

pulling it in the barn.  
It appears that the fire started in the roof and burned through into the garret. Electric wiring all O. K. as the lights were used until the wires burned in two.

Garret all burned out, but the steel roof held up by the chimney. Front of house total loss. Parlor a wreck and the rest of the place all smeared up with smoke, water, chemical and mud.

Vance kicked in a window and in crawling through cut his hand quite badly.

There cannot be too much said in praise of the fire department who sure did work like Trojans. John Roberts was the star performer; went right into the garret and had to kick the gable end out to get air. Some fire eater.

## FEBRUARY 28, 1924.

Dr. C. S. Snell and family have recently had word from their grandson, Charles Warren, who is now with a cousin, enjoying the California breezes.

He writes of his trip and sight seeing on his way there going by the way of Texas, the Xmas festivities which were given in his honor and his enjoyable time since. His cousin, Ida Snell, and himself taking a sight seeing trip through Mexico. His work which nets him a very good salary, is in the office of the invoicing department of the general Trucking Co. of Los Angeles, located in Burbank, a suburb of Los Angeles.

Louis P. Lamb was in Vermontville Sunday to see Chas. Lamb who has bought L. P.'s house. Hugh Whitmore will occupy it.

Miss Frances Sprague daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sprague formerly of N. E. Vermontville, at present of Charlotte was taken to the Ann Arbor hospital Saturday, where a very serious operation was performed for Mastoids. She is doing nicely, but will be confined for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elo Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alsover attended the Automobile show at Grand Rapids Wednesday.

## MARCH 27, 1924.

A family gathering was held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Mary Morehouse on West 3rd St. in honor of Albert Curtis Grimes, one of Vermontville's first High School graduating class, who has spent many years as a missionary in China. Mr. Grimes spent a few days here on his way from Boston to California where his America home is, his wife being here with the younger children because of school advantages. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grimes and daughter, Mrs. Glenn Heinbech and daughter, Betty and Mrs. John Grimes and two daughters all of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Satterlee and son Walter Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Satterlee and son Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hay and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hay.

Mrs. Marion Sparks of Lansing visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cross from Thursday until Sunday. Mr. Sparks coming over for her bringing his son's family all returning Sunday evening.

## APRIL 3, 1924.

William H. Ransome, son of Philip R. and Adaline S. Ransome, was born at Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, January 27, 1844. Moved from Pontiac to Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan. Was married at Bellevue to Ella M. Demont, in 1871, had one daughter born to them.

Married the second time to Phoebe Dell O'Brien, of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan, 1881. Of this five children, three daughters, and two sons, were born.

William H. Ransome died at Vermontville, Eaton County, Michigan, March 27, 1924, aged eighty years, two months.

There remains to mourn his loss, his widow, and four children, one sister, Mary H. Norris. Nieces, Nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Bert Bottomley and Mrs. John Simpson are entertaining their brother Mr. Wheaton who is a Rail Road Engineer on the P. M. R. R. Mr. Wheaton was in a wreck several months ago and is yet unable to go back to work.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Beulah Frances Moss to Mr. Howard Cronk, Wednesday, April 2, 1924 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The ceremony was performed at 10:30 a. m. by King D. Beach, D. D., pastor of the First M. E. Church, using the ring service.

They were attended by Mr. Walter Satterlee of Vermontville and Miss Flora Rodgers of Nashville.

Mr. Cronk is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cronk of Hastings, and a brother of Mrs. Carey Althouse and Mrs. Glenn Satterlee of Vermontville.

Mrs. Cronk is the daughter of Mrs. Una B. Moss of Vermontville. She was a member of the class of 1923 V. H. S.

Rev. Harold Rogers of Grand Haven will be pastor at the Congregational Church beginning Easter Sunday.

Miss Manta Rawson who has just got a life certificate for Elementary teaching is at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Rawson.

Neil and Mary McLaughlin spent the latter part of the week at F. E. McLaughlin's in Charlotte and Miss Vivian is spending this week here.

Glenna and Douglas Lake of Charlotte are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lake this week.