

Mrs. Carrie Sherman of Charlotte is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Ballou.

Lawrence Hill is home on a short furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Huffman and son Harry spent a few days at the home of D. Z. McLaughlin.

Mrs. George, who has been Herrick very sick is gaining.

Mrs. Lillian Campbell spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Rawson.

Ernest Austin returned to Camp Custer Thursday night. Robert Childs accompanied him to Battle Creek for a short visit.

Ed Fuller of Detroit, and Roy Fuller of Grand Rapids, visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fuller last Friday.

Mr E. D. Barber was in Charlotte Tuesday attending the annual directors meeting and election of officers of the Eaton County Savings Bank.

On account of the shortage of fuel the red cross sewers will try the neighborhood plan of afternoon sewing. Any one that wishes to entertain will notify Mrs. Hopper who will provide a superintendent.

Edgar and Evelyn Sprague entertained the Country Club last Thursday night owing to the extreme cold weather only a small number were present, however, a royal good time was reported.

JAN. 16, 1917.

Lawrence Hill who was called in the selective draft last September has just received his second promotion, from a first class private to sergeant of the Engineers corps number 310.

LT. ROY L. HAMMOND REACHES EUROPE

A card received by Mrs. Roy L. Hammond announces that Lt. Hammond has safely passed the submarine zone and is now "Somewhere in Europe."

Through arrangements made by the New York Post Office authorities, embarking soldiers are permitted to write cards to friends and relatives.

The same are held in New York until word is received that the transports have reached the other side in safety.

Lieutenant Hammond's card reads in substance, as follows:

"When you receive this card we will have arrived safely on the other side."

JAN. 23, 1917.

HAWKINS-HALL

The marriage of Mr. Clyde B. Hawkins of Vermontville and Mrs. Margaret J. Hall of Bay City was solemnized Thursday evening, Jan. 10, 1918, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, 200 Dewitt St. North, Bay City, Michigan, by the Rev. John C. Rooney, only a few of their immediate friends being present. After light refreshments were served, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins left on the evening train for Chicago. They will be at home after March 1st, at Vermontville, Michigan.

We join with the people of Vermontville in extending our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins has been a life long resident of Vermontville while Mrs. Hawkins, who was formerly Mrs. Charles B. Hall, was for several years a resident of the village before moving to Bay City.

CABLEGRAM FROM CAPT. FAUST

Mrs. Mary Hulst received the following cablegram from her brother, Capt. John Faust.

Somewhere in France,
Arrived safely, am well.

Capt. John Faust.

BLIZZARD OF JAN. 12TH

AS COMPARED WITH THE
COLD NEW YEAR'S OF 1864

BY HENRY J. MARTIN

The following comment was contributed by H. J. Martin, who has been a life long resident of our village and who remembers well the occurrence as related below. We have all heard of the "Cold New Year's of 1864 but never before, until the storm of a week ago-Saturday, have any of the younger generation had an opportunity to realize what was suffered on that historical occasion.

Editor Echo:

Your comment upon the 12th for combination of a 70 mile gale and Thermometer depression at 12 o'clock noon of 22 degrees below zero as worst winter day in Michigan history, correct with one marked exception, the historic "Cold New Year's of 1864." December 31st, 1864, was warm, foggy, almost rain. The blizzard struck Michigan at 12 o'clock at night. Following morning the air, saturated by moisture, was like breathing ice. Morning temperature 14 below and grew colder. Lowest range at Vermontville not recorded but was around 20 below. Velocity of wind about like that of the 12th. Aside from January

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