

old of Travers  
Wednesday and Thursday  
H. Benedict and family.  
Mrs. Mary Webb and daughter  
Jennie have been visiting her sister,  
Mrs. F. F. Ambrose, for the past ten  
days.

Mrs. H. G. Barber loaded her house-  
hold goods Saturday and shipped them  
to Battle Creek where she will take  
up her residence. Her many friends  
will regret the fact that she has de-  
cided to move from Vermontville and  
she will be greatly missed in social  
circles.

### AUGUST 30, 1911.

Miss Nina Hammond of Coopers-  
ville spent the past week here with  
Mrs. Julia Hammond.

Mrs. Neal Wilde, of New York, N.  
Y., is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs.  
V. F. Barber.

### THREE MEN BURIED IN A GRAVEL PIT

#### Men Working East of Town Meet With Serious Accident When Sand Bank Caves in on Them.

While working in the gravel pit on  
Mrs. Stauffer's farm, about four miles  
east of town Monday morning, three  
well known people came near losing  
their lives, and as it was, were pain-  
fully and severely injured. Everett  
Bisel, son of Bert Bisel, the well  
known Chester farmer, Joseph Hickey  
and Loyal Hammond, of this village  
were the unfortunate victims. Bisel  
and Hammon were shovelling gravel  
at the pit, loading the wagons as they

The men think that they were buried  
for upwards of three-quarters of an  
hour before help reached them. The  
accident occurred about 10.30 in the  
morning. The teams were drawing  
clay and gravel from the pit to fix up  
the road along the Thornapple flats  
and past Eugene Carey's farm which  
is an extremely sandy stretch of high-  
way.

It will be impossible to move Bisel  
to his home for several days owing to  
the extent of his injuries and he will  
hardly be able to resume his school  
work in the high school at the opening  
of the school year as he had intended  
to do. As it is, it is only by a narrow  
margin that he and the other  
men are alive as all of them had  
a very close call. A few moments  
prior to the cave-in the men had been  
working still closer to the bank and  
had the slide occurred then they would  
have been completely buried by the  
tons of dirt which fell.

### SEPTEMBER 6, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alsover spent  
Labor Day at Jackson in company  
with Ned Alsover and family, driving  
over in the latter's car.

Charles Stiles is taking a week's  
vacation from the Barber State Bank  
and is visiting Detroit friends and tak-  
ing in the ball games this week.

Prof. V. D. Hawkins and son John,  
of Cleveland, came up Friday evening  
for a visit with his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. N. Hawkins, till Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Sprague and  
baby of Malamazco were over Sunday  
visitors here with their people.

**School Opens With a Rush.**  
Monday morning the fall term of the  
Vermontville schools opened up and  
the enrollment this year is equal to  
that of last year. There is a big  
change in the teaching force this sea-  
son and a rearrangement of the class  
rooms. Those in-charge of the schools  
this year are W. M. Covert as super-  
intendent, Miss Pansey Courteney of  
Miles City, Montana, comes here as  
principal, with Miss Bessie B. Granger  
as assistant in the high room. The  
seventh and eighth grades are pre-  
sided over by Miss Augusta Sprague,  
while Mrs. Ruby Hammond has the  
fifth and sixth grades. Miss Hattie  
Mott will have the fourth and fifth  
grades and Miss Elizabeth Hollenbeck  
of Bellevue has the first and second  
grades.

Mrs. Hal Fuller and children re-  
turned to their home in Battle Creek  
Saturday after visiting here with her  
parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Holden and  
daughter of Lansing visited her broth-  
er, A. L. Barningham, and sister,  
Mary Barningham, a few days last  
week.

Mrs. Mary Griswold of Traverse  
City is here visiting her sister, Mrs.  
W. H. Benedict.

Mrs. F. P. Town and children of  
Charlotte spent Tuesday with Mr.  
and Mrs. H. H. Church.

### SEPTEMBER 13, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barber motored  
to Jackson for over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Barber  
spending a couple of days at Gra  
Rapids attending the fair.

Mrs. Agnes Ambrose Evans of Bat-  
tle Creek spent a portion of last week  
the guest of Mrs. Nina Barber.

Postmaster Curtis, wife and daugh-  
ter are the guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles Field of Grand Rapids for  
the week.

L. W. Loveland spent a portion of  
last week in an automobile trip with  
Hastings friends through Western  
Michigan.

Miss Laura Church left Monday  
for her work at New Castle, Pa.,  
where she goes to act as diettarian in  
a large hospital there. Her work  
will be to teach the nurses the proper  
preparation of food stuffs for the hos-  
pital patients.

### SEPTEMBER 27, 1911.

Announcement is made that Joe  
Griswold, formerly of Vermontville,  
but now residing in Grand Rapids,  
will be married on October 25th to  
Marguerite Hurd of Chicago.

Bert Bottomley, residing east of  
town, lost his big barn this morning  
by being struck by lightning. It was  
completely destroyed along with a big  
straw stack. After hard work the  
other buildings were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Wilde and Mrs.  
Standard returned to Detroit Satur-  
day evening after an extended visit  
here with the former's sister, Mrs.  
Vance Barber.