

If any one has any curiosity as to whether red pepper will explode or not when put upon a hot stove they can secure full particulars of Fred Baker in Lamb's grocery. Monday night, Mr. Baker did a little experimenting along that line and is now a good authority on that subject.

Will Moore, who has been connected with the Vermontville creamery for the past two years, has been appointed manager of the concern. Mr. Sackwith of Detroit one of the owners, was in town Saturday and announced the promotion. Mr. Moore has had considerable experience in the creamery business and his friends will wish him success in his new duties.

Mesdames C. Gehman, C. Parks and M. Wimple went to Grand Rapids Friday. Mrs. Wimple brought home with her a baby girl only three days old. She is a tiny little one weighing only 6 1/4 pounds. They have named her Carolyn Louise. Mrs. Parks, not discouraged by her recent failure, brought home a bright baby boy only ten days old. It is a fine thing for these children that they can have a good home instead of being brought up in an orphan asylum.

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Miss Grace Flathau came home Tuesday morning from Cleveland.

Miss Olive Randall of Athens is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Norton.

Miss Nettie Walsh of Lansing, is the guest of her brother, Ralph Walsh.

WITCHES' MINSTREL SHOW.

"B" of the Monday Musical Give Annual Informal.

Tuesday evening, February 16, the B division of the Monday Musical gave its annual informal to the other members of the club.

At 7.30 o'clock the doors of the musical rooms were thrown open and the guests were welcomed by a big "B," who charged them not to "peak" and very mysteriously conducted them to seats, past a varied array of curtains, all suggesting "show."

In this they were not disappointed, for soon an orchestra behind the scenes struck up and the curtains were rolled up, disclosing a large stage set with trees, in whose leafless tops blinked the owl and the wicked black cat, and from whose branches hung suspended in their own webs, huge spiders. Seated beneath these in semi-circle, around the traditional witch's kettle, were "Many ghosts and forms of fright who had started from their graves that night." Hobgoblins of every description, giants and dwarfs, toothless all, and of most hideous mein.

After the applause and laughter which greeted this scene had subsided there began a program weird, fascinating and ridiculous, consisting of minstrel songs and dances, recitations, jokes and local hits, many of the 'spooks displaying talent that

would entitle them to be headliners, the vaudeville stage.

The evening was concluded with refreshments and a social time, the guests deciding that if all ghosts were as royal entertainers as these, then "Here's to Ghosts."

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WILL LEAVE JOLIET

V. D. Hawkins, Instructor in Joliet Township High School, Will go to Cleveland.

One of the valued members of the local scientific colony will be lost with the departure for Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday night, of Prof. V. D. Hawkins, who has charge of the Physics department in the Joliet Township High school. He will become instructor of physics in the new Cleveland Technical High school.

The decision to leave Joliet was not made until yesterday, when Mr. Hawkins returned from a flying visit to Cleveland, which was made for the purpose of looking over the ground. So far no one has been placed in the vacancy created in the local institution of learning, although several candidates are being considered.

Prof. Hawkins and his family have been residents of Joliet for the past six years. Mrs. Hawkins has been prominent in the social and club life of this city, and will be missed by as wide a circle of people as Mr. Hawkins. The family are natives of Michigan and Mr. Hawkins is a graduate of the Uni-

versity of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and Olivet College, and taught physics and mathematics in the University High school of Chicago, for a year and a half before coming to Joliet.

He was also superintendent of the schools in Edwardsburg, Mich, for a short time after being graduated from Ann Arbor. Mr. Hawkins said this morning that the Cleveland school was opened last October to the first and second years with an enrollment of seven hundred and fifty pupils. His salary is larger than he is getting here and will be increased every year for six years.

Mrs. Hawkins and the children will not accompany the professor to Cleveland at once, but will make a contemplated visit to her parents who now live in Joplin, Missouri.—Joliet Republican.

Susie Darkin is much better. Lewis Kidder spent Sunday in Hastings.

Mrs. Jay Ward was in Charlotte Saturday.

Mr. Dolman of Jackson was in town yesterday.

Mark Mahar visited his parents over Monday.

Sheriff Donovan of Charlotte, was in town, Friday.

Mrs. Ned Sprague was in Grand Rapids last week.

Ned McLaughlin was in Jackson on business, Thursday.

H. W. Weber went to Marchester, Tuesday, on business.