

1920 MAY & JUNE

Happenings in Michigan and the World, Condensed for Benefit of Grass Lake Readers and Jackson County Readers

The Fuller Pension Bill increasing to \$50 a month general pensions of Civil and Mexican War veterans as agreed to in conference between the two houses, passed the House in Washington.

Committee increases of nearly \$10,000,000 in the funds for naval aviation were approved by the Senate when the annual Naval Appropriation measure was taken up at Washington.

Demands for a wage increase of \$1 a day were made by 30,000 meat cutters and butchers upon the "big five" packers, and 35 other Chicago stock yard firms.

The bodies of 363 American soldiers of whom all but 80 died in France, arrived at New York on the army transport MERCURY from Antwerp and Southampton.

James Harrigan, man of a dozen aliases, gentleman and business man, scientific burglar, and robber de luxe, died when a policeman's bullet bored through his brain. He was shot in a sensational battle with a dozen officers at the town hall police station, Chicago.

A boy was killed and two men injured at Salisaw, Okla. when an airplane driven by Bob Bogg, a former army aviator, fell 40 feet and plowed its way through a crowd of 2,000 persons.

The commanding officer of the army aviation base at Chanute Field, Ill., has agreed to send an airplane to assist in locating packs of wolves in the wild country northwest of Rantoul.

Highland Park—The council voted to increase the pay of the street cleaners from \$5 a day to \$6 a day.

Grand Rapids—Clifford Lowell, 14, is dead of injuries received when he struck a match to look into an empty gasoline tank.

South Haven—Is to have an aviation field. A 40-acre tract has been purchased by business men as a landing field. A hangar will be erected with a capacity for 20 planes.

Adrian—James Mason, 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason of Mulberry, was accidentally hanged in a chicken coup where he was playing alone. Neighbors found his lifeless body hanging from a roost to which the back of his coat collar had been caught.

Escanaba—The strike of timber workers of District No. 2 is reported to have become general. In the Upper Peninsula not less than 9,000 men will be out it was declared by union leaders. The strike issues are generally based on the eight hour day, better conditions in wood camps, and a scale amounting to 10 hours' pay at present wages for eight hours' work.

Jackson—Several wool collecting agencies have been established by the farm bureau. Farmers have until July 15 to deliver their product. The wool will be graded and pooled at the bureau's warehouse. It is expected that the grading system will raise the standard of wool produced in Michigan.

Obituary -- Menzo Conklin

Menzo Conklin was born in New York State, Jan. 12, 1849. Married Alice Maria Lawrence, June 30, 1880. Died May 4, 1920. Mr. Conklin was about his work as usual

Tuesday. Was taken ill after he returned home and died at 9 o'clock in the evening. He was a respected citizen, had served on the Village Council and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was at the Chapter meeting Monday night and took part in the exercise. He leaves a wife, one son Manly Roscoe Conklin of Detroit, and two grandchildren besides a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was in charge of the local Masonic fraternity. The services were held at the Fitchburg church in Henrietta Township, Rev. W.A. Cutler of the Federated Church officiating.

Obituary -- Henry E. Francisco

Mr. Henry E. Francisco died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butler, Grand Rapids, on April 21st after an illness of about four months, following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Francisco was born in Tompkins county, N.Y. on Jan. 6th, 1836, and came to Michigan with his parents in 1848, and was a resident of Jackson county until about two years ago. Since then he made his home alternately with his children.

He was united in marriage to Frances Babbit, April 3rd, 1861, who died April 25, 1906. He survived his wife fourteen years to the hour and day. To this union a daughter was born who died in infancy. Later they adopted two children, John A. of Battle Creek, and Mamie A. Butler of Grand Rapids.

Mr. Francisco was a prosperous farmer and an active worker for the prohibition cause. In 1907 he married Mrs. Isabelle Ray of Grass Lake, who with his two brothers and one sister, and two children survive him. A prayer service was held at the home of Mrs. Butler for the benefit of the relatives who could not attend services at Grass Lake where interment took place.

Local & Personal

We understand that there will be a motor cycle testing contest next Sunday afternoon at Sacriders Hill, four miles north of Grass Lake. Hundreds of motor cycles are expected to be present.

Mrs. Emilia Kennedy, who is attending Ferris' Institute, and Henry, spent the weekend at the home of her father, Mr. H.J. Crouch. Mrs. Kennedy has been engaged to teach typewriting in the Institute this summer.

On the way to Jackson Monday, Mr. E.A. Croman's automobile caught on fire. The battery rack slipped and let the battery fall down, making a short circuit which set the car on fire and only swift work saved a bad blaze.

American Legion dance at Teufel Hall on Friday evening, May 21. Mercer's orchestra of Jackson. The proceeds of this dance will go to the Memorial Day funds. Extra amusements for those who do not care to dance. Bill \$1.00. A good time assured.

Important time table changes are announced by Supt. A.H. Cady of the D.J.&C Ry., to become effective Tuesday, May 18. Under the new schedule west bound limiteds will leave Grass Lake at 9:20 a.m. and every two hours to 8:20 p.m. West bound expresses at 10:45 a.m. and every two hours to 10:45 p.m. West bound local cars will leave at 8:45 a.m. and 1:01 a.m. while east bound cars will leave at 10:00 p.m. with one to Ypsilanti only at 11:00 p.m.

The Grass Lake ball team won their first game of the season on the home field Saturday. The game was with the Hayes Wheel Office Force. The score was 5 to 2 in

favor of Grass Lake. Much credit must be given to N. Klinger who did the tossing for Grass Lake and to L. Wolfe who did the catching.

The Jackson City Hospitals offer a three years' course in medical, surgical, obstetrical, contagious and tuberculosis nursing. Young women between the ages of eighteen and thirty five who can be credited with one year in High School or the equivalent of same, will be received as pupil nurses.

The Improvement Club meeting in the parlors of the M. E. Church was enjoyed by a large attendance. Mr. Frank Shelly was toastmaster and Mr. E. R. Young, a member of the City commission in Jackson, was the speaker of the occasion and his address was very much enjoyed. Piano solos by Miss Ethel Cowden and Miss Josephine Watkins and vocal solos by A.W. Davis and Lynn Rohrer added much to the pleasure of the evening. The next session will be held in June and Dr. McColgan will be toastmaster and we understand that it will be a ladies night.

At the regular meeting of the Grass Lake Village Council the clerk read a petition from C.E. Walker for a license to operate two pool tables in the village, and a petition from B. Teufel to operate three pool tables. Lake moved that the licenses be granted. Yeas: H.B. Mellencamp, F.G. Mellencamp, Shelly, Lake, Fuller, Wolfinger. Nays: none. A petition was read asking that the bridge and road on Brown and Prospect streets be repaired. Referred to the street and walk committee. A motion was made that the electric light committee be given the power to re-roof the power house. All supported. The president appointed the electric light committee to see that the village fire bell be put in shape for use.

Leoni—Mrs. Lottie Updike is undergoing a course of treatment at the W.A. Foote hospital in Jackson. Miss Selma Horton was hostess to a merry crowd of young people at her home Saturday evening to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Miss Emma Schuyler.

Sharon—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Palmer of Bridgewater was instantly killed Saturday by being run over by a roller. The little fellow only 8 years old was hardly strong enough to manage the team as he started them towards the barn and fell in front of the roller which passed over him. His father was only a few feet away, but all was done so quickly he could render no aid. Great sympathy is extended the family in this their first affliction. A little brother and two little sisters are left to comfort the bereaved parents. Mrs. Palmer was well known in the community as Miss Julia Traub.

South Grass Lake—Miss Florence Smith has closed her school in Liberty and is at home. Mrs. Geo. Knickerbocker is in very poor health.

The W.F.M. society and the L.A.S. will meet at the M.E. church parlors next Tuesday.

The famous moving picture "Evangeline" has been secured by the public schools and will be shown at Grass Lake June 2nd & 3rd.

Mr. S.D. Craft suffered a peculiar accident last week. His helper dropped a pump which hit him on the foot in the bottom of the well.

Dr. W.H. Lake will leave Sunday for Chicago, where he will attend for one week the graduation clinics at the Northwestern University Medical school.

At the annual meeting of the Lakeside Elgin Butter Co. the following officers were elected: President, Franklin Dwelle. Vice President, Frank H. Shelly. Sec & Treas, J. Martin Rohrer. The following report was read: Milk received, 4,083,011. Butter fat,

210,085.43 lbs. Butter made, 223,542 lbs. Cream sold, 17,284 gallons. Expenses, \$7,889.32. Paid to patrons, \$147,119.43. Gain over previous year, \$9,459.24.

Conditions are evidently improving in railroad circles. Mr. George Starr placed a large order for springs and mattresses with Mr. E.J. Foster to be used at the Seed Farm and needed them at once. Mr. Foster got busy and on Wednesday was able to deliver the order much to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

The **Grass Lake Alumni Association** will hold a reunion this year in the parlors of the Congregational Church on June 18. (Linda Note: The current board of the Grass Lake Alumni Association will soon begin making plans for the "reunion" to be held in 1922. Due to Covid, the dinner meeting was not held in 1920. If you would like to offer ideas and/or assistance, please contact one of the board members: Linda Lockwood Hutchinson, President; Cindy Clark Payne, Vice President; Sandy Wolfinger Bromley, Secretary; Anna Loveland, Treasurer.)

Miss Esther Willis entertained a few Albion friends at a weekend party at her pleasant home north of town.

Mr. Earl Durbin has received a citation from the French Government for his part in the great battle of the Belleau Woods. This is the battle in which he was so severely wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Moyer have purchased the Miles Building on the corner of Main and Lake streets, and will open a first-class restaurant. This is something that Grass Lake needs very much and Mr. and Mrs. Moyer will have the earnest support of the public in their effort to furnish Grass Lake with a good and up-to-date place where first-class meals at reasonable prices may be obtained.

AD: Rouge Rex Work Shoes. Built for comfort and service, made of best selected leather, will not get hard and stiff after getting them wet. Absolutely guaranteed for six months. There is two styles \$4.00 and \$5.90. Foster-Babcock Co.

Waterloo—John Moeckel, wife and daughter and Victor Moeckel, wife and daughter, Reuben Moeckel, wife and children, and Mrs. Cobb of Stockbridge spent Sunday in Scio. Bessie Prentice closed a very successful year of school in the McIntee district Friday with a picnic dinner on the school lawn. The Ladies Aide Society at Mrs. John Wahl's took in \$10 for supper, there being a very good turn out for the busy time.

North Leoni—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lutz and son Erwin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Plumb. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riethmiller and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riethmiller of Waterloo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sawdey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sawdey.

Obituary – Fredericka Elizabeth Wilde Mellencamp

Fredericka Elizabeth Wilde was born in Hanover, Germany, April 15, 1836. She was united in marriage to Herman H. Mellencamp in Germany in 1864, coming soon after to the United States where they located for a short time in Freedom, Washtenaw County. Later they bought a farm in Grass Lake township where they resided until eleven years ago when they took up residence in Grass Lake.

She became a member of the Evangelical church at an early age. A few years ago her membership was transferred to the Methodist Episcopal church of Grass Lake where she remained a faithful member until called to her eternal home June 3, 1920.

One year ago, June 14, 1919, the husband passed away. There are now left to mourn her loss seven sons with their families, Henry B., Floyd G., Grass Lake, Herman H. of

Napoleon, Frank J. of Milwaukee, Wis., Edward of Ypsilanti, Fred A. and Jesse E. of Warsaw, Ind.

News Tersely Told

Bangor—The 19-month old son of Arthur Haney is dead after drinking kerosene, which he had mistaken for water.

Holly—Three persons were overcome by acetic acid fumes while cleaning a vat at a pickle factory and were saved by other workmen.

Adrian—French Poppy seeds brought from the plains of Juvigny, where many American soldiers fell during the World War, were planted in the Ridgeway cemetery.

Albion—The Federation of Women's Clubs is paying school children five cents a dozen for flies.

Petoskey—George Fineout, 90, war veteran, who was with Gen. Sherman during his march to the sea, is dead at his home.

Canton—Raymond Loey was wearing a stickpin in his tie. A companion pushed him, causing the pin to pierce his chest. The pin affected a nerve center, and Loey found it impossible to walk. He was taken home and is recovering the use of his legs.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Gov. Allen of Kansas, debated the modern industrial questions: Is the right to strike inalienable? Is a law preventing strikes that affect the production or distribution of necessities of life an infringement upon liberty of the workers? Are the interests of the public paramount? Can society act to protect itself?

A \$100,000 swindle in which Chicago saloon men were the victims came to light with the arrest and conviction of Balen and Mayes. Thousands of gallons of prune juice and water were sold for whiskey to unsuspecting saloon men at \$80 a gallon.

Despite many hours of hot debate, the ban on dancing, theatrical entertainments and similar amusements imposed by the Methodist church remained in effect at the close of the church general conference in Iowa.

Charlevoix—The county has 21 vacancies in rural schools and no applications from teachers have as yet been made.

Port Austin—When W.H. Benedict passed the 84th milestone in life, he put his foot over his head in the presence of friends just to show them he is still young.

Frankenmuth—Seven alleged night riders, believed to be alien Reds, were escorted out of town by a volunteer posse composed of sugar beet growers, business men and school boys.

Jackson—When former superintendent of the prison brick plant took ill with pernicious anaemia, doctors advised treatment at the hospital. When inmate 9384 heard of the former official's condition, he pleaded to be given a chance to save the officer's life. At the hospital a test showed that his blood was perfectly suited for the operation. The transfusion was performed and proved successful. Lorenson is will on his way to recovery.

Jackson—Never since the war have so many freight cars, both loaded and empty, passed through the local yards in a given period as in a recent two days. Forty-two cars of coal comprised one train.

Ann Arbor—Reports from Lexington, Ky., that hundreds of angle worms from two to five inches long fell from the clouds during a rain storm there, were declared to be

inaccurate by Professor Okkelbeerg. The worms probably crawled up through the ground, drawn by the lure of the rain. Cases have been known in which cyclones or tornadoes have created such a suction in the air that worms and fish have been picked up from lakes.

Terrible Auto Accident at Grass Lake June 17, 1920

Marian McClellahan, 16 years old from Detroit, was fatally injured and five others were seriously injured when a Ford touring car in which they were riding crashed into a west-bound D. J. & C. interurban car at the Church Street crossing in Grass Lake, shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The injured were William Scripps, shock and minor cuts; Maxine Burdette, Detroit, fractured skull; Howard Kennedy, Detroit, broken elbow and nose; Thelma Smith, Detroit, fractured shoulder; Mitchell Benson, Detroit, cuts and bruises.

The young people were attending a week-end house party at the George Starr farm east of Grass Lake. They were friends of Mr. Starr's children, and became acquainted while attending Detroit Central high school.

First aid was rendered by Dr. Lake and Dr. McColgan and they were placed on mattresses and put on an Interurban freight car and hurried to the Jackson hospital. Miss McClellahan died before the car reached Leoni. The others were rushed to the Foote Memorial hospital where everything was done to save their lives.

Two of the injured have returned to their homes.

50th Annual Commencement, June 16, 1920

Nineteen Graduates this Year from this Historic School

Grass Lake is celebrating this week the fiftieth anniversary of her now historic public schools. Many people who have reached important places in life have graduated from her high school. The class of nineteen this year is one of the largest and one of the best. The members are:

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| Ralph M. Cain | Virginia I. Whipple |
| Revella A. Barnes | Charles C. Gauss |
| Hazel V. Barnes | Margaret M. Esch |
| Rolland A. Burtch | Darle D. Lantis |
| Anna K. Walker | Edna A. Dorr |
| Helen E. McCoy | Eva F. Dorr |
| S. Josephine Watkins | Martin E. Cook |
| Horace S. McColgan | George D. Brown |
| Francis Butterfield | Eulalie M. DeVerna |
| Dorothy A. Curtis | |

The following programs and Alumni banquet, with parties and picnic marks the week a one of the most enjoyable in the history of the school.

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| March—Taken fro "Aida" | Miss Ethel Cowden |
| Invocation | Rev. Dudgeon |
| Angelus | H. Smart |
| Beautiful Moonlight | S. Glover |
| Girls Chorus | |

Address—"The Power We Have in the Decision of Character"—Rev. Griffith

Vocal Solo—"A Day in June"—Chas. Gilbert Spross

Presentation of Diplomas
Benediction

Supt. A.W. Glas
Rev. Cutler