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**GRASS LAKE NEWS**

**Funeral Services Held for Harry Worden** -- August 5, 1920

“One of the Largest Funerals in the History of the County”

On Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic Order, Under-Sheriff Harry Worden was buried from the Methodist-Episcopal Church in Grass Lake. It was more largely attended than any other funeral ever held here.

Not only did relatives and friends desire to honor this brave man but many came from afar. Among those from Jackson were Judge Parkinson of the Circuit Court and many Court House Officials, Chief Hudson and members of the Police force, Sheriff Larrabee and members of the Sheriff’s force and many citizens from Jackson.

The services at the church were conducted by Rev. H.A. Beatty and Rev. W.J. Dudgeon. The burial was at Oakwood cemetery, in charge of Excelsior Masonic Lodge of Grass Lake. Jackson Lodge No. 17 and Michigan Lodge No. 50 and Brooklyn Lodge assisted in the beautiful service.

Harry Worden was born in Edmonds County, South Dakota. He came to Grass Lake about 25 years ago and was engaged in the bakery and ice cream parlor business. Six years ago he was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Wesley Davis and two years ago was made Under Sheriff by Sheriff Larrabee. He was a faithful, brave and efficient officer and met his death in the discharge of his duty as faithfully performed as that of any honored solider on bloody battle fields.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, Mrs. Bertha Rohrer Worden and three small children. A mother, Mrs. Ada Payne of Michigan Center and a father, Charles Worden now residing in Wayne, one sister, Mrs. Bruce Burtch and two brothers, Albert of Michigan Center and Fred of Marshall.

He died in the full bloom of manhood being only 35 and his death cast a gloom over the entire community.

**Who Fired the Fatal Shot?**  -- With six bandits in jail and most of the loot recovered, the great question is “Who fired the fatal shot?” Three of the bandits, Ed Harris,

Walter Wilson and Doc Stowe are found to have long criminal records and are wanted in many parts of the country. It is still believed that Dave Rosenberg fired the fatal shot as he was the first one thru the door after Worden was shot. Two of the convicts, Ed Harris and Walter Wilson, have made confessions of their part in the robbery but failed to reveal who fired the fatal shot.

The suspicion that they were not amateurs is found to be true as they are among the most notorious bank robbers in this country. They made at least one fatal mistake—they used heavy fish line to tie the men in the bank and the fish line gave the clue which directed the officers to Mack Island where these men had been stopping for two weeks as high toned resorters.

It is probable that a murder charge will be placed against at least four of the bandits—Rosenberg, Doc Stowe, Wilson and Harris.

The bandits at the jail are guarded by State Police and the condition of Wilson, who was shot seven times, and who is under guard at the Foote hospital, remains unchanged.

**News of World & State** -- August 3, 1920

Washington—Secretary Baker issued instructions prohibiting any person in the military service from taking part in political campaigns or using his official position to influence the result of the election.

Three all metal monoplanes carrying the first transcontinental aerial mail left the flying field at Central Park, Long Island, N.Y. for San Francisco.

Two oil gushers were “brought in” at Los Angeles by an earthquake shock which jarred the city shortly before noon. The oil suddenly burst through the pavement and shot high into the air.

Gene Geary, notorious Chicago gunman, was found guilty of murder and his punishment was fixed at death. He makes the sixteenth man now in the county jail awaiting the march to the gallows.

Grand Haven—Eastman Kodak Co. purchased of N.E. Brown, inventor, an automatic kite camera device. The company manufactured the product during the war. It was used on airplanes making it possible for an aviator to photograph desired objects without carrying a photographer.

Detroit—Providing his wife with alcohol with which to bathe her feet proved expensive for William Stanton, who pleaded guilty in federal court to smuggling two gallons of the liquor from Canada. He was fined $500 by Judge Tuttle. He said the alcohol cost him $100. Stanton said his wife needed it for use on her sore feet. Judge Tuttle thought some other liquid could have been found.

Bloomingdale—A letter from the president of France expressing his thanks for the services rendered by her son, Private Warren Gaines, who was killed October 12, 1918, in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, has been received by Mrs. May Taylor. The letter accompanied a citation from the war department praising Private Gaines for gallantry in action.

**Local & Personal** -- August 1920

Weld and Evelyn Wolfinger are assisting their father at the Co-operative elevator plant.

Mr. Bruce Burtch left Monday for Lewiston, Mich., where he expects to escape the hay fever.

Mrs. Martin Noon, an old resident of South Leoni, was laid to rest Wednesday morning.

There are enough unguarded grade crossings and dangerous curves on Jackson county roads to make this an ideal city for undertakers.

The barn on the Vischer farm near Grass Lake was struck by lightning and burned to the ground one day last week. Mr. Vischer had sold the place in the morning and the barn burned in the late afternoon of the same day.

The Grass Lake Tug of War team won the cup for the second time at Vandercook Lake, County Picnic on Aug. 12. The Concord team was a good one and gave our boys the best fight they ever had but they didn’t have the staying qualities as Grass Lake always has. We must win next year to hold the cup. Cup on exhibition at Snyder & Fuller’s.

Vernon Wolfe was seriously injured and his auto demolished Tuesday night at about 10:30 when he ran into fast rain No. 14, eastbound on the Lake street crossing. The auto struck the tender of the engine and was thrown about 100 feet and to one side of the track. The train stopped. Dr. Lake was called and the young man was taken by train to the University hospital at Ann Arbor. He was conscious when picked up, and although considerably bruised on the back of his head and back, he is expected to recover.

Miss Nina Zick is enjoying a two weeks vacation from her duties at the People’s National Bank.

Miss Vera Haven has accepted the position of Principal of our public high school for the coming year.

Esther Willis, Doris Foster, Helen McCall, Evelyn Wolfinger, Flora Schoepper, Mable Walker and Elma Jacobs formed a pleasant camping party at Little Pleasant Lake last week.

The 16th Michigan Regiment will hold a reunion in Grass Lake the 9th of September. The business meeting will be held in the Town Hall and the banquet will be given by the Ladies of the W.R.C.

Mrs. F.J. Beaman of Jackson, Vice chairman of the Jackson County Republican committee and of the State Central committee, was in Grass Lake Monday. Mrs. Beaman appointed Mrs. Jennie Close as Vice chairman for Grass Lake township and she hopes that the women will give her their earnest cooperation.

The Lenawee county sheriff, several deputies and a squad of state police went to Devil’s Lake Sunday to investigate the chain of hold-ups of the past week. While they were in the hotel investigating, bandits held up a man out in front and knocked down the popcorn boy and took his change. The officers were not molested.

The Grass Lake Improvement Club met last night to arrange for a basket picnic at Aiken’s Landing, Aug. 26. A band, games and sports of all kinds are being arranged for the day.

Harold Bedient son of Kate Copper Bedient of Albion, and his son spent the week end at the home of his uncle, S.E. Cooper. Mr. Bedient has accepted the position of Professor of Organics and Sanitary Chemistry in Fukien Christian University, Fu Chow, China. Mr. and Mrs. Bedient and son will sail from San Francisco on S.S. Venezuela for Shanghai, China, thence to Pekin where they will study the language for a year before going to Foo Chow.

About 4 o’clock Sunday morning the large horse barn at the Starr Seed Farm was discovered to be a ball of fire. Nothing could be done except to try and save the other buildings. The wind was favorable and only one other small barn burned. Twenty two head of the best horses on this great farm perished in the flames. The loss is about $20,000.

Lorena Siegfried, the nine year old girl who wandered from home and was lost in a marsh northwest of Grass Lake last Friday was found Saturday wandering along a ditch in the marsh by W.T. Greenwood, president of the Village, who organized a posse of men to search for her. From all reports it seems to us that the conditions which surround this child should be investigated.

Bernard Jones, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jones, was accidentally shot by Bert Dowling this morning, who was shooting at a cat which was catching his young rabbits. It was entirely accidental and it is believed the child will recover.

Come to Washburn’s Labor Day. Lieut. John L. Burns will give an air plane exhibition and carry passengers. Ball games and races. Dance in afternoon and evening. Picnic dinner in Grove.

At the Hayes Wheel picnic held at Vandercook Lake last Saturday, C.D. Burlingame was the winner in the Fat Men Race and Frank London drew a prize consisting of four sacks of flour for bringing the largest family, he having eight children present.

Dr. Olthouse reports that Phillip Gruner’s horse has recovered from Lockjaw and is now working.

Dr. W.H. Lake and family have moved to 109 South Elm Ave., Jackson. The Dr. however has arranged to keep office hours at his office in Grass Lake between 1:30 and 5 o’clock p.m. each day except Sunday. On Wednesday the Doctor will remain at his Grass Lake office until 9 o’clock.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. James Richards on Aug. 25 when their daughter, Gladys, was united in marriage with Mr. Irving Klumpp. Rev. Bau of Ann Arbor officiating while Miss Linda Kalmbach presided at the piano. A sister of the bride, Miss Irene Richards and a brother of the groom, Mr. Raymond Klumpp, were the attendants. The bride’s dress was of blue crepe de chine and she carried an arm bouquet of pink rose buds. Miss Irene Richards wore yellow organdie. The house was prettily decorated with flowers and ferns. A three course dinner was served to 90 guests, relative being present from Chelsea, Grass Lake Manchester and Ann Arbor. Mr. and Mrs. Klumpp left for a motor trip in the east. They will visit Niagara Falls while gone.

**Happenings Around Michigan** -- September 2020

Charlotte—Mrs. Myrta Ames broke her nose while cranking her automobile.

Big Rapids—Almon Whaley, 2 years old, drowned in a watering trough. The body was found 30 minutes later.

Ironwood—Pulling of a robe out of an automobile accidentally discharged a 12-guage shotgun, killing Milo Keresich, 32, as he returned from a hunting trip.

Marne—Because business has slumped so in this village, formerly known as Berlin, the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway has abandoned the station there.

Charlevoix—Foxes have destroyed whole flocks of chickens and turkeys near here and residents claim that they are unable to let their fowls out of their pens.

Big Rapids—L.E. Hadden, a local druggist, was held captive 20 minutes when his electric cash register caught and crushed his middle finger. Andrew Oranger pried him loose with a chisel.

Grand Rapids—Geo. A. Clark of Tampa, Fla., drowned in Grand River. He stepped into a deep hole and his heavy wading boots pulled him under.

Grand Rapids—Falling on a lighted candle, 5-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Plumb was so severely burned that she is not expected to live. The child was a mass of flames when she was reached.

Sturgis—Farmers are being interested in the mining of marl for fertilizer. Tests prove many deposits rich in lime are available. Most of the 57 lakes in the county contain rich marl beds.

Sparta—When Ivan Banter, farmer, submitted to an operation for appendicitis at Grand Rapids, hospital physicians were surprised to find a .22 caliber rifle bullet lodged in the appendix. Banter believes he swallowed the cartridge when a child.

Constantine—Seventy dollars worth of clam shells were taken by Sam Davis and his wife from beds in the St. Joseph River in a single day last week. From one of the shells an unusually beautiful and brilliant pearl, said to be worth $80, was taken.

Portland—Roy Paine, a balloonist, lost his life when he landed in the Grand River. Paine was 30 years old and had made ascensions all summer at Pine Lake near Lansing. Failure to unsnap his life belt is believed to have caused his drowning as Paine was a good swimmer.

Eaton Rapids—Pollution of the waters of the Grand River, probably by the refuse of industrial plants, is believed by Game Warden Frank Millenbacher to be the cause of the destruction of fish, hundreds of which have been found floating in the river recently.

Detroit—Two patrolmen said to have accepted money from “disorderly women”, were dismissed from the force by the police trial board.

Port Huron—Ralph Montress, 12, stopped a team of runaway horses here by pursuing them in an automobile and jumping and seizing the bridle of one of them.

Soo—After an hour and a quarter’s struggle, Gordon McMaster, 14, landed a 25-pound muskellunge in Saint Mary’s river with a common line and trolling hook.

Soo—With the finding of wreckage of the steamer Superior City in White Fish Bay, friends and relatives of the 29 persons drowned hope the bodies will be recovered.

**Notten Family Reunion** -- September 1920

The 9th annual Notten reunion was held at the pleasant from home of Elert Musbach at Munith. There was a large attendance, 195 being present. At 2 o’clock the guests sat down to the table loaded with all the good things that the women could prepare. After dinner they all enjoyed the program and the orchestra that was composed of friends and relatives, and a good talk from the Munith pastor. Election of officers for next year: President, John Miller. Sec & Treas, Ora Miller. Program Chair, Edna Loveland. Table Com., Carrie Fahrner. Music Com., Elert Notten. Collection was $38. Mr. and Mrs. John Miller offered their home for next year. We also had with us John Wm. Notten and wife from Los Angeles.

**Child Welfare Day at the Fair**

All mothers and babies are urged to attend Child Welfare Day at the Woman’s Congress Tent on Tuesday. Between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. there will be 10 minute talks by specialists with time for questions. Dr. Winters will talk on “The Eye”. Dr. Blackmar “Care of the Teeth”. Dr. John Smith “Nose and Throat”. Dr. Enaers “Diet” and Dr. Dengler “Diseased of Children”. Babies will be weighed and measured during the day and prizes will be given for the most perfect up to 1-year old as to weight and measure. Nurses will be in attendance and there will be much helpful literature for free distribution. Mother, this is your opportunity. Jackson County Fair, September 13-18.

**Local News** -- September 1920

The Ladies Aide Society of the German Methodist Episcopal church held their regular meeting at the hoe of Mrs. Herbert Rank, the event being also a shower honoring Mrs. Chas Bidwell, formerly Miss Myrtle Young. Mr. and Mrs. Bidwell were married in Jackson in August.

What promises to be the game of the season will be played at the Athletic Field at Grass Lake on September 11th, between Dexter and Grass Lake. The Dexter team is the best that Dexter has had for some time and one of the best that Washtenaw county affords having defeated the first Chelsea aggregation in the last three games played this season. Grass Lake defeated Chelsea in a fast 12 inning game at Washburn’s Grove two weeks ago and also defeated Dexter and Napoleon by good scores. Dexter has notified Grass Lake team that they are coming here Saturday with the best team they can muster and are prepared to go home with the bacon. The Grass Lake team has considerable Missouri blood in their veins.

Mr. Vern Seager went to hospital for an operation on his throat and to have his teeth extracted, which he hopes will improve his health.

Gus A. Thorpe, who has been spending the summer with his college classmate Willard Cutler, has returned to the M.A.C. to go into training for college football team.

About seven miles of track with engine and gravel cars for the Jackson Co. Road Commission have arrived and the track is being laid to the Mellencamp gravel pit south of Grass Lake.

D.A. Rowe is painting the new buildings on the Henry Schenk farm four miles east of town.

The Haselschwerdt Garage is nearing completion. It is a fine building and will be one of the largest garages in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolfe and Miss Emma Cady were guests Sunday of Mrs. Clyde Lockwood and helped her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. G.W. Foster made a business trip to Detroit and while there attended the ball game at Navin Park and saw Babe Ruth knock the ball outside the ball park and walk the bases to the hoe plate while the great crowd went wild. This was Ruth’s 50th homerun this season.

**Obituary -- Mary Eliza Updike Crafts**

Mary Eliza Updike was born in Ulysses, N.Y., January 4th, 1835. She came to Michigan when about 12 years of age and attended the famous Leoni College and taught in the schools around Jackson county.

On March 24th, 1853, she was married to Milo K. Crafts and to this union were born two sons, A.P. and W.K. Crafts.

She last lived in the vicinity of Grass Lake all her life except a few years spent with her son A.P. in Cleveland. After his death she made her home with W.K. in Grass Lake.

Her husband preceded her in death August 2nd, 1886, at the age of 62.

Mrs. Crafts fell and broke her hip on the 19th of March which caused her great suffering. Her passing marks a long and useful life and she was among the most honored and respected women in the community.

Her funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday at 2 p.m. by Rev. W.A. Cutler and the interment was in the Maple Grove cemetery.

**Wins County Championship** -- September 23, 1920

The Grass Lake Ball Team played a great game at the Fair grounds Friday for the county championship. The series of games for the week narrowed the contest down to Michigan Center and Grass Lake, and the game was stubbornly fought to the finish.

Norman Klingler, for Grass Lake, pitched a great game of ball, striking out nine batters and accepting nine fielding chances without a slip. Each member played fine ball and their splendid support of Klingler won the final victory.

The players and their positions were: Walker, center field and shortstop.

W. Klingler, first base.

Mellencamp, third base and catcher.

J. Fuller, catcher.

Schoerning, center field.

Laarzelere, shortstop and third base.

Martin, left field.

N. Klingler, pitcher.

Reece, right field.

Bohne, right field.

Wolfe, second base.

**Local News --** September 1920

A serious fire broke out Wednesday eve at 9 p.m. in the horse barn on the Chas. Eschelbach farm which burned the barn, 20 tons of hay and one horse.

Mr. W.H. Smalley won 3rd money at the Jackson Co. Fair with his mare Bernice Barongale. This was considered pretty good since she has farmed all summer.

It ought to soon be understood that you cannot steal anything in Grass Lake and get away with it. Wednesday five men drove up to the Grass Lake Garage with a Hudson Six which had a hot engine. While Mr. Will Maurer was putting on a new fan belt they helped themselves to one of his expensive Firestone Cord tires. They seemed to be from Ohio and were on their way to Toledo. Mr. Maurer missed the tire at once. Earl McKiggan and Will Baldwin drove up in a new Hupp and offered to chase the thieves. Mr. Maurer climbed in and the merry chase began. They passed each other a number of times. Three miles beyond Manchester they stopped and tried to return the tire but Mr. Maurer with the help of Deputy Sheriff Davison of Manchester held them until officers from Jackson came for them. All had money and one of them had a thousand dollars on his person.

The Jackson Co. Fair has come and gone. It was a great Fair. Among the many enjoyable attractions were the displays by business firms. We noticed that one of the best was made by E.J. Foster of Grass Lake. He exhibited leading features of his large stock which caught the eyes of thousands of people passing through the Floral Hall and many orders were placed with him for future delivery. The Foster Co. is one of the largest and most rapidly growing firms in Eastern Jackson Co. and their business is not confined to Grass Lake and vicinity, but they are making many sales in Jackson City as well.

Lynn Green was awarded first premium at the County Fair for the extensive and excellent exhibit of antique articles. The age of the articles on display ranged from eighty to one hundred and ninety years. Among this interesting collection were a quilt that was brought from England one hundred thirty-seven years ago and presented to Mr. Green’s great-grandmother as a wedding gift, a family record bearing date of 1737 of the family of his great uncle and a copy of the Ulster Co., N.Y. Gazette, dated January 4, 1800. This was the first issue of the paper following the death of George Washington, and on its pages is recorded at great length the death, funeral services and burial of the “Father of his Country”.

Miss Louise Merriman is assisting Miss Alice Longyear at the Adrian Institution for girls.

Mr. Will Shelly has traded his acreage joining the Athletic Park to Mr. John Haselschwert for a house on Union street.

Mrs. Minerva Dowling was operated on at the Harper hospital in Detroit, Saturday, for gall bladder trouble and she is very seriously sick.

Mr. Franklyn Dwelle was a guest Sunday of his daughter, Mrs. C. Coe of Ann Arbor.

Mr. J.M. Rohrer is reminded this week that he has been with the Lakeside Elgin Butter Co. 24 years.

The testimony as brought out in the trial of Wilson the murderer and bank robber convicted last week, revealed that we have a real heroic man in Grass Lake. We refer to our deputy sheriff, John Smith. He not only arrested Gilenski, who is believed to have shot Worden and is being tried this week for the crime, but he was the only man, except a reporter, to respond to sheriff Larabee’s call for volunteers to enter the swamp to hunt in the brush for the escaped bandits.

Twenty seven members of the Ladies Reading Circle spent a pleasant social evening at the home of Mrs. George Preston, Monday evening, it being Mrs. Preston’s birthday. The ladies responded to roll call with appropriate birthday quotations. Mrs. Silkworth, Miss Rose and Mrs. Hobart read original poems, written for the occasion. Several of Edward Guest’s poems were read. Mrs. E.W. Crafts gave an interesting talk on her recent trip to Wyoming and Mrs. Preston, a short account of her early history when Michigan was a “howling wilderness”. Ice cream and cookies were served. The Circle will meet next Monday evening with Mrs. E. Detlor.

**World and State News** -- October 1920

Sporting—Although the Brooklyn Dodgers did not play Monday they clinched the 1920 pennant in the National league. The flag was made a certainty when the New York Giants dropped a game to Boston.

Senator Warren G. Harding narrowly escaped injury when his special train was almost wrecked near Millwood, W. Va. One wheel of a truck left the track. No one was injured.

Nearly 500 soldiers returned from duty in the Rhineland aboard the army transport Antigone, which arrived at New York. Seven hundred bodies of American service men who died in France also were brought back on the ship.

After Eddie Cicotte, star hurler of the White Sox, had confessed to grand jury at Chicago that he had accepted a bribe of $10,000 as his share of a gamblers’ fund, the jury indicted eight White Sox players for ‘throwing” the 1919 World Series to Cincinnati. Joe Jackson, another White Sox star, confessed that he had received $5,000 and that he was in on the conspiracy to throw the games.

According to a Tokyo newspaper, Marquis Shigeneba Okuma, former premier, has decided to devote himself to awakening the Japanese people against “the unlawful attitude of California Americans.”

A Constaninople dispatch says that Armenians at Bayazid in the village of Erzerum are reported to have been massacred by Tartar bands from Mount Ararat.

Petoskey—Albert Beham, Horton’s Bay farmer, is in hospital with health and mind completely broken from the effects of inhaling grasshopper poison.

Armada—Harry Blue of this place saved himself from drowning in a well into which he fell by holding his head above water, although his shoulder was broken, for three hours.

Constantine—The arrest and return to their homes of Richard Raudman, 15, and Mildred Preston, 16, blasted a romance that began when the two entered the freshman class in Constantine high school this fall. They were taken into custody on a farm near Moore Park, where they had hired out to remain until they were old enough to get married. Both are members of prominent families, but parental objection to their friendship led them to elope.