

a pioneer and early  
Vermontville. He is survived by



DEACON ASA BENEDICT.

three children, Mrs. Martha Hay, of Vermontville, Mrs. Maria Fowler of Fremont, Mich., and Benjamin E. Benedict of Seattle. The funeral will be held at the residence of Mr. Frank Hay on Thursday at 2 p. m. and burial at Woodlawn cemetery.

One daughter, Mary, passed away in early womanhood many years since. Mr. Benedict was a devoted member and officer of the Congregational church and through sunshine or storm was always in his place in the church services. He was an ardent and consistent christian man and sought to live the precepts he taught. In politics

Mr. Benedict was first a Whig; then a Republican, and the recent notice in THE ECHO recited the fact that he had never missed casting his vote at any general or special election since attaining his majority, and although not seeking political preferment had been repeatedly honored by being elected to township offices. Mr. Benedict had been married three times, each of his three wives having preceded him to the better land.

Mr. Benedict came to Vermontville in 1855 and purchased what is known as the John Snore farm and resided there until 1886, when he moved into the village and since his last bereavement had made his home with and has been cared for by his daughter, Mrs. Hay.

Mr. Benedict united with the Congregational church by letter May 4th, 1861, and was elected deacon Nov. 27, 1864, or three days previous to the dedication of the new church. He was elected clerk of the church April 11, 1883, and served in that capacity ever since.

#### Well Known Young Lady Married.

The following account of the marriage of Miss Maude Hiar well known here will be of interest to her friends:

The house of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Keeler, 1951 Evergreen avenue, Chicago, Ill., uncle of the groom, was the scene of a happy wedding Jan. 17, 1911, when Mr. Ernest Capron of Chicago and Miss Maude Hiar of I. Mg. As. Odessa were united in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Barber went to Detroit Thursday evening to attend the automobile show and also to hear the New York Symphony Orchestra in a concert. Arthur Wilde is playing first cello with this organization.

#### FEBRUARY 1, 1911.

##### Old Settler Passes Away.

Mrs. John Davis, of Southeast Vermontville, died at her home Thursday morning of cancer. Mrs. Davis was a pioneer of Vermontville township, coming from Fremont, Ohio, and settling at her present home in 1879. She was well known and highly respected. Mrs. Davis has been ill for many months but for the past three weeks grew rapidly worse and death came as a relief Thursday. Mrs. Davis was one of twelve children, Mrs. Will Cunningham, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Sarah Smith, of Fremont, Ohio, being the surviving members of the family. Mrs. Davis is also survived by three sons and two daughters: Mr. Charles S. Davis, of Battle Creek; Lafayette Davis, of Chester; Henry Davis, of Vermontville; Mrs. Will Bolock, of Carmel township, and Mrs. Frank Briggs, of Vermontville. The funeral was held at the Miller church, Sunday at 12 o'clock. Rev. Powell officiating. Interment was made at the Miller cemetery, in Carmel.

#### FEBRUARY 8, 1911.

##### Purchases Hardware Store in Kalamazoo.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Sprague were greatly surprised Saturday to learn that they had sold their home here in Vermontville and were going to move to Kalamazoo, where Mr. Sprague will engage in the hardware business, he having purchased the old established business in that city of J. C. Bogard, and will take possession at once, having left yesterday for Kalamazoo. Mrs. Sprague and baby will remain here till about the first of April, when they give possession of their home to Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin and family who have purchased the same. Their many friends wish them abundant success in their new field of work and regret very much the fact that they are going to leave Vermontville.

##### Purchased a Barber Shop.

Harley C. Fox, who recently went to Grand Rapids to locate, has, in company with his brother Perry, purchased a barber shop located at 710 Madison Square and the boys are now nicely located there in business. They are members of the Madison Square Improvement Association and with their fine location will undoubtedly do a fine business, which they serve.