

Mark Mahar and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. Mahar.

Mrs. Wm. Parmenter is home from an extended visit in Petoskey with her son, Dr. Parmenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Culp and two children of Charlotte spent Sunday at the home of Ed. Sibbrell.

Mrs. Roberts is here for a couple weeks visit with her husband the Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Sarah Norton went to Portland for a visit with Frank Remalie's family last Wednesday.

Mrs. S. G. Allen went to Flint Tuesday for a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Wade.

Mrs. C. S. Snell left for Boston Monday night to remain with her daughter for a few weeks.

Mrs. D. L. Thayer left Saturday morning for Barker, N. Y., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Arnold.

Byron Campbell and family came down from Levering last week for a few days visit. He returned home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Church, daughter Edna and aunt Mrs. Church spent several days visiting Battle Creek friends last week.

Mrs. C. E. McKenny and baby and Mrs. Justus Norris returned to their homes in Milwaukee, Wis., and Alameda, Cal., after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Alderman.

Recent papers from Iowa are full of praise for the fine work of Miss Gladys Carey, of Lansing, and well known here as the youngest daughter of Mrs. Thomas Carey, is doing with her violin. She is one of the few solo artists playing violin on the vaudeville stage and is booked ahead for the entire season. Her many friends here are pleased at her rapid rise in musical circles.

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### THE PROSPERITY SPECIAL Grand Rapids Board of Trade Visitors

#### Given Warm Reception by Local Business Men.

Friday afternoon, in anticipation of the coming of some fifty representatives of the Grand Rapids board of Trade, a goodly number of the business men and citizens gathered to give the distinguished visitors a warm welcome and let them know that Vermontville was more than pleased to have them with us, even tho it be but for a short time. The train was scheduled to arrive here at three o'clock.

Conveyances were at the station to carry the visitors up town where they unloaded in front of the opera house. The band was giving a concert in their honor and every one was in the best of spirits. Soon the entire town was filled with the chirping of crickets for the visitors had distributed several hundred aluminum crickets; and every one seemed determined to make the most of them.

The visitors were soon scattered about town calling on their customers, making new friends and renewing acquaintances. They again gathered at the opera house corner where on behalf of the village, Editor H. H. Curtis extended a welcome to the visitors and presented Hon. E. A. Stowe, president of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade and publisher of The Michigan Tradesman, who responded to the greeting and presented Messers Guy W. Rouse of the Worden Grocery Co. and R. J. Pendergast of the Lemon & Wheeler Co. and each gave pleasing talks. The toots from the engine of the special warned the visitors that they must depart and after hasty good byes were exchanged, the party left for the depot filled with the best of feelings for the citizens of Vermontville and fully impressed with the fact that they were most welcome visitors. Each and every one was loud in their expressions of praise over the reception accorded them during their stop in our town.

The first sight to greet the visitors was the big "Welcome Grand Rapids" banner that flated over Main street. This banner was a fine piece of work and was made by Cashier W. C. Alsover of the Harbor State Bank. On the front of every store was a large card bearing the greeting "Grand Rapids You Are Welcome." The Echo presented the party with souvenir post cards of Vermontville Main Street with the compliments of the publisher and just before they left rolled out a big squash which carried the inscription "Vermontville may be short" on

impkins but she's some 'long' 'n' 'nigh' which he a-so presented. I st seev of the pure food product was being lugged off by Henry Vint emunder who was bound to have it keep his trade supplied with fresh vegetables. (We would say that this squash was the smallest one raised by Mr. H. H. Brown this season who thought the Echo man looked as if he needed filling up and so brought it into the office a few days ago.)

The following taken from the Grand Rapids papers will give a good idea of how the visitors sized up Vermontville. Genial "Jack" Worthington of the Herald was "on the spot," busy giving his exhibition of trained snakes and after entertaining the youngsters, jollying the ladies and being busy generally wrote as follows; "Yesterday's mileage was the shortest of all, but the day was by no means the least successful. It was one round of pleasant receptions, in which the one at Vermontville stands out perhaps as the friendliest.

#### Agent Anderson Retires.

After a continuous service at the station for eleven years, and seventeen years in the employ of the Michigan Central, Agent C. A. Anderson made up his mind that it was about time he enjoyed a vacation so he tendered his resignation to take effect at once. The company sent the new agent, Mr. Glenn Eddy, here Tuesday and Auditor Bell came down from Detroit and checked the office up for the change.

Mr. Anderson has been a faithful man for the company and he will be