

W. Joppie will attend the holiness convention at South Sheppardville to be held from the 10th to the 14th of this month.

Harley Smith has traded his house and lot in town and his farm for Mr. J. Tomlinson's 80 acres in Sunfield and will move to Sunfield.

The club dance last Friday night was a success, as usual, with a good crowd in attendance and the music all that could be desired.

Rev. Adam Clarke of Eaton Rapids will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning and will give a local option talk in Bismark at 2.30 in the afternoon.

Don't forget that the elegant quilt in Loveland Bros. window will be given away at the L. O. T. M. M. social at the Maccabee hall Wednesday, March 17.

The subject for the sermon at the Congregational church next Sunday morning will be: "What it means to be a member of the Congregational church." All are invited.

A union local option meeting will be held at the Congregational church next Sunday evening. Rev. Adam Clarke of Eaton Rapids will give the address. All are invited.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pember, Thursday, March 4th, a son. The father is doing nicely and has not announced yet that the youngster will be named after President Taft.

F. P. Town has been mentioned as candidate for mayor of Charlotte. Town was one of the best presi-

dents Vermontville ever had, and would certainly make good in Charlotte.

The 400 will give an oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bosworth, March 18, to their husbands as a reward for patience as they have been getting their own dinner every two weeks for the past two years.

Leroy W. Snell of Knoxville, Tenn., has accepted the fine position of assistant manager of the Myers Manufacturing Company. This firm handles office furniture and typewriters. Mr. Snell will have charge of the typewriter department.

The 400 at present are scattering sunshine, by giving the aged, birthday post card showers. Those who have been the happy recipients are; Mrs. Sarah Ward of Detroit, Mr. Ed. Wells of Battle Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Clem of this place.

At a meeting of the Young People's Association, held at the Congregational chapel last Friday evening, Carl Clarke was elected president, Mr. Parsons vice-president, Cecil Mull secretary and treasurer. This association is conducted under the approval of the Congregational church. Its purpose is to provide social and literary entertainment for the young people of the village. Meetings are held every Friday evening from seven-thirty to nine-thirty. Next Friday evening will be the inauguration of the president. All the young people are invited.

AN INTERESTING TEXAS LETTER

Special to THE ECHO From Homer G. Brown Who is Touring Lone Star State.

Dear ECHO and friends of Vermontville:—

I have been thinking seriously of writing a letter for the ECHO for some time and am at it at last. Three weeks have elapsed since our crowd of three left good old Vermontville for the southwest. Southern Texas being our destination.

We arrived in Chicago three weeks ago this morning. Staying there but an hour, we purchased round trip tickets for Brownsville, Texas. Twelve hours sufficed to carry us from Chicago to Kansas City. There we changed cars, stopping only three-quarters of an hour. We left Kansas City about ten o'clock Tuesday evening and five in the morning found us at Newton, Kansas. We then came south through Guthrie, the capital city of Oklahoma, and Gainsville and Ft. Worth in this state. We came from Chicago to Houston on the Santa Fe road. We reached Houston Thursday noon after eighteen hours of continuous travel through Texas.

You will remember that the great Lone Star State is seven hundred and seventy-five miles in breadth by eight hundred and fifty miles in length and is farther across it in one place than from Chicago to New York City which is nine hundred and eighty miles.

After remaining in Houston during the afternoon, we left at 8.35 in the

evening for Brownsville, Tex., on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico road. This is a new road which has been in operation but six years, and, as it is three hundred and eighty miles from Houston to Brownsville, we were some time on the road. Ten, A. M., Friday, found us at the town of San Benito, which is nineteen miles north of Brownsville. We were carried out to see this country in an auto. We started out to see the head-gates of the great main canal where the water is drawn into it from the Rio Grande river. This main irrigation canal is two hundred feet in width when full of water. However, we failed to see the head gates as the auto gave up the idea of going the ten miles and return and we barely escaped that terrible calamity which befalls so many autoists,—walking home.

They are carrying on a gigantic plan of irrigation at this town, which has been in existence but eighteen months; before that time there being nothing but mesquite brush and cactus where the town now stands and cleared farms are in cultivation.

The town of San Benito is fifty feet lower than the bed of the Rio Grande and on the delta of that great river. On this account, the water is drawn into the canal by gravity and the fall of five feet to the mile carries it toward San Benito. They plan to irrigate forty-thousand acres, a few years hence, from this one main canal.

We came back twenty seven miles to Raymondsville that evening. This is where our townman, Seth McGee and family are living. We enjoyed the pleasure of staying with Mr. Mc-