unsatisfactory, stinking lantern. I wish it were possible to blindfold all church members in Michigan, place them in this institution, let them grope around in the dark and in their blindness they

is the Church responsible for this condition? I say "Yes." I hear you say "But it is because of the Church we take care of them as well as we do." But do we take care of them or only put them off, so they may not disturb their minister on the doorstep of his well-to-do? Does not the church advertise itself as a follower of Christ, the One who said "As you do unto the least of these so do you do unto me?" Do they do it? Do they practice what they preach? If all these untold millions of dollars worth of untaxed church property ceased to help "the least of these," they may as well not exist.

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F. A. M. MEETINGS
Beginning this week the Lapeer F. & A. M. meetings will be held weekly as follows:
First Tuesday of each month, regular meeting.
Second Tuesday, First degree.
Third Tuesday, Second degree.
Fourth Tuesday, Third degree.

LAPEER CO. R. F. D. CARRIERS HOLD MEET

On Saturday evening at the Hotel Klans, the Rural Free Delivery Carriers of Lapeer county held a banquet which was followed by a business meeting. About 25 carriers were in attendance and an enthusiastic meeting was held. The carriers throughout the county have organized and these meetings are held every three months for the purpose of discussing conditions, registering complaints and conducting in every possible way to better the service. The United States postal service cooperates with the carriers in every way and encourages them to perfect strong organizations in every county. A report of the state convention was given after the business meeting. Officers of Lapeer county organization are: Wm. Barnes, North Branch, president; George R. Wedley, Lapeer, vice president; L. C. Green, Michigan, secretary; Harry Kidder, Almont, treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Michigan on November 11, Armistice Day.

PIANOS TUNED AND REPAIRED

If your piano needs attention, acquire for Wm. Leonard, 140 Wash. St., Lapeer.

BUMPUS JONES CAN STILL THROW A FEW

The dance of Knollwood Wednesday afternoon between the Bumpus Jones and Clyde Bell of Thomas ran in a score of 8 to 2 in favor of Bumpus and Clyde. These two great brooded men, who years ago were slain, came to life and stood on the business men on their heads. Dr. A. W. Lewis, the new first husband, was one of the amusing features of the game, while Tread Price, who occupies the clean up position in the batting order, gave an exhibition of club swinging that was enjoyed by the larger crowd of Thomas voters. Taylor Cole, one of Oxford's very newest business men, played a good game, but was unable to win the mysterious deliveries of the old star from Thomas. With the assistance of several players, Capt. Webster did the surprising—Oxford leader.

INSTALLING NEW FEED MILL

The Lapeer Grain Co. is installing a new Sprout & Walden feed grinding mill which has a capacity of two and one-half tons an hour. The mill is driven by two 15 h. p. motors. To inaugurate the people with the new mill the Lapeer Grain Co. will grind 500 pounds of every grain free of charge Community Day, Monday, Sept. 12.

SAGINAW FAIR ALL NEXT WEEK

The Saginaw fair is an all week long. They have planned elaborate programs for every day and evening with feature fireworks a big part of the night program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEETING

A law enforcement meeting will be held Sept. 14, afternoon and evening, at the M. E. church of Lapeer. Mrs. E. L. Coulson, state W. C. T. U. president; also Mr. Graham of the Anti-Slavery League, will be the speakers. W. C. T. U. members, ministers and local citizens of the city and county take notice, a general invitation is extended. Come for the afternoon address at 1:00 p. m. Bring your box lunch. Tables will be prepared in the basement of the church for you to eat your lunch and serve hot coffee and tea for five the for the blind at Saginaw. Occasionally some one goes and talks to these unfortunate about the "sweet by and by" but he says nothing about the camp, thin, hard, dirty matresses that have not been cleaned or renovated for 17 years and as he rolls his eyes heavenward he repeats over and over the unsatisfactory, stinking lantern. I wish it were possible to blindfold all church members in Michigan, place them in this institution, let them grope around in the dark and in their blindness they

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THU., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER

PASTOR REFUTES JOHNSON'S STAND

REV. VINCENT SHOWS STERILIZATION OF FEEBLE-MINDED IMPRACTICAL EVEN IF CONSTITUTIONAL

In an intensely interesting and able article, Rev. Vincent of Grace Episcopal church, Lapeer, replies to G. J. Johnson's article which appeared in last week's Press in which Mr. Johnson mentioned the feeble-minded of the state and his theory for caring for them. On account of the short time available before going to press when Mr. Vincent's article was received, it is impossible to publish it in full in this issue. The first three paragraphs follow and the balance of the article will be published in our next issue:

Because of close proximity to one of the State institutions mentioned by Mr. G. J. Johnson, Lapeer people have expressed unusual interest in the article on "The Feeble-Minded" that appeared in the County Press of September 7. That Mr. Johnson has an intense interest in his work is obvious, and the State of Michigan is to be congratulated on having such an earnest-minded public servant in its employ. Mr. Johnson's published statements on institutional conditions as he finds them on his visitations have been numerous, and probably more than anyone else during the past two years, he has brought the problem of our State Institutions within the focal vision of the people of Michigan.

Unfortunately, however, to judge from his written articles, Mr. Johnson lacks the requisite balance between callousness and soft sentiment to qualify him as the ideal public servant. In meeting conditions such as exist in public institutions, the Commissioner fails to view things in right perspective. Appalled by the sad lot of our human unfortunates, staggered by the tremendousness of the problem with which he, as Commissioner, is brought to face, Mr. Johnson has allowed his heart to run away with his head, and his tender-hearted emotionalism finds vent in a denunciatory tirade against society in general, the taxpayers of Michigan inferentially, and the Church in particular.

But why the Church is singled out for attack as the cause of conditions is hard to define. With equal logic and justification, with equal application Mr. Johnson might have substituted such phrases as the Masonic Order, the Standard Oil Company or the Ku Klux Klan. As a matter of plain historic fact, it is the Church and Church influence that have created the protective institutions that endeavor to meet, or at least ameliorate the very conditions against which Mr. Johnson raves.

(Continued next week.)

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(Continued from Last Week.)

That the church leaders of the various denominations might solve the problem of the feeble-minded, Mr. Johnson would have them brought into contact with those of low mental level as found, for example, in the low-grade cottages of the Michigan Home. Doubtless if such incarceration would solve the problem, our church leaders would voluntarily offer themselves.

But the problem is not so easy of solution; the Utopia of Mr. Johnson's vision is not to be had by either ecclesiastical mandate or civil legislation, but by a laborious program of education in civic duty, obligation and responsibility, and Mr. Johnson will agree that in this task the church is honestly applying itself.

The writer has been in intimate contact with the Michigan Home and Training School for many months. Trained in social service, with an inherent sympathy for "the least of these," as Mr. Johnson calls them, the writer has tried to familiarize himself with the problem so far as a non-medical knowledge will allow. The deeper one digs the more intense does the problem become, and the more obvious that it cannot be solved so simply as Mr. Johnson so fondly imagines. The best we can hope for is an honest facing of the facts, and an adequate social machinery to meet conditions as we find them, for the feeble-minded, like the poor, "are always with us," for the simple reason that we are living in a world of continuous progressive evolution, and the discards of progress—those unable to keep step with the pace—must of necessity trail behind.

While it is true that sterilization would eliminate the feeble-minded propagating their kind; while it is true that 75 percent of mental defectives are congenital inheritors and that alcoholism, syphilis, tuberculosis contribute their share to the problem as well as accidents at birth and underdevelopment due to premature birth, it is also true that mental deficiency is frequently acquired, or, as the stock-raiser puts it, "is thrown back," which means that the mentally defective has reverted to the condition of one or more ancestors.

The average mental level of intelligence in the United States, as shown by the army tests, is age 13; what the average mental level of other nations is has not yet been similarly determined, but the facts are not authoritatively possible. The average mental age of the inmates of the Michigan Home ranges from zero to age ten, so you and I dear reader, if we are normal, are three mental years removed from the high-grade inmates of the Home!

But, had the mental level of intelligence in people reached age 13, five hundred, one thousand or five thousand years ago, or back to primitive man? The history of man plainly indicates it was not. The average inmate of the Michigan Home has more mental application, more inventive genius than existing records show were possessed by the paleolithic or bronze-age man. When the sexually defective appears today, then not the direct offspring of feeble-minded parents, or the offspring of parents whose capacity of reducing normal-minded children has been impaired by acquired disease, or underdeveloped by premature birth or injured at birth, he is, in all

probability, a reversion to primitive type—the germ-plasm of his shake-up has not been sufficiently strongly impressed in the adaptive process of progress to meet the demands of the present-day normal, and has collapsed. Nature couldn't make a whole man because the material ran short.

Feeble-mindedness is not insanity; the mental defective lacks mental equipment; the insane is fully equipped but unbalanced. The insane is abnormal, the mental defective is normal to himself. The social problem of the feeble-minded will be maintained when the congenitally inherited mental defectives are made impotent of propagation by sterilization, but the discards of progress will be with us so long as the world exists. The real problem is to adjust and co-ordinate the various degrees of normality. Who knows but what our normal level of today will be but the high level of feeble-mindedness in the world one million years hence?

As for the solutions offered by Mr. Johnson—segregation and sterilization—both are advocated by all students of the problem.

Segregation is protective, and a preservative in reproduction of those of known feeble-mindedness—the congenital inheritors, the undernourished or injured at birth—and society for its own protection, must insist upon the segregation of all who fall short seriously from our present standard of normality. Economically, the mental defective is a liability, socially he is a menace because unable to compete industrially or in commerce with our standards of living. Mentally he is dangerous because endowed with a marvellous prolificacy, which segregation would restrict.

Sterilization must be the ultimate objective, not only for the feeble-minded, but for the criminally inclined, but neither science nor society are prepared for this drastic step. What of the criminally inclined who respond under surgical treatment? What of the mental defective of arrested development who, under thyroid treatment, for example, gives promise of approximating our normal?

But as a matter of fact, Mr. Johnson, in condemning the church, which today means society in general, for protesting loudly as he says against sterilization, was speaking without knowledge and without apparently troubling to inform himself of the facts. Fully one-third of the states have enacted sterilization laws, Act No. 34 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, for the year 1913, making such provisions, which, however, was nullified in operation by the decision of the supreme court which ruled that sterilization of the obviously unfit is unconstitutional and an infringement on personal rights as guaranteed by the constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan.

Art. 8, Declaration of Rights, Constitution of the United States, reads: "Excessive bail shall not be required nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel or unusual punishment inflicted," and this article is incorporated in Article I, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

Article 14, Section 1, Declaration of Rights, Constitution of the United States provides that:

"No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

To introduce sterilization, therefore, we must first amend the constitution of the State of Michigan and the constitution of the United States of America.

The people of the State of Michigan—and few would deny affiliation with the church—have authorized sterilization of the unfit; the court's decision is inoperative because it conflicts with constitutional rights and guarantees, and the supreme court's

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decision was morally right. The operation of the law regarding sterilization would apply only to those detained in institutions where they are surrounded by every reasonable protection and prevention against procreation, but would not apply to the greater number of mental defectives outside institutions.

Until public opinion—and sentiment is educated to the point where sterilization is demanded of all with tendencies to produce offspring unwanted by society, and until public opinion is crystallized to action by amending the state and federal constitutions, we must endeavor to meet the problem as we are meeting it, but in a more extended scale, by creating institutions like the Michigan Home for more complete segregation.

With what Mr. Johnson says of the flagrant cuts in appropriations made by the legislature, the writer is in full accord, and Mr. Johnson has done good service in giving this fact publicity. Adequate institutional care maintained by adequate appropriations is the cheapest way in which the state can carry the burden of the unfit.

Mr. Johnson is right in saying that the church should vigorously protest these cuts when proposed, and in this regard the church has failed in its duty. The church officially, and society generally, has shown too little interest in the affairs of legislation, and if Mr. Johnson can awaken us all to a sense of greater responsibility, his earnest tirades are well worth while.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us following the death of our sister and grandmother and for the many beautiful flowers sent by friends and the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. James Butcher, Mr. Frank Delong, Mrs. W. C. Roy, Mrs. Will Irwin, Mrs. Ray Merrill, Mrs. John Keyes.

TOM'S GARAGE, C

General Repairing all kinds of Automobiles, Buses, Trucks, etc. Also, Accessorizing, Batteries, Battery Recharge, Electrical Service, Hauling tractors and cars, Auto Pair

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DR. HAYNES TALKS
TO FLINT CLUB

PRESENTS PROBLEMS OF FEEBLEMINDEDNESS AND TELLS OF METHOD OF TREATMENT

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Flint Daily Journal
October 26, 1921

HEAD OF LAPEER HOME
GUEST OF EXCHANGITES

Dr. H. A. Haynes, superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer, will be the speaker and guest of honor at the Exchange club luncheon tomorrow noon in the Hotel Durant. Dr. Haynes' address will be one on "The Feeble-Minded."

Many years as head of the Lapeer institution gives Dr. Haynes a great deal of experience in the methods of caring for the feeble-minded of the state, and his address tomorrow should be one of a most interesting character.

Flint Daily Journal
October 8, 1921

DR. HAINES, LAPEER,
GIVES ROTARY TALK

Head of Michigan Training School Addresses Local Club.

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Lapeer County Press
October 19, 1921

DR. HAYNES TO SPEAK TO COMMERCIAL CLUB

Dr. H. A. Haynes, superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training School, will speak at the Lapeer Commercial club Friday noon at their regular weekly meeting, on the "Feeble-Minded Problem." Dr. Haynes has addressed many Rotary clubs and other organizations on this subject and his discourse on the subject has been very highly commended. A large attendance is expected at the Friday noon meeting Friday at the Hotel Durant.

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**DR. HAYNES OF MICH. HOME
ADVOCATES MORE STRING-
ENT SUPERVISION OF THE
FEEBLE-MINDED AT
LARGE**

In a talk replete with startling statistical information relative to the prevalence of feeble-mindedness all over the country, illustrated with incidents of personal contact through his study of the subject, Dr. Haynes, superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training School, gave a very interesting address before the Lapeer Commercial club Friday noon. While Dr. Haynes believes in the necessity of segregation of these unfortunates, yet he fully realizes the impossibility of segregating in institutions all the feeble-minded in the country and for their good and the good of society, closer supervision must be had over their actions, insofar as marriage and promiscuous running at large are concerned. A survey has shown that there are at least 10,000 feeble-minded people in Michigan and of this number there are only 1,700 cared for at the Lapeer institution, 34 per cent of the latter number are children of foreign parentage.

Dr. Haynes stated that the schools in the large cities now see the necessity of dealing with children of abnormal mentality in the public schools as far as possible. Where a child is not up to normal he is educated and trained as far as his capabilities permit, rather than to try to force him into grades beyond his comprehension.

Lapeer School Fifth in Size

The Lapeer institution for caring for the feeble-minded is fifth in size in the United States and had the appropriation of a few years ago been available it would have now been the largest in the country.

FIVE NEW BLDGS. AT THE HOME

**\$200,000 TO BE SPENT ON ADDI-
TIONS AT MICH. HOME. CON-
STRUCTION STARTS THIS
WEEK**

The sum of \$200,000 will be spent on five new cottages at the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer. Construction work started Monday morning. Several carloads of cement, lumber and over a million brick are now being rushed to the Home. Four of the cottages will be of the colony type and will be built on the south side of the Grand Trunk tracks which pass through the Michigan Home property. One cottage, for girls, will be built on the north side of the track back of the new cottage which faces the Flint road.

The money was made available by Gov. Groesbeck, who rightly deemed the building an emergency health measure to care for the many unfortunate children who have been on the waiting list for admission to the Home for several years. The five new buildings will care for the 400 now on the waiting list. Those conversant with the appalling conditions that exist among feeble-minded people at large throughout the state most heartily commend Gov. Groesbeck for the step he has taken in authorizing the building program.

Except in the very severest of weather, it is planned to continue the building operations all winter.

Employment will be given to 100 men during the construction of the buildings.

Lapeer County Press
December 7, 1921

HOME INMATE AFTER CHICKENS

On Sunday night, a farmer living near Oxford heard someone at his chicken coop. He quietly went out and locked the intruder in while he went after an officer. When he returned the culprit had escaped but some letters addressed to a party in Lapeer in care of "Drawer A" were found on the floor. Investigation proved the would-be thief was an inmate at the Michigan Home and Training School. He has been returned to the institution by Metamora parties.

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December 14, 1921

Christmas at the Michigan Home and Training School

Christmas festivities have been in progress since Monday at the Michigan Home and Training School and Michigan's unfortunate children are having a wonderful time. Entertainment has been provided for all under the direction of Dr. Haynes and his corps of teachers. All the cottages have been decorated in holiday array. Santa Claus is nearly ready to inspect the out-door Christmas trees and everybody is hurrying to complete the work so that Santa may find no fault with them. The children are so anxious for the days to pass and longing for the good doctor and his helpers how much longer they must wait. The spirit of Christmas is everywhere and the mothers and fathers of Michigan's unfortunate children need have no qualms for their happiness this Yuletide. Following is the program for the holidays:

December 21, Wednesday

7:00 p. m.—Christmas Entertainment for boys.

December 22, Thursday

7:00 p. m.—Christmas Entertainment for girls.

December 23, Friday

Morning—Decoration of Cottages.

4:00 p. m.—Santa Claus inspects Out-door Christmas Trees.

Band Concert by Children's Band.

Christmas Eve

Distribution of Gifts.

Christmas Day

9:30 a. m.—Christmas Service in the Chapel.

December 26, Monday

2:00 p. m.—Moving pictures for boys and girls.

7:00 p. m.—Moving pictures for boys.

December 27, Tuesday

7:15 p. m.—Moving pictures for girls.

December 28, Wednesday

7:00 p. m.—Dancing party for boys.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG SERVICE

Processional, "Operative Mingle," E. W. Berry

Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Trombone Solo, "Ave Maria," Mascagni
Glessner W.

Recitation, "Christmas," Agnes M.

Hymn, "Holy Night."

Apostles Creed.

Christmas Carol, Kindergarten.

Scripture Reading.

Saxophone Solo, "Calvary," James R.

Special Prayer.

Lord's Prayer.

Sermon, Rev. W. J. Vincent.

Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Benediction.

Recessional, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Adeste Fideles" Children's Band

CHRISTMAS DAY

March, "American Triumph."

Children's Band
Christmas Operetta.—"Queen Loretta's Christmas."

Synopsis. Act 1. Queen Loretta entertains the Lords and Ladies of her Court on Christmas Eve. A crippled boy is brought in who has asked to see the Queen. He states that there is no Christmas in his home and asks her help. The Queen gladly consents.

Act 2. The crippled boy's family is happily surprised by the Queen and her Court coming to visit them, bringing a Christmas Tree and gifts.

Cast of Characters

Queen Loretta—Laura W.

Lady in Waiting—Nellie C.

Court Ladies—Elinor F., Olive M., Zelda C., Marie F., Katie S.

Lords and Ladies—Dach R., Lester S., Edward Q., Ernest J., Iva E., Margaret P., Grace McC., Winnie C.

Footman—Barton C.

Dancers—Mary H., Margaret H., Cynthia E., Beulah W., Velma McC., Edna W., Mary E., Irene Mel.

Solo Dancer—Louise R.

Blacksmiths—Edward M., Bennie P.

Sailors—Jean P., Sam B., Alfred D., Walter E., Charles K., William S., Hiram R., Gerald S.

"The Tinsel Kids"—Ruth E., Emma E., Rosie B., Mildred W., Irene R., Thelma W., Frances C., May H.

The Lewis Family—

Father—Allen D.

Mother—Ruth F.

Children—Edward S., Edward G., Felix K., Betty S.

March, "E Pluribus Unum"

Children's Band

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner

Piccassee Chicken Biscuits

Mashed Potatoes Squash

India Relish

Brown Bread White Bread

Milk Mince Pie Tea

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Elmer Knapp and Fred Beardsley Trade Jobs and Homes

A few days ago Elmer Knapp traded his vulcanizing plant and tire shop to Fred Beardsley for the latter's dairy farm and milk route, and possession is given immediately. Mr. Knapp has had several years' experience in the dairy game, and for four years had charge of the large herd at the Michigan Home, which is one of the prize herds of the state.

Lapeer County Press
December 14, 1921

BISHOP WILLIAMS VISITS THE HOME

PROMINENT MEN COME TO THE
MICHIGAN HOME TO STUDY
CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN

Tuesday, Bishop Williams of Detroit, together with the clergy of the southern archdeaconry, spent the day at the Michigan Home and Training School, observing general conditions from a social service standpoint. Bishop Williams is a recognized authority and leader in Social Welfare work in the United States.

The average total population of state institutions for the past five months, was 18,894, divided as follows:

Kalamazoo State Hospital, 2,226; Pontiac State Hospital, 1,662; Traverse City State Hospital, 1,912; Newberry State Hospital, 1,684; Ionia State Hospital, 656; Michigan Farm Colony, 578; Michigan Home and Training School, 1,657; Jackson State Prison, 1,481; Michigan Reformatory, Ionia, 667; Marquette Prison, 453; Industrial School for Boys, 499; Industrial School for Girls, 274; State Public School, 297; School for the Deaf, 286; School for the Blind, 161; Employment Institution for the Blind, 75.

Waiting List.

There is a waiting list of 387 for admission to the Michigan Home and Training School and 12 to the Michigan Farm Colony.

Twenty one escapes have recently been reported to the welfare department, 9 of them from Kalamazoo State Hospital, 2 from the Michigan Farm Colony, 6 from the Industrial School for Boys and 1 each from the Michigan Home and Training School, Jackson State Prison, Ionia Reformatory, and Industrial School for Girls.

Flint Daily Journal
January 7, 1922

MICHIGAN HOME WATCHMAN DEAD

Aged Caretaker at Lapeer
State Home Victim
of Apoplexy.

Lapeer, Mich., Jan. 7.---William Holcomb, aged 70, died Wednesday noon at the home of his son, Ted Holcomb, with whom he made his home. Death was due to apoplexy although Mr. Holcomb had been in poor health for some time. Mr. Holcomb was born near Clarkston and with the exception of six years in his boyhood which was spent with his parents in New York city, he has lived in Lapeer and vicinity.

When construction of the first buildings of the Michigan Home was started, Mr. Holcomb was employed as night watchman and he has held that position for nearly twenty-five years. He was highly respected and well-liked by all who knew him, always having a friendly word for all.

One son, Ted Holcomb, and one brother, Allen Holcomb, both of Lapeer, survive. Mrs. Holcomb died Oct. 13, 1918.

Funeral services will be held Saturday from the house at 2 p. m., Rev. Johnson officiating and burial made in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Flint Daily Journal
January 13, 1922

County Press
January 18, 1922

To Build Four New Cottages at Lapeer Home

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 13--The administrative board Wednesday authorized the state institutes commission to begin work on four more new cottages at the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer. The commission is already building five new cottages.

The cottages now under construction will house 400 inmates. This space will all be required for persons already committed to the institution and now on the waiting list.

The state requires additional room to care for inmates of other state institutions that recent psychological tests have shown should be in Lapeer.

Governor Grosbeck announced that he opposes beginning work on the proposed new Industrial School plant until a definite state policy for dealing with sub-normal and feeble-minded inmates of this and other state institutions has been decided upon.

The governor also announced that he will oppose sale of the present Industrial School property in the city of Lansing. The buildings may be remodeled and used as a school for sub-normal boys committed to the Industrial School.

HAS ONLY PRAISE FOR MICH. HOME

A letter from Charlie Brown, 1023 Chenault St., Hoquiam, Wash., was received recently by The Press. "Charlie" used to be an inmate at the Michigan Home and Training School and writes as follows:

"I sure do enjoy reading the Lapeer Press and I saw about the nice Christmas they had at the dear old Michigan Home. I am sure they had a good time for I used to enjoy that day as I always received so many nice presents and whenever I think of the Home I think of Dr. Haynes and how good he was to me while I was there. If I was there now I am sure I would have a job at making cement blocks for those five new cottages. I made them before when I was there and that was a good long job even if I did not get any pay for it but I can say one thing and that is, that I was well taken care of while I was at the Michigan Home and I have always spoken well of that Home to any one out here that asked me about it.

I enjoyed the Christmas out here and received some nice gifts from my friends but I cannot enjoy Christmas here as I did back in dear old Michigan where there was plenty of snow and where we had a nice long old-fashioned sleigh ride every now and then. There is no snow out here but lots of rain and the grass is green all winter. That is why I always think about dear old Michigan at Christmas time. Everything is fine here and the saw mills and logging camps all had a nice Christmas vacation and have started up again. One can find plenty of work.

As I cannot think of anything else to tell you I will close, wishing all my friends at the Michigan Home and above all, Dr. Haynes, a Happy New Year."

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County Press
January 18, 1922

LAPEER HOME HEAD HONORED

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The Russel Sage Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation are the two greatest institutions in research work in the country and to be identified with them is indeed an honor. Ability in the science of medicine and service to humanity are among the special qualifications considered in selecting directors and officers of these Foundations. Dr. Haynes qualified in both. The appointment is not only a distinct honor to the superintendent of the Home at Lapeer but to the state of Michigan as well.

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Flint Daily Journal
June 14, 1922

MICHIGAN HOME

COW HAS RECORD

The Michigan Home owns one cow which led all competitors in the state cow testing associations. This cow produced 114 pounds of butter fat in 30 days which is equivalent to over 140 pounds of butter. The cow is a registered Holstein and her record shows that breeding and proper care will produce profitable cows.

Sam Parks had the high herd average for butter fat production during the same month.

Flint Daily Journal
August 15, 1922

INSTITUTIONS OF STATE SHOW JUMP OF 93 IN INMATES

Lansing, August 15.—The total populations of state institutions increased by 93 during July according to a report of Earl T. Murray, state welfare commissioner.

The report shows the congested condition of the state's penal institutions continued. The average population of Jackson prison in July was 1,738, and its normal capacity is about 1,000. In Marquette the average population was 482 and in Ionia the average was 1,036. Of the three institutions Ionia is the only one not over-crowded. Its present capacity is about 1,100.

The average total population of all institutions in July was 14,047, including 4,700 women.

The report shows that in the Kalamazoo State Hospital there is one employe for every 6.11 inmates; in the Pontiac State Hospital the ratio is 1 to 5.85; in Traverse City, 1 to 6.36; New Berry 1 to 5.95; Ionia State Hospital, 1 to 8.7; Farm Colony for Epileptic, 1 to 6.8; Michigan Home and Training School, 1 to 9.11; Jackson prison, 1 to 3.33; Ionia Reformatory, 1 to 10.34; and Marquette prison, 1 to 6.57.

Flint Daily Journal, September 2, 1922

\$300,000 for Lapeer School.

The plaintiffs assert that despite the failure of the last legislature to make an appropriation for improvements and construction at the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer, the administrative board has spent "upwards of \$300,000" there and "will continue to do so unless restrained."

Flint Daily Journal
September 21, 1922

The average daily inmate populations for the various institutions in August are shown in the report as follows:

Kalamazoo state hospital, 2,260; Pontiac state hospital, 1,571; Traverse City state hospital, 1,901; Newberry state hospital, 1,096; Ionia state hospital, 569; farm colony for epileptics, 660; Michigan home and training school, 1,768; Jackson state prison, 1,763; Ionia reformatory, 1,053; Industrial school for boys, 434; Industrial home for girls, 254; state public school, 330; employment institution for the blind, 59.

Flint Daily Journal
October 19, 1922

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

Lapeer, Oct. 19.—An Orthopedic clinic will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Michigan Home and Training School under the auspices of the Lapeer-co Medical society. This clinic is for the benefit of all crippled children in Lapeer-co and is absolutely free. The clinic will start at 10 a. m. and continue all day or until all are consulted. Churches, fraternities and societies of all kinds are urged to make a list of crippled children in their vicinity and see that transportation is furnished them. Specialists from Ann Arbor and Detroit will donate their services to these unfortunate ones and all are urged to take advantage of this clinic.

Flint Daily Journal
October 21, 1922

CLUB WOMEN VISIT MICHIGAN HOME

Trip Through Institution at Lapeer Concludes Feder- ation Meeting.

Inspection of the Michigan Home and Training school at Lapeer by several hundreds of delegates Friday afternoon concluded the 28th annual convention of Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs.

The trip to the Home was a climax in the minds of many regarding a proposed bill providing for sterilization of feeble minded which was advocated by Dr. Valoria H. Parker, member of the American Social Hygiene board, in an address at the convention, and which was discussed at a meeting of the legislative council of the convention. It is expected such a bill may be introduced at the next session of the legislature.

Education of the people toward benefits of such a law and junior club work is expected to be the principal points to be considered by the federation during the present administration. Mrs. Dorian M. Russell, the new president, introduced a resolution endorsing the furtherance "in every way of plans for junior memberships."

Flint Daily Journal
October 24, 1922

THREE GIRLS MISSING FROM LAPEER HOME

Local authorities have been asked by officials of the Michigan Home and Training School, at Lapeer, to search for Hattie Zwemer, Hattie Hyslop and Frances Trimino, three girls, who escaped from the institution early this morning. The girls are believed to have made their way to Flint, according to information from Lapeer.

Flint Daily Journal
October 28, 1922

Members of Flint Branch, No. 23, National Association of Stationary Engineers, with their families, have been invited by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denoyer to visit the Michigan Home and Training school, Lapeer, Sunday, Nov. 5. Mr. Denoyer is chief engineer at the institution.

October 25, 1922

Over 400 Club Women Visit Michigan Home

THE STATE FEDERATION VIEWS INMATES AS ARGUMENT FOR STERILIZATION

10-25-22

Several hundred delegates from the State Federation of Women's clubs, which was in session in Flint, visited the Michigan Home and Training School at Lapeer Friday. This inspection trip was a climax in the minds of many of the women regarding a proposed bill providing for sterilization of feeble-minded which was advocated by Dr. Valeria H. Parker, member of the American Social Hygiene Board, in an address at the convention and which was discussed at a meeting of the legislative council of the convention. It is expected such a bill will be introduced at the next session of the legislature.

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Facts Concerning Michigan Home

THE INSTITUTION established by Act of Legislature approved June 2nd, 1893. "The object of this institution shall be to provide by all proper and feasible means the intellectual, moral and physical training of that unfortunate portion of the community who have been born or by disease have become imbecile, feeble-minded or epileptic, and by a judicious and well adapted course of training and management to ameliorate their condition and to develop as much as possible their intellectual faculties; to reclaim them from their unhappy condition and fit them as far as possible for future usefulness."

Initial appropriation... \$50,000
Present value of buildings and grounds... \$1,250,000.00
Total acreage... 710
Total buildings... 85
Total buildings housing patients 80
Total patients cared for to date... 4312

Present population: male, 1157
female, 869; total, 2026.
First patient admitted August, 1895.

The present rate of maintenance per child is sixty-six cents per day. Ratio of employees to patients, 1 to 8.34.

A herd of 120 pure Bred Holstein

cows provides 34 ounces of milk per day per child.

When present building program is completed bed capacity of institution will be: male, 1244; female, 1230; total, 2474.

Every county in state is represented in inmate population.

All patients admitted by order of Probate Court.

When the present building program is completed, January 1, 1923, the institution will be without a "waiting list" for the first time since its establishment. Michigan will then be caring for approximately one of each thirteen hundred of its population at this institution.

According to conservative estimates Michigan should be caring for from six to ten thousand or about one of every three hundred of its population.

The School. Sixteen teachers. All trainable children under sixteen years of age are required to attend school. Children above sixteen years of age are trained in industries best adapted to their mental and physical capacity. Sense Training, Kind-

School ergarten, Grade Work
Departments up to and including the fourth grade. Industrial Arts: Sewing, Basketry, Lace Making, Rug Weaving, Cobbling, Broom and Brush Making. Music: Vocal and instrumental, boys' band, girls' orchestra and chorus work; Gymnasium: A gymnasium with Physical Training teacher in charge is also maintained.

All children pass Psychological through the Psychological Department in order that they may be properly placed in the cottage, the school and industries.

Physical conditions are
Medical and inspected by a physician
Dental inspected by a dentist
Departments supervised by a specialist

Victrolas in all cottages.
Pianos, additional, in all girls' cottages.

Games in all cottages. Pool tables, additional, in all cottages for larger boys.

Moving pictures each week for all.

Dances for boys and girls on alternate weeks.

Birthday parties each month.

NUMBER OF STATE INMATES BOOSTED DURING SEPTEMBER

Michigan Welfare Commissioner Issues Report for Last Month.

Lansing, Oct. 31.—The inmate population of state institutions continued to increase during September, according to a report completed by Marl T. Murray, state welfare commissioner.

There were 586 more inmates at the close of the month than at the beginning. The increase in the penal institutions was 69.

The report gives the average number of inmates for each institution last month as follows:

Kalamazoo State hospital, 2,262; Pontiac State hospital, 1,668; Traverse City State hospital, 569; Newberry State hospital, 1,105; Ionia State hospital, 569; farm colony for epileptics, 661; Michigan home and training school, 1,801; state prison, Jackson, 1,780; Michigan reformatory, Ionia, 1,058; Marquette prison, 482; industrial school for boys, 412; industrial home for girls, 254; state public school, 311; school for the deaf, 252; school for the blind, 128; employment institution for the blind, 61; total, 14,683.

The total number of inmates now is 1,251 more than in September of last year. In addition to the institution inmates there are 2,168 juvenile wards of the state in private homes under state protection.

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Flint Daily Journal
December 12, 1922

LAPEER HOME TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS

Entertainment Programs and
Services Arranged for
Season.

Lapeer, Dec. 12.—The holiday season will be observed at the **Michigan Home** and Training school here by means of various forms of entertainment and services.

The program for the season is as follows: December 20, decoration of cottages; December 21, Christmas entertainment for boys; December 22, Christmas entertainment for girls; December 23, decoration of Christmas trees, Santa Claus inspects outdoor Christmas trees; December 24, Sunday, Christmas service in chapel; Christmas day, distribution of gifts; December 26, moving pictures for boys; December 27, moving pictures for girls; December 28, dancing party for boys; December 29, dancing party for girls.

The Sunday school song service will be as follows: Processional—school orchestra; hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem;" prayer, Rev. F. A. Johnson; Lord's prayer, congregation; recitation, "The Christmas Gift;" instrumental duet; dialogue, "The Christmas Story;" hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear;" Apostles creed; recitation, "Christmas;" Christmas carol, kindergarten; scripture lesson, Rev. F. A. Johnson; sermon, Rev. F. A. Johnson; hymn, "Silent Night;" benediction; recessional, school orchestra.

February 7, 1923

HOME INMATE TAKES JOY RIDE

William Jamison, Michigan Home inmate, escaped Wednesday evening from the institution and visited Battle Creek, Lansing and Flint. He then got off the freight he was riding at Swartz Creek and gave himself up because he got too cold to go further. He was turned over to the Flint authorities, who notified Dr. Hayner and he was returned to the institution Saturday. Young Jamison was formerly in the Industrial School at Lansing but was committed to Lapeer Home because of subnormal condition.

June 13, 1923

HOSPITAL FOR GIRLS TO BE BUILT AT HOME

TOTAL OF \$116,000 TO BE SPENT
FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT
THIS INSTITUTION

Construction work on an infirmary building for girls will begin in about ten days at the Michigan Home and Training School. An appropriation of \$80,000 by the state legislature has made this possible and the new hospital will be located on the south side of the railroad. It will be a duplication of the present hospital which is considered one of the most modern in the state. This will care for the acutely ill of the female patients in the institution.

An appropriation of \$20,000 was also made for the purchase of a new unit engine and dynamo for lighting and power and \$16,000 for a filter bed to complete the filter unit for sewage disposal.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

County Press
December 14, 1922

LAPEER, MICH., WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1923

Michigan Home and Training School Is One of the Largest and Finest in the World



Dr. Harley A. Haynes of Lapeer, Michigan, Superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training School.

The Michigan Home and Training School is one of the largest institutions of its kind in the world and Dr. Haynes is recognized as one of the leading authorities on mental diseases and feeble-mindedness in the country.

Dr. Haynes was born at St. Albans, Vt. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1902 and was attending physician at the Ionia Reformatory, Ionia, Michigan, from 1902 to 1907. He acted as assistant superintendent at the Michigan Home and Training School from 1907 to 1912 and has been medical superintendent of the school since that time. Dr. Haynes has been signally honored by being named a director of the Division on Mental Deficiency, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, and also a member of the Executive Committee, National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

Growth of the Michigan Home

A brief resume of the institution at Lapeer might be of interest. The institution was established in June, 1893, with an initial appropriation of \$50,000. The present value of the building and grounds exceeds \$1,-

250,000,000. Total acreage is 710. Number of buildings, 87; total buildings housing patients, 32; total patients cared for to date, 4412; present population: male, 1157; female, 869; total, 2026; first patient admitted in August, 1895. Present rate of maintenance per child is 66 cents per day. Ratio of employees to patients, 1 to 8.34. A herd of 120 pure bred Holstein cows provides 34 ounces of milk per day per child.

When the present building program is completed the bed capacity of the institution will be: male, 1244; female, 1230; total, 2474.

Every county in the state is represented in inmate population.

All patients are admitted by order of Probate Court.

Sixteen teachers are employed and all trainable children under 16 years of age are required to attend. Children above 16 are trained in industries best adapted to their mental and physical capacity. Sense training, kindergarten, grade work up to and including the fourth grade; industrial arts: sewing, basketry, lace making, rug weaving, cobbling, broom and brush making. Music: vocal and instrumental, boys' band, girls' band, orchestra and chorus work. Gymnasium: A gymnasium with physical training teacher in charge is also maintained. All children pass through the psychological department in order that they may be properly placed in the cottage, school and industries.

Physical conditions are under the supervision of a resident medical staff and a resident dentist.

Entertainments consist of Victrolas in all cottages, pianos additional in all girls' cottages, games in all cottages, pool tables additional in all cottages for larger boys. Moving pictures each week for all. Dancing for boys and girls on alternate weeks. Birthday parties each month.

Buildings were erected in 1922-23 at a cost of \$659,000 at a saving to the state of \$200,000 over lowest bid.

The yearly expenditure for operating expenses is \$644,942.00.

A remarkable incident of the institution life is that Dr. Haynes knows practically every child in the institution by their first name and is never too busy to speak a kindly word to these unfortunate children. Their love and respect for the good doctor can only be understood by the wonderful smiles that light up their faces when he speaks to them.

50 Barrels of Flour Used Weekly

It is interesting to note that 9600

loaves of bread, weighing 1 pound 8 ounces each, are baked each week at the Michigan Home. The ovens are a patent bake-oven fired from the rear so that no ashes or dirt enters the baking room. Pie is served the inmates each Sunday and holidays. On the Fourth of July great cakes are baked, frosted with red, white and blue frosting, and this patriotic cake is served with plenty of ice cold lemonade. By the way, it takes 12 cases of lemons to serve lemonade to these unfortunate children. In charge of the bake shop is Mr. Fisher, well-known Lapeer man, who finds his particular job one of the busiest at the institution. He stated that 50 barrels of flour are used weekly in the bake shop.

Developes Own Fire Department

As the institution expanded, numerous fires cropped out here and there from various causes. This year, Mr. Desnoyer and his assistants conceived the idea of a Home Fire Department. A Ford truck chassis was purchased and equipped with two 40-foot extension ladders, 750 feet of 2½-inch hose, 50-gallon chemical tank equipped with 150 feet of hose, two hand chemical tanks to fight electrical fires, one hand chemical tank for oil and gasoline fires, two common soda and acid chemical tanks, together with all necessary tools, etc. The outfit is one of the most compact in the state and was built entirely by Home mechanics. Henry Ford has sent several representatives

to Lapeer to inspect the outfit and they were greatly impressed with the workmanship and utility of the fire-fighting outfit.

Has Lighting Plant and Waterworks

Five boilers, 1500 h. p. capacity equipped with underfeed mechanical stokers and forced draft furnish power and heat to the institution. The plant was primarily a heating plant but as new buildings were added it was decided to enlarge the plant to furnish electricity to the Home. Ten thousand tons of coal, nut, pea and slack variety, are consumed yearly in the furnaces to furnish light, heat and power. Every 24 hours 400,000 gallons of water are used in the plant. Hot water in the laundry and buildings north of the railroad tracks amounts to 150,000 gallons daily. This brings us to the subject of the waterworks system in use at the institution. Water is obtained from three deep wells sunk to bed rock and which are located near the power

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house. Two air compressors raise the water to a huge reservoir and gravity lowers it to the various outlets. A Fairbanks-Morse fire pump furnishes 1000 gallons of water per minute and another steam turbine pump has the same capacity. The pressure for these is supplied direct from the pumps.

Farm Consists of 710 Acres

Much of interest was learned by a visit to the Home farm which comprises 710 acres, 450 acres of which are under cultivation. The balance is taken up by the buildings, grounds, grove and lowlands used for grazing. The farm supplies the institution with all summer vegetables, 25 per cent of the potatoes, all milk used and also all pork products, consisting of hams, bacon and smoked meats. E. J. Walker is farm foreman and has an able corps of assistants.

Regular Department Store Furnishes Supplies

All supplies for the Michigan Home and Training School are supplied from the "store." This is a huge fireproof building made of reinforced concrete and comprises two floors and full basement. Ray Spears is storekeeper and is ably assisted by Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Cliff and Mr. Cox. All supplies are issued on requisition by the various department heads. A record of all goods received and issued is kept on file at the store and also at the administration building and a daily report is made to the accounting division at Lansing of all receipts and issues. Miss Ruddock has charge of this work in the administration building. The bin or compartment system is used in the store and the record on each bin or compartment must tally exactly with the records in the main office. In case one might think this an easy task, consider that in this store at the time of The Press' visit there were 7937 pairs of footwear in stock and 4164 pairs of overalls. This did not include separate pants or jackets made of denim. In addition there are thousands of yards of goods, gingham, percales, bleached and unbleached cotton, underwear, stockings, and in fact everything needed to run the institution, even bird cages.

Now Building New \$80,000 Hospital

Ground has been broken for the new \$80,000 hospital which will be a duplicate of the present hospital and will be used entirely for the female population of the institution. This \$80,000 appropriation does not include the furnishings. The present hospital has 120 beds which are always full. This building is really more of an infirmary than a hospital as the patients are frequently those needing a special diet and individual care which is impossible to give when they are among the groups at the cottages. The first and second floors of the hospital are devoted to the boys and the third floor to the acutely ill, both girls and boys. An addi-

tional building for use of the girls is being used temporarily until the new hospital is completed. The basement comprises the research laboratory, X-Ray laboratory, dental office and hospital kitchen. The food for the patients is prepared on stoves equipped with electricity and steam.

The Personnel

Dr. H. A. Haynes, Medical Superintendent.

Medical Department:

Dr. M. O. Blakeslee, Assistant Medical Superintendent.

Dr. M. E. Wilson, Physician.

Dr. J. W. Scott, Physician.

Dr. M. V. Young, Physician.

Dr. H. M. Delehanty, Dentist.

Mrs. Edith Burke, Stenographer.

Mrs. Julia Yeager, Stenographer.

Miss Harriet Clark, Stenographer.

Research Department:

Mrs. Z. Pauline Heakley, Director.

Miss Helena Silver, Psychologist.

Miss Dortha Balfour, Stenographer.

Schools:

Mrs. Myrta Blakeslee, Principal.

Steward's Department:

H. S. Evans, Steward.

Miss Lottie L. Holcomb, Office Manager.

Miss Gladys Anderson, Stenographer.

Miss Alberta Ruddock, Clerk.

Miss Alice Burns, Clerk.

Mrs. Lois Cox, Clerk.

Miss Beatrice Dyer, Clerk.

Ray Spears, Storekeeper.

Mrs. Emma Newton, Clerk.

Mrs. Harriet Wilson, Clerk.

Miss Edna Cliff, Clerk.

William Fisher, Baker.

Henry D. Gutchess, Asst. Baker.

John Phillips, Florist.

George Rowden, Butcher.

Milton McMullen, Laundryman.

Mrs. Anna McMullen, Laundry Matron.

B. F. Desnoyer, Engineer.

Thomas Burke, Asst. Engineer.

Elton J. Walker, Farm Foreman.

Roy Bentley, Supervisor Maintenance.

Ted Holcomb, Head Painter.

Frank Clover, Carpenter.

Carl Zwingman, Roofer.

Elvin Morey, Mason.

Mrs. K. M. Goodman, Supervisor Sewing Rooms.

Miss Elizabeth Buerger, Supervisor General Kitchen.

Mrs. E. James, Supervisor General Dining Rooms.

Mrs. Addie Griffith, Supervisor Custodial Kitchen.

Household and General Departments

Miss Mary McIlveen, General Matron.

Mrs. M. E. Prather, Asst. Matron.

Mrs. Coral Lickley, R. N., Supervisor Hospital.

Carl Lickley, Supervisor "A" Cottage.

Mrs. Clara Dale, Supervisor "B" Cottage.

George Brown, Supervisor "C" Cottage.

Miss Mable Griffith, Supervisor "D" Cottage.

Mrs. Zetta Brown, Supervisor "E" Cottage.

Mrs. Hattie Cool, Supervisor "F" Cottage.

Mrs. Musa Salmon, Supervisor "G" Cottage.

Mrs. Sarah Scott, Supervisor "H" Cottage.

Mrs. Mable Sampson, Supervisor "I" Cottage.

Mrs. Ella J. Lanning, Supervisor "J" Cottage.

Miss Nell Sibley, Supervisor "K" Cottage.

Mrs. Gertrude McCleery, Supervisor "L" Cottage.

Miss Millie Slagel, Supervisor "M" Cottage.

Miss Martha Roscoe, Supervisor "N" Cottage.

The Colonies

Arthur Clarke, General Supervisor.

Mrs. Emma Walker, Supervisor Colony No. 1.

Mrs. Bertha Clarke, Supervisor Colony No. 2.

C. J. Dempsey, Supervisor Colony No. 3.

Orin Scriminger, Supervisor Colony No. 4.

Clarence Smith, Supervisor Colony No. 5.

Mrs. Allie P. Arthur, Supervisor Colony No. 6.

Fred Palmerlee, Supervisor Colony No. 7.

Geo. B. Strobbridge, Supervisor Colony No. 8.

Daniel Mott, Supervisor Colony No. 9.

David McNabb, Supervisor Colony No. 10.

Mrs. Florence Shumaker, Supervisor Colony No. 11.

Charles Shearer, Supervisor Colony No. 12.



Michigan Home and Training School Ford fire truck, designed and perfected by B. F. Desnoyer and assistants.

County Press, July 16, 1924

Michigan Home Cost next to Lowest Among Hospitals

A report on the cost of financing the nine hospitals operated by the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, was submitted to the state administrative board at Lansing on Thursday. The report showed that the average cost for the nine, per capita, was \$1.35.

Traverse City Lowered

The lowest was that for the Traverse City state hospital at which patients were kept for a cost of 79 cents a day. The institution having the highest cost was the psychopathic hospital at Ann Arbor with \$3.39.

Others were Kalamazoo state hospital, 95 cents; Pontiac state hospital, 97 cents; Newberry state hospital, 92 cents; Michigan Farm Colony, Wahjamega, 94 cents; Michigan Home and Training School, Lapeer, 81 cents; Ionia state hospital, \$1.02; and the state sanatorium, Howell,

\$2.48.

A complete overhauling of the state sanatorium at Howell is contemplated by the state administrative board.

Shacks and Fire Traps

Following the receipt of a report that the buildings there are shacks and fire traps, that the farm is unprofitable and the grounds unattractive, the board adopted a resolution authorizing Dr. R. M. Olin, state health commissioner, to recommend types for new buildings, to report on the methods of treatment and the personnel of the institution and to suggest ways of improving the entire plant.

According to Gov. Groesbeck the Howell institution is the last in the state to need improvement, all the others having been put in first class shape.

The population of the sanatorium is about 225.

HOME LEADS ALL STATE HOSPITALS

In Low Cost and Better Care
Lapeer Institution Heads
State List

Cost for maintaining each patient

a day at the Michigan Home and Training School is 76c, the lowest of any hospital institution in the state. The published report given out from Lansing a few weeks ago of 81c is the amount set for next year. However, it is not probable that the cost next year will exceed this year. The next in low cost of maintenance is Traverse City, with a per capita cost of 79c.

These figures and many others pertaining to the Home were brought out in an address of Harry Evans at the Rotary Club Tuesday noon. He stated that, if there were sufficient room, new patients would be received at the local institution at the rate of about 430 a year. One out of every 1250 inhabitants in the state of Michigan is an inmate of the Michigan Home. One out of every 226 population in the state is an inmate of some state hospital. Twenty-six per cent of the inmate population is of foreign born parentage, due, the speaker feels, to unrestricted immigration in the past.

In round figures the institution spends \$620,000 a year. One-third approximately is paid in salaries, one-third for food and one-third for general expense. There is an annual payroll at present of \$208,000, with 280 employees. When the present building program is completed there will be 360 employees with an estimated payroll of \$360,000. The value of the property is estimated at \$1,412,000. It was only valued at \$70,000 when the Home was established in 1896. The property now comprises 710 acres, of which about 400 is under cultivation. The Home farm maintains a herd of 200 Holstein cows, furnishing 18 ounces of pure milk to each inmate per day. The total value of the farm crops last year was \$60,000.

The total inmate population at the Home is now 2,425. The new buildings which will be ready by Jan. 1, will care for an additional 500 patients. When the Home was first open on August 1, 1896, it had only a capacity of 200 inmates. This has constantly grown. In 1910 there were 1000 inmates; in 1916, 1260; in 1920, 1600.

Harry Evans, the steward, has been with the institution ever since its establishment. Dr. Haynes first joined the staff in 1907 and became medical superintendent in 1914.

There are 100 inmates who are out on parole, earning money to help support themselves. This makes a net saving to the state of about \$45,000 a year. Dr. Haynes was largely instrumental in getting the bill through the legislature which makes it possible to parole patients at the superintendent's discretion.

County Press, July 23, 1924

CEMENT PAVEMENT AT THE HOME

A cement pavement, a mile long and 14 feet wide, will be constructed on the grounds of the Michigan Home to take care of the heavy hauling of freight. It will also serve to connect the farm colonies with the other buildings. Work will be commenced in a short time.

County Press, July 30, 1924

OFFICERS SEEK YOUTH IN MRS. DAN BURKE MURDER MYSTERY

Clue Found That May Lead to Discovery of Fiend Who Killed Comely Widow

REWARD IS OFFERED

County's Ghastliest Crime Takes Place in Broad Daylight Few Rods from Main Highway

Officers are combing this section of the state for a young man about 20 years old; weight about 145 pounds, height five feet nine inches, and when last seen was coatless and hatless and was wearing a pair of dark trousers. It is felt he can shed light upon the dastardly murder of Mrs. Dan Burke which occurred about 1 o'clock last Saturday afternoon on that portion of the DeMille road which lies west of South Main street and runs through to the Michigan Home farm property.

Henry Streu, assistant herdsman at the Michigan Home farm, saw such a man on the DeMille road near the place where the crime was committed, shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday. Streu asked him if he wanted a ride. The fellow refused and a short time later was seen to be cutting across the fields to the south. Streu thought nothing of the meeting of the youth until after he heard about the murder late that night. He thought he recognized him as an inmate of the institution but after a careful examination of all the male inmates he failed to identify anyone as the person he had met near the scene of the crime the preceding afternoon. With Streu positive that he can identify the stranger, officers are certain that they will soon be able to locate him. That is the clue which is being followed by Sheriff Conley and deputies and the detectives from the State Department of Public Safety who are here working on the case.

Brothers-in-law Make Gruesome Find

When Mrs. Burke failed to appear at the home of her brother-in-law, Albert Pearce, two miles south of Lapeer, on Saturday evening, Mrs. Pearce telephoned the Home to make inquiries. She was informed that Mrs. Burke had eaten at 11:30 o'clock and had left immediately for the Pearce home, where it was customary for her to spend Sundays and holidays with her two boys. Mrs. Pearce was alarmed and summoned her husband and Tom Bartlett, who started in search of the missing woman about 9 o'clock. While they started out with some misgivings, they thought that nothing worse could have happened than possibly she had been struck by a passing auto and left injured by the roadside. After they had proceeded west on the DeMille road from South Main street they noticed where the bushes on the north side of the road, a few rods west of the hill, had been broken down as though something had been dragged through them. Stepping off the road and casting the flashlight ahead of them, the men could see the crumpled nude form lying across a stone. Horror-stricken, they approached nearer and recognized their sister-in-law whom they were seeking. Her clothing was torn from her body, a gag thrust into her mouth, her feet bound and hands tied behind her back. Finger prints on her throat showed that she had been strangled. Her forehead and chest were badly bruised, showing evidence that the fiend incarnate had beaten her to death.

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Further examination of the scene of the crime the next morning by Sheriff Conley disclosed a clue that may prove of some assistance. A pair of cuff links of a cheap variety which are sold at the store near the Home were found. A check-up of the sales of these links is being attempted.

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bridge near the ice house on the Michigan Home farm about 1 o'clock. Welsh was then returning from a trip to Lapeer with a truck after supplies. He was carefully questioned by the officers but could throw no further light on the murder.

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Whiskey Found Near Scene

A short distance from where Mrs. Burke's clothes were found Sheriff Conley found a quart can full of moonshine whiskey and a pint whiskey bottle nearly empty. Nearby they found a small piece of fresh bologna. Officers are also running down the clue that the slayer might have been a man crazed by drink.

Mrs. Burke, aged 29, had been widowed for some time, her husband having died three years ago in March. Before her marriage she was Blanche Heckman. Surviving relatives are: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hackman of Dowagiac; two sons, Joy, aged seven, and James, aged five; a brother, Arthur Heckman of Oregon; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Warren of Lapeer; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert Pearce, Lapeer; a brother-in-law, Tom Burke, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Tom Bartlett.

Mrs. Burke had been employed as assistant supervisor at the Michigan Home laundry for the past three years.

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Lapeer Woman Whose Murder Is Still Shrouded with Mystery



Latent photograph of Mrs. Dan Burke and her two sons.

County Press, July 31, 1924

LEWIS JOHNSON, 21, HOME INMATE, CAPTURED THIS P.M.

Sheriff Conley and Deputies Take Prisoner to Pontiac at 4:30 to Avoid Possible Outbreak Here.

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Sheriff Conley, fearing trouble in case the murderer was held in Lapeer, spirited the slayer to Pontiac about 4:30 this afternoon.

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County Press, August 1, 1924

Repeats Crime to Officers When Confession Is Ob- tained

*Lapeer Woman Whose Murder
Stirred the Whole Community*



Latest photograph of Mrs. Dan Burke and her two sons.

MURDERER INMATE SINCE 1910

Lewis Johnson was born in March, has a younger brother confined at 1904. At the age of two or three he was committed to Coldwater, the state public school for neglected and abandoned children. At the age of six he was transferred to the Michigan Home and Training School; that was the youngest age children were admitted at that time. He has been in the Home since April 28, 1910. He attended the Training School until 1921, where he ranked as a second grader. In January, 1923, he went to work in the Home laundry and has been employed there for one and a half years.

So far as known the authorities had had no particular trouble with his conduct. He entered into the games with the other boys and appeared like the rest. He hadn't shown any violent disposition. He It is said at the Home that Johnson said he had a grudge against Mrs. Burke. This may have been caused by her reporting him talking with girls. Whenever this happens the boys are reported and this circumstance might easily have occurred. Johnson was questioned on Sunday and Monday and not detected. On Thursday investigation was resumed and his confession obtained. He revealed everything and acted out the crime for the officers. He hadn't told his brother of the deed. Johnson was an inmate of Colony No. 3.

County Extra

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LAPEER, MICH., FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1924

Population of Lapeer County, Census 1920, 25,782

DEPRAVED MICHIGAN HOME BOY CONFESSES TO SLAYING WIDOW

LEWIS JOHNSON, 20 TELLS ALL
FOLLOWING VISIT TO CRIME SCENE

Press Gives First Confession Story

First news of the arrest and confession of Lewis Johnson, murderer of Mrs. Dan Burke, was given to Lapeer by The Press with a special edition that was on the streets at 8:30 Thursday evening. Twenty newsboys carried the extras into every part of the city and to nearby lake resorts, disposing of over 1,000 papers in less than an hour.

The story of the confession of the murderer was in type some time be-

fore the story could be released on account of the wish of the officers to be sure the prisoner was safely lodged in the Pontiac jail before the news became public.

The feeling ran so high it was feared that some attempt might be made to mob the jail should he be kept there.

A second special edition, giving all details, was printed Friday noon and mailed throughout the county to Press subscribers.



Sheriff John Conley of Lapeer whose untiring work on the Mrs. Burke murder case was directly responsible for the apprehension of the perpetrator of the horrible crime. He was ably assisted by Deputy Dave Ovalt, Lieut. Detective E. G. Ramsey, Detective Waterman and State Police Anderson.

Is Taken to Pontiac Jail as Precaution against Outbreak

Hardly realizing the enormity of his crime, Lewis Johnson, self-confessed murderer of Mrs. Dan Burke, awaits his fate in the Oakland county jail at Pontiac. Mentally deficient and of a depraved nature he expresses little regret for the crime but extreme regret because he was caught and jailed.

Johnson was the man that Henry Streu saw near the scene of the crime last Saturday afternoon. He paid little attention to him and was unable to identify him among the inmates at the Home. In his confession Johnson stated that he met Streu on the road and Streu asked him if he wanted a ride.

His arrest and confession was accomplished by Sheriff Conley, Deputy Dave Oswalt, State Detective George Waterman and Sergeant Anderson, Walker of the state police. Under direction of Sheriff Conley, who was convinced that the murderer was a Michigan Home inmate, the search was again concentrated at the Home yesterday. The clue which led to the undoing of Johnson came after Sheriff Conley had begun to question three inmates seated on a bench outside of Colony 5. Harry Rauten, one of the inmates questioned, stated he saw Lewis Johnson, an inmate employed in the laundry, go down the cinder road about 15 minutes ahead of the time the officers knew that Mrs. Burke took the same highway.

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Officers Get Boy at Laundry

Johnson was at his usual work at the laundry when arrested by the officers.

Henry Streu, assistant herdsman at the Michigan Home farm, saw such a man on the DeMille road near the place where the crime was committed, shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday. Streu asked him if he wanted a ride. The fellow refused and a short time later was seen to be cutting across the fields to the south. Streu thought nothing of the meeting of the youth until after he heard about the murder late that night. He thought he recognized him as an inmate of the institution but after a careful exam-

Further examination of the scene of the crime the next morning by Sheriff Conley disclosed a clue. A pair of ruff links of a cheap variety which are sold at the store near the Home were found. A check-up of the sales of these links is being attempted.

The last person known to have seen Mrs. Burke alive is Ray Welsh, who states that he met her on the bridge near the ice house on the Michigan Home farm about 1 o'clock. Welsh was then returning from a trip to Lapeer with a truck after supplies. He was carefully questioned by the officers but could throw no further light on the murder.

Had No Enemies

Mrs. Burke was of a kindly nature and had no known enemies. After her husband's death she lived for her children and showered upon them all the wealth of a fond mother's affection. She was a slight woman, being only five feet one inch tall and weighing only 115 pounds. Assault must have been the motive of the crime, although physicians' testimony at the coroner's inquest held Monday night, was that no assault had been committed.

Coroner Arms held an inquest Monday night, the jury making the official report that the woman had been strangled and beaten to death by unknown party or parties. The following men comprised the jury at the inquest: Fred Alyea, Guy Thompson, Robert Converse, Chris Pick, Leslie Rice, Amos Cole.

\$200 Reward Offered

Lapeer county has authorized \$200 reward for evidence that will lead

to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Mrs. Burke.

Several Suspects Examined

Officers have detained several persons who were picked up at various points in the county but all were released after the authorities were satisfied that they knew nothing of the crime.

Officers obtained another clue late Tuesday afternoon from Irvin Streu and Bailey Hunt, who state that they gave a ride to a young man Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock who closely answers the description of the youth who Henry Streu saw on the DeMille road near the scene of the murder earlier the same afternoon. The young man accented Hunt near the Michigan Home woods on the Flint road and requested a ride. Hunt took him in and gave him a ride to a point near five miles west of Lapeer where he was going north after Irvin Streu whose car had broken down. Upon letting the stranger out at this place he walked down the road a short distance, hailed another car and went on. He told Hunt that he wanted to go to Flint.

Wednesday night officers questioned Gerald Snippe, a 16-year-old inmate of the Mich. Home. Snippe was eliminated.

Whiskey Found Near Scene

A short distance from where Mrs. Burke's clothes were found Sheriff Conley found a quart can full of moonshine whiskey and a pint whiskey bottle nearly empty. Nearby they found a small piece of fresh bologna.

Mrs. Burke, aged 29, had been widowed for some time, her husband having died three years ago in March. Before her marriage she was Blanche Heckman. Surviving relatives are: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hackman of Duwagiac; two sons, Joy, aged seven, and James, aged five; a brother, Arthur Heckman of Oregon; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Warren of Lapeer; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert Pearce, Lapeer; a brother-in-law, Tom Burke, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Tom Bartlett.

Mrs. Burke had been employed as assistant supervisor at the Michigan Home laundry for the past three years.

Funeral services were held from the Albert Pearce home at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. England officiating. Interment was made in Mt. Hope cemetery.

inquest of all the male inmates he failed to identify anyone as the person he had met near the scene of the crime the preceding afternoon.

Brothers-in-law Make Crosscase Find

When Mrs. Burke failed to appear at the home of her brother-in-law, Albert Pearce, two miles south of Lapeer, on Saturday evening, Mrs. Pearce telephoned the Home to make inquiries. She was informed that Mrs. Burke had eaten at 11:30 o'clock and had left immediately for the Pearce home, where it was customary for her to spend Sundays and holidays with her two sons. Mrs. Pearce was alarmed and summoned her husband and Tom Bartlett, who started in search of the missing woman about 9 o'clock. While they started out with some misgivings, they thought that nothing worse could have happened than possibly she had been struck by a passing auto and left injured by the roadside. After they had proceeded west on the DeMille road from South Main street they noticed where the bushes on the north side of the road, a few rods west of the hill, had been broken down as though something had been dragged through them. Stepping off the road and casting the flashlight ahead of them, the men could see the crumpled nude form lying across a stone. Horror-stricken, they approached nearer and recognized their sister-in-law whom they were seeking. Her clothing was torn from her body, a gag thrust into her mouth, her feet bound and hands tied behind her back. Finger prints on her throat showed that she had been strangled. Her forehead and chest were badly bruised; showing evidence that the fiend inmate had beaten her to death.

Sheriff Conley and Coroner Arms were summoned. Further search revealed her clothes on the other side of the road a few rods from where the body was found. One shoe was found in the road. Her pocketbook was also found with contents intact. Posses were formed and a county-wide search instituted and authorities of every town and city in this section of the state requested to pick up all strangers and make them give satisfactory explanations of themselves. In the meantime a check-up was made at the Home. No inmates were recently missing. A careful examination failed to fasten suspicion on any of the state inmates.

DR. HAYNES TO LEAVE MICH. HOME

Accepts Promotion to Superintendency of New U. of M. Hospital



DR. H. A. HAYNES
Dr. H. A. Haynes, who has been honored by having been appointed Superintendent of the new University of Michigan hospital, Ann Arbor.

He has accepted an appointment as superintendent of the new University hospital at Ann Arbor. He will begin his new duties, it is expected in about 30 days. This appointment comes as a distinct recognition of the high position he holds in medical circles and because of his executive ability as applied along institutional lines. The new position carries a large increase in salary.

Dr. and Mrs. Haynes have lived in Lapeer since August 3, 1907, when he came here as assistant superintendent of the Home. On Feb. 1, 1912, he was advanced to superintendent and has been in active charge of the institution since that time. Prior to coming to Lapeer Dr. Haynes was prison physician at the state reformatory at Ionia, where he served in that capacity from 1903 to 1907. He graduated from the medical department, U. of M., in 1902, serving his internship at the Homeopathic hospital at the University.

During Dr. Haynes' superintendency the Home has grown from an institution caring for less than a thousand patients to the largest of its kind in the world, its total inmate population now being over 2,400. By Jan. 1 the new buildings will be completed and an additional 500 patients will be admitted. There are at present 280 employees. With the influx of new patients when the buildings under construction are completed, the employees will then total 360.

While the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Haynes rejoice because of this singular recognition of his high qualifications, yet it is with many pangs of regret that they learn of their leaving.

It is not known yet who will succeed Dr. Haynes as superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training School.

Medical Dean Praises Dr. Haynes
The Ann Arbor Times-News of Aug. 1 contained a laudatory article of Dr. Haynes' appointment as superintendent.
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MURDERER WILL BE SENT TO PRISON FOR CRIMINAL INSANE

**Lewis Johnson, Confessed
Slayer of Mrs. Burke,
Cries As He Awaits
Fate**

IS HELD IN PONTIAC.

Home Inmate Signs Formal Confession of Brutal Murder of Employee 10 Days Ago

Lewis Johnson, 20 year old inmate of the Michigan Home and Training School, and confessed murderer of Mrs. Dan Burke, cries and stares blankly into space as he awaits his fate at the Oakland County jail where Sheriff Conley placed him for safekeeping. Officers are of the opinion that he is insane and it is expected that he will be sentenced for life to the prison for the criminal insane at Ionia.

Signs Confession.

At the Oakland county jail Friday Lewis Johnson, murderer of Mrs. Dan Burke, made a formal confession in detail of the crime and signed a typewritten report of his confession as obtained by Sheriff Conley and Prosecuting Attorney Loughness. Miss Theresa Butts, circuit court stenographer, took the confession in shorthand.

His signed confession was in accord with what he confessed the day before to Sheriff Conley and other officers when he was taken to the scene of the fiendish murder and depicted step by step just how the crime was committed.

His confession states that he went down the DeMille Road a few minutes ahead of when he expected Mrs. Burke to come. That when she came he called hello to her and she answered back. Then after she had passed he ran and caught ahead of her. As she started to get out of the bushes he choked her but she managed to fight him off and ran down the road a few yards before he caught her the second time. Then he choked her again, knocked her down with his fist and tied her hands behind her back and gagged her with part of her dress which he had torn off. Her hands were tied with her stocking which he also tore from her. Then he dragged her through the bushes on the north side of the road then tied her feet, and tore the rest of the clothes from her body.

When asked by Prosecutor Loughness why he killed her he said she had gotten on his nerves and he went crazy. He denied at first in the statement that he had any grudge against Mrs. Burke but later admitted that he had told another inmate some time before that he was going to kill a lady that worked in the laundry. He denied trying to assault her.

Sheriff Conley Makes Arrest

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LEWIS JOHNSON, CONFESSED SLAYER OF MRS. DAN BURKE

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County Press, August 6, 1924 (Continued)



A late photograph of Mrs. Dan Burke who was brutally murdered by Lewis Johnson, Michigan Home inmate, on the DeMille road, on Saturday, July 26.

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To Seek Compensation for Burke Children

Petitions have been filed with the Department of Labor and Industry at Lansing for compensation for the Burke children, whose mother was

murdered by an inmate of the Michigan Home and Training School while on her way from work at the institution.

Should the petition be granted it will mean an income for the children of \$7 to \$10 a week for 300 weeks. The amount granted, if any, would depend on whether Mrs. Burke's board and room at the Home were taken into consideration in figuring the amount of her salary.

Burke Children to Stay at Pearce's. Though Joy and James Burke will never again know the loving care of their own dear mother, yet they will

have the very best of tender care that loved ones can give them. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pearce, with whom the little fellows have made their home for the past three years, will keep the children and bring them up as their own.

REAL ESTATE DEALS

Raphael Hoover et ux to Henry C. Emerson et ux, Burlington Twp. 12 10 11, 20 acres, \$300.00.
Lynn A. Townsend et al to Wm. Knickerbocker et ux, village Hadley.

Charles W. Sr. As a Business

(A Second Message from Charlie Smith's Home Town
peer and Tuscola Counties)



MEN WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL is best qualified to direct the public. **LAPEER PRESENTS** as its candid from the counties of Lapeer and T been successful in all his business highly qualified to help direct the State.

CHAS. W. SMITH began his business. He was a good carpenter. He gave extra service without demand services were so much in demand contracting business. He made number of private dwellings and out Lapeer and adjoining counties a builder.

IN 1906 CHAS. SMITH forsook business in which he could serve a Company, a public utility which

Be Sure You Are

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Burke Murder First Major Crime By Home Inmate

When Lewis Johnson so foully murdered Mrs. Dan Burke a week ago last Saturday he committed the first major crime ever perpetrated by an inmate of the Michigan Home and Training School. Since the establishment of the institution in 1896 inmates at various times have strayed from the grounds and committed minor offenses, much the same as normal boys but not until Johnson fiendishly attacked and killed Mrs. Burke was there an offense that was not in the category of minor offenses, in fact more often they were looked upon merely as boyish pranks.

In spite of the fact that the institution is in no way a jail but a home and training school, the inmates are

carefully looked after and are strictly accounted for several times during the day. No inmate is allowed to leave the institution premises without permission and when Johnson went down the DeMille Road he was violating one of the rules of the institution. He well knew this and sneaked back in a round-about way, knowing full well that his absence would be discovered within a half hour or so.

The inmate population at the Home is now over 2400. In spite of the fact that these people are abnormal, yet they have a record since the establishment of the institution in Lapeer, of probably committing less major offenses than any municipality of that size in the United States.

BURKE MURDERER ARRAIGNED TUESDAY

Lewis Johnson, confessed murderer of Mrs. Blanche Burke, was arraigned before Justice Hollenbeck on Tuesday and examination set for Saturday.

Johnson doesn't appear to know what the proceedings are all about, but they are a necessary legal procedure before he can be sentenced to prison.

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County Press
August 27, 1924

County Press1
September 17, 1924

TO CHOOSE HAYNES' SUCCESSOR SEPT. 15

On September 15, the Hospital Commission, which has charge of the five state hospitals in Michigan, including the Michigan Home and Training School, will meet in Lapeer and select a successor to Dr. H. A. Haynes, who has resigned to become superintendent of the new University hospital at Ann Arbor.

There are several applications being considered by the Commission, prominent among them being Dr. W. J. Kay of Lapeer, friends of whom have urged his appointment.

Robert K. Jardine of Grand Rapids and formerly of Lapeer, is a member of the Commission.

County Press
September 10, 1924

22 ARRAIGNED IN COURT MONDAY

Many Prohibition Violation Cases Disposed of. Jury Called for Next Monday

Circuit court for Lapeer county convened Monday morning, with Judge Williams presiding. A large number were arraigned, a few of whom were sentenced, but the greater number were continued for trial. The jury is called for Monday, Sept. 15, at which time the trials will commence. The following people appeared on Monday:

Mrs. Burke's Murderer Stands Mute

Lewis Johnson, inmate of the Michigan Home and Training School, charged with the murder of Mrs. Burke, when arraigned, stood mute. He was continued for trial and the court appointed T. D. Halpin to represent him.

COW TEST REPORT

Report of the Lapeer Co-operative Cow Testing Association for month ending August 31, 1924: Cows tested, 422; cows dry, 37; new cows entered, 12; No. cows producing 40 to 50 lbs. fat, 54; above 50 lbs. fat, 24; 1000-1250 lbs. milk, 72; above 1250 lbs. milk, 52; No. herds tested, 24; owner herd having highest B. F. average, Hugh Taylor; No. cows in herd,

14; breed, Durham Jersey; average production in milk, 935; fat, 41.60; owner cow having highest butterfat production, Michigan Home; breed, Holstein; production, lbs. milk, 8861.3 lbs. fat, 2,878.29; cows sold, grades, 9; profitable, 5; unprofitable, 4; cows bought, grades, 4; changes made, prepaid dairy ration to state dairy ration; average production per cow in association, milk, 737; fat, 36; No. men keeping daily milk records, 3. Tester's name, Lyle Thompson; address, Lapeer, Michigan.

Three Highest Cows in Each Class—Butterfat Basis

Owner	Name	Breed	Fresh	Lbs. Milk	% Fat	Lbs. Fat
Under 3 years—						
A. Armstrong	Dolly	P.B.H.	10-8-23	614	5.5	33.77
L. Lille	Lulla	P.B.H.	9-30-23	688	4.8	33.71
A. Reek	Princess	P.B.H.	5-20-24	719	3.5	25.11
Under 4 years—						
L. M. Whyte	Adeline	H.	6-7-24	1468	5.0	62.30
Perry & Grover	Theo	J.	7-11-24	1149	5.4	61.94
A. Reek	Lassie	H.	6-7-24	1463	4.2	61.45
Under 5 years—						
A. Stock	58	P.B.H.	7-11-24	1509	3.8	57.34
Mich. Home	434	P.B.H.	8-27-23	1351	4.0	54.43*
L. Bishop	1	G.H.		1240	3.4	51.26
5 years and over—						
Mich. Home	177	P.H.		1767	3.6	63.51*
A. Slingland	2	J.		1296	4.8	62.21
L. Lille	Jane	J.	6-27-24	1109	5.0	56.56
Milk Class—						
Mich. Home	177	H.		1767	3.6	63.51
Mich. Home	327	H.		1782	3.4	59.23*
Mich. Home	211	H.		1917	3.0	21.51

* 3 times milker.

Prices: Milk, \$3.00 per 100 lbs; sweet cream, 37.

Feed prices per ton: Corn meal, 40; bran, 28, ground oats, 288.30; cottonseed meal, 50; oil meal, 50; gluten feed, 45; alfalfa hay, 15;

clover hay, 12; corn silage, 5. Feeds not listed, Laro, 50; Milk Maker, 50.

Pasture is good for this time of the year. Many have turned in on clover fields and some Jerseys will not eat grain due to this fact.



Administration Building at the Michigan Home and Training School, where Dr. W. J. Kay, newly chosen superintendent, will have his offices.

DR. KAY IS NOW MICH. HOME HEAD

**Prominent Lapeer Physician
Succeeds Dr. H. A. Haynes
As Mich. Home Super-
intendent**

Lapeer is very proud of the distinction conferred upon her beloved citizen, Doctor Wm. J. Kay, in his appointment as head of the Michigan Home and Training School to succeed Doctor H. A. Haynes.

For the past 21 years Dr. Kay has made his home in Lapeer, where he has acquired an enviable reputation as a physician and all-around fine man for the community. His friends are legion and they are happy in his promotion, though regretting to lose him from private practice.

Was Born in Canada

He was born in 1865 in Bellmore, Ont., son of Dr. and Mrs. John Patterson Kay. His father was a citizen of the United States and had served as a surgeon during the Civil war.

Dr. Kay attended high school at Harrison, Ont., and also a German academy, where he studied languages. After finishing his academic work, he spent some time in the Trench district of Michigan in the home of his uncle, Dr. Allen Kay. From there he returned to Canada, going to the town of Clinton, where he worked in the organ and piano factory belonging to Mr. Goldings, who later became his father-in-law.

Worked His Way Through College

In 1890 he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Giddings. Thereupon he decided to study medicine and he and his bride moved to Detroit, where he entered the Detroit College of Medicine. In the meanwhile he supported himself and family by working in an organ factory in Detroit, where not in the class rooms. During their stay in Detroit two daughters were born, Harriette and Elaine.

Immediately after graduation from
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The Old and the New



Dr. H. A. Haynes, who has resigned as superintendent of the Michigan Home to accept a position as superintendent of the new U. of M. hospital at Ann Arbor, and Dr. W. J. Kay, well-known physician of Lapeer, who has been appointed by Gov. Greenback to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Haynes' resignation.



NO TRACE FOUND OF JASON POTTER

**Elba Young Man Leaves
Home and Family With-
out Known Cause**

Jason Potter, age 23, left his home and family in Elba, township last Wednesday evening and has not been seen or heard of since by friends or relatives.

He was last seen at the home of Clyde Brookway in Davison, where he had called to see a friend early in the evening. While there he quarreled with George Gilbert and Perry Baxter of Davison. In the fracas Potter was struck but not seriously hurt. He got on his car and drove south in the direction of his home.

Potter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Potter, highly respected residents of Elba township. He married

R. B. ODLE'S HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

A spark from a chimney that was burning out set fire to the roof of the R. B. Odle home on Court street Thursday morning, resulting in a bad blaze. Considerable of the roof was destroyed. The greatest damage was done by the water, which leaked all through the house to the basement. This was used after the chemicals had failed to extinguish the flames.

The roof is already being repaired. The loss was estimated between \$3,000 and \$4,000, which was completely covered by insurance. The fire started about 8 o'clock in the morning and was discovered from the candle grocery across the street.

MORRISON'S LEAD INCREASED TO 15

Marathon Man Wins Out For State Representative in Close Race

HOME EMPLOYEES HONOR DR. HAYNES

**Help at Mich. Home Show
Esteem in Which Dr.
and Mrs. Haynes
Are Held**

Over 200 employees of the Michigan Home and Training School congregated in the chapel at the institution on Friday evening to do honor to Dr. H. A. Haynes, who has been superintendent for the past 18 years, and to Mrs. Haynes. The hall was decorated with a profusion of seasonal flowers, and flags in recognition of Defense Day. Baskets of flowers were placed in the window ledges and hung on the walls, while the stage was banked with flowers and ferns.

An informal banquet was held with Dr. H. M. Delehanty acting as toastmaster. The company was seated at 40 small tables and the guests of honor at one long table. These included Dr. W. J. Kay, who had been chosen as the new superintendent. Baskets of the summer blossoms centered each table. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. W. J. Vincent. Hugh De Lameter of Flint, in a soldier costume, gave a comic sketch which threw everyone into a state of laughter. The principal speaker of the evening was William C. Otto, manager of the Flint Chamber of Commerce. He paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Haynes, remarking especially on his exceptional personality, his brilliant record as an executive, his sincerity and the high quality of the service he had rendered. He felt that the community was suffering a severe loss through the departure of Dr. Haynes.

Rev. Lowry then spoke briefly. He was followed by Dr. W. J. Kay, who said he would do his best to maintain the harmonious conditions existing during the Haynes regime. Harry Evans, on behalf of the employees, presented Doctor and Mrs. Haynes with a large silk mohair overstuffed chair. They both responded with short talks. A Flint orchestra, "The Flint Wagoners," played during the evening and for the dance which lasted until midnight.

CAME TO BOOST NO. BRANCH FAIR

Oakdale in the Newspapers

DR. KAY IS NOW MICH. HOME HEAD

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the Detroit College of Medicine in 1897, the family moved to Attica. The doctor engaged in general practice in that village and surrounding territory for six years. Then he moved to Lapeer in company with Dr. Randall of Dryden. They established a partnership and located in what is now the telephone office building.

This continued for a number of years until Dr. Randall moved to Flint and Dr. Kay to his present home and office on Clay street. Dr. Kay became prominent in state medical circles and was president of the State Medical association.

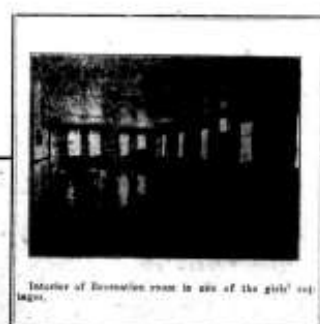
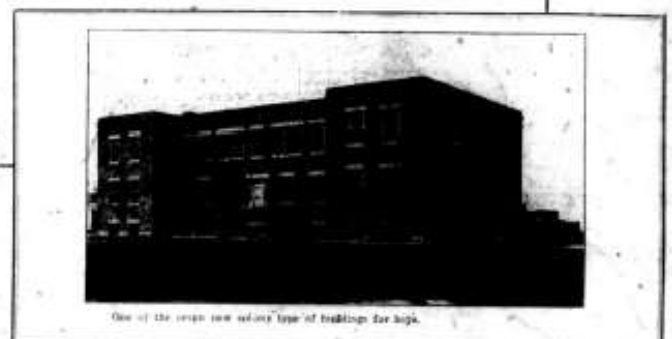
He has a brother, Fred Kay, who is postmaster at Lapeer; a brother, George Kay, in Baltimore, and one sister, Fannie, wife of Congressman Louis C. Cramton.

Dr. Kay will resume his new duties at once.

Oakdale in the Newspapers

County Press, September 17, 1924

Some of the New Buildings at the Michigan Home and Training School, Largest Institution of Its Kind in the World, Now under Superintendency of Dr. W. J. Kay, Lapeer



Oakdale in the Newspapers

Cass City Chronicle
September 26, 1924

County Press
October 8, 1924

The opening case in the circuit court this week pertained to Lewis Johnson, self-confessed slayer of Blanch Burk, a mere legal formality. He was committed to the Ionia prison for the criminally insane until he regains his right mind when he will be recalled here to answer the charge made against him. Of course, it is expected that Johnson will never "regain his right mind" so that, in effect, the commitment amounts to life imprisonment.

Lapeer Clarion.

Lapeer County Press
October 8, 1924

HOME INMATE LEAVES TRAIL OF BLOOD

Considerable excitement was created Saturday morning when pools of blood were discovered along the walk and grass over a distance of three and a half blocks, and the remains of a torn and blood-stained shirt were found near the curb on the west side of Court street, between Park and Law streets. The shirt had been ripped off hastily, tearing the buttonholes, and part of it had been cut off with a knife to serve as a bandage or handkerchief. It was thought that a fight had taken place but no one in the vicinity had heard anything sounding like a quarrel. The officers could trace the man by the blood stains south to Park street, west one block to Cedar, up to Law street, and west one block on Law street. There the trail ended and no further trace could be found. The collarband was marked "Col. 3-218" which led to the identification of the owner as George Chapman of Colony 3, Michigan Home.

The attendant at the colony reported that George had been put to bed at 8 o'clock Friday night. But that evening about dusk Chas. Gibbons had chased him out of his barn, from where he apparently went down town. He was at the Michigan Home the following day and when he was examined showed no bruises. It is believed that he merely suffered from nosebleed, as he is subject to attacks of this nature.

MURDERER GOES TO INSANE ASYLUM

Lewis Johnson Takes New Home
Stoically. Was Model Prisoner
in County Jail

Lewis Johnson, inmate of the Michigan Home, who confessed to the murder of Mrs. Blanche Burke and was later adjudged insane, is now confined in the asylum for the criminal insane at Ionia. Sheriff Conley committed him to that institution Tuesday. Johnson accepted the change of homes in a stoical manner, seemingly little realizing that he was to be confined behind bars the rest of his life.

During his stay in the county jail Johnson was a model prisoner, never causing any trouble and always doing as he was told. He talked very little and never discussed the brutal murder which led to his commitment to the insane asylum. The only sign of remorse that he has shown was the other evening when one of the Michigan Home employees came to the county jail to bid him good-bye. Johnson broke down and cried.

Sheriff Conley did not use the handcuffs on him on the way to Ionia. The prisoner at no time showed any desire to escape.

At the asylum for the criminal insane the inmates are confined behind bars at all times and never are allowed as much freedom as the inmates at state prisons.

Jimmy Jones Also at Ionia

Jimmy Jones, another Michigan Home boy, is also confined at Ionia in the insane asylum. Jimmy is the youth who has given much trouble at the institution. A short time ago he burglarized the Michigan Home store and then hid in the building housing the county trucks near Turrill avenue. He set fire to the sheds for a thriller. Michigan Home authorities made application for his commitment to Ionia. Jimmy got wind of the proceedings and made his escape, this time getting to Nebraska before state officers caught him.

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LAPEER PROTECTED

Home Firemen Stood Ready for Call While Our Truck Was Away

It was what smoke-eaters know as "a bad night for a fire" when the appeal came to Lapeer for help on the Melanie hotel fire at North Branch Wednesday evening. The severe cold meant unusually big fires in stoves and furnaces, with accompanying danger, and the high wind meant that any small blaze might be a big one in no time and spread rapidly.

Mayor Tucker knew this and provided protection for the city in case anything should happen while the fire truck was away.

He arranged to have the entire fire crew at the Michigan Home on duty at their own fire hall, with the chemical and hose truck ready for response to an alarm within a moment's notice. The Home firemen remained on duty until the Lapeer crew returned with the truck from North Branch. Fortunately there was no fire.

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EDUCATORS VISIT SCHOOL AT 'HOME'

5-1-1927
Observe Outstanding Work by Teachers of 500 Patients There

The Michigan Home Training school is one of the unique educational institutions of the state and visited almost daily by delegates from the University, from the Detroit Teachers College, from the Detroit public schools faculty, and by numerous other individuals who are interested in the special methods employed at the Home.

The school is housed for the most part in three buildings and is in charge of a faculty of 29 teachers under the supervision of Mrs. Merton Blakeslee, principal.

Work for the year ends June 17. The 2700 patients at the Institution there are approximately 500 children who are capable of benefiting from the school program, and these are given instruction in four branches: work, academic, industrial, physical and musical. The academic work covers the first six grades and kindergarten.

The industrial work consists of wood art, fancy work, sewing, pottery, rug weaving, brush and basket making and occupational work.

The physical training classes consist of soccer work and fancy dancing, in charge of Mrs. Deleffhanty, and in basketball for the boys, coached by Billy, manual training instructor.

Many Good Musicians

Both instrumental and vocal music is taught. Miss Fay Atherton is in charge of three orchestras, the most advanced one consists of eight girls, the Junior group now has eight boys and girls, and there is a "Toy Symphony" of small boys and girls. They read by note and have learned a good deal of the theory of music. They play violin, cello and drums, and are heard in solos, duets, trios and quartets, as well as the ensemble work. They play dance selections, hymns, hymns and advanced work such as "Marche Militaire" by Schumann and "Hungarian Dance No 5" Brahms.

The girls' orchestra plays for the dining club and patient dances, appears on many programs arranged for visitors and was in the May festival recently held at the Home. The girls are most attractive in their black and white uniforms and often appear at downtown entertainments such as banquets.

Mrs. Mabel Sampson, vocal instructor, is accomplishing fine things in her classes. One of the most pleasing is the 20 voice girls' glee club which does two part and occasionally three part songs in fine fashion. They have all their selections memorized and when recently observed sang undirected except as they followed Mrs. Sampson's piano accompaniment. A touching feature of the class work on Friday was rehearsal of a Memorial Song in honor of one of the Glee club girls who died several years ago. Each Memorial Day the club visits her grave and sings this song.

There seems to be no problem of discipline in the classes at the Training School and the evident intense interest of the pupils in their tasks is a pleasure to behold.

Adapt at Hand Work

One of the interesting departments of the Home is basketry and rug weaving. Mrs. Melkie instructs the girls in construction of lamps and baskets of reed, burl, raffia, and in the construction of rugs—clippings from the sewing room are sewed into carriage and then woven into rugs on the two heddle loom, in most attractive designs and colors. The

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The handicapped children at the Home should prove a great incentive to the educators and students all over the state.

A "Head" Who Is Parent to Many Children

At the head of this excellent school system is Mrs. Merton O. Blakeslee, undoubtedly one of the best qualified and thorough educational leaders of Michigan. Mrs. Blakeslee is ever alert and ready to adopt new methods if they seem wise while at the same time clinging to the fundamental principles that have proved their value in the past. In addition to her academic knowledge Mrs. Blakeslee is an excellent musician, pianist and leader of vocal choruses. Her duties as principal fill her time to such an extent that she does not teach except to substitute in case of absence of one of the faculty.

Possibly Mrs. Blakeslee's finest piece of work is accomplished in her office, hour by hour, as the children drift in between classes to show her specimens of their school work, to chat a while, or just to quietly sit beside her. For to these youngsters she represents home and parent, someone to whom they can go with all their little joys and sorrows and be sure of sympathetic understanding and encouragement.