

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Local, Personal and General News Furnished in Condensed Paragraphs for the Convenience of the Busy Reader

Annual school meeting next Monday. Fire insurance, H. E. Hanson. adv. James Gates of Bay City visited friends in the city a few days the past week. Martin Musolf left Monday morning for Flint, where he will be employed this summer. The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Graham Friday afternoon, July 11. Lucy Saunders of Bay City is the guest of her little friend, Dorothy Downer, this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Allen of Bay City were guests of relatives here a few days the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Nichols of Detroit have been guests of friends in the city the past week. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fitzhugh of Philadelphia are guests at the W. H. Fitzhugh home this week. R. G. Harting came from Pontiac and spent a few days the past week with his family in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dommer of Clarkston are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Emil Buch. Mrs. M. Kaltz, her two sons and one daughter, from Windsor, Ont. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kane. John Rapp died at his home in this city Wednesday afternoon after an illness of several years. Obituary next week. Jos. St. Aubin, who has recently returned from service with the 339th in Russia, is visiting Tawas City friends this week. F. E. Hayes left Monday morning for Watonga, S. Dak., where he will spend the summer with his son, Clifford, and family. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sands and little daughter, of Detroit, have been guests the past week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sands. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grueber and family left Monday evening for Frankenmuth, where they will visit relatives for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Eva Entsminger of Akron, Ohio, arrived last Friday night for a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Helen Bing, and other relatives here. Mrs. M. E. Friedman, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Harry Schlanger of Standish, went to Mt. Clemens Monday for treatment at the baths in that city. Leo Brabant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brabant, arrived home last Thursday after 17 months service with the A. E. F. in France. He served in the air service. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Schermerhorn returned Monday to their home at Pontiac, after a weeks visit with relatives here. They were accompanied as far as Saginaw by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCrum are entertaining this week his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McCrum, and his sisters and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Paul, Miss Mattie McCrum and C. E. McCrum, all of Huntington, Ind. C. E. McCrum has just returned from service with the A. E. F. in France. While the postage rate on letters and post cards dropped on July 1 the rate to newspapers and magazines outside of county circulation has raised considerably. This is the second increase within the last year. The increase will continue on a sliding scale so that in 1921 publishers will be paying an 800 per cent increase in postage in certain zones. Private Andrew P. Karziski arrived home this week from the U. S. Marine barracks, Brooklyn, N. Y., having received his honorable and medical discharge. Andrew was wounded July 18, 1918 by a machine gun bullet in the right leg just below the hip, causing a compound fracture of the bone. He states that he is going to stay on the farm with his father for a time, having seen enough of the world during the past year and a half. Little attention appears to be paid in some parts of the county to the law regarding noxious weeds. The writer saw one field about four miles from Tawas City during the past week where Canada thistles were so thick that they appeared to be the crop which had been sown. Such neglect is a dereliction of duty on the part of the owner or tenant and also on the part of the highway commissioner, whose duty it is to see that the law is enforced.

Tawas City Suffers Disastrous Conflagration

Seven Business Places Completely Destroyed, Together With Large Amount of Merchandise and a Number of Valuable Outbuildings

DAMAGE WILL REACH APPROXIMATELY \$100,000

At about 9:30 Wednesday morning the siren on the city hall pealed out the alarm of "Fire." The alarm was caused by fire which started among some rubbish in the basement of M. E. Friedman's store, and which before it was conquered had done damage estimated at nearly \$100,000.00. The volunteer fire department was shortly on the ground and did valiant work, but despite their efforts the building was soon a mass of flames with no possible hope of saving it. A southeast wind fanned the flames and carried fire to L. L. Johnson's building, which rapidly burned, and the fire then successively attacked the stores of E. H. Buch, John Corri- gan, Stephen Ferguson, Eugene Bing and Benj. Sawyer, all of which except the latter were burned to the ground. The livery barn belonging to Mr. Sawyer and the big barn in the rear of the Iosco hotel, belonging to Chas. Curry, were also completely destroyed, as was the barn used as a warehouse by Mr. Bing and the one in the rear of Buch's store. When the Friedman building was well under way the East Tawas fire department was called upon for assistance and a D. & M. engine was also called into service for pumping and these rendered excellent service, but the combination of wind and fire was too strong, and it was only by almost superhuman efforts that the conflagration was checked at the Sawyer building and the Iosco hotel saved. Had the wind not veered to the east just at this time it would have been well nigh impossible to save the hotel, the Kelly building, the Whittemore home and perhaps other buildings. Very little was saved from the Friedman store or home, as the fire gained headway so fast that when the doors were opened to carry out the stock the store was so filled with smoke that it was almost impossible to enter the building. From the Johnson building most of the stock and some of the household furniture was rescued, though all the furniture in the upper story was lost. The greater portion of the stocks in the Buch, Corri-gan, Ferguson and Bing stores was saved, but as is inevitable in such cases was in a sorry condition. The Sawyer furniture was mostly saved, but Mr. Sawyer lost a great deal of building material and store furniture which was stored in his barn. The Iosco hotel was entirely stripped of its furniture and everything movable, but a great deal of damage was done both to the building and furniture by carelessness and undue haste. Mrs. Kelly's furniture was taken out, as was also the fixtures of Frank Dease's barber shop and the furniture of the Masonic lodge in the same building. The direction and force of the wind probably saved the buildings on the east side of the street, though some of them caught fire from the intense heat. The majority of the windows in these buildings were also broken by the heat. Manager Berube of the Tawas City theatre removed nearly all his furniture and fixtures to safety on the beach. Sparks and firebrands from the burning buildings were carried by the wind far across the river and numerous residences and other buildings caught on fire from this source, but were quickly extinguished. Among the buildings thus set on fire were the M. E. church and parsonage, the residences of Martin Schlechte, Stephen Klish, P. O. Colby, Leo Hosbach, Stephen Ferguson and John Kulazeski, the latter being about three blocks from the main fire. The following are the heavy losers with the estimated loss and insurance carried: M. E. Friedman, loss \$60,000, insurance about \$15,000. L. L. Johnson, loss \$2,500, no insurance. E. H. Buch, loss \$6,000, insurance \$1,000. John Corri-gan, loss \$2,000, partly insured. S. Ferguson, loss \$4,000 insurance \$1,500.

EAST TAWAS DEPARTMENT

Devoted to the General and Personal News of the Week from Our Neighboring City on the East

Joe. Sempliner went to Detroit Wednesday on business. Miss Alice Webster of AuGres spent the Fourth with Miss Lulu Griffith. Miss Harriette Schill left Sunday for Battle Creek, where she is attending school. Mrs. L. McAndrew and Miss Beth, are visiting Mrs. Herbert Gordon at Curtisville, this week. Fred Ross of Saginaw, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Robert Ross, returned home Monday. Misses Edith and Idah Davey went to Harrisville Wednesday for a few days visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. George Cadorette returned to Flint Tuesday after a visit with relatives in this city. Edward Muer returned to Detroit Sunday having visited his mother, Mrs. Wil Philips, for a few days. Mrs. Gold and little daughter, Gwendolyn, went to Muskegon Saturday for a visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Natsan Day of Flint, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Scott, returned home Tuesday. Louis Hamilton, who has been visiting his cousin, Mr. Valmore Cadorette, returned to his home in Flint Tuesday. Miss Georgia Frazer returned to Flint Sunday evening after spending Homecoming week at the parental home. Mrs. Dewey King returned to Bay City Sunday evening after a short visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. J. Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris and children autted up from Chicago and spent Home coming week with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ross. A. E. Lundy, who was called here by the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. A. Bigelow, returned to Detroit on Wednesday. Mrs. Lavina Stoores, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Valmore Cadorette, returned to Flint last Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George Bigelow and two children, Owen and Janice, went to Columbus Tuesday to attend the Centenary exposition. Mrs. P. Heythaler and son, Wilfred returned to Rogers City Saturday after spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Amil St. Martin. Mrs. Robert McMurray went to Mercy hospital Bay City for treatment on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her husband and Dr. Weed. Verne Jennings, who has been in the service in Russia, returned home Tuesday afternoon and is visiting his mother, Mrs. A. J. Brockway for a time. Mrs. Burrel Daugharty of Detroit and Miss Rachel Stonehouse of Swift Current, Canada, are guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stonehouse. Mrs. George Lewis and little daughter, Lillian of Jackson, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. Allison, the past three weeks, returned home on Wednesday. Miss Sara Owen of Cadillac a former resident of this city, visited from Thursday of last week until Thursday of this week with Miss Stella French, and other friends. Mrs. Adeline DeChamplain of Detroit, who visited her father, Mr. Noah Cadorette and sister, Mrs. P. Cater, during home coming week, returned home on Thursday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. George Cater and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cater, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDonald, returned to Detroit Monday. Miss Lucille Adams, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams, for the past ten days and greeting Home coming friends, returned to her home in New Baltimore Wednesday. Ed. Tompkins, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Robert Ross, returned to his home in Flushing Wednesday, His wife will remain with her mother for a short time longer. Vern Bower and Miss Eva Hellard, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. S. A. Westfall, returned to Lupton Saturday. Mrs. Westfall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bower, returned to Lupton Sunday. Miss Helen Applin spent Home coming week with her parents in this city. She returned to Detroit on Monday, being accompanied by her sister, Miss Irene, who will visit relatives there for a month. Miss Hazel Halterman is visiting friends in Wilber. Mis Mildred Wright went to Detroit Monday, where she has secured employment. Alfred Herstrom of Detroit is in the city visiting relatives and friends for a few weeks. Corydon Chase returned to his home in Owosso Monday after a few days visit with friends in the city. Mrs. Richard Evans and daughter, Muriel of Detroit are again occupying their home here for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gordon of Curtisville visited friends and relatives here during Home coming week. John Hamilton returned to Flint Monday after visiting his daughter, Mrs. Valmore Cadorette during Home coming week. Rev. Henry A. Sheldon occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning and preached to his former congregation. Mrs. Will Gilmore of Detroit spent Home coming week among old friends in the city. She returned home Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frazer and two daughters, Gertrude and Geraldine, left Wednesday morning for their new home in Flint. Miss Dorothy Mitchell of Harrisville returned home Tuesday after a few days visit with her friend, Miss Gladys Swales. Orlo McMurray, who has been visiting relatives here during Home coming week, returned to his home in Detroit Friday night. Mrs. Herman Butler, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Neva, left for Rochester, Minn., last Friday evening to consult the celebrated May Bros. Rev. Edwin Stephens, F. F. French and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman McAdam left on Monday for Columbus, Ohio, where they will attend the Centenary exposition. Mr. and Mrs. Max Mochty and daughter motored up from Bay City last Friday and spent Home coming week with Mrs. Mochty's sister, Mrs. M. Ingalls. Mr. and Mrs. James O. LaBerge entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesendorf of Detroit and Mrs. James Hughes and two children of Lansing during Home coming week. The fire alarm sounded about half past six Wednesday evening, a small blaze being discovered in the roof of the home of S. A. Westfall. It was extinguished without aid of the department. Mrs. William Lloyd suffered a paralytic stroke on Tuesday morning and is lying in critical condition at her home here. Her husband, who is employed at Plymouth is expected home today. Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald and son, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDonald, returned to their home in Detroit on Sunday. They were accompanied as far as Flint by his sister, Mrs. Hazel Demeris. Will Halterman and Earl Lonsbury expect to return to their employment in Detroit tomorrow. They will be accompanied by Miss Mytilda Lonsbury, who will spend an indefinite time with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Halligan. Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Johnson and little daughter, returned to Flint Monday after visiting at the home of his father, Victor Johnson, during Home coming week. Miss Edna Johnson, who accompanied them here, will remain with her father indefinitely. Rev. H. A. Sheldon, a former pastor of the Methodist church in this city, and his daughter, Miss Olive, spent Homecoming week among old friends. Mr. Sheldon returned to his home in Ann Arbor Monday, Miss Olive remaining for a longer visit with her friends, Miss Grace Richards. The Michigan Pikers made their fourth and last booster trip this week arriving in East Tawas Monday afternoon. They were entertained at dinner at the Club House at Tawas Beach at six o'clock and late in the evening returned to the city where the Ford Band of Detroit played several selections to a large and appreciative audience at the Holland corner. Former Mayor C. A. Pinkerton introduced Mr. Cox the speaker of the evening, who made a short address on the good roads problem and how it is being met. The Pikers proceeded on their way to Cheboygan on Tuesday.

