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MAYNARD'S RAMBLINGS:

I'm back writing the Gleanings, maybe I should have quit while I was ahead as I did such an excellent job on the last issue which made me feel inadequate. I don't know how long I can keep doing the Gleanings but when you receive this issue I'll only be a few weeks away from being **90** years young and things are not as easy as they use to be.

It's time to renew memberships – that year rolls around so fast!

We have lost (through death) several members this past year but we can still keep our dues at \$7.00 the same as the last few years. We hope you all will continue to support us. Even though we are aging we still accomplish a lot.

Nancy Collins is doing a tremendous job of indexing the history of the Kent City and Casnovia area for us. She is the daughter of the late Roy Collins who graduated from Kent City in 1933. We are so thankful for all she does.

In this issue we have a story from an old Casnovia Herald titled "*Kills Bride and Himself*". I'm sure this caused a real sensation around the community. For me it brings back the time that Gerald Hendershot killed his Father. They lived about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile south of Casnovia on the east side of the road. Gerald spent time in Jackson and then somehow managed to escape and the law was sure he would turn up back in the Casnovia area. One day about 1936 when I was 13, I was walking down the road and a Sheriff stopped and asked me if I wanted to join a Posse to scout the neighborhood for Gerald Hendershot. They were sure he was around because a neighbor lady - that was supposedly blind thought she saw him down the road. It ended up that there was quite a group of us that spread out and traipsed through the fields and woods looking behind trees and bushes but we never found him -and don't know what we would have done if we had. Things sure were different in those days. I don't recall how this all ended but I do know that he died in Jackson.

I'll leave you with this – "*I used to work in a blanket factory . . . but it folded.*"



**Please mark your 2013 calendar for the next meeting at 1:00pm
March 12th
No meetings in January or February**

KILLS BRIDE AND HIMSELF – *Casnovia Farmer Causes Double Tragedy. Murder Follows Dispute Over Trivial Matter. Marriage occurred only three months ago. Wife's Desire to Purchase Something Which Husband Thinks He Cannot Afford Leads to Fatal Quarrel.*

Casnovia, Mich. Nov 22 – Delos Highland, a farmer living a half mile west of this village, shot and killed his wife at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and then killed himself. A trivial quarrel over the purchase of some article for the house was the cause of the double tragedy.

Married Only Three Months.

Highland, who was 28 years old, was married three months ago to Miss Lena David, aged 22, youngest daughter of Augustus David whose farm adjoins that of Highland. Miss David had been teaching for sometime in the primary department of the village schools.

Highland's mother lived with them and was in the house when the tragedy occurred. As she tells the story, Highland objected to the purchase of the article for the house, which Mrs. Highland wished to buy, on the plea that he could not afford it. They quarreled over the matter in the morning before Mrs. Highland left for her school.

After she had gone, Highland walked to the village and tried to buy a revolver at C.S. Martin's store. Martin's had no revolvers and Highland returned home, hitched up and drove to Kent City, where it is believed he secured the weapon. He returned home about 1 o'clock and busied himself about the place until his wife returned from school.

Quarrel is Resumed.

When she returned the quarrel was renewed and both went upstairs. Highland's mother remained below. She heard her daughter-in-law exclaim, "Don't!" and two shots were fired in quick succession.

Mrs. Highland ran from the house to the home of Sherman Bonner, the nearest neighbor, exclaiming, "Delos and Lena have quarreled and one of them is shot!"

Bonner's hurried to the house and found the body of Mrs. Highland lying at the head of the stairs, a bullet hole in the back of her head. Highland's body was lying near the center of the room with a bullet wound in the temple.

Woman Shot in the Back.

The position of the bodies and the fact that the woman was shot in the back indicate that she had started to escape by way of the stairs.

Coroner O.D. Blanchard was notified and impanelled a jury, which viewed the remains and adjourned.

Formerly Lived at Hart.

Highland moved to Casnovia from Hart two years ago with his first wife. He bought the farm of eighty acres west of the village and erected a nice house on the place. Soon afterward his wife died and his mother, who had parted with her husband, came from Hart to keep house for him. She had been living with him ever since.

Highland was a quiet, unassuming fellow. Mrs. Highland apparently was more high tempered, but both were well liked in the community.

Highland's mother is prostrated by the shock and is unable to talk about the affair.

Known in Muskegon.

Mrs. Highland had many acquaintances in Muskegon, having visited at the home of P.J. Connell at various times. Her father, August David, was inspector of brick work at the time the Muskegon county court house was constructed.

This was taken from the Friday, June 9, 1922 "The Casnovia Herald". Although it's not politically- correct, it's interesting how the press in general wrote about Native Americans.

"You Tell 'Em," Indian Chief With Plural Wives Said When Told to Send Them Away

Around the Committee on Indian Affairs in Congress it is not an unusual sight to see delegations of stolid aborigines from the west waiting with infinite patience to be heard on some matter of legislation which affects them. There are many quaint stories of incidents that have occurred about this committee, but probably the most amusing is that of Quannah Parker, chief of the Comanches, who often used to visit Washington.

This same committee of Congress made it unlawful for any Indian to have more than one wife, but the Indians paid little attention to the law. Quannah, being questioned, admitted that members of his tribe had plural wives. He was admonished to go home and tell them that this condition of affairs must no longer exist; that the additional wives should be sent home to their parents.

When next he appeared before the committee the following conversation took place:

"Did you tell your bucks that they must have but one wife, Parker?" asked the chairman.

"Yes," said Parker, "me tell 'em." "Did they get rid of the extra wives?"

"Yes, all gone," answered the chief. "But," urged the chairman, "I am told that you yourself have six wives, Parker."

"Yes," said Parker, "me got six." "Now, this will not do, Parker," admonished the chairman. "You have got to get rid of the extra wives. You go home and tell them to leave. Send them back to their parents. Tell them to go home."

The old Indian sat a moment in silence, then spoke:

"You tell 'em," he said.

From "The Casnovia Herald" of 1922 comes the daily happening from the Ferguson School District. I'm not familiar at all of where this district was located. Maybe someone can help?

NOTICE

The Casnovia village assessment roll is now in my hands, and I will receive taxes at 1 per cent. until July 1st.

M. Kelly, Village Treasurer.

NOTICE

The assessment roll for the village of Kent City is now in my hands, and I will receive taxes at 1 per cent. until July 1st.

Lois Giliam, Village Treasurer.

Ferguson School District.

Mrs. Rachel Grill is improving slowly.

Mrs. Howard Wamser is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McGrady spent Monday evening at Ravenna.

Mr and Mrs. Harry Woodard entertained the Gleaners Saturday evening.

Herbert Alvord has got some very fine strawberries this year, he figures on about 500.00 worth.

Mrs. George Bonner and son Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Scovel and Mrs. Harold of Grand Rapids spent Sunday at Floyd McGrady's.

About 50 friends and neighbors gave Vernie Campbell and Leon Whitney a very pleasant birthday surprise Saturday evening. The refreshment were ice cream and cake which everyone enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Bolt and Ileen, John Ragen and Allie Ragen of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ragen and family spent Sunday at Dick Andree's. They helped Grandma Ragen celebrate her 75th birthday.

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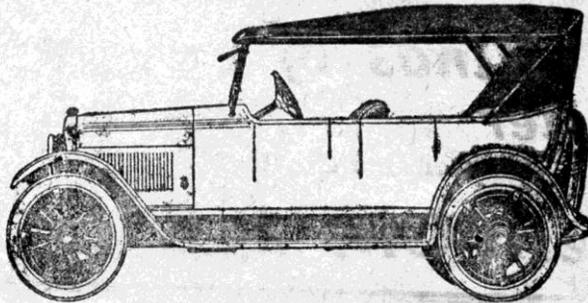
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The Durant Star was made and named after Mr. Durant who later started General Motors. Does anyone know where H.J. Buchanan's place of business was in Kent City? I have a suspicion it was in what later became Saur & Saur Chevrolet and is now the Tyrone Township building.

This next ad appeared 7 years before the bank folded during the '29 financial crash. It was never able to get back to operating again. I remember Varien Fancett but not the other (2) gentlemen.

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