

J. LAKE CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

On Christmas day, A. D. Lake was the guest of honor at a party commemorating his ninetieth birthday. The party was given by his children at the home of his son, E. D. Lake, and was enjoyed by twenty friends and relatives, including his three children, three of his grandchildren, and four of his great-grandchildren.

Soon after noon a bountiful oyster dinner with all the accompanying trimmings and sweets was served, at which time everyone evidenced good health and an enormous appetite.

Mr. Lake was asked to officiate at the carving of the mammoth three layer birthday cake containing lighted pink candles in the form of "90". The cake was made by Mrs. J. E. Lake, and sure was of the size and quality a little boy dreams of at Christmas time.

After dinner, Mr. Lake entertained in a very pleasing manner by reciting pieces learned over seventy years ago. One particular reading was a sermon of more than ordinary worth. Of this the late James Young said to the writer a short time before his death, "I well remember Alex Lake give that sermon in the old Lake school house."

Mr. Lake has always been a great reader and has a very remarkable memory, as well as keen wit and ready humor.

Until very recently Mr. Lake has

and grandsons by jumping up and cracking his heels together three times before touching the ground. Even now he is very nimble and active, going every day a half mile after the mail, besides tending his flock of hens, and a few other regular duties.

Those present from away were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bale of Fennville, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lake, and daughter, Ruth and granddaughter, Margaret Burton, of Nashville, and Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Bale and son, Howard of Lawton.

As the guests were leaving, Mr. Lake invited all of them to help him celebrate again on Christmas day, 1931.

Besides having the distinction of being born on Christmas, Mr. Lake has a great-granddaughter, Geraldine Arnold, born on Christmas, a son, E. D. Lake, born on Inauguration day, and had a brother, Benjamin, born on New Years day.

Mr. Lake is a life member of Vermontville Lodge No. 232 F. & A. M., and until his hearing became somewhat impaired he was always on hand for an active part in the work. His two sons and two of his grandsons are also members of the order.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Barber and sons, Theresa Hickey, Vance Barber and Mrs. Henry Williams spent Christmas at the home of Charles Potts in Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alsover were guests at the home of Wm. Hunter, Xmas.

L. P. Lamb and family spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. L's. parents in Lansing.

C. A. Anderson and daughter, Nelle were in Chicago for Xmas.

Dennis Hickey and family of Battle Creek visited her parents Mr. W. J. Helm and wife, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Barber attended a Bridge party at Hastings on Friday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walsh spent a portion of the holidays with Mrs. Walsh's parents in Lansing.

Vance Barber attended the third annual reunion of the Peekskill Navy Club at Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Averill, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eitel and daughter, Leta, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Weiler spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Andrews.

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Hervey Church of Nashville run a milk wagon here.

Miss Martha Jones, later Mrs. Henry J. Martin, taught school upstairs in the old chapel and little childrer learned their A. B. C's. from a large chart.

There was a large building just north of the M. E. Church called the Jordan Block, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jordan lived upstairs, and Dr. Kedsie who was a practising physician had a drug store down stairs.

Ralph Hooker umpired most of the base ball games, played where the public park now is, and Hinman Dickinson received a broken finger playing ball.

Dode Lake wore his first trousers the day the first train came into Vermontville.

Mrs. Albert Hopkins gave music lessons to all the young musicians here.

Emma Bodine "jumped the rope" over three hundred times at school without stopping.

Dr. William Parmenter rode in his high, two-wheeled "gig" to visit his patients.

Sam Williams got first prize at the Eaton County Fair for being the homliest man in the County.

Jonas Davis, (Walter's father) moved buildings.

There were two tanks built in the having water works. John Williams was marshall at the time. Water was intened to be thrown over store buildings, but on trial v hardly run out of the hose was the bird that expected to run up hill.

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