

SEPTEMBER 28, 1910

CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hawkins are Joined by Children to Honor the Event.

Monday was the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hawkins and seeing that this was their fiftieth mile-stone of wedded life the event was most appropriately celebrated at their home on east First street on that evening. Some thirty of their friends and relatives joining with them in commemorating the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins were united in marriage on the 26th of September, 1860, in the town of Cambridge, Lenawee county, this state. Forty-five years ago on the 25th of this month they came to Vermontville, where they have since resided.

To help them celebrate this event their children, five in number, were all at home and helped to make merry. George with his family and L. B., came over from Lansing; the daughter, Mrs. Anna Renth, came from Chicago; Elmer, came down from Grand Rapids and Clyde, of this village, who resides at home.

In honor of the event the home was tastily decorated with golden rod and carnations. During the evening a dainty luncheon was served. Numerous beautiful presents

were showered upon them from friends and relatives, among them being several pieces of gold coin. A number of relatives from away were present to join in this happy event.

OBITUARY.

Nathaniel Campbell, was one of a family of eight children and was born in Canada, of Scotch-Canadian parents, Jan. 18, 1841.

In 1867, after residing for awhile in western New York, he and his brother William came to Michigan. They finally settled three miles north of the village; the rest of the family following soon after. The country was then practically an unbroken forest.

July 22, 1869, he was married to Miss Nancy Dikeman, of Pittsfield, Ohio. Together they cleared the land and amidst the hardships of pioneer life raised three children, Edgar E., Byron A. and Effie A.

In 1887 ill health compelled him to leave the farm and he moved to Vermontville, where he erected the residence where he lived until his death.

March 25, 1877, he united with the Congregational church of this place, and until hindered by ill health from attending its services, was a faithful attendant.

In 1905 he was stricken with apoplexy, from which he never fully recovered. September 13, 1910, he was again stricken and rapidly declined until his death, Sept. 17th. He leaves besides his wife and three

children, two grandsons, two sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss. He was a kind husband, a devoted father and will be missed by a large circle of friends. Interment was at Woodlawn, Sept. 20.

Those from away who attended the funeral were, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Campbell, of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hunt and son, of Chester; Mrs. Chas. Rulison, of Alden; Mrs. W. Fay and Mrs. Swicks, of Sunfield; Mrs. Wilson Bowser, of Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. James McIntire, of Thornapple, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Campbell, of Mulliken.

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Davis have moved into Mrs. S. B. Williams' home. The place occupied by them has been purchased by L. A. Eddy, father of Station Agent Glen Eddy.

A few friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Town, of Charlotte, surprised them on their return from Vermont, where they had been for a several weeks' visit, last Sunday evening, by a quiet little luncheon, which they found fully prepared upon their arrival.

Miss Grace Haynes left Saturday morning for Cleveland, where she expects to make her home in the future. She has been a most efficient clerk in the postoffice for some time and will be missed from there as well as from the social life of Vermontville.

OCTOBER 5, 1910

Mrs. Nina Hill has returned from her Detroit visit and is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. F. F. Ambrose, before returning to her home in Washington.

Mrs. Nina Hill has been spending the past few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Barber.

J. G. Griswold returned to Grand Rapids, Sunday, after a week spent here and in Charlotte.

OCTOBER 12, 1910

Given Farewell Reception.

The members of the Methodist church with their numerous friends gathered at the church on Thursday evening, Sept. 29th to tender a farewell reception to their departing pastor, Rev. R. W. Merrill and wife who left that week to take up their new duties at North Adams. The reception was in charge of the Epworth League and the members of that organization had taken special pains to make this last gathering a most happy one. The members of the local church and the Bismark church all gathered to participate in this joyous event, though in one sense of the word, it was a sad one as both Mr. Merrill and wife had endeared themselves to the people of these two parishes during their sojourn here.

As a token of love and esteem the two churches joined in presenting a beautiful Morris chair to Mr. Merrill. During the evening dainty refreshments were served and more than a hundred people dropped in to say good-bye and

Mr. and Mrs. George Seitz left Tuesday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will visit their daughter, and if they like the country remain through the winter.