

ALEXANDER D. LAKE CELEBRATES HIS 98 BIRTHDAY

(From The Fennville Herald)

Among the many greetings and congratulations extended to Alexander D. Lake, on his 98th birthday, which came on Christmas day, was a magnificent bouquet of roses from the Grand Rapids Herald, of which Mr. Lake had been a subscriber and reader for many years.

Another remembrance was in the form of a poem, "The Bridge Builder," sent by Will Alsover, cashier of the State Bank at Vermontville, where Mr. Lake resided for many years before coming to Fennville last July to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Lydia Bale. The poem was surrounded with cutouts of Santa Claus and Christmas emblems in colors.

The verses entitled "The Bridge Builder," and dedicated to Mr. Lake on his 98th birthday, are as follows:

An old man traveling a lone high way
Came at the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream held no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near.

"You are wasting your time with building here,

You never again will pass this way,
Your journey will end with the closing day;

You have crossed this chasm, deep and wide,

Why build this bridge at eventide,

The builder lifted his old gray head
"Good friend, in the way I've come"
he said,

"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way;

This stream that has been as naught to me

To the fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;

Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

MRS. GLENN RANDALL

Cora E. Baker, daughter of Elizabeth and Joshua Baker, was born July 27, 1888, in Dark Co., Ohio. When about six years old she came with her parents to Michigan, and the most of her life has been spent in and near Vermontville.

She was united in marriage to Glenn Randall April 17, 1907, and this union has been a very happy one. When about eight years ago her sister Bessie died very suddenly, leaving a baby girl Dellabelle, five months old, they took her into their home and have cared for her as tenderly as if she had been their own child.

She was sympathetic and generous, a great lover of flowers and of her home. Her cheery disposition endeared her to a large circle of relatives and friends. She was a member of the Gleaners and Rebekah lodges.

She departed this life very suddenly March 15, 1930, aged 41 years, 5 months and 18 days. Her mother, two sisters and a brother preceeded her in death. Besides her husband and Dellabelle, there are left to cherish her memory, a father, three sisters, four brothers, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon conducted by Rev. Clark Phillips at the Mapes & Ward funeral home, and burial in Wood-

lawn, near Pulaski, Jackson Co., Michigan.

Charlotte, Dec. 30.—Funeral services for Frank A. Ellis, 82, dean of the newspaper fraternity of Eaton county, have been set for 2 p. m. Tuesday at the A. C. Cheney funeral home in Charlotte.

Mr. Ellis, who was the publisher and editor of the former Charlotte Leader many years, died Saturday at his residence here following a stroke of paralysis suffered a few weeks ago.

Mr. Ellis was born in July, 1847. His wife died a number of years ago. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Ora Hoag of Manchester, Iowa, who came to Charlotte when her father was taken ill and has had the care of him until his death, and Don B. Ellis, who conducts a job printing plant; also three brothers, George W. Ellis of Charlotte, Will Ellis who resides near Conover, Wis., and Julius B. Ellis of near Charlotte.