

FEB. 28, 1917.

Fire originating from an overheated stovepipe destroyed the farm home of Robert Russell about four miles east of town between seven and eight o'clock this morning. A portion of the household goods were rescued by neighbors but such headway had been gained before assistance arrived that the building and greater share of the contents were consumed. About 10 o'clock fire was also reported at the home of John Garinger northwest of town, a defective chimney being the cause. Chemical extinguishers were rushed from Vermontville but before they arrived the blaze had been subdued with but slight damage.

John Faust, a former Vermontville young man, is one of the democratic candidates for circuit judge in Detroit. Mr. Faust is president of the Lawyers Club of Detroit, president of the Alumni Association of the Detroit College of Law, and a member of the Detroit Board of Commerce. At the bar primary of the Detroit Bar Association held Saturday, Feb. 10, to endorse judicial candidates, Mr. Faust received a very good endorsement, having tied for third high place, following the present six circuit judges. Mr. Faust has been practicing law in the city of Detroit for the past nine years.

MARCH 7, 1917.

E. F. Edmonds has purchased the Rockwell property on West Main street and will move into the new home as soon as vacated by the present tenant, E. H. Cole, who will occupy the Davis residence.

MRS. J. V. STEVENS

Mrs. J. V. Stevens passed away at her home Wednesday morning, February 21st, after an illness of four and one-half years, during which time she had been confined to her bed on a wheel chair. The funeral services were held from her late home Saturday, February 24th. Rev. Bridgwater, her pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Charles Nease, together with words of appreciation by Mr. David Young. Music was rendered by Miss Jennie Martin and Della Stiles.

Those of the friends from away were B. Stevens, daughter Grace and Bruce, of Brinton, Mich., Mrs. King of Marquette, Mrs. Kittie Thompson and Miss Effie Bartlett of Detroit and Roe L. Stevens of Chicago. She was laid to rest in the family lot in Woodlawn.

APRIL 18, 1917.

Three Vermontville Residents Dead.

Charles J. Warner, aged 60 years, a life-long and highly respected farmer resident of Vermontville township, died at his rural home two and one-half miles northeast of town at five o'clock Monday morning after a short illness. Last Thursday Mr. Warner was stricken with paralysis and his death after only a four days' illness was a surprise to his many friends. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at two o'clock at the Congregational church, of which he was a devout member, the remains afterwards being taken to Woodlawn cemetery for burial. Besides his widow he is survived by one son, Fred, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Harold Braithwaite, of Chicago, who was here to attend the funeral.

Surviving his wife by just a week and two days Henry Irving, aged 76 years, passed away at his home on West Third street at 12.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Deceased had been a resident of Vermontville since boyhood, coming here from New York state at an early age where he enlisted in the army and served during the Civil war. His health had failed rapidly for the past year and for several weeks past he had been confined to his home with his death momentarily looked for. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the Methodist church and the remains will be laid at rest beside those of his wife in Woodlawn cemetery.

MAY 9, 1917.

Announcements of the marriage of Miss Edith Lentz, a former well known Vermontville girl, to Jack Shoemaker, have been received by local friends during the past week. The ceremony took place at Lansing on May 9th, where the young couple will be at home to their friends at 529½ West Saginaw street. The bride was at one time an operator at the local telephone exchange but for the past few years has resided with her mother in Charlotte where she has performed similar duties for the Citizens company. Best wishes are extended by The Echo and her many local friends.

BRANCH OF RED CROSS SOCIETY ORGANIZED

**Over Twenty Members Now Enrolled
More Will Join During Week.**

During the afternoon the following officers were elected: Chairman, Winifrid Wells, vice-chairman, Prudence Remalie; secretary, Mrs. Roy Hammond; treasurer, Norena Snell. Application blanks were afterwards distributed and a goodly number became members of the organization. A membership fee of one dollar is charged, half of which goes directly to Washington for use in Red Cross work, the other half remaining at home for use in purchasing material to carry on the work.

MAY 30, 1917.

SOUTHEAST VERMONTVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Elmond Loveland and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ambrose of Vermontville took a motor trip to Belding Sunday to visit the later's children, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gregg and family. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Wyble were called to Potterville last week by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Archie Schance. She is improving at present.

Mr. and Mrs. David DePue of Muliken visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Granger Sunday. They also called on their children, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin DePue.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Granger visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gee in Charlotte last Thursday also called on their sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartford.

C. C. Hallenbeck of Vermontville