

Mrs. Marion Sparks was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cross, from Wednesday until Sunday. Mr. Sparks and son, Harry and wife were Sunday evening guests.

Mrs. Kennon Hull and daughter, Patricia leave Friday for their new home in New York City. Mrs. Nellie Hull will accompany them as far as Jackson.

Who can beat this? Wm. Surine planted corn the 10th of May, cut it the middle of August, shelled and dried it, had some ground into meal, and had mush and milk for Sunday supper September 4th. Some farmer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hance Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Barber motored to Battle Creek Wednesday night, where they saw the show, "It Pays To Smile."

Miss Hazell Eckhart came home, Wednesday from Chicago, where she has been visiting with friends, and will leave next week for Ann Arbor to enter the University.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lamb and family and Vera Loveland spent Sunday in Lansing.

B. F. (Frank) Rawson has gone to La Grange, Ohio to visit his son Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hiar and two sons of Middleville are driving through by auto and Mr. Rawson will accompany them.

When Elmond Loveland wanted to move his garage from South to West Main street he went to the Lamb Hdwe & Implt Co. and secured the use of their tractor. It was interesting to watch this powerful tractor pull the heavy garage on its skids thru the main street at a little over two miles per hour. Some tractor, some idea. The Lamb Hdwe Co. say they are glad to have the tractor of service where needed.

Just a Woman's Column

(By M. F. Y.)

Rev. Sylvester Cochrane of Castleton, Vermont, came to Michigan in 1835 and returning to Vermont planned and organized a company to settle at Vermontville, Michigan. They drew up a declaration which said they promised to support the gospel, observe the Sabbath, and perpetuate the same literary privileges they were then permitted to enjoy. Forty-two men signed this, and a prohibition pledge was signed with it. Only those persons could come with the colony that were approved by the selecting committee after investigation. A purchasing committee selected and brought the south half of section 21, Vermontville township for the village. They started from Vermont April 2, 1836, and the story of their wonderful journey is told in the Pioneer book written by Daniel Strange and sold by the Eaton County Pioneer Society. S. S. Church wrote a letter telling of the journey. They traveled at the rate of two miles an hour and arrived in Battle Creek where they met Co. Barns of Gull Prairie, a surveyor, who surveyed Charlotte as the county seat of Eaton county, who

helped them survey their village.

Among the pioneers mentioned are, S. S. Church, Roger Griswold, W. J. Squire, W. S. Fairfield, Samuel and Charles Sheldon, Levi Merrill, C. T. Moffitt, Jacob Fuller, E. S. Mead, Jay Hawkins and Bezaleel Taft, who was called the first settler. The first frame house was built by W. J. Squier and the first brick house by Roger Griswold.

The first school was in 1838 in a private house and in the same year a log school house was built. In 1843 an academic association was formed to build a structure to serve the double purpose of church and academy. Rev. Wm. U. Benedict, a presbyterian minister, graduate of Williams College and Auburn Seminary was employed as teacher, and Vermontville became the "Athens of Eaton County" until Olivet won it away from her. Daniel Barber and E. H. Barber were early residents. The first hotel keeper was Wells R. Martin. Daniel Strange says, "The proudest product of Vermontville, and perhaps of the county was Hon. Ed. W. Barber, who was clerk of the state legislature, of congress, assistant postmaster general, and editor of the Jackson Patriot, when his editorials were famed because of their pungency and erudition."

Many other interesting stories of the Indians, animals, and experiences of the settlers are told in Daniel Strange's history. It is to be hoped all who know these people and are descendants will attend at Vermontville, the next pioneer meeting.

The cemetery west of Vermontville, beautifully situated in the native forest, is filled with expensive monuments which bear the names of many of these citizens and their descendants. All together in quiet rest. A large stone marks the place where this colony stopped in prayer to their God for safe delivery and dedicating

the same to Him. Henry Martin and the Grange secured the memorial.

The writer can testify to the strict adherence of the descendants to the primitive principles. Living with the family of Dr. Phillip Green I was made to consider church attendance paramount on Sunday and with all formalities of the best attire and manners. I can see yet the choir of 40 singers in royal attire led by Henry Martin and see the dignity of the soloist and it was always the best music and the finest sermons.

The minister was a Scottish minister with beard and a very learned man. In social affairs the greatest formalities were observed, and I was given the "Independent" to read on Sunday together with "Oversoul" by Emerson. And I will say I read it very often now, over and over. Then I wished to read "Bertha Clay". The school house has stood for many years and the people voted to not built a new one. The maple grove was planted in the eighties and is now very fine on the city square. I believe the old brick house of G. W. Squiers yet stands. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCotter on West Lawrence were long time residents of Vermontville.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1921.

POSTMASTER APPOINTED

Elmond Loveland received the appointment as Post Master of Vermontville, the information reaching him Saturday evening.

Elmond will make a good Post Master, we are all sure of that, and Vermontville is pleased with the appointment. He does not know yet when he will be installed, but it will doubtless be in the near future.