

his long useful life with the exception of the four years (1861-1865) which were spent in the service of his country. He enlisted in the 6th Mich. Infantry and was promoted to sergeant major in his own regiment. He was several times mentioned for deeds of bravery. He was among the volunteers in the Forlorn Hope at Port Hudson.

In the year 1864, while home on a veteran's furlough, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah P. Sprague, a young school teacher in the country and also a member of one of the pioneer families here. When he was discharged from the army, the young couple settled on a farm north east of the village. Here they lived for several years and then bought the farm where they spent many happy years, their home at the time of his death.

Mr. Hawkins has always been prominent in the affairs of the Congregational church, having served as trustee and as deacon.

He leaves to mourn his loss: a widow, Mrs. Hannah Hawkins, and four children; Mrs. Ruth Curtis, West Palm Beach, Fla., V. D. Hawkins, Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Grace Snell, Detroit, Mich., and Miss Pearl Hawkins, Knoxville, Tenn. Two brothers and three sisters also survive the deceased. One sister, Mrs. H. H. Warren of Kalamazoo, arrived to attend the last services.

His earnest prayer that he might always be actively engaged in his chosen business to the end was granted as he met with the fatal accident while working on the farm.

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Dr. Mc Laughlin who, for the past twelve years has practiced in Vermontville and vicinity has been called to active service and left Tuesday evening for Fort Riley, Kansas to take up his duties in Base hospital at Camp Funston. In volunteering for this service the doctor must necessarily make a great sacrifice. It means leaving a practice built up by twelve years of direct contact with the best community in the world. It means the same to doctor to give up his practice as it does for a farmer to give away his farm. The Doctor has been active in all local undertakings for the community, he is Past Master of the Masonic Lodge, Corthy Patron of the Eastern Star and a member of the Oddfellows, Gleaners and Maccabees. It is sad to see our best citizens and the flower of our manhood going to war, but we all must do our bit, we have a victor to win and the sooner we win it the better.

Mrs. J. N. Hawkins and daughter, Miss Pearl, left Tuesday morning for Cleveland, Ohio, where Mrs. Hawkins will make an extended visit with her son, Victor Hawkins, and family. Miss Pearl Hawkins will return to Knoxville, Tenn.

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Mr. Henry R. Holmgren of Chicago spent Sunday at the home of C. A. Anderson.

Misses Nell Anderson and Madeline McCroden returned home last Tuesday from Palm Beach, Florida, where they have been visiting Miss Evelyn Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland and Misses Nell Anderson, Madeline McCroden and Helen Loveland motored to Grand Rapids, Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McEachran and daughter Mary and Misses Gertrude and Helen Loveland motored to Battle Creek, Thursday.

Sergt. Major Philip Barber of Camp Custer spent Sunday at home.

Vance Barber returned to Peekskill, N. Y., Monday noon, Keith going as far as Jackson with him.

Mrs. Clarence DePlanta of Grand Rapids spent from Thursday until Sunday at E. D. Barber's. Mr. DePlanta coming down Sunday.

Mr. Harley Dorman and Miss Ruth Powers of Detroit spent Sunday at the home of Eugene Powers. Mrs. Powers returned home with them.

Dr. Chas. Snelk and wife left Monday afternoon for Topeka, Kansas, to visit his brother, who is in poor health. The doctor will also visit Lieut. McLaughlin, who is located about 30 miles from Topeka if possible.

A beautiful service flag is being displayed at the post office which contains 35 stars. Each star represents a soldier boy who has left this town and community to enter the service of "Uncle Sam." Mr. Downing is very desirous of obtaining a photo of each soldier to place beside the flag.

When Vern Slout was playing at Weston, W. Va., his call came. He left Weston, Saturday morning coming to Charlotte, Sunday noon and came over to Vermontville on the noon train and returned to Charlotte on the 6:45 the same day and reported Monday along with the rest. His father, Wm. Slout, on receiving his son's call forwarded same to him at Martin Ferry, W. Va. His call was for April 28th at 2 p. m, but was unable to make any satisfactory arrangements with the board so was forced to practically break up the show, as he was unable at last reports to find any one to fill his place. The show was turning over \$80 00 per week to the government in War Tax so wired board for seven days in which to get a substitute but was denied even a minute, so show was closed and he came at once to serve his country in any capacity they see fit to place him.

Mrs. Elmond Loveland is still in at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ambrose.