

Miss Edith Rockwell was in Grand Rapids Friday attending the Convention of Musical clubs.

Mrs. Mabelle Simonds of Lansing was from Thursday to Saturday the guest of Dr. P. L. Green.

Miss Florence Wells of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wright of Nashville spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Rollin Sprague.

N. B. Alsover of Charlotte spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alsover.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Inwood are expected home from Chicago Thursday morning to spend the summer.

Mrs. Susan Knickerbocker was in Lansing Thursday visiting her son Orley at the Industrial school.

Mrs. T. E. Potter of Lansing has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lamb and son of Lake Odessa spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lamb.

W. F. Hopkins of Ionia visited his sister, Mrs. D. M. Purchis, and brother, Bert Hopkins, the first of the week.

Keith Barber left Phoenix, Arizona, Monday for home. He expects to spend a day in the Grand Canyon on the way.

Ben and Carl Fields came down from Grand Rapids Friday to spend a few days with their father, Chas. Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Warner and children of Lansing spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Warner.

Delbert Thrun, Sr., has returned to his home in Fremont, Ohio, after a few days visit with Chas. Weiler and Frank Thrun.

Byron Rawson and Marion Corey returned Monday from Detroit, where they underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.

Miss Laura Church spent Tuesday as well as Wednesday in Olivet this week in order to attend the recital Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. M. Marble of Loveland, Col., is spending a couple of weeks in town attending to business and visiting her numerous friends.

Miss Grace Wright of Cadillac and Miss Jeanetta Wright of Eaton Rapids visited their aunt, Mrs. Geo. Lamb, the latter part of last week.

E. L. Jones is in Milo attending the graduating exercises of the high school there, at which time his cousins, the Misses Alice Jones and Emily Lewis, graduate.

Dr. C. S. Snell went to Grand Rapids Thursday to meet Miss Norena, who returned that day accompanied by Wayne Warren, from Boyne City, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells went to Detroit Friday, and to Pontiac Saturday, after their auto with which they returned to Lansing that day and home on Sunday.

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### A GENUINE BULL FIGHT

#### D. M. Purchis Engages in Deadly Encounter With Enraged Animal.

Saturday morning D. M. Purchis was attacked by an infuriated bull and narrowly escaped with his life.

At about nine o'clock Mr. Purchis was driving some young cattle from one field to another across some plowed ground. When near the middle the cattle stopped to play and were becoming separated whereupon Mr. Purchis picked up a weed stalk lying near and switched the bull over the head in order to have him move on. This enraged the animal, which was a handsome Durham and Holstein beast, only fifteen months old, and it turned with lowered head and charged upon Mr. Purchis before he could secure anything with which to defend himself and knocked him down, mauling him around on the ground one way and the other, not giving him a chance to get up. Mr. Purchis was able to defend himself somewhat by hitting the animal in the nose, thus raising its head as it rushed upon him, breaking the force of the charge to some extent. He was finally rolled into a dead furrow, and the bull not being able to poke him out got down with his knees on Mr. Purchis' chest and began to pound him with his head. Mr. Purchis grabbed the animal by the nose but was unable to hold him on account of his wrist which was so recently broken.

Cleve Strow happened to be driving by with a load of gravel and seeing Mr. Purchis' predicament came to the rescue with an armful of stones and stoned the animal over the heart so severely that he backed off, whereupon he hit him squarely between the eyes, fracturing his skull and killing him instantly. Mr. Purchis displayed the grit possessed by an old soldier by getting up after the experience he had been through, cutting the animal's throat and walking to the farm house, where he bandaged his ribs and drove home.

Mr. Purchis' escape is almost miraculous. He is severely bruised, shaken up and two ribs broken but otherwise is none the worse for his adventure. He no doubt owes his escape largely to his own presence of mind, the soft ground, the timely arrival of Mr. Strow and the fact that the animal had been deborned. He had never thought of the bull being ugly as it was so young and had never shown any signs of temper before.

J. N. Hawkins was the victim of a fortunate runaway Sunday morning. Sometime during church his horse was frightened by a paper blowing in its face and breaking its tie strap started for home at a good gate. Ed Hammond saw the rig coming without a driver near his house and running out in the road stopped the horse. Mr. Hawkins came out of church and started to walk home when he met Prof. Roberts driving his horse back to town. The only damage was the broken tie strap.